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Adult Convocation Meets This Weekend

Large Attendance
Expected By
Convocation Leaders

Plans are now complete and a large number of adult leaders and adults of Arkansas and Louisiana will be in attendance at the first Area Adult Convocation scheduled for next Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, according to Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Conway, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Education, and director of the Convocation.

Dr. Roy E. Fawcett, Little Rock Conference education leader who is serving as director of registration for the Convocation, reports that advance registrations are being received daily and that expectations of 800 to 1000 in attendance may be realized.

Bishops Lead The Program

Bishop Paul E. Martin, head of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, will be the presiding officer for the Convocation and will deliver the opening address. Bishop Charles W. Brashares, head of the Chicago Area, and a long time leader in Methodism's family emphasis, will deliver an address on Saturday evening, and the Convocation sermon on Sunday morning.

Other out of state leaders include Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe, Oklahoma City pastor, who will address the convocation Friday night and Saturday morning, and Dr. M. Leo Rippey, Nashville, Tennessee, who will deliver an address Saturday morning and serve as a resource leader for the Convocation. Dr. Rippey is head of the Adult Department of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education.

Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, will lead the consecration service on Sunday morning.

Program Includes Informal Groups

One of the features of the convocation is a number of responsibility and skill groups into which those attending the Convocation will be divided. This aspect of the program, under the direction of Dr. Bentley Sloane, Shreveport, Louisiana Conference educational executive, will provide informal discussion of the various responsibilities and techniques involved in adult work and is expected to be one of the highlights of the three day meeting. These groups will meet on Saturday.

Closes On Sunday

Registration will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Friday, according to Dr. Fawcett, with the opening worship service scheduled for 2:00 o'clock Friday afternoon. The closing session of the Convocation will be at 10:30 a.m., Sunday.

Area Churches Receiving Offering For Hungarian Relief



An Hungarian boy shortly after he arrived with a group of refugees at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, posed for this picture which was made by Dr. O. L. Simpson, Chicago, who is with Methodism's Commission on Promotion and Cultivation. This picture was made available for the exclusive use of this publication by Dr. Simpson.

Area Joins In Church-Wide Offering For Oppressed.

Methodist churches of Arkansas and Louisiana are expected to complete their offerings for Hungarian relief next Sunday as they share in the church-wide special appeal which is being made by The Methodist Church during the period December 15-January 6, according to church leaders.

Special Appeal Approved

The special appeal was voted at a recent session of the Methodist Council of Bishops at Pasadena, Calif., on December 11. The special appeal also has the approval of the church's Council on World Service. By church law, no church-wide offerings not authorized by the General Conference may be taken between General Conference sessions without approval of the World Service Council and the Council of Bishops.

Because of previous commitments to local interests in the three conferences of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, churches have received offerings to date but most churches will seize this opportunity to their members on next Sunday.

Bishop Martin Issues Statement

Bishop Paul E. Martin, in issuing a statement in connection with this special appeal, said:

"We have been deeply touched in recent weeks by the reports we have received from Hungary and by the arrival in the United States of refugees from that stricken country. Our admiration for the people who have been willing to sacrifice their lives for freedom is equalled by the sympathy we have for them in their suffering.

"I feel that our people will respond generously to the call of the Church for an offering for our brothers and sisters in that great land. It is true that we have just taken Christmas offerings in our churches—and from the reports that have come to me I feel that they have been large offerings; but this is a call for an additional generous gift in one of the most appealing causes the Church has presented to its people. Mrs. Martin and I are joining with our Methodists of Arkansas and Louisiana in thanking God for the privilege of sharing with the people of Hungary.

"The funds will be ably administered by our Committee for Overseas Relief."

For Relief Supplies And Resettlement

The Methodist appeal for funds coincides with similar drives by Church World Service of the National Council of Churches and those of other Protestant denominations. Funds will be used mainly for food, clothing, medicine and vitamins, and for the resettlement of refugees, thousands of which have crossed the Hungarian border.

Bishop Says Laymen Needed To Help Evangelize The World

Trying to spread Christianity without laymen's help is like "fighting a war with generals only," a Methodist bishop told the Chicago Methodist Ministers' Association Dec. 17.

Bishop Richard C. Raines of the church's Indiana Area also told the clergy: "It's not my worry that so few people are coming to church, but that so little happens when they do come."

He criticized ministers' tendency to consider laymen as "religious amateurs" because "they do not earn their living by preaching."

"The layman is an expert in communications out on the world's firing line," he contended. "We have

to use laymen to help evangelize the world."

Bishop Raines pointed out that the clergy makes up only .3% of the world's population and "if laymen aren't active, you've left out more than 99 per cent of God's people."

"There is no joy like fighting the candle of faith in the life of someone else," Bishop Raines added. "We have failed to teach our people that they should be winning others to Christ."

He decried the current tendency "to take a portion of the gospel that fits into the mood of easy living." The church must "stand in contrast to and struggle with this environment of complacency," he declared.

Higher Education Emphasis Formally Begins

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — The Methodist Church's four-year emphasis on Christian higher education will be formally launched in a joint meeting of Methodist educators January 10-12 in Philadelphia, Pa.

The two groups which will meet jointly at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel are the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church and the Commission on Christian Higher Education of The Methodist Church.

The emphasis on Christian higher education is an effort to strengthen the 118 educational institutions in the United States related to the Methodist General Board of Education. The desired result for the institutions, 98 of them colleges or universities, is high academic standards, efficiency, permanence, and support of Christian ideals.

A "suggested blueprint" for the four-year emphasis will be presented by Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, director of the Commission on Christian Higher Education.

Five Methodist bishops will address the educators. They are Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, president of the General Board of Education; Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., chairman of the Commission on Christian Higher Education; W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y., president of the Methodist Council of Bishops; G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C.; and William T. Watkins, Louisville, Ky.

About 250 are expected to attend the meeting. They are presidents of Methodist educational institutions, members of the Commission on Christian Higher Education, and staff members of the General Board of Education.

The effort in behalf of Christian higher education is one of two main emphases of The Methodist Church for its 1956-60 quadrennium. The other is an endeavor to strengthen the denomination's approximately 40,000 churches. The two efforts make the church's "Quadrennial Emphasis," voted by the 1956 General Conference, supreme legislative body of the church.

Methodists Launch World-Wide Prayer Movement, 1957



Wesley Chapel, London, Where Methodism's World-wide Prayer Movement For 1957 Was Launched. This Chapter, Oftentimes Referred To As The Mother Church of Methodism, Was Erected By The Wesleys.

46 Countries To Participate In Year-Long Prayer Venture

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — The Methodist Church's first World-Wide Prayer Movement, with expected participation in at least 46 countries, was launched New Year's Eve with special prayer services in several countries.

It is thought that the movement will result in a year of continuous prayer around the world, with at least one person praying every minute of every day of 1957.

The announcement was made by the Rev. Thomas W. Carruth, Nashville, director of the movement and a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, which is sponsoring it.

"In this movement, The Methodist Church is seeking to unite with all prayerful people in praying for peace, brotherhood, and justice," said Mr. Carruth.

Many churches helped launch the year of prayer with New Year's Eve watch-night services. A watch-night service is a period of worship at the end of the old year and the beginning of the new.

In the little town of Bethlehem, where Jesus was born, a minister who directs an orphanage gathered the children around him on New Year's Eve and united in the world-wide prayer movement.

In the "Mother Church of Methodism," Wesley's Chapel, London, England, an all-night prayer vigil was held.

Similar services were held in Burma, Austria, Africa, Malaya, France, Argentina, Japan, Yugoslavia, and other countries.

More than 2,000 American ministers have notified Mr. Carruth during December that their churches plan to participate in the world-wide prayer movement. They will do so by having 24-hour prayer vigils or other prayer programs.

Mr. Carruth said that continuous prayer vigils for the entire year of 1957 will be held in the state of Georgia, the Louisville Conference of The Methodist Church, and perhaps other Methodist conferences.

The World-Wide Prayer Movement was unanimously approved last spring by the Methodist General Conference, supreme legislative body of the denomination.

Nation-wide continuous prayer vigils have been sponsored by the General Board of Evangelism the last two years. About 1,300 churches participated in 1955 and at least 3,700 in 1956.

In the prayer vigils the last two years, the usual pattern was for one or more churches to be responsible for each day. Church members formed "prayer chains" by following one another to the altars of their churches for brief periods of prayer around the clock. Consequently, there was always somebody praying in the United States during the two-year period, so far as can be determined.

Conference On Spiritual Birth And Growth Next Week

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — The first National Conference on Spiritual Birth and Growth sponsored by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism will be held January 8-11 at Kenlake Hotel, Kentucky Lake Park, Ky.

About 300 Methodist ministers from at least 31 states are expected to attend the meeting, according to the Rev. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, Nashville, director of the conference and a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

"One purpose of the meeting,"

said Dr. Thomas, "is to create a setting in which a group of ministers will experience rebirth to the end that the entire church will be changed through their influence."

Principal speakers will be the Rev. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, Boston, Mass., world-famous missionary and author; Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, head of the Ohio Area of The Methodist Church; and the Rev. Dr. Mack B. Stokes, a professor in the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

Among several topics for discussion will be "What is Conversion?", "Is Faith in Christ Necessary for Salvation?" and "The Relationship of the Holy Spirit to Economic,

Church-Wide "Week of Evangelism" Scheduled For Lent, 1958

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — The Methodist Council of Evangelism plans to promote a nation-wide "Week of Evangelism" in The Methodist Church sometime during Lent in 1958.

The decision was made at the first annual meeting of the council November 29 to December 5 at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

In preparation for the "Week of Evangelism," the council intends to promote a simultaneous nation-wide religious census to discover prospective members for the church.

The particular week for the "Week of Evangelism" will be selected later. The type of evangelistic methods to be used will be determined by each Methodist conference, district, or local church.

Theme of the special week will be "Tell America About Christ."

One purpose of the Lafayette meeting was to try to develop a Methodist evangelistic strategy for the next 20 years.

After the 397 leaders attending had discussed various aspects of evangelism for a week, a findings committee reported, "The strategy of the next 20 years

will be to move forward along many and varied paths, all of them known now to be proved paths."

While no new paths were suggested, several approaches were emphasized in the report.

"The mass means of communication will supply our approach to the greatest numbers of people in the shortest span of time," the report said.

The report also called for the use of both mass and visitation evangelism, development of lay speakers, recruitment of more ministers, use of "every instrument of Christian education," cultivation of a life of prayer, deepening the spiritual life of the church, and other efforts.

The Council of Evangelism was organized last year at Stillwater, Okla. It is auxiliary to the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, and membership is open to persons from every sphere of the church's life.

Attending the meeting were chairmen and secretaries of conference boards of evangelism, district secretaries of evangelism, and others. They heard several outstanding speakers. Representatives from the three conferences of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area attended the Lafayette meeting.

Social, and International Problems."

The conference will begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 8, and end at 1:30 p.m. Friday, January 11.

Methodist Bishops Act to Restore Wesley Shrine

Pasadena, Calif. (RNS) — The Methodist Council of Bishops, meeting here, took action to restore as a shrine of world Methodism the old Epworth, England, rectory where John and Charles Wesley lived in childhood.

It was from this building that John, then 6, "was plucked as a brand from the burning" when the rectory was partially destroyed by fire.

The dramatic rescue was achieved by men standing on each other's

shoulders to reach the child at the second-story nursery window.

The bishops voted to cooperate with the Methodist Church of Great Britain and the World Methodist Council in the purchase and restoration of the building that housed John, founder of Methodism, and Charles, writer of several thousand hymns.

The property was purchased from the Church of England by the British Methodists at a cost of \$25,000. United States Methodists will contribute \$35,000 for restoration and maintenance of the old building as a shrine.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt (ret.), immediate past president of the Methodist World Council, is leading the movement among U. S. Methodists for restoration of the rectory.

Protestant Giving Expected To Reach \$2,000,000,000

Minneapolis, Minn. (RNS)—Giving to Protestant churches in the United States is expected to reach the two-billion-dollar mark in 1956, it was reported here.

Dr. T. K. Thompson, New York, announced the figure at a workshop on the every-member canvass which preceded the annual meeting of the joint department of stewardship and benevolence of the National Council of Churches. He is executive director of the department.

The two-billion-dollar figure would be a nine per cent increase over the total for 1955, Dr. Thompson said.

He noted that Protestant church contributions have increased about ten per cent annually for each of the past 15 years.

About 31 per cent of all local congregational expense now is going for new buildings, he reported.

Dr. Thompson said the "sector plan" developed by the American Baptist Convention eight years ago is now the "backbone" of the every-member canvass. Already widely copied and adapted by other denominations, it provides for a thorough organization of the local parish to obtain a pledge from every person.

Congregations using the sector plan usually increase their income by 40 per cent over the previous year, he said.

OPEN CENTER FOR MECHANIZED INDEXING OF RELIGIOUS WORKS

Gallarate, Italy (RNS) — The world's first center for mechanized indexing and analysing of the great religious, literary and scientific works was formally opened here at the Aloisianum, one of Italy's leading schools of philosophy.

Dignitaries of Church and State, scholars and members of the diplomatic corps attended the ceremony.

The Rev. Roberto Busa, S. J., director of the center, said it constituted a "major contribution to worldwide efforts to place information hitherto difficult to obtain at the instant disposal of researchers." He added that the center's facilities would be put at the disposal of any scholar engaged in compiling "any type of concordance."

As an example of the time saved by mechanized indexing, Father Busa said that with manual methods it would take three men 20,000 hours to index a work of 2,000 pages but they could do the same work with mechanized aid in 1,000 hours. With the newest electronic data processing machine, one man can do the work in 60 hours, Father Busa said.

Methodist Bishop Returns From World Tour

Atlanta, Ga. (RNS)—Asia's masses are on the move and only time will tell whether they move toward Communism or Christianity, Methodist Bishop Arthur J. Moore said here on his return from a 38,000 miles trip around the world.

"More than one billion people reside in Asia and they are just now beginning to feel the joys of freedom and nationalism," he said. "Which way they go will depend on a great deal on our efforts."

During a visit to India, Bishop Moore attended celebrations marking the 100th anniversary of Methodism in that country.

He also visited Africa, Japan, Korea, Parkistan, Formosa, Hawaii, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Switzerland, France and Italy. It was his 68th trip aboard.

Dr. Jones Sees Closer Relations Between United States And India

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Prime Minister Nehru's visit to America has done much to allay suspicion that was dividing the United States and India, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted missionary evangelist and author said here.

Addressing a Washington congregation that included members of the Indian embassy staff, he said that India and China are now vying for the leadership of Asia.

"China has chosen the way of Communism and coercion; India the way of freedom and democracy," the evangelist said. "Naturally, the United States hopes that India wins."

Although India and the U. S. have similar goals and objectives, Dr. Jones observed, they have not been working together because they have mutually distrusted one another.

"Now I feel that distrust is gone and cooperation and understanding can begin," he declared.

Dr. Jones, who recently returned from an extensive evangelism campaign in India, said that the people there, having seen the success of their technique of non-violence in winning independence, feel that they have a mission to bring peace to the world. This, and not pro-Communist sympathy, lies behind their reluct-

ance to give open support to the United States in the United Nations, he asserted.

"The United States" by its bold position in condemning Britain's action in landing troops at Suez has now freed itself from the taint of colonialism in the eyes of the Indian people," Dr. Jones said. "We now have our greatest hour of opportunity."

New Billboards Depict Christ Looking At City

Chicago (RNS)—One thousand new billboards carrying a drawing by Warner Sallman entitled "Christ Looking at the City" are going up across the country, it was announced here by Miss Jo Peterson, founder and director of Best Seller Publicity which is handling the project. Mr. Sallman is famous for his "Head of Christ."

The billboards show a compassionate Christ looking over skyscrapers and point up the verse "Whosoever liveth and believeth

in Me shall never die. John 11:26."

Miss Peterson said that "60 billboards are going up in Chicago, an equal number in New York, ten in San Francisco, several in Las Vegas, Galveston and other cities." She added that the picture and verse also are being used on car cards in buses and street cars "from Los Angeles to Puerto Rico."

Best Seller Publicity was organized in 1937 by a group of lay people interested in promoting Bible reading through newspaper ads, car cards and billboards.

"During our nineteen years," Miss Peterson said, "Best Seller billboards and car cards have gone out to more than 800 cities and towns in America, more than 500 cities and villages in foreign countries—in 23 languages and dialects, and more than 2,000 Air Bases and Army and Navy installations."

be accomplished by a visit of U. S. Protestant leaders to China to re-establish relations between Christians of the two countries. Such a visit was proposed at a recent joint assembly of the National Council of Churches' Divisions of Home Missions and Christian Life held in Indianapolis.

"It is all right to try this," Bishop Huang said, "but I don't see that any good result can come of it."

He said the U. S. churchmen would go "only where allowed" and Chinese churchmen who are not Communist party members "would have to speak to the visitors through Commie interpreters."

"They would have no freedom to talk at all. Freedom of religion in China today is a joke," the bishop said.

EXILED BISHOP TELLS OF CHRISTIANS SLAIN IN CHINA

Providence, R. I. (RNS)—The 25,000 persons estimated killed in the abortive Hungarian revolt are but "a drop in the bucket" compared to the numbers slain in Red China, an exiled Chinese Anglican bishop said here.

Dr. Quentin K. Y. Huang, former bishop of the Yun Kwei Diocese of the Holy Catholic Church in China, said he conservatively estimates that the Communists have killed 200,000 Christians alone in China.

Bishop Huang, interviewed before a talk at Grace Episcopal church here, said there are "many more revolts and uprisings in China than in Europe" but the press "doesn't pay much attention to them."

There are revolts "almost daily," he said, "but not on such a big scale as those in Hungary and Poland." The largest occur in the western and southwestern sections of China, the bishop said.

Bishop Huang charged that the Chinese Church today is a "show window Church controlled by party members." He said nothing could

REPORTS ANCIENT JEWS MADE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE BOOKS

New Haven, Conn. (RNS)—Evidence from what may be the oldest synagogue in the world indicates that ancient Jews once made illustrated books of the Bible despite bans against pictures of human beings.

The evidence was produced by Prof. Carl H. Kraeling, director of the Oriental Institute at Chicago, and formerly Yale archeology professor. He made the disclosure in "The Synagogue," the final report in a series entitled "The Excavations at Dura-Europos." The report will be published shortly by the Yale University Press.

Prof. Kraeling said that paintings on the walls of a synagogue of Dura-Europos, a city which lay under the desert sands of Syria for 1,700 years until its rediscovery in 1921, reveal the existence of a long-forgotten tradition of Jewish representation art.

Offering For Hungarian Relief Next Sunday

DECEMBER 15 through January 6 was fixed as the time for taking an offering throughout The Methodist Church to aid the unfortunate victims of oppression in Hungary who have put up such a valient, patriotic fight for freedom. Since Methodism in both Arkansas and Louisiana have had commitments since the June Annual Conferences for an offering at Christmas time to support some very important institutions of our church, it was decided in our Area to fix Sunday, January 6, as the date for the offering for Hungarian relief.

For these many years America has had a very kindly feeling for France because, in the midst of our struggle for freedom, we received aid from France. We have opportunity, next Sunday, to contribute to one of the most worthy causes before us. While we have not given military aid to Hungary in its fight for freedom, we may be sure that the battle there is not over. The aid which will come to Hungary from this nation-wide offering should be significant materially for Hungary. It will likely be even more significant as a strengthener of morale and courage and should give to the patriots of Hungary a new faith in their cause. Let us give liberally to this deserving cause.

Three Goals For The New Year

WE have now entered the year 1957. It is the time for seriously facing the new resolutions we have made. It is the time for considering worthy goals which we should attain in this new calendar year.

There are at least three goals all of us, as Christians, should face. In our first goal, possibly, we should be concerned with our own personal lives. In our revival meetings, in other days, there was an impressive little chorus we frequently sang. It ran as follows: "Lord send a revival and let it begin in me." Each of us should be concerned in 1957 with growing spiritually in our own lives. Unless we are better people at the end of the year than we are now; unless we have a larger understanding of what it means to be Christian; unless we have a deeper consecration of life to include any new visions for service which the year may bring, we shall have failed at one of the vital points in Christian living. We quite often speak of it as "Growing in Grace." Nevertheless, whatever we call it, we should be "bigger and better" Christians at the end of the year than we are now.

Another goal each one of us, as Christians, should strive for is to help our local church to grow in power, influence and effectiveness. This should be especially true this year when so much emphasis is to be given to the development of the local church program. The church will be some better if we as individuals, grow spiritually this year. However, spiritual growth means more active service for the church and that in turn should help the church to grow. There is no institution about us today that gives back to the individual so much in comparison with what we do for the church, even at our best.

The other goal for which we should pray and for which we should do anything within our power is world peace. Regardless of the petty conflicts which have plagued the year just past, it is quite probable that more of the common masses of the earth today long for world peace than at any period of modern history. For the goal of world peace let us work and pray.

Adult Convocation This Weekend

THE first Area-wide Adult Convocation is scheduled for this weekend at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, and according to Convocation leaders there is every reason to expect that a representative number of adult workers and adults

will be on hand to appreciate the exceptionally fine program which had been worked out for their enrichment.

The Convocation is a tribute to the far-sighted leadership which heads the Christian education program of the three conferences of this Area. A survey of the program of Methodism's three dozen Episcopal Areas reveals that only three other Areas are undertaking Convocations of this nature. Many adults of this Area will recall that during the last quadrennium a Jurisdictional Adult Convocation was held in Oklahoma City. The Little Rock Convocation will be equally as helpful but delegates will be confined to the two states of Arkansas and Louisiana. This Area is privileged to have such a meeting for its adults.

We believe that out of this fellowship will come a renewed interest in strengthening the program of adult work on a conference, district and local church level, the results of which will be felt for years to come.

Only Regular Medium Of News and Program

THE editors of the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist* have been asked by numbers of leaders in the Area what effect the introduction of the two new church-wide publications, *Together* and *The New Christian Advocate*, will have on the circulation of the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist*. Your editors believe that, if anything, the ceasing of the publication of *The Christian Advocate* and the introduction of the two new publications will strengthen the position of all Area and conference publications.

As we understand it, the responsibility for news coverage has now become the responsibility of conference and Area publications. As a matter of fact, the only publication to which Methodists of Arkansas and Louisiana can now subscribe to receive local and church-wide news is the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist*. *Together* is a family type magazine which presents feature type material for family reading. While it publishes a limited amount of news, it is more of an interpretative nature and because of its frequency of publication (monthly) the limitations are obvious. *The New Christian Advocate* is for pastors and is a professional type magazine intended to increase the administrative and pastoral efficiency of the ministry.

The big objection which church leaders had to the new publications was that the church on its top level was deserting the news field in the new publishing venture. Publishing leaders countered that the *Christian Advocate* had not been able to handle news as efficiently as those publications which are closer to the churches and which did not attempt to cover as wide a geographical territory.

Consider also the program content of the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist*. There is no publication to which Methodists of these two states can subscribe in which there is a presentation of the program of The Methodist Church, local and church-wide, except the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist*. There is no program content in the *Together* magazine, and what reference to program there is in *The New Christian Advocate* will be seen by pastors and a very limited number of laymen. Methodism has a new monthly program journal, *The Methodist Story*, which is scheduled for publication in February. This magazine will be distributed without charge among Methodist ministers and selected laymen. The general Methodist constituency will not receive any regular program cultivation material other than that which is available in publications like the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist*.

This is why your editors believe that never before has it been as important for pastors and local church leaders to take seriously the Area-wide circulation campaign scheduled for January 13-20. The only source of news and program for Methodists of this Area is the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist*. We believe that when Methodists of this Area fully realize this that the circulation campaign will be the most successful of any to date for both states.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. ROBERT CRICHLLOW, pastor of the Jennings Methodist Church, gave the principal address at the meeting which opened the drive of the Jeff Davis Parish Civic Music organization.

REV. AND MRS. ROBERT CRICHLLOW were presented a set of Wesley china as a Christmas gift by the members of the Jennings Methodist Church at their Christmas Tree Family Night on Dec. 19.

REV. AND MRS. ROBERT L. POTTER announce the birth of a son, James Reginald Potter, born December 13. Rev. Mr. Potter is associate pastor of First Methodist Church, Alexandria.

THE GRAND CANE-STONEWALL Churches presented their pastor, Rev. T. O. Rorie with a gift of \$258.00 in addition to a number of other Christmas remembrances, including Christmas boxes.

THE FIRST Methodist Church, West Monroe, won first place in the float division of the first Christmas parade held in West Monroe, Dec. 7. The float depicted the Annunciation Scene. Rev. W. D. Milton is pastor of the church.

REV. L. D. HAUGHTON, Superintendent of the Methodist-Home Hospital in New Orleans, was the guest speaker at the Amite Methodist Church, Sunday morning, Dec. 9, where Rev. James E. Christie is pastor.

REV. AND MRS. ED BARKSDALE of Parker Memorial Methodist Church in New Orleans and Mrs. Scott Cain of Oakdale presented the program at the annual Christmas banquet of the Jennings Rotary Club of which Rev. Robert Crichlow of Jennings is president.

MRS. M. D. MILLER, JR., Lowell Moore and Harvey Laing spoke at the morning worship service at the Jennings Methodist Church, Sunday, Dec. 9, as the Church held a Tithing Sunday directed by the Commission on Stewardship and Finance.

CONSTRUCTION was begun on the educational building of the Zachary Methodist Church December 3. The building is expected to cost \$36,800. J. I. Daniel, Jr., is chairman of the official board and building committee. Rev. J. W. Ailor is pastor of the church.

REV. DOUGLAS L. McGUIRE, pastor of Park Avenue Methodist Church, Shreveport, will give the "Church Wide Study on Missions" at the Sunday night services at the church, beginning January 6, and continuing through January 27. All members and friends of the church are urged to attend.

THE RAYMOND Methodist Church received and dedicated a lovely organ in the morning worship service of Dec. 23. The organ was received as a gift to the church from Mrs. R. T. Compton, and the members of the R. T. Compton family. Rev. C. B. Krumnow is pastor of the church.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Coushatta, unveiled its new Nativity scene on the church lawn Sunday evening, Dec. 9. Some 16 life size figures were centered around a large manger with all of it under spotlights and with background music. Rev. Harvey Williamson is pastor of the church.

THE METHODIST YOUTH Fellowship of the Jennings Methodist Church directed the Family Night Christmas Tree held Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the church. Deb Foreman is president of the MYF and Mrs. Hugh Mitchell is Superintendent of the Youth Division. Rev. Robert Crichlow is pastor of the church.

DAVID MORGAN, Church School Superintendent, and Charles Liles, Membership Chairman of the Jennings Methodist Church will present three minute talks December 30 and January 6, respectively, to promote an attendance emphasis from January to Easter in the Church School. Rev. Robert Crichlow is pastor of the church.

MRS. HARRY W. CANNON, JR., entertained the members of the W.S.C.S. of the Trout Methodist Church, Monday afternoon, Dec. 17 with a Christmas social. Refreshments were served and gifts exchanged. A turkey dinner was served to the members of the church on Wednesday, Dec. 12. Rev. Harry W. Cannon, Jr., is pastor of the church.

BY INVITATION from the General Board of Evangelism, Rev. Jolly B. Harper, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, is to join in an Evangelistic Crusade in Cuba January 28 to February 7. The Official Board of Trinity has not only given its approval to the trip, but has expressed its gratification at the honor which has come in the invitation.

THE GRACE METHODIST CHURCH, Ruston, presented its annual Christmas Cantata Sunday morning, Dec. 13. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Hal B. Barker. Soloists were: Mrs. Hugh Cranford, Mrs. Nita Therrel, Mrs. Thelma Bunch, Miss Jo Ann Lay, Mrs. Sam Baldwin, Mrs. T. E. Raley and Fred Gray. Rev. Henry C. Blount is pastor of the church.

DR. L. KEITH MASON, lay leader of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the speaker for the Adult Sunday Evening Fellowship of the Morningside Methodist Church, Shreveport, on Dec. 16. Dr. Mason's topic was "Moral and Health," and was one session of the study "Our Moral Challenge" being studied by the group.

THE ADULT CHOIR of the Morningside Methodist Church, Shreveport, was honored with a party in appreciation of their service to the church following the evening worship service on Dec. 16. The choir presented a cantata, "The Story of Christmas," by Lorenz, at this service. Mrs. L. E. Kneipp is the choir director and Miss Sue Owen is the organist. Rev. Eldred Blakely is pastor of the church.

A MEMBERSHIP CLASS will begin January 18 at the Greensburg Methodist Church with the following enrolled: Bill McNabb, Carolyn and Vesta Allen, Lyn Smith, Lorena and Nat Hagan, Patsy Williams, Janis Bridges, Gloria and Patsy Holland, Brenda and Suzanne McNabb, Karen Sue McDonald, Randy Sitman, and Louis Yarbrough. Rev. Jim Woodward is pastor of the church.

REV. JAMES T. HARRIS, Superintendent of the Monroe District, was the guest speaker at the December meeting of the Methodist Men's Organization of the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Wednesday, Dec. 19. The meeting was a memorial to Colonel W. E. McBride, president of the Organization at the time of his death. Rev. Jolly B. Harper is pastor of the church.

THE YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, presented a program of Christmas carols and poetry reading at the evening service, Sunday, Dec. 9. The program was directed by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lamberson. Choirs participating in the program were the kindergarten choir, two primary choirs, the senior high-older youth choir, junior high boys, and junior high girls choir. Dr. D. L. Dkys, Jr., is pastor of the church.

THE YOUTH DIVISION of the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, under the leadership of Bill Tracy and Mrs. James C. Whitaker sponsored Family Night at the church again for the month of December. A Christmas program was planned and the fellowship hall was decorated for the meeting. Each member of the Youth Division attended, bringing as many of his or her family as could attend. Rev. James C. Whitaker is pastor of the church.

A CHRISTMAS CANTATA was presented by the Ingleside Methodist Church choir, Baton Rouge, Thursday evening, Dec. 13, at the Gonzales Methodist Church. The choir of approximately 30 members, under the direction of Earl Redding, presented "The Oratorio." Miss Linda

Fields, soprano, Miss Joan Wall, mezzo, Tom Owen, tenor, and Carroll Proctor, bass, were the featured soloists. Rev. W. R. Irving, Jr., is pastor of the church.

THE WESLEY PLAYERS, drama guild of the St. Bernard Methodist Church, Chalmette, presented a play entitled "Christmas in Korpania" Sunday evening, Dec. 16. The players were assisted by the church choir and a special children's chorus of 50 voices. At the end of the play, gifts were distributed to the children of the church and a social hour was held in the recreation department of the church. Rev. R. L. Clayton is pastor of the church.

STUDENT RECOGNITION Sunday was observed at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Sunday, Dec. 30. Those taking part in the service were Jimmie Love, president of the Youth Council of Methodist Youth Fellowship; Edwin Peden, president of the Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation; Pat Garrett, president of the Senior Department; Miss Lane Wells, a member of the Louisiana Tech Debating Team, and Miss Martha Charlotte Green, student at L.S.U. Rev. Jolly B. Harper is pastor of the church.

THE YOUTH DIVISION of the Greensburg Methodist Church were in charge of the evening worship service Sunday, Dec. 23. Twenty-four young people were in the choir. Cewilla Allen and Marilyn Harvel read the prophecies; Betty Marie Williams read the Christmas Scripture reading; Leslie Dunn and Larry Carruth received the offering; the Christmas Prayer was by Jo Ann Harvard; Louis Yarbrough and Lorena Hagan were the candle lighters. A film-strip "The Other Wiseman" was shown by the pastor, Rev. Jim Woodward.

REV. AND MRS. J. WOODROW HEARN entertained the members and friends of the Davidson Memorial Methodist Church, Lafayette, with a Christmas open house at the Davidson parsonage on Sunday, Dec. 16. During the afternoon about 120 guests called. Miss Norma Love and Miss Kathy Brier assisted Mrs. Hearn in serving the guests. The living and dining rooms were decorated with camellias from the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Connolly, members of the church. Miss J. J. Davidson, Jr., made the center piece used on the dining room table.

THE COMBINED CHOIRS of the University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, presented a program of Christmas music Sunday, Dec. 13, at the church. Participating were members of the junior, intermediate, senior and adult choirs. Directors of the choirs were Mrs. Ray DeHainaut, Mrs. Evelyn Booksey, Mrs. Wiley Poole and Gunward Hansen. Miss Rowena Dickey was the organist. Solo parts were rendered by Mrs. Katherine Hanse, Miss Ray Tower, Miss Constance Brown, Dan Scholtz and James Keyser. Dr. Wm. E. Trice is pastor of the church.

FOUR persons from Homer were among the more than 500 attending the annual Norwela Council scouter appreciation dinner in Shreveport, Tuesday, Dec. 11. Representing Homer were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Basco and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McCalman, who are active in scout-leadership in the area and were included in the scouters honored at the annual event. Rev. Jack Midyett, pastor of the Haynesville Methodist Church, was one of three scouters receiving the Silver Beaver award, highest honor that the Norwela Council can bestow upon a scouter. He had been actively registered as a scout since 1941. Others presented the award were Hunter Whitehead of Bossier City, and Charles F. Biggs of Shreveport.

CHIMES OF THE HOLY NIGHT, a Christmas cantata, was presented by the choir of the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church, Jena, Sunday evening, Dec. 23. An added feature of the program was the showing of pictures of the scenes on a screen while the choir sang the story of that Holy Night. The choir was under the direction of Mrs. Maxine Reeves, with Mrs. C. A. McCartney at the organ and Mrs. Walter Baker at the piano. Soloists for the cantata were Mesdames O. J. Evans, C. R. Kinard, Carl Balus, L. M. Manchester and Billie Walters, Misses Marlene Taylor, Mary Nicholson, Donna Irene Steen and Bess Adams and Mr. Warren Phillips and Mr. Carl Balus. Rev. W. O. Lynch is pastor of the church.

REKINDLING ENTHUSIASMS

As we approach the end of 1956, let us think together of a quality which is essential to the success of the new year. That quality is enthusiasm. What a glowing fire is to a room, enthusiasm is to character. It is more than a decorative charm; it is a necessity for effective living. Without enthusiasm our virtues are pale and our lives lack power.



At the outset, it should be said that enthusiasm, like fire, must be kept within certain bounds in order to be beneficial. The flames of zeal can sometimes leap up into the rafters of the mind, resulting in the hotheadedness of anger or fanaticism. Then there are superficial folk who are like matches needing only to be scratched to make them flare up or flash into momentary enthusiasms. Also, we know of mob enthusiasms which can sweep through crowds like a forest fire, leaving only destruction in their wake.

But enthusiasm under control becomes a radiance. A certain lady of

my acquaintance is often spoken of as a radiant personality. She is not fanatically zealous. She is not emotionally effervescent. But through her being there surges a current of human interest which gives an incandescent light to her eyes, a warming glow to her smile and a kindling contagion to her goodness.

Such radiance of enthusiasm seems to come more naturally to some people than to others. Just as certain persons blush more easily than others, so some glow more quickly. And enthusiasm is expected in children.

But to preserve the natural radiance of enthusiasm through the years, to remain the lively kind of person young people like to have around—that is artistic living, that is Christlike living.

Before me is a letter from one who did not allow the snows of age to dampen his enthusiasm. The hardships heaped upon him had not banked the fires of his spirit. He is writing from a prison on the eve of his expected death. Yet the purpose of his letter is to rekindle the enthusiasm of a young friend. And this aged Paul begins his message to young Timothy with the expression: "Stir up the gift of God which is in you." The verb used suggests the rekindling of a smoldering fire. And how well such a figure fits this business of reviving enthusiasm.

The Layman's Column

By Charles A. Stuck
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North Arkansas Conference



"AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE . . ."

It was the beginning of an entirely new way of life for the Jews. Generations of slavery, followed by forty years of desert wandering, were now past. Moses, the great leader, was dead, but God had called Joshua to take over the reins of leadership. God had assured Joshua that He would guide His servant, so the new leader began at once to consolidate the gains, both spiritual and material, that had been made. The people were rededicated through the ancient Jewish rites, the heathen had been subdued, and the borders had been established. Each tribe had been assigned to a certain territory. A fairly central point, Shiloh, had been chosen for the seat of the Tabernacle. God had assured them of His protection. All had been done to assure a long, successful and happy life. It looked as though the Jews "had it made."

But new and different ways of life were beginning to be felt. The stern life in the wilderness had not allowed much time for serving anyone but God. Here in the new land, with many more rights and privileges, came also new and more interesting temptations. One of the most attractive of them was the easy religious life of the heathen tribes which were around them. There was nothing stern about it, as the worship of Jehovah had been. Certain acts which were sins in the eyes of Jehovah were actually encouraged by Baal worshippers. The Jews were not long in finding all the interesting facts about this new and very attractive way of life. God could wait a while. They would spend some of their time, at least, in making a "trial run" of these new customs and habits.

Joshua, leader that he was, learned very quickly how these temptations were appealing to and affecting the Jews. The time was on him and his people for a decision. But he was equal to it. Calling the Children of Israel together, he gave them his final message, ending with this command, "Choose you this day whom you will serve." Then to begin with a rededication of himself, he promised God and the people, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

It was not the beginning of a new year when Joshua made this valedictory. But it was the beginning of a new life for him and his people. His advice and courage have thrilled people for centuries. In these simple words Joshua was assuming responsibility to God for the souls of himself and his household. You and I might use it for a New Year's resolution . . . "I promise that I will serve God and try to bring my whole house to serve Him every day for this entire year" . . . How different everything would be if all thirteen million Methodists in the world made God this promise,

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A MOSES

Word came the other day of the death in New Delhi, India, of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, scholar and "leader of India's 60,000 untouchables" — or "outcastes," as the British called them; "harijans" as Gandhi renamed them.

Dr. Ambedkar's personal story was a remarkable one: born into one of the lowest groups of Indian society — the mahars, an outcaste group whose very shadow would defile an orthodox Hindu and send him through a cleansing ceremony; given some education in British-controlled schools, because his father had performed military service voluntarily; educated through the patronage of the Gaekwar of Baroda who heard of the youth's brilliant scholastic record; further trained (at the Gaekwar's expense) at the London School of Economics and at Columbia University (M.A. and Ph.D.), he became a lawyer and economist; championed, with Gandhi, the cause of the untouchables, and, after Gandhi's death, became their principal advocate; actually "led them out of the social wilderness" in the days of India's rapid changes and independence; later served as Minister of Justice in Mr. Nehru's cabinet.

But I believe it is not unfair to say that Dr. Ambedkar failed to rise to the stature of a Moses — he failed to lead his 60,000,000 fellow Indians into either economic plenty or into religious security. These had been his ambitions. And the reasons for his failure provide a lesson for us in the churches of Christ, and for us who think we see the solution of most major problems in terms of "more things made for and by more people."

I interviewed Dr. Ambedkar late into the night once back in 1939 in India. My notebook then (before India's independence) marked these desires that impelled him — and we talked about them. He had what seemed a rather naive scheme for dotting all India with new industries — making things hitherto unknown in his country; employing in these factories, and in cities as yet unbuilt, people who could not make a living on small-acre farms, and selling the manufactured articles on the world market. This, he said, would give the common people money with which to buy food. My queries as to the source of the raw materials for manufacturing, of the capital necessary to secure tools and machinery, and concerning who would buy these goods thrown upon a world market already glitter with cheap goods (and at that very moment a cause of international friction just leading to war): these questions were unanswered . . . To this day it is

then lived up to it for 365 days! Why not try it and see what the result will be in your life? You might be surprised.

very dubious that the remedy for any nation's over-population and consequent hunger is rushing headlong into world trade in cheap goods!

Perhaps in the field of religion Dr. Ambedkar was even more naive — though his outlook was rather in accord with that of too many "Christians" of our own day and land. He sought long to "find a religion" into which he could "lead" the millions denied entrance into Hinduism. The new religion was to take them (apparently "as is") and give them social and political status. Apparently he had few religious convictions himself (though he was highly moral and benevolent), and would serve whatever god seemed best for his long-range purposes.

The story of Dr. Ambedkar's relationship to the Christian movement in India does not reflect much credit upon the movement. He had, I know, some true friends among the Christians, nationals and missionaries, and they tried to teach him. But over against them were scores of men and women from the fragmentary sects, people with strange isms, and slants, and partial gospel — all in the name of Christianity — who literally hounded him to join their particular group, and laid schemes to corner and "convert" him. It was sectarianism, splits, and religious ignorance at their worst. It all confused him — as it does many another today. And Dr. Ambedkar never became a Christian; he never led his 60,000,000 followers into any Christian fold. When he did (only in 1956) decide that he and his people could gain most advantage by becoming Buddhist, only 200,000 untouchables followed him.

If Dr. Ambedkar — trained, brilliant, sincere — never became a real Moses, he was not alone to blame.

METHODIST CHAPLAIN AT SOUTH POLE

The Methodist pastor with the southernmost parish and coldest congregation is the Rev. John E. Zoller of the South Pole.

A navy veteran of eight years' service, Chaplain Zoller is Protestant chaplain to 350 men, military and civilian, who are wintering in the Antarctic as part of the United States' "Operation Deep Freeze."

From December, 1956, until the Spring of 1958 the men will live at seven isolated stations on the ice-bound continent to make scientific studies in connection with the International Geophysical Year of 1957-58.

Chaplain Zoller, 37, is assigned to Little America V, headquarters of the expedition. To assist in Protestant activities, he has trained lay leaders for each of the outlying stations. They will conduct Sunday services, Bible study groups, and encourage the practice of personal religion.

The Methodist Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C., has provided each lay leader a "religious kit" containing Bibles, a commentary and concordance, church school literature and special study courses. Chaplain Zoller will keep in touch with the lay leaders via short wave, radio and supervise the general religious activities for Protestants.

Chaplain Zoller, son of a Methodist minister, was pastor of Grace Community Methodist Church in Oakland, Calif., when he entered the chaplaincy in 1948. He was also church news editor of the Oakland Tribune.

The Year 1956 In Religion

By WINFRED E. GARRISON

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THE Visible Church — to use a phrase familiar to theologians — flourished during 1956. The wave of church building rolled on, with the total new investment near the end of the year higher than at the same time in record-breaking 1955.

Church Building

A million-dollar church is no longer necessarily conspicuous. Many city churches planning new buildings secure sites measured in acres rather than square feet, to provide parking space. These church parking lots are well-filled, for by most reports the attendance at services is up, though one may doubt whether it really is 49 per cent of the adult population every week as a Gallup poll made it a year ago.

It is standard practice for an increasing number of churches to have duplicate Sunday morning services to accommodate what would otherwise be an overflow, and to fill the sanctuary at both. This "fuller utilization of the plant" was scarcely known a few years ago, except in Roman Catholic churches.

Statistically

The Statistical Church also has done well. The year's increase in membership, 2.8 per cent, was as usual more than the percentage increase in the population. The total in the United States for the first time passed the 100 million mark. This includes Protestant, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Jewish and some small non-Christian groups. Thirty-three million of these are Roman Catholic, and 58 million Protestant. For the purpose of this classification, Southern Baptists and Episcopalians are counted as Protestant, against the protest of many of both denominations. Two-thirds of the Protestants are in the 30 member Churches of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

The latest listing shows 268 denominations. The fragmentation of the Church is somewhat less extreme than this would suggest, for 96 per cent of the Protestants are in 53 denominations, most of the others being splinter sects. Moreover, more than three-fourths of the Protestants are either Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans or Presbyterians. Each of these denominational families includes one or more large denominations and enough small ones (some almost microscopic) to make their collective contribution to that total of 268 sects a surprising 71.

There is no reason to doubt that the picture of the churches as active and growing is substantially accurate, but only a limited degree of reliance can be placed on the statistical totals. Some groups report baptized infants as members, others only adults. Some have no central office to receive or collect statistics, so that their reported totals are optimistic unofficial estimates.

Church Unity

Progress was made in church unity during the year. The basis of union between the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church was approved by both — 13 to 1 by the first, unanimously by the second — and the uniting conference is scheduled to meet in Cleveland, Ohio, June 25, 1957. The new church will be called "The United Church of Christ." A group of protesting Congregationalists has organized to continue their separate denominational existence.

Following the failure of the plan for union of the three largest Presbyterian bodies by reason of its rejection by more than one-fourth of the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern), the other two brought



their negotiations to completion. The Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the United Presbyterian Church have planned a joint general assembly to be held at Pittsburgh in May, 1958, but the vote by presbyteries is yet to be taken.

Details of Lutheran advances and hesitations in regard to mergers are too intricate to be reported at once briefly and accurately, but it can be confidently said that this year there was definite progress in the movement of the Evangelical Lutheran, The American Lutheran, and the United Evangelical-Lutheran Church toward a union to be called the "American Lutheran Church."

Abroad, the union movement found expression in conversations looking at least toward intercommunion, and perhaps ultimately union, between the Church of England and the Church of Scotland, and also between Methodists and Anglicans in England. Neither of these showed any abatement of the Anglican insistence on episcopacy as an indispensable element in the church.

Delegates from the churches in several European nations met in Belgium to consider the possible formation of a European Council of Churches, but postponed definite action in the hope of a more official and widely representative conference. The executive committee of the World Council of Churches met in Sydney, Australia, and its central committee in Hungary — before the Soviet onslaught.

Billy Graham

Evangelist Billy Graham continues to be the most conspicuous figure in his field of work and to attract great numbers wherever he speaks, enjoying the respect even of those who do not agree with his theology. He preached to throngs in Manila, Formosa, Japan and India. An eight-week campaign in New York is planned for May, 1957.

Desegregation

Many church assemblies have expressed liberal sentiments on the desegregation of Negroes and in approval of the Supreme Court's decision. There has been a slight, but only slight, increase in the number of interracial churches. The Methodist General Conference evaded the issue that was raised concerning its "Central Jurisdiction" (for Negroes) by referring it to a committee for a report in 1960. It appears that church opinion is, on the whole, more favorable to abolition of the caste system than secular opinion in the same communities, and that Catholics are on the average more favorable than Protestants. It appears also that the clergy of both are more favorable than laymen.

Dramatic Highlight

The year's most dramatic highlight was the liberation of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty at the height of the ill-fated Hungarian insurrection. The Hungarian Catholic Primate was later forced to take refuge at the American legation in Budapest when Soviet forces moved on the capital to crush the insurgents. Meanwhile, however, the Hungarian people's gallant bid for freedom aroused an extraordinary wave of sympathy among Christians everywhere who saw in it a portent of the ultimate defeat of Soviet imperialism and tyranny.

In Poland a bloodless revolution against Kremlin political control saw another Prince of the Church — Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski — released after three years of Communist detention. The liberation of the Polish Primate was the cue for far-reaching concessions to the Catholic Church that were unprecedented in the history of any Communist-controlled country.

Catholicism

Pope Pius XII, prompted chiefly by the Suez crisis and the Soviet action in Hungary, issued two encyclicals calling for a crusade of prayer for peace in the world. In an earlier apostolic letter he urged Catholics behind the Iron Curtain to remain staunch against any attempts to infuse atheistic teachings among them. In his Easter message, the Pope warned nations against the "homicidal, suicidal" madness of the atomic arms race and appealed for "co-existence in truth and justice."

One of the Pope's most notable addresses was to delegates who had attended an International Congress of Pastoral Liturgy held at Assisi, Italy. The Pontiff hailed the progress of efforts to bring about more active lay participation in the official worship of the Church. He said the liturgical movement offers "no reason for suspicion, rivalries or open or hidden opposition." While cautioning against "whatever might be a source of error or danger," he described the liturgy as a perfect means of bringing the hierarchy and the laity into an ever-closer harmony and collaboration.

Judaism

In contrast to the precarious position of Jews behind the Iron Curtain, Judaism in America was in a healthy state with Jewish religious groups mapping expansion plans.

The United Synagogue of America, announced that the formation of a World Council of Conservative Synagogues was in progress. Maxwell Abbell of Chicago, honorary president, said it was hoped to formally organize the council at the biennial convention of the United Synagogue in Kiamesha Lake, N. Y., next November.

United Synagogue officials said the idea for a world council grew out of requests for information they had received from Conservative congregations in a number of countries abroad.

Early in the year, the Synagogue Council of America announced the launching of a nation-wide "Back to the Synagogue" campaign. The agency represents Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbinical and congregational bodies in America.

The long-range campaign aims at strengthening the primacy of the Synagogue in all aspects of Jewish life in the United States. In addition to stimulating unaffiliated Jews to join a congregation, the drive developed projects to deepen religious awareness and commitments to Judaism among synagogue members.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Statistical Bureau reported that there were 4,257 rabbis in this country in 1955. Nearly 2,500 of them were listed as officiating in Jewish congregations, with 945 engaged in full-time specialized Jewish community work, education and welfare.

A revival of religion among Jews over the world was reported by Dr. Israel Brodie of London, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, last June when he came to the U.S. for a month's visit.

Dr. Brodie told the annual dinner of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America that this revival was evidenced by the ceaseless building of communal institutions of various kinds, increased attendance at worship and conscious identification with the Jewish community.

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WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Ruston-East

The Ruston-East Sub-district met at the Chatham Methodist Church Dec. 10, 1956 with about a hundred young people present.

Vice President, Donald Tyler, called the meeting to order. The secretary, Lillian Blondin, read the minutes and called the roll. Jonesboro M. Y. F. and Cratham M. Y. F. won the attendance banners.

At the December Council meeting, the council decided to send fellowship teams to visit the churches that were not attending the sub-district meetings.

The next sub-district meeting will be held at Grace Methodist Church in Ruston on Jan. 14, 1957.

Don Tyler led the group in several Christmas carols; two interesting films were shown; and refreshments were served before the meeting was adjourned.—Betty Wilder, Reporter

Bentonville

More than 100 members of the MYF attended a sub-district meeting at the Bentonville Methodist Church, Dec. 10.

Mrs. Lily White conducted the recreation, and mothers of MYF members served refreshments. Reports at the business meeting revealed \$110 had been raised for a scholar in India, and \$96 had been contributed for mission work around the world.

Nancy Fields, assisted by Margaret Holderby and Sammie Price, led the program for the evening. The next meeting will be in January in Siloam Springs.

MYFers attending the session were from Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers, Sulphur Springs, Brightwater, Gentry, Bentonville, and Bentonville Circuit.

Acadia-Land

The Acadia-Land MYF Sub-District held its monthly meeting in the Palmetto Methodist Church.

From the neighboring towns of Church Point, Opelousas, and Melville, came approximately 45 representatives, ministers and youth.

Religious services were handled by Palmetto MYF and included a song by the newly organized choir and a brief talk on the Christmas spirit by local president, Earl Taylor.

The business meeting was handled by the Sub-district president Culbue.

Opelousas officials invited the sub-district to attend a Christmas party on December 17, with each person responsible for bringing fruit which was given out later that night to the needy when the group went caroling.

Earl Taylor was elected sub-district reporter, and the attendance banner was awarded to Palmetto with Opelousas, a close second.

The next meeting is to be at Melville on Sunday of Jan. 13.

The Acadia-Land sub-district is a member of the 1000 Club.—Earl Taylor

Bogalusa

The MYF of Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church was host to a sub-district meeting Dec. 11.

Youth from Angie, Varnado, Franklinton, Fisher, Covington, Wesley, Amite, Ponchatoula, Hammond and other communities at-

Christmas Drama Presented By Forrest City MYF

Members of the MYF at Forrest City, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams, counselors, presented a modern Christmas drama, "The Pink Christmas Tree," Sunday and Monday evenings, Dec. 9 and 10, at the First Methodist Church.

The dramatization was enacted by a cast composed of Becky Laughinghouse, Ann Heustess, Johnny Long, and Stuart Towns, and was a climax to the MYF fall action program which dealt with "Alcohol and Christianity."

In addition to the play, Monday night, the MYF held its annual Christmas program which included special music by Miss Lucinda Watkins, pianist, and a youth choir directed by Mrs. J. E. Justiss, in addition to the worship services. The offering taken at the close of the program was used by the group in its Christmas project of helping needy families.

The Monday evening session was given for the Francis-Lee MYF Sub-district, and special guests were members of the Delta Sub-district including the towns from Wynne to West Memphis. John Spicer, sub-district president, presided at a business meeting. He was assisted by Mrs. Ed Harris, sub-district counselor.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were hosts at their home, Dec. 16, at a party for all youth and adults who participated in the play presentation.

tended. The Angie and Varnado groups were in charge of the program on "Keeping Christ in Christmas," and Miss Ann Adams, president of the host MYF, gave the welcoming talk. Frank Branch, youth counselor, directed recreation.

Grace Curtiss

The Grace Curtiss Sub-district met Monday, Dec. 10, at Rector First Methodist Church with 129 members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the count of churches was taken.

A "Silver Tree" was used as a center and each individual went forth and placed silver under the tree. The "Silver Tree" received \$22.10 which will be applied to the purchase of the senior rings for the three seniors who live at the Methodist Children's Home and who will graduate this year.

The program was based on the play "The Pink Christmas Tree." After the program, the group enjoyed games, singing, and refreshments.

Batesville

The Batesville sub-district MYF met Dec. 10 at the First Methodist Church, Batesville, and "Christmas Around the World" was the program theme.

Miss Suzanne Ragsdale was pianist, and others participating in the program were: Cherry Harkey, Annalee Conyers, Lex Golden, Carol Millikin, Barbara Rogers, David Johnston, Jimmy Cha'ker, Elizabeth Thomasson, Cathy Harkey, Lynnie Lanier, Martha Marshall, and Joe Huff.

Some 90 youth representing 10 churches attended.

Methodists Will Participate In Annual Youth Week Jan. 27-Feb. 3

Youth Week—1957 will be observed January 27-February 3, it has been announced by the Youth Department, General Board of Education.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship is one of thirty Protestant youth organizations of the United Christian Youth Movement, National Council of Churches, that has sponsored the observance for the past fourteen years.

"Consider Your Call" is the theme for this year. "The theme reminds us," says the announcement, "that in every walk of life there must be men and women who see their work as a way of Christian witness, and their service as a fulfillment of a Christian vocation."

The Youthful Accent

By Hoover Rupert

THE PRICE OF BEING CHAMPION

Followers of the reports from the 1956 Olympic Games in Australia are well aware of the name of Perry O'Brien, a member of the American team for the second time. In case some of the elder readers of these words aren't keeping up with modern times in track events, let me quickly say that this 24 year-old youth who stands 6ft. 3 in. and weighs in at 240 pounds of solid muscle, is the first man ever to toss the shot-put beyond sixty feet. This is a feat which is comparable with the four-minute mile. He actually threw the 16 pound iron ball just under 57 feet in the 1952 Olympics. But since then he has increased that record to 63 feet and 2 inches.

Now that didn't just happen over night. Parry literally has lived with this 16 pounds iron shot since his freshman days in University of Southern California. The fellows at the Phi Psi house recall he had a shot-put circle painted in the alley behind the frat house to practice his technique. His girlfriend reported that it was nothing for her date (Parry) to stop at a convenient field where he would park, peel off his shirt and get in a few practice tosses. She got tired playing second fiddle to the shot-put and tossed him out. But just for while. When he came back in the uniform of the Air Force she accepted his proposal of marriage. But there are three of them—Parry, Sandra, and the sixteen-pound shot! Romantic?

How Did He Do It

Parry O'Brien decided years ago he would be the best shot-putter in the world. And he has achieved that distinction. How did he do it? Well, he had natural athletic ability to begin with and a sturdy physical body with muscular strength. But there are thousands of other who can match him in that. He has concentrated on throwing the shot-put. He attributes his success to combining what he calls "M. A." (for mental attitude) and "P. A." (for physical aptitude). But those terms cover a lot of territory in the price championship exacts from those who seek its laurels. And Parry O'Brien has been willing to pay that price—long hours and days of conditioning and practice, a constant setting of the mental attitude to discipline himself in terms of diet and exercise. Will-power is the key to the price he has paid for championship.

A Living Example

This young American is a living example of what Emerson once wrote, "If you want something in life, pay the price and take it." Parry O'Brien wanted to be an

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The department suggests that local churches:

1. Order a Youth Week packet (75 cents) from Publication Department, National Council of Churches, 120 East 23rd Street, New York 10, New York.

2. Cooperate in interdenominational plans.

3. Recognize youth in the Sunday morning service of worship.

4. Call attention to the article on Youth Week by Richard G. Belcher in the January Roundtable, with its list of source materials. Mr. Belcher is general secretary of the Inter-board Committee on Christian Vocations.

Youth Week invites all youth to "Consider Your Call."

MYF NOTES

St. Francisville

Under the leadership of Mrs. Leslie Bickham and Mrs. Ivy Hood, the St. Francisville MYF has been active this fall. They sent \$40.00 and a box of clothing to Boy's Town in Korea. On Halloween they collected \$25.00 for UNICEF.

They had charge of the program when the Harvey Spillman Sub-District MYF came to St. Francisville for their November meeting.

Miss Royce Pohlman, president, presided. Vernon Sylvest read the scripture. The MYF members sang a special number. Edwin Sylvest, Jr., a student at L. S. U., and part time Director of Youth Work at University Methodist Church, in Baton Rouge, was the speaker.

Rev. E. E. Sylvest is pastor of the St. Francisville Church.

Fisher

Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Fisher Methodist Church conducted the worship service Sunday morning, Dec. 9, at 11 o'clock. Those taking part were: Judie Stafford who gave the call to worship, Mary Elaine Richardson led the singing which was followed by the Affirmation of Faith, and Sue Erwin gave the morning prayer. Mary Elaine led the Responsive Reading, Wayne Stafford read the scripture, and Pat Erwin made the announcements. Joy Creel took her usual place at the piano; Garry Stafford, Jr. and Wayne Stafford took the offering.

The climax of the service was the morning message on prayer given by Etna Lou Stafford. Rev. C. J. T. Cotton is pastor of Fisher Church.

Arcadia

The MYF of the Arcadia area met at the Arcadia First Methodist Church, Dec. 10, and Mrs. Rose Carithers began a course on recreation.

The Rev. Joe Robinson Gibsland, served as dean of the school. The worship service was conducted by the Ringgold MYF. A Christmas offering was taken, and the speaker of the evening was Mrs. Sue Boydston, Shreveport, enrollment counselor for Centenary College.



CHRISTMAS IN KOREA

Ewha Woman's University
Seoul, Korea

Dear friends in Arkansas,

It's Christmas again, the Holy season of the Birth of Christ, our Savior. We are having white Christmas here; there has already been much snow here this winter.

Winter is very cold and barren around here, but my heart glows as I remember your unfailing friendships and love which strengthened my faith in God and brightened my life.

Wish I could say to each of you "a very merry Christmas and happy New Year!"

May that bright guiding Star which shone upon the Savior's birth shine upon you always whatever you do and wherever you are!

With love,
Sunnie Kim

28 "Residences" Serve Business Girls

By Sarah S. Parrott

From its genesis as a mission to immigrant girls, established in 1887 by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to its present status as a residence for young women, the Alma Mathews House in New York City has served the fundamental purpose of providing a Christian home for young women entering Manhattan.

One of the national projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions, Alma Mathews House today serves "immigrants" from Florida, Arkansas, and Minnesota, as well as young women from Greece, Turkey, Canada, and Germany.

In 1887, however, the mission aided actual immigrants only, having been founded because of the plight of the ever-increasing numbers of young women who arrived in the United States with little or no money, no friends and no command of the English language. The mission was established at Castle Garden, New York City, with Mrs. Helen A. Mathews as director.

Mrs. Mathews met immigrant ships in New York and took as many as possible of the arriving girls to her own home to help them make the initial adjustment to the United States. Soon it became apparent that another place of residence was needed, and in January, 1889 the Woman's Home Missionary Society rented a building at 27 State Street, New York City.

Early that same year Miss Alma Mathews was employed to assist her sister-in-law, continuing in that capacity until Mrs. Mathews' ill health forced her to give up the work. Another woman then was employed to supervise the home while Miss Mathews continued the work of meeting the girls at Ellis Island.

Incidentally, the requirements of the superintendents of the home, as listed in 1892 by the Society, were "She should be a lady of sanctified common sense, good housekeeper, fitted to receive guests, present the needs of the home at Annual Meetings, conduct ladies to Ellis Island, give religious instruction to girls, keep entire work in hand for small salary."

In 1896 a new and larger home at 9 State Street was leased. In the early 1900's Miss Mathews left her

work to conduct a short but lively campaign for the improvement of immigration laws and facilities. Returning, she continued work at the home until her retirement in 1928. In 1920, while Miss Mathews was supervisor of the home, the Woman's Home Missionary Society purchased the building at 273 West 11th Street, the present Alma Mathews House, named in honor of the woman who meant so much to it.

During the years immediately following Miss Mathews' retirement, sufficient changes and improvements in immigration laws made it obvious that a home for immigrant girls was no longer a dire necessity in New York City. However, an economic depression hit the United States about that time, and moderately-priced accommodations were needed for the many young women from other sections of the nation who had come to New York to find employment.

A report of Alma Mathews House, written during the 1930's, speaks of "Twenty young women living on small wages, housed in one building, participating in such activities as keeping their rooms clean, preparing the food, cleaning the kitchen, making decisions for running the house, pooling the wisdom they have in living on a very little and planning activities for leisure time."

The young women prepared their own breakfast and the evening meal was cooperative, keeping its cost at a minimum. Depending on the food served, the cost per dinner varied between 25 and 30 cents. At that time, no girl earning more than \$20 a week was expected to remain at Alma Mathews House, unless her outside financial obligations were so heavy that her net income was under \$20 a week.

In 1956 the residents of Alma Mathews House gasp at the idea of a \$20-a-week job, but other features of their life are much the same as their predecessors'. They "pool their wisdom" and "plan activities for leisure time." They prepare their own breakfasts, and many of them their dinners (the cooperative evening meal having been abandoned).

As were others before them, the twenty-two young women living today at Alma Mathews House, now under the directorship of Miss

Edith Martin Will Itinerate North Arkansas Conference



MISS EDITH MARTIN

Miss Edith Martin, for twenty-five years a Methodist missionary in the Belgian Congo, will itinerate the North Arkansas Conference during January. She will start January 7 in spending three or four

days in each district. She will speak for the Woman's Society of Christian Service, at church services, and to youth groups.

This missionary, who served under the Woman's Division of Christian Service, first went to Wembo Nyama in the summer of 1931. Her training before going to the mission field included study at Galloway and Southwestern Colleges, with an A.B. degree earned at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, in 1931. She did graduate work at Scarritt, Hartford Seminary, and Cornell University during furlough periods.

As an educational missionary, Miss Martin trained teachers, preached, handled financial statements, translated literature, did office work, taught and worked with women and girls. "I expect to return to the field to help produce Christian literature and to help women and girls, especially, to take their place along with the men during these changing times," says the veteran missionary who is supported by the North Arkansas Conference. She is a native of Harrison, Arkansas.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Denham Springs First Methodist Church met Monday, Dec. 3 in the home of Miss Hattie Scivicque.

The Christmas motif was carried throughout the program. Each member brought a toy for a child which was sent to Navajo Methodist Mission School in Farmington, New Mexico. A collection was collected for the Hungarian Refugees.

The Christmas program was enjoyed by all.

The Guild is planning a membership drive for January, Guild month. The plans are to have a special service during the month.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of St. John Methodist Church, New Sarpy, Louisiana, observed "Week of Prayer," Tuesday, October 30, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with a "Quiet Day Program" of meditation and prayer under the leadership of Mrs. Thelma Sanders, Spiritual Life Chairman.

The very inspiring program from which those present derived much spiritual strength, was highlighted with Holy Communion, administered by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Bennett.

The "Week of Prayer" offering which was presented at this service was sent to the District Treasurer for disbursement to the various designated missions, in Burma, Samatra, Asia, Saraka, Borneo; the Philippines, and Holding Institute, Laredo, Texas.

Hazel Lovell, assisted by Miss Marie Otto, are grateful for the economy, the comfort and the atmosphere of their New York home, attributes typical of the other twenty-seven residences under the aegis of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Fifteen of these, like Alma Mathews House, are national projects. They are: Business Girls' Inn Shreveport, La.; Esther Hall, Ogden, Utah; Esther Hall, Salt Lake City, Utah; Esther Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio; Flower Esther Hall, Toledo, Ohio; Friendship Home, Cincinnati, Ohio; Gum Moon Residence Hall, San Francisco, Calif.; Iowa National Esther Hall, Des Moines, Iowa; Killingsworth Home, Columbia, S. C.; Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Calif.; McKelvey Hall, Columbus, Ohio; Susannah Wesley Hall, Newport News, Va.; Wilson Inn, Richmond, Va.; Young Women's Cooperative Home, Houston, Texas.

Friendship Home in Cincinnati is in the path of a new highway soon to be built and will have to be abandoned. Plans have been made by the Woman's Division to build a new house, combining Friendship Home and the Esther Hall for Young Women. Money for this new building will be allocated from the 1957 Week of Prayer offering of local Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds.

The other twelve residences are projects of conference Woman's Societies of Christian Service. They include: Business Girls' Lodge, Baltimore, Md.; Esther Hall, Chicago, Ill.; Esther Hall, Wichita, Kan.; Esther Hall, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Esther Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.; Esther Hall Deaconess Home, Indianapolis, Indiana; Eva Comer Cooperative Home, Birmingham, Ala.;

Friendship Home, Buffalo, N. Y.; Friendship Home, Philadelphia, Pa.; Methodist Girls' Club, St. Paul, Minn.; Pittsburgh Deaconess Home and Girls' Club, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Shesler Hall, Sioux City, Iowa.

Austria Church Cares For Hungarian Refugees

By Emil Paul John

EDITOR'S NOTE: Emil Paul John, of Providence, R. I., is a former G.I. and a former reporter on the Providence JOURNAL, now a missionary of the Methodist Church in Austria. He is boys' worker at the Methodist Church in Linz-Donau. Here Mr. John was in charge of relief work for Hungarian refugees, of whom he writes intimately in this report to the Board of Missions, Methodist Church, New York City.

The Soviet-controlled radio in Budapest tried to assure the people that things were normal. The last radio-sender of the freedom-fighters crackled into silence before it could deny the report. But no denial was needed. The increasing stream of refugees across the border told us in Austria that things next door in Hungary were not yet normal . . . nor would be for quite a while. The Balkan volcano had erupted. And Austrians trembled with the thought that its lava might sear them again.

One thought gripped everyone: What shall we do with the thousands of Hungarians who seek refuge in our country? The Austrian government and Red Cross acted swiftly and nobly as possible. Catholic and Protestant relief organizations sped into action. Yet for every 10 cots put up, 20 more refugees arrived. And only confusion seemed to be winning this battle.

40,000 Refugees To Austria

Latest reports list more than 40,000 Hungarians who have crossed into Austria. The famine and new cold wave is expected to drive tens of thousands more over the border into a land that has been plagued by the refugee problem ever since the dying days of World War II. No one knows when the refugee stream will cease; nor does anyone know how to control its flow fast enough in Austria.

The Methodist Church and mission in Austria includes less than one per cent of the population. During the early days of the fighting in Hungary, the eleven congregations took special offerings for the Methodists in Budapest, but Russian tanks closed the border before the money could be sent.

Linz Church Helps

The emergency challenged every group and individual in Austria. Many opened their doors and hearts . . . and one of these was Pastor Ernst Nausner and his Caravan Methodist Church in Linz. Working closely with the World Council of Churches, Nausner pushed through the following plan, which we now report in detail, for in it, despite its relative smallness, you will see the problems involved in situations like these.

Everyone knew the immediate need: shelter, clothing, food. Everyone knew the future need, too: counseling, assistance for immigration or for work in Austria, moral and spiritual and physical guidance. But the big refugee centers could handle only the immediate need, and that left situations in which men and women were crowded into the same room, with only a cigarette standing between them and a complete breakdown under the tension of the past month, the monotonous misery of the present, and the uncertainty of the future.

Nausner sensed the problems; he had lived them himself as a refugee 10 years ago. He phoned the World Council of Churches' refugee relief headquarters: "We will care for 30 Hungarians."

The attic of the Caravan Methodist Church in Linz had been built out into a large sleeping-room last summer to accommodate American students who helped build our kindergarten. Twelve double-decker beds fit snugly in the room. But it was empty now. In fact, the church had nothing except U.S. Army mattresses.

The Linz Methodists had three days to prepare for the refugees. No equipment; no money. But this was no time to think about money. Besides Nausner's reputation in Linz was good; firms would help him without demanding immediate payments.

Provisions Made

So the Methodists of Linz acted: Thirty beds purchased. Blankets and sheets from Brethren Service Commission. Food supplies from World Council of Churches. Canned meat from the Mennonite Central Committee. Fresh clothing and toilet articles from the Red Cross. Youth room divided into living quarters for five, and dining hall for 30. One room in parsonage converted into kitchen. Shower rooms in cellar; hot water heater in kitchen. Interpreters in the congregation who speak Hungarian. Questionnaires . . . ration cards . . . immigration forms. Contacts with employment office for jobs for the refugees. Magazines, phonograph from American House for a day room. Volunteers from congregation to cook for the group. Sunday dinner invitations at homes of Methodist families. Barber to cut the refugees' hair.

In three days all was ready, and the Volkswagen bus of the Methodist Mission in Austria took off for Vienna and the camps along the Hungarian border. In Vienna, through the World Council of Churches, we received a Hungarian Reformed Church pastor named Balas as interpreter and a second bus to help bring the refugees to Linz. The bus had come from Hungary to pick up medical supplies in Vienna, but was stranded here when the Russians moved in.

The streets of the reception camp near the border ran with mud. Austrian police blocked its entrance to visitors, but let us pass when we told of our intention to take away refugees. When the camp director heard what we wanted he said: "Please, take as many as you want and leave here quickly."

More Refugees, All Tired

Outside, trucks unloaded bales of straw, and Austrian Boy Scouts stuffed handfuls into burlap bags for mattresses. Every five minutes another bus rolled through the gates with fresh refugees . . . some wet, for they had waded through marshes to cross the border . . . all tired . . . some seeking those who left before them . . . all hungry . . . some bewildered, unable to understand the language about them . . . all cold.

A band of gypsies parked their belongings on the sidewalk and huddled together for warmth while their leader waited in line to register their arrival. A huge outdoor

"I See The Sloping Hills of Hungary"

By Herta Wollscheiber

Austria

EDITOR'S NOTE: From Miss Herta Wollscheiber, an Austrian who was a CRUSADE SCHOLAR of the Methodist Church in America, and who returned to Austria in September, comes this account of her contacts with Hungarian refugees.

Today my arms are aching and my legs are heavy and thus I am not of much help in the kitchen. Therefore I have decided to rest for a while and to take time to tell you of those things which are closest to my heart right now.

It is rather hard to concentrate. Every time I look up and out of the window I see not only Vienna at my feet (I live on a little hill), but in the far distance I can see a few sloping hills of Hungary. Whenever I go in the city I meet people in rags and hear them talk in a strange language. Some of them speak German, and it is incredible what they have to tell.

For days I have been thinking about how I could be of most help to soften their hardships, to do something about it. Right now I am happy that the Austrian Methodist Church, of which I am a part, is doing its share to help.

One Sunday, we collected money among our members for the Methodists in Budapest. This money could be sent to them, for the border is still closed.

Church Helps Refugees

Last week end I spent in Linz in our Caravan Church. There they have taken in 26 refugees. Most of them are young people. We met with them one evening and after a few minutes we were singing back and forth, although neither of us knew what the others were singing.

Then, on Monday morning, I was riding back to Vienna with Emil Paul John, our American missionary. It was a beautiful morning. The sky was blue and the sun was shining, but the temperature was about 18 degrees Fahrenheit. We had to pick up some refugees in one of the camps. There about three thousands lived together, waiting for relief. It was a heart-breaking experience to see them sitting around, not knowing what to do, and shivering in the cold.

When we came to the office of the World Council of Churches in Vienna, hundreds were waiting to get a visa to emigrate to the United States. When they heard that I was working for the Methodist Church they asked immediately if refugees who are waiting for their visas could sleep in some of the rooms of our church.

A Place To Sleep

We were happy for them to do so and within a few hours we had taken in about sixty people—men,

boiler breathed steam, and the chow line snaked down the muddy street amidst the rattle of tin soup plates which each Hungarian held.

The new arrivals consisted mostly of women and children, for their men and youth had fallen in battle or had remained behind to continue resistance or had escaped earlier in the border fighting. The women were silent; the children played tag and climbed the mountains of straw which soon would nest their sleepy heads.

"Eat At Methodist Church"

We walked from room to room asking the same questions: "Young men to Linz . . . sleep and eat at Methodist church . . . we will do our best to find work for you or help you immigrate." We had decided upon young men because the entrance to our church's attic was small, by ladder, too difficult for women or children. We would also take two women who would help in the kitchen.

In half an hour we had our group: Hubert—a young animal tamer in a Hungarian circus. Jenoe—a 15-year-old boy who had fled all the way from the Russian-Hungarian border because he had killed two Russian soldiers in the fighting. Laszlo—a doctor who spoke English, and two friends. Janos—with a bullet wound

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women, and children. We did not have much to offer, but what was available was given. Some old American Field Service beds, which we had used for camping, were put together by our young people, who came straight from their work to help. But it was not enough—many have still to sleep on the floor, covered with blankets given by the World Council of Churches.

Then our Woman's Society of Christian Service went to work and we are cooking three meals a day for all those people. Even I have learned to lift heavy pots and cook chocolate milk without burning it!

Some of our members had been refugees from Hungary ten years ago, and they do still know how to season in the Hungarian way. It smells and tastes quite good, but I can't eat it without burning my mouth.

Our Hungarian friends who are staying with us are very nice people, and in spite of all the sad things, we can hear a hearty laughter sometimes when a misunderstanding arises out of language difficulties. Often they show us their passports and we look at their pictures and then into their faces. I wish you could see the difference.

Expressions of Anxiety, Hunger

On the pictures you see handsome young men who know what they want and what they live for. The expression on their faces now shows anxiety, hunger, and homesickness. There are many among them who have left their families behind and who don't know what happened to them. Now, they are hoping to get to the United States and to bring their families in the years ahead, but if that will ever happen . . .

Everytime one of them gets the visa, or when the medical test shows that they don't have any disease, we have a little celebration with them and we are happy for them. These who are ill have to stay with us . . . We take them as they are and all Austrians try to help in whatever way they can. In these days I am proud to be an Austrian.

In our churches we bear them on praying hearts and I know you will join us. Pray for them and pray for us that we may be able to carry on this work. Pray also that those poor refugees may find a hearty welcome and many helping friends in those countries where they are to be settled.

Class Holds Christmas Party

The Girard-Givens Class, the ladies Sunday School class of Davidson Memorial Methodist Church, Lafayette, had its annual Christmas party Tuesday evening, December 18.

Mrs. Crow Girard, the teacher of the class, and Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., were the hostesses at the party which was held in the Davidson home. Mrs. F. L. St. Cyr is the president of the class.

Special guest at this Christmas social were the husbands of the members.

Mrs. J. Woodrow Hearn directed the sixty guests in group games to begin the fellowship of the evening. These were followed by the singing of Christmas carols.

Everyone present received a gift from the large Christmas tree, with the men receiving humorous toys from their wives.

The hostesses served delicious refreshments to close the very enjoyable evening.—Rev. J. Woodrow Hearn, Pastor

Men's Club, Sunday School Give Party

The Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, New Orleans, held their December meeting, the 18th, in co-operation with the Sunday School's presentation of a special Christmas program.

The Men's Club served candies, hot coffee, hot chocolate, and doughnuts to those attending; and the Club president, William Michon presented the wives of the pastors (Mrs. N. H. Melbert and Mrs. D. B. Boddie) a Christmas present.

Prior to the meeting, a Christmas letter was sent to each member of the Men's Club. Food supplies were brought to the combination meeting-party, and were later distributed to the needy.

If there isn't time for church and Sunday school, plus added religious instruction in the home, we can expect just what we will get: A generation of selfish little unbelievers. And judging from the stories coming out of the juvenile courts all over the country, we seem to be getting a lot of that.—Betty Frist, *No Wings in the Manse* (Fleming Revell)

Sunday School Teacher Honored



Mrs. E. E. Johnson, at left, teacher for the Fellowship Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, was honored by her class recently on her 75th birthday. The Rev. W. D. Milton, center, pastor, is shown after he received the pulpit Bible for the church given in Mrs. Johnson's honor. Raymond Potter, right, class president, made the presentation. The Bible is being used in the chapel which is a part of the new educational building at the West Monroe Church.

New Orleans District Names Man, Woman of the Year



Pictured above are, left to right, Edgar E. Cayard and Mrs. C. I. Jones, who were named the Methodist Man and Woman of the Year by the New Orleans District; Bishop Paul E. Martin, head of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area; and Dr. Robert W. French, general chairman of the recent New Orleans Church Extension Drive who made the presentations at a banquet, Dec. 4. A story on the event appeared in the Dec. 13 issue of the Louisiana Methodist.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE MEETS AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA

The Alexandria District Conference met at the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, La., Nov. 15, with the Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr., District Superintendent, presiding. Dr. J. Henry Bowdon was the pastor-host.

Dr. B. C. Taylor, District Superintendent of the Shreveport District delivered the Conference sermon on "I Know Something!"

Rev. Robert A. Townsend, Boyce, was recommended for Admission on Trial to the Annual Conference and for Deacon's Orders. Charles Edward Scott, Alexandria, and Price Allen, Athens, were licensed to preach.

Those who spoke to the conference on behalf of various church programs included: Dr. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education, who spoke on the quadrennial emphases; the Rev. Douglas McGuire, Conference missionary secretary; the Rev. W. D. Milton, who presented the pension program; the

Rev. J. B. Grambling, representing the retired ministers' homes; the Rev. L. D. Haughton, superintendent of the Methodist Home Hospital; and the Rev. C. B. White, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home.

Others who spoke were the Rev. Carl Flurry, youth director of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation; the Rev. J. J. Caraway, district director for the Louisiana Methodist; and Dr. E. T. Wayland, one of the editors of the Louisiana Methodist.

Other speakers and representatives of programs or boards included: Charles N. White, the Rev. Leonard Cooke, the Rev. Charles Giessen, Mrs. C. W. Tebow, the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick, Dr. J. Henry Bowden, the Rev. E. L. McKay, and the Rev. Clyde Shaw. They spoke on Centenary College, the district board of missions, the WSCS, district evangelism work, ministerial relations, the resolutions committee, and the statistical report.

One of the new features of the conference was a committee on Public Relations, whose report urged all members and officials of the church to use the means of good public relations to promote the Methodist church and the Kingdom of God. Rev. Minns S. Robertson served as committee chairman.

Dinner was served by the ladies of First Methodist church, Alexandria.

Rev. J. J. Caraway, Bunkie, was elected secretary of the District Conference. Others elected were: District Board of Trustees: Charles N. White, A. F. Lanier, Mrs. B. T. Gallaher, R. S. Fly, Gordon Cavanaugh, and Mrs. R. G. Markham; Trustees of the District Board of Missions and Church Extension: Clerical: Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, John F. Kilpatrick, George F. Pearce, Jr., Charles Giessen; and T. W. Holloman, H. V. Dunford, Charles N. White, Gordon Kavanaugh, and Sammy Poole.

Quarterly Conference Records: Rev. W. O. Lynch, Rev. Clark Bell, L. Gray Wilson, Ed. Pickens, Carl Lipe, and Grafton Shaw; Public Relations: Minns S. Robertson, J. A. Jones, E. W. Sandel, W. T. Hall, and D. R. Deen; Christian Vocations: Rev. George Pearce, Miss Ann Adams, Rev. John Kellogg, Rev. J. C. Skinner, and Rev. Robert L. Potter.

Stewardship and Church Attendance: J. N. Fomby, J. E. Lide, J. N. Dale, Rev. J.

AUSTRIA CHURCH CARES FOR HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

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in his hand from a hand-to-hand fight with a Hungarian secret-police agent. Joshka—a 21-year-old man who led the revolutionary forces in one Hungarian state, and six of his comrades, one of whom was a 16-year-old girl named Eva. Barnabas—an agriculture student. Agnes—a 16-year-old girl, and a friend, Erza-beth, making three girls instead of two. And the rest, young men in their twenties, all freedom-fighters.

Friendship Grows

Our friendship grew quickly and strongly, so that the next week, when we left the group in Linz and returned to the border to pick up a second load of refugees, they greeted us on our return as if we were brothers separated for years. The second group included a man, his wife and sister, and two teen-age boys.

We quartered the five women in the youth room; the men upstairs in the attic. On our second evening we gathered together with the congregation and the refugees, and the friendships grew. Sunday afternoon each refugee was guest of one of our Methodist families. Ten of the group were Catholics. We drove them in our Methodist Mission bus to Mass on Sunday morning. The rest were Reformed or Lutheran or Greek Orthodox. No Methodists. There are a few Methodist churches in Budapest, but so far we had heard from none of the refugees who might have come from these congregations.

On Sunday evening Herta Wohlscheiber, an Austrian girl who had studied two years at Duke University and now was director of religious education in our Methodist Church in Austria, showed colored slides of the United States. It was good for the Hungarians, for they had been fed so much propaganda that they thought the United States was a barren wilderness where the rich on Wall Street chewed up factory workers for breakfast. So effective was Communist propaganda that many Hungarians refused to immigrate to the United States when the offer first came. They preferred other countries, usually in Europe, for some day they wanted to return home.

Love For Methodists

The whole project in Linz is putting the Methodist staff in difficult straits. The task of integrating the refugees, finding them jobs and helping them immigrate, counseling and feeding and clothing, all these have fallen to Papa Nausner, his oldest son, Willi, who works for the World Council of Churches, and one of the two American Methodist missionaries in Austria. In addition the normal duties of this staff (serving four churches, one kindergarten, and directing the building of a four-story apartment house) continue. In Linz nowadays the organizational details in the Methodist Church sometimes may fall flat, but the amazing love of Nausner and his Methodists more than make up for that.

A. Jones, Rev. W. T. Hall, Rev. George F. Pearce, Rev. Robert Townsend, Rev. John Sayes, Rev. Henry Pinckard, Rev. Dell Durand, and Rev. Harry Cannon, Jr.; Resolutions: Rev. E. L. McKay, Claude Hall, J. W. Lee, W. R. Akin; Odell Simmons, and Champ Breeden.

Other officers names were: Minns S. Robertson, District Reporter; Charles N. White, District Treasurer, Camp Brewer; Sammy Poole, District Treasurer 1000 Club; Miss Mollie Stewart, District Treasurer Golden Cross; and Rev. Clyde T. Shaw, Statistician.—Rev. Minns S. Robertson



REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1956

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Imboden M. Y. F., Rev. James Beal—food and canned goods

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Primary Dept. Portland Methodist Church—pictures

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Methodist Church, Little Rock	10.00
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Methodist Church, El Dorado	5.00
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Central Methodist Church, Rogers	10.00
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Methodist Church, Ft. Smith	10.00
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Methodist Church, Little Rock	10.00
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Helena First Methodist Church	10.00
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First Methodist Church	10.00
The Progressive S. S. Class,	
El Dorado First Methodist Ch.	10.00
The Esthers Class,	
Siloam Springs Methodist Ch.	10.00
Anonymous	10.00
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Ave. Meth. Ch., No. Little Rock	5.00
Gillett Methodist Church	10.00
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El Dorado First Meth. Ch.	30.00
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El Dorado First Meth. Ch.	8.00
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Russellville Methodist Ch.	10.00
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Heber Springs Methodist Ch.	30.00
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First Methodist Ch., Texarkana	50.00
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First Methodist Church	60.00
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St. Methodist Church, Magnolia	5.00
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Stephens Methodist Church	26.62
Scott Memorial Methodist	
Church—Children's Dept.	14.86
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Mr. and Mrs. Everett J. Foster,	
First Methodist Ch., El Dorado	60.00
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First Methodist Church	10.00
Hanks Wesley Bible Class,	
Helena First Methodist Ch.	10.00
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First Methodist Ch., El Dorado	10.00
Primary Department,	
Portland Methodist Church	4.33
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Elizabeth Remmel Bible Class,	
First Meth. Ch., Little Rock	60.00
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Hope First Meth. Church	20.00
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Hope District Richmond Circuit	2.00
Miscellaneous	399.95
Memorials for November	296.00
TOTAL	\$2,525.98

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BIBLE SELLS IN JAPAN

Sales of Bibles and Bible portions in Japan in 1956 topped the 1,800,000 mark for the first time, the Japan Bible Society reports. During the fiscal year ended October 31, more than 1,831,000 Scriptural pieces were sold. The Society had set a sales goal of 1,800,000. The number sold this year was 309,000 above the 1,522,000 Bibles and portions sold in 1955, and both years were well over the sales for all previous years, the Society said.

"Radio Church" Heard In Korea

Thousands of soldiers of the Republic of Korea on the uneasy armistice line above the 38th parallel go to church each Sunday morning by radio, reports a Korean army chaplain.

The troops hear Christian worship services beamed out from the 5,000-watt transmitter of station HLKY in Seoul, a station sponsored by several Korean Christian churches including the Methodist Church.

Chaplain Sang Chan Lee of the ROK 27th Infantry Regiment wrote in a recent letter that "even non-Christians listen to the 'radio church.' They attend 'services' holding their rifle in one hand and the Bible in the other and wearing heavy helmets on their heads."

The chaplain sent his letter to RAVEMCCO, an interdenomination agency of the National Council of Churches that promotes the use of radio and other mass communications for overseas evangelism. Methodism supports HLKY both through direct missionary aid in Korea and through RAVEMCCO grants. The station began broadcasting at Christmas time in 1954 and carries music, educational programs and the Christian message to both North and South Korea.

In his letter, Chaplain Sang wrote:

"May the blessings of the Lord rest upon HLKY, the Christian broadcasting station. This is the front line above the 38th parallel. We are surrounded by thick woods and high mountains and just in front of us is the Chinese Communist army. It is our greatest pleasure that even in such a dangerous place God's words are to be heard.

"More than half of our officers have their own radio sets and when their drilling for the day is finished, the soldiers gather before the radios to listen to the programs which enable them to relax and hear the news from the rear. When they listen to the radio, they forget all their weariness.

"I am sure no one listens to the Sunday morning 'radio church' from your station with more attention than the ROK soldiers along the front lines. Here on the top of the mountain, each outpost is responsible for a wide sector and the distance between outposts is very far, so we chaplains find it almost impossible to visit each of them to lead them in a worship

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Methodists viewing the film will see the delegates they elected take action on clergy rights for women, the creation of new publications and the new quadrennial program. They will hear the discussion on the Central Jurisdiction.

This film was recommended, by the Audio-Visual Review Committee, for a wide variety of uses with juniors, youth, adults and a general church audience.

The Committee, composed of representatives from the Division of the Local Church and Educational Division of the Board of Education and from the National Council of Churches, felt METHODISM IN ACTION would be particularly helpful for units on Methodism and church organization. They recommended its use with church membership classes, official boards and other interested church groups.

"This film," said the Committee, "should be an excellent group stimulator for further study and discussion."

A leader's guide is included with the film.

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OBITUARIES

SPILLMAN—Llewellyn Spillman, seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Spillman of Spillman, La., passed away Sunday, Dec. 2, 1956, at the Baton Rouge General Hospital.

Llewellyn was an active member of the New Hope Methodist Church, on the St. Francisville Charge. He was a M.Y.F. leader both in his local church and in the Harvey Spillman Sub-District M.Y.F.

He represented his Sub-District M.Y.F. at the Jurisdiction M.Y.F. Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, Arkansas, this past summer.

He received many honors in 4H Club work. He was president of the Senior class at St. Francisville High School and was on the football team.

Llewellyn's motto seemed to be "Others". He was always ready to help wherever he could.

He is greatly missed by his pastor and the congregation of New Hope Church. The large number who attended his funeral showed the high esteem in which he was held, for many said they had never seen so many people at a funeral service. His influence will live on in the lives of those who knew him.

One young and promising was taken from us but we are sure God's over-ruling providence has made him "more than conqueror through Him that loved us." And He can "make all things work for good for those who love Him."—Mrs. E. E. Sylvest

BARNES—Rev. Joe Barnes was born Oct. 9, 1876, near Dierks, Arkansas, and passed away Oct. 23, 1956, in the DeQueen Hospital at DeQueen, Arkansas.

Bro. Barnes was a local preacher who spent most of his life and ministry in east Sevier County. He served small, neglected churches both in Howard and Sevier Counties.

Bro. Barnes was a prayerful and godly man. Though limited in academic training he preached the Word with the power and unction of the Holy Spirit. He lived a quiet and simple life and endeared himself to the people who knew him for his strong character and utter consecration to the will of God.

He is survived by three sons, two daughters, a number of grandchildren and other relatives.

The funeral service was conducted in the New Hope Church, ten miles west of Dierks by Rev. W. P. Walker and Rev. Clyde Swift.

KEENZEL — Mrs. Esther Louise Medlock Keenzel, wife of George E. Keenzel, died at her home in Little Rock on the night of December 2nd. She was a member of Highland Methodist Church, the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the

Golden Age Club of the Highland Church.

Mrs. Keenzel, ("Miss Essie" to those who knew her best) was a member of a pioneer Methodist family in Arkansas, having lived in the Collegeville Community, Saline County, during her childhood and early youth. Her father, the late John Forsythe Medlock, was the son of the late Judge John Alfred and Mary Forsythe Medlock, whose home still stands in which a room was furnished similar to the "Prophet's Chamber" in the Bible, where all traveling preachers were welcome. Her mother was the late Mary Ann Jordan Medlock, having been a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wellesbourne, England, prior to her marriage.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Keenzel is survived by three daughters, Mrs. David Wade, Austin, Texas, Mrs. Clifford L. Vincent, Little Rock, and Mrs. Jesse L. Johnson, Van Buren; one sister, Miss Ruth Medlock, of Little Rock; one brother, B. F. Medlock, Little Rock, and four grandchildren, Virginia Sue and Jesse Lee Johnson, Louise Vincent and Sharon Wade.

The funeral services were held in the Ruebel Funeral Home Chapel on December 4th by Dr. Francis

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THE PRICE OF BEING CHAMPION

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Olympic champion. He paid the price and took it. While other fellows were having themselves a ball, he was imposing a regular schedule of sleep, exercise, and study. Where other fellows took their abilities and played for pay as professionals, Parry maintained a strict amateur status, competing for the love of the sport.

Well, few of us can be that kind of champion. But, all of us face up to life's demand for discipline in living. Each of us has a worthy goal which demands a price we must be willing to pay. Christian discipleship demands Christian disciplines on the part of one who would follow the Champion of Life!

Asbury Buddin, a former pastor and close friend of the family, assisted by the Rev. Warren D. Golden. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery, Little Rock.

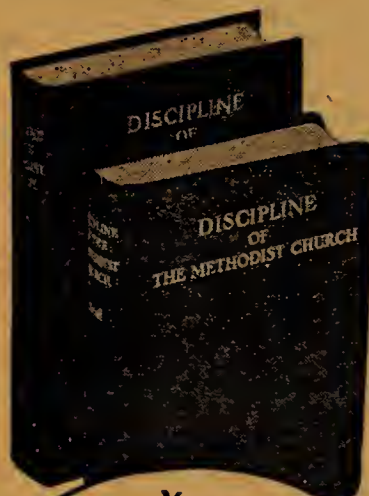
Welsh Youth Report Activities

The Youth Choir of the Welsh Methodist Church, directed by Rev. Jack Cooke, pastor, entertained the soldiers confined to the hospital at Fort Polk on Sunday afternoon, December 18. The thirty-two choir members range in age from nine to fifteen years. They were accompanied to the Camp by Mrs. O. H. Robinson, the piano accompanist, and a double quartet from the Senior Choir. They visited all the wards singing Christmas music. Along with the singers went thirty dozen cookies which were contributed by the Raymond Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service and were served at a social following the songs.

Miss Virginia Bobbitt, State Temperance Essay winner, spoke at the morning service of the Welsh Methodist Church in celebration of Committment Sunday.

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HOW TO RESIST TEMPTATION LESSON FOR JANUARY 13, 1957

READ MATTHEW 3:13-17, 4:1-11; MARK 1:8-13;
LUKE 4:21-22, 4:1-13.

MEMORY SELECTION: *You shall worship the Lord
your God and him only shall you serve.*

Matthew 4:10 (RSV)

Today we study the second lesson in Unit I of the four-lesson series under the subject "Meeting the Needs of Body and Soul." The subject of our lesson is "How To Resist Temptation."

Last week our lesson was the story of the Wise Men seeking Jesus. Only Luke gives us any record of the life of Jesus from the time of His return from the flight into Egypt until he came to John the Baptist for baptism. In Luke 2:40-52 we are told of the journey of his parents to Jerusalem for the feast of the passover when Jesus was twelve years old. There Jesus became lost from his parents and was finally found in the temple talking with the doctors who were astonished at His understanding.

The Bible is silent about the life of Jesus after the temple experience for eighteen years. At the age of thirty Jesus came to where John was baptizing in the wilderness and asked to be baptized. Although Jesus and John the Baptist were second cousins, we do not know whether they had known each other personally before the day Jesus was baptized.

The Baptism of Jesus

Why Was Jesus Baptized? When John raised the question as to whether he should baptize Jesus, our Lord simply said, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Matt. 3:15. (RSV)

There are three general reasons given by Bible students for the baptism of Jesus. (1) Jesus was not renouncing sin, since he had no sin. He was renouncing the sheltered life of his home for the difficult, dangerous mission to which he felt called. Baptism was, for him, the public announcement of that decision. (2) Jesus was guilty of no sin, but in Baptism he was taking upon himself the world's sin. He was making himself one with the masses of people who were coming to John for baptism and was aligning himself with the ministry of John and the vision of the coming kingdom John was promoting. (3) Jesus knew that God had some great commission to lay on him and he seemed to feel that in Baptism that mission would be more clearly revealed. These three reasons are but conjectures and an elaboration of the record and are passed on to our readers for whatever they may be worth. When we add to the simple reason Jesus gave for asking to be baptized there is little scriptural ground for our deductions.

There are some who feel that Jesus did not come into the full consciousness of His mission until the time of His baptism. That also, is a mere matter of opinion. Never-

theless, either because He had not thought it out before, or because the full consciousness of His mission was just dawning on Him, after His baptism Jesus left the multitudes and went into the wilderness to plan His approach to the great mission He faced. We remember also that Paul, after his marvelous conversion on the road to Damascus, spent three years in Arabia before he really began his ministry.

How Was Jesus Baptized? By This we mean What mode of baptism did John use? Possibly more time has been spent in attempts to answer this question than has been given to any other controversial feature of the life of the Master. In our judgement much of the time so spent has been largely a waste of time.

Unfortunately, Methodism is not entirely guiltless at this point, despite the fact that The Methodist Church has no specific mode of baptism. In the Methodist Discipline, in the section dealing with baptism, the very first sentence of that section reads, "Let every adult person, and the parents of every child to be baptized, have the choice of sprinkling, pouring, or immersion." In each case Methodism allows the individual rather than the church, to choose the mode of baptism to be used.

I Peter 3:21 says of baptism that it is "not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God." The Bible is in no sense specific as to the mode of baptism to be used but it does state that baptism is "the answer of a good conscience." Consequently The Methodist Church grants to the individual to be baptized the right to choose that form of baptism which satisfies or answers his own conscience rather than to dictate to him the form of baptism he must accept in order to become a member of the church.

The act or experience of baptism does affect our character because in it or through it we give public testimony to the fact that we have dedicated our lives to Christian service. We believe, however, that the manner or mode of our baptism makes no difference in what we do when we stand before a question of right or wrong, or what we do as we face opportunities for Christian service. Matters that affect character—what we really are—are what really count.

The fact is, if the mode of baptism used in baptizing Jesus were announced tonight in letters of fire across the heavens that could be read around the world, it is doubtful whether the knowledge acquired would make the slightest difference in the moral character of any one of us. It is important to

know that Jesus was baptized and, in baptism, made a public commitment of His life to the work of the kingdom. However, if it were important for us to use a particular mode of baptism, we believe that manner or mode of baptism would have been just as clearly stated as any other moral obligation.

The Temptation of Jesus

The Nature of the Temptation. Some think, because Jesus was divine as well as human, that His temptations were not real. In Hebrews 4:1 we are told that Jesus "was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." The temptation of Jesus on the mountain was real or it was a meaningless farce. Our lesson text says "Then was Jesus led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." (RSV) The sinlessness of Jesus was an attainment, not a gift. Otherwise, Jesus would be no example for us in temptation. For Jesus, and for us, for every temptation there was provided "a way to escape." Jesus always found that way out. Often we do not.

Tempted To Be a Saviour Without Suffering. The one temptation which followed Jesus throughout His ministry and into the Garden of Gethsemane was the temptation to attempt to be a Saviour without suffering. One feature of the temptation on the mountain was to use His use miraculous power to prevent the pangs of hunger. The devil was saying, "If you are the Son of God," why should you suffer from hunger? "Command these stones to become loaves of bread."

When Jesus was tempted to leap from the pinnacle of the temple, he was reminded that angels would bear Him up so that he would not be hurt. He was told that there would be no suffering in this act of sensationalism. In the temptation to worship the devil, Jesus was assured by the devil that by this one act of obeisance he could have the "kingdoms of the world" without a struggle.

After Peter, in the great confession, had declared that Jesus was "Christ the Son of God," the Record says that "from that time forth" Jesus began to tell the disciples of His coming death at the hands of His enemies at Jerusalem. Peter said "Be it far from thee, Lord; this shall not be unto thee." Jesus immediately recognized this as the old temptation to be a Saviour without suffering. To Peter, who had only a short time before made the great confession, Jesus said "Get thee behind me Satan." Even in the Garden of Gethsemane, facing the cross on the next day, Jesus prayed, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me."

The price of Saviourhood was recognized the next day by the chief priests, as they watched Jesus suffer on the cross. In mockery they proclaimed a great truth; "He saved others; himself he cannot save." It has always been and will always be costly to be a saviour.

Other Forms the Temptation Took. While the general form of the temptation may have been to reach His objectives at little cost to Himself as possible, the temptation did not stop there.

In the first temptation there seems to be the suggestion that Jesus win a following by being a bread king; give the people what they want instead of what they really need. Communism has won millions by its false promises of more bread for the masses. Christianity must not only make it pos-

sible for people to have enough bread to eat but it must also teach the importance of the Bread of Life.

In the second temptation it was suggested that Jesus win His following by sensational methods. While Jesus did perform some amazing miracles, they were not the acts of a showman; they were deeds of mercy. Vital religion is no trick performance. We prove little by handling snakes or drinking poison except our own foolhardiness. Little, if any permanent good is accomplished by sensational methods.

In the third temptation there is the suggestion of compromise. The idea is that high goals are too hard to reach and the price they demand is too high, especially so if something similar may be had by compromise. There is, of course, no substitute for the best. Anything else is of secondary value. We have lost something priceless out of our lives when we voluntarily lower our standards or forsake our high ideals. Such a course will limit and cheapen, if not destroy our possibilities.

Temptation A Common Lot

Every normal person of earth, who has reached the age of accountability, has faced temptations. As we grow in years, we too, must decide as to the character of life we are to live. That choice, in the large, is between living for self or others. We choose between self-centered selfishness and unselfish service for others. That major decision colors every other decision of life.

If we successfully meet our temptations, it will be because we rely upon a help divine, since we alone are too weak for the combined forces of evil about us. If we fail it is because we have given our consent to yield to the temptation. With God's help we need not fall before any temptation; without His help we will inevitably fail when temptation comes.

Forms Temptation May Take

We may be tempted at any turn in the road of life but temptation in itself is not sin. We have the final voice as to whether temptation is to result in sin. Temptation is not like a serpent that springs from its hiding place and fastens its poisonous fangs in our flesh before we are aware of its presence. It is not like an enemy that strikes us down in the darkness or a disease that attacks us and lays us low before we know of its presence. Temptation can only knock at our heart's door. We must open the door if it is to come in.

As temptation came to Jesus shortly after baptism, so temptation may catch us on the rebound from some great religious experience. There may be the temptation to act selfishly as Jesus was tempted to make bread for Himself. There may be the temptation to attain something good by questionable means, as in the second temptation of Jesus. There may be the temptation to compromise with the world as came to Jesus in the third temptation. There may be the temptation to be satisfied with the second best. There come also temptations to gross evil but usually in some disguised form.

How Jesus Met Temptation

We should find comfort in the fact that even Christ the Son of God was tempted. We should find encouragement in the fact that Christ successfully met these temptations with means available to all of us.

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Area Holds Successful Adult Convocation

More than 700 Methodist church workers, officers and pastors attended the Area-wide adult convocation at First Methodist Church in Little Rock, according to Dr. Roy E. Fawcett, executive secretary of the Little Rock Conference Board of Education, and director of registration for the convocation.

Dr. Fawcett led the opening worship Friday afternoon and Bishop Paul E. Martin, who presided over the three-day session, extended the welcome to members of the convocation. Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of First Methodist, delivered the opening address, "The Call to Christian Discipleship," in which he pointed out that it was the LIFE of Jesus that makes his teachings so important.

Those attending were divided into responsibility and skill groups, which met both Friday and Saturday afternoons and Saturday morning. Responsibility groups included discussions of the duties and responsibilities of the various capacities in which adults work. Skill groups discussed teaching techniques, the functioning of the adult council, family life program, membership and attendance, missions, recreation, and planning the year's program.

Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, spoke on "What Is Involved in Being a Christian" on Friday evening, and delivered the 11:00 message on Saturday, "We Believe." In the latter, Dr. Stowe reminded his listeners of the three basic verbs in man's life—To Believe, which is the basic building block of character, To Be, (Jesus pointed out that what a man is, is of more significance than what he does), and To Do.

Dr. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary of the Louisiana Conference Board of Education, and director of the study groups, led the early Saturday morning service, and Dr. M. Leo Rippey was the guest speaker. Dr. Rippey also delivered the evening address, "Christians in Our Society."

The three-day meeting was climaxed Sunday with the dedication service, which was led by Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Little Rock, pastor of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church. Bishop Martin delivered the 10:30 message, "Returning a Different Way."

Registrars for the North Arkansas group were W. C. Orne, North Little Rock, and the Rev. Dois Kennedy, also of North Little Rock. Registering visitors from Louisiana were Mrs. Robert Scott and Mrs. John Hays. Mrs. Wm. D. Derrick and Mrs. W. F. Bates served as registrars for those attending from the Little Rock Conference.

Others leaders in the convocation included: Dr. Ira A. Brumley, executive secretary for the North Arkansas Board of Education, who

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Seen registering for the Adult Convocation is Mrs. H. L. Eason, member of the First Methodist Church, Bossier City, Louisiana. Assisting Mrs. Eason is Mrs. Robert Scott and Mrs. John Butler Hays, both of Little Rock. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Hays are the wives of Methodist ministers in Little Rock.

National District Superintendents' Conference Set For February

The top leadership of The Methodist Church will meet for a District Superintendents Conference at the Conrad Hilton hotel in Chicago Feb. 10-13, 1957.

Planned especially as a briefing session for the church's 572 district superintendents, the conference will also bring together the 37 active bishops in the United States, scores of denominational board executives and about 200 chairmen of annual conference commissions on promotion and cultivation and world service and finance.

A special feature of the conference will be a banquet Monday, Feb. 11, at 6:45 p.m. in the grand ballroom of the hotel. Illinois Methodists are expected to swell the attendance at this dinner to 1,500. Principal speaker will be Dr. William P. Tolley, chancellor of Syracuse (N. Y.) University. The affair will be sponsored jointly by the denomination's Commission on Promotion and Cultivation and the Chicago Methodist Social Union.

Special achievement awards will be presented to seven annual conferences which have chalked up outstanding records in giving to various causes in the church's benevolence program.

A two-fold emphasis will run through the conference, highlighting the major denominational programs for the current quadrennium, 1956-60—the emphasis on the local church and the emphasis on Christian higher education.

Other speakers at the three-day conference will be: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Marshall T. Steel of Highland Park Church, Dallas, Texas; Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind.; Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Bishop

William C. Martin, Dallas, Texas.

Also, Bishop W. Earl Ledden of Syracuse, N. Y., president of the Council of Bishops; Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville; Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va.; Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Chicago, general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation; General Secretary Robert G. Mayfield of the Board of Lay Activities, Chicago; and others.

A dramatic presentation will be given by the Division of World Missions on Tuesday, and a new film on the church and her educational institutions is expected to have its premiere showing at the conference.

Bishop Charles W. Brashares of the Illinois Area will be episcopal host to the conference and will preside at the Monday evening banquet.

Tentative plans call for a score of regional meetings featuring addresses by bishops on Sunday evening before the conference opens. These will be held in various cities within a reasonable radius of Chicago.

Those attending from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area include:

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Area Every-Member Canvass Plans Announced

Plans are nearly complete for the Area-Wide Every-Member Canvass program which begins next week with a series of district workshops, according to Bishop Paul E. Martin, who as head of the Area will spearhead the program.

The Every-Member Canvass program was made a part of the conference program of each of the three annual conferences of the Area by conference action last year. Named to the three conference directorships of the program are Rev. James E. Major, Little Rock, executive secretary of the Little Rock Conference Town and Country Commission; Rev. Karl Tooke, Shreveport, Louisiana Conference director of stewardship; and Rev. A. N. Storey, Conway, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Town and Country Commission.

The program as outlined calls for a ten week period of cultivation and promotion in local churches throughout the two states culminating with a kick-off Sunday, May 5. During the following week, every Methodist family in Arkansas and Louisiana will be visited by local church workers in the interest of stewardship and greater support of the financial program of local churches. The program will be climaxed on Sunday, May 12, designated as Victory Sunday in the Area, at which time reports will be tabulated.

Programs in local churches will be under the direction of pastors and local church directors of the Every-Member Canvass.

Program leaders also pointed out that local church participation is voluntary, but it is hoped that after the initial district meetings, each local church in the Area will adopt the program for its own use.

Local church leaders will be trained for their work in a series of district and sub-district meetings which begin next week. A schedule for the first of these workshops is published elsewhere in this issue. The conference directors, who will attend these first district meetings, pointed out that in these first sessions only pastors, chairman of local church official boards and chairman of local church commissions on finance will be orientated in the stewardship program. Plans call for the holding of two additional meetings in each district at which time other local church leaders will be invited for program briefings and training.

Programs in each of the districts will be under the general direction of the district superintendents and district directors of the Every-Member Canvass. These directors have been named by the 22 district superintendents and Bishop Martin,

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UPPER ROOM Has "Talking" Edition



Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of THE UPPER ROOM, receives from Reuel Buchanan the first copy of the new "Talking Book" edition of this famous guide for daily devotions. The Talking Book edition of THE UPPER ROOM, produced by the American Printing House for the Blind, contains the same material as the regular edition but requires three, double face, 12-inch, long play records for each issue.

The Talking Book edition is an official project of the chartered chapters of Methodist Men, by action of the General Board of Lay Activities. Local church groups are urged to supply the visually handicapped of their own communities with this edition which makes the world's most widely used devotional guide available to them.

It is said that only about 10% of the visually handicapped can read Braille.

Social And Economic Board Receives Additional Grant

The Methodist Church's Board of Social and Economic Relations has received another \$25,000 grant from the Fund for the Republic, it was announced Dec. 11 by the Rev. A. Dudley Ward of 740 Rush street, Chicago, general secretary of the board. The money is earmarked for interracial conferences and re-

lated projects.

This is the third grant of \$25,000 which the Board of Social and Economic Relations has received from the Fund for the Republic. In September, 1955, the board accepted a \$25,000 grant for its work in interracial leadership training conferences, and in January of this year the board received a similar amount for financing studies on the challenge of communism to Christianity and on social thought and action in The Methodist Church.

Bishops Issue Call For Nat'l Conference Methodist Men

"Our hope for a more Christ-like world rests strongly upon the loyalty and devoted service of informed and spiritually motivated laymen," the Methodist Council of Bishops has declared in a recent statement.

Placing their stamp of approval upon the plan to hold the second National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., July 19-21, 1957, the bishops urged the "widest possible" attendance at the conference and invited "churchmen around the world to pray for this significant gathering."

Full text of the call to the National Conference of Methodist Men which the bishops adopted at their December 10-14 meeting in Pasadena, California, follows:

In 1954 under the auspices of the General Board of Lay Activities the first National Conference of Methodist Men was held at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. Twenty-two hundred men from all sections of the United States attended.

The extraordinary growth of Methodist Men clubs in numbers as well as in service activities is due in no small measure to the impetus provided by this national meeting.

Board Of Missions Meets Jan. 15-18

Several Persons Will Attend From
Arkansas-Louisiana Area

New York, N. Y. (BM) — Reports of Methodist missionary work in the United States, its territories and 52 countries overseas will be given, at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church January 15-18 at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

The board meeting will bring together about 500 persons, including 18 bishops, 135 board members, home and overseas missionaries, and executive staff members from board headquarters in New York and Philadelphia. Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., board president, will preside.

Members of the general Board of Missions from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area include: Mrs. Glen E. Laskey, Ruston, La.; and from Arkansas, B. T.

Fooks, Camden; Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Little Rock; and Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Conway.

Duke Schedules Annual Seminars

The 1957 Duke Divinity School Seminars on "Christian Education in the Church" will be held this month. One session will be held at the Central Methodist Church, Shelby, N. C., Jan. 14 and 15; and the same two-day study course for ministers will be repeated at the Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 17 and 18.

Leaders for the seminars include: Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, executive secretary of the National Council of Churches; Dr. W. Arthur Kale, professor of Christian Education at Duke University; and Dr. McMurtry S. Richey, assistant professor of the philosophy of Christian Education also at Duke's Divinity School.

Other leaders will be Bishop W. W. Peele, and the Revs. William R. Brantley, O. L. Hathaway, and James Huggin.

Registration for the seminars should be made with the host churches immediately.

EMPLOYEES HOLD COFFEE-BREAK DISCUSSIONS WITH CLERGYMEN

Chicago (RNS) — A continuing program of "putting religious principles to work" was inaugurated at the King Korn Stamp Company here when employees sat down for the first time with clergymen of the three different faiths for a coffee-break discussion of "brotherhood in business."

In succeeding weeks clergymen of various denominations will lead the discussions. King Korn management is contributing half the time for the weekly half-hour sessions, with employees participating equally by spending their coffee-break in the round table talks.

CWS Official Reports Port Said Desolate

Port Said is a picture of desolation and suffering, with all normal life at a standstill, 4,000 family units destroyed and an estimated 2,000 Egyptian residents killed during the Anglo-French invasion, according to the report of the Rev. A. Russell Stevenson, Church World Service executive. It will be at least six months to a year before normal living conditions can be restored, he estimated.

Whole sections of Port Said are now "an expanse of charred ruin and rubble," he declared and more than 120,000 refugees have left the city.

Not only do they need to be cared for, Mr. Stevenson pointed out, but other thousands remaining in Port Said with friends or relatives are in urgent need of relief, as well as those Egyptians who fled from Sinai. Overcrowding is "fantastic" he said. In one refugee center which he visited, he saw 152 persons jammed into 10 rooms.

Food, clothing, blankets, medicines, and vitamins are urgently needed, he noted, as well as cash for on-the-spot purchase of other badly needed items.

The prestige of the United States and of United Nations has risen immensely in the Arab world, Mr. Stevenson declared, because of the stand taken against the Israeli, French and British invasion of Egypt.

Methodist Missionary Drowns In Malaya

Singapore (RNS) — Richard Johnson, American Methodist missionary of Owatonna, Minn., was drowned when caught in a strong current while swimming at Kuala Trengganu in northeast Malaya

Questions Church's Tax-Free Status

Indianapolis, Ind. (RNS) — Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches, called here for a re-examination of the tax-free status of religious institutions.

He said such tax exemption "seemed a wise provision when the churches were weak and poor" but times have changed.

Dr. Blake told a joint assembly of the council's divisions of home missions and Christian life and work that so much untaxed wealth is falling into the hands of the churches "that in time no alternative but revolution and expropriation may seem to lie before the people."

"We need to face this threat before it becomes unsolvable, leading to anti-clerical violence as it did eastern Europe," he warned.

Turning to the broader relations of Church and State, Dr. Blake said the worship of God "can be equally shackled by an all-powerful totalitarian Church as well as by an all-powerful State."

"It will be well for all Americans who believe in God," he continued, "to combine to resist any who either in the name of God or of public order would try to upset that delicate balance between duty to God and State which is the inherited guarantee of our religious liberty."

500,000 Attend Canadian Evangelistic Mission Rallies

Toronto (RNS)—Nearly 500,000 persons attended 125 rallies in the first two months of a national evangelistic mission conducted by the United Church of Canada, it was announced here by Dr. W. G. Berry, director of the crusade.

"It is impossible to estimate the number of persons influenced by these missions," he said, "but reports show that large numbers came forward to make personal decisions for Christ."

The missions were held in cities across the country—from British Columbia to Newfoundland. A leading speaker has been Dr. Alan Walker, Methodist evangelist from Australia. Others are: the Rev. Joseph Blinco of England and the Rev. Leonard Griffiths of Ottawa.

Dr. Berry said the missions are "only a small part of a much larger plan of the United Church to conduct the greatest evangelistic campaign in its history."

The crusade, he said, will "challenge every area of Canadian life and culture with the Gospel. We propose to offer the Gospel not only to individuals but also to society as a whole, and attack sin not only in personal life but also in social life."

The missions will continue through 1957, especially during the Lenten season when 300 rallies are planned. They will be addressed by several overseas clergymen, including Dr. Charles Duthie and the

where he was a teacher at the Anglo-Chinese school.

Mr. Johnson and his identical twin, Thomas, attracted decision to go as missionaries to southeast Asia for a special three-year term, at \$1,200 a year, in the face of more attractive offers in the engineering field.

Both were graduates in industrial engineering from the University of Minnesota where they were track lettermen. Their decision to serve as missionaries, they said at the time, derived from "a sense of obligation to our Church."

Another American missionary, Robert F. Lundy, resident minister of the Methodist church on the east coast of Malaya, was saved when a Malayan fisherman, Pa Salleh, threw him a net. Two other missionaries, Donald Smith and Mark Reames, escaped the tidal rip unaided.

The Malayan marine police located Mr. Johnson's body which was flown in a chartered plane to Malacca in southwest Malaya for

Moscow Cathedral To Become Museum

London (RNS) — A Moscow Radio report said the former Cathedral of Our Saviour in the Russian capital is now being repaired to house the Andrei Rublev Museum after having been used since the 1917 Bolshevik revolution as a storage shed.

The cathedral stands on the territory of the Andronnik Monastery in southeastern Moscow. The monastery was once a fortress which shielded the city from Tartar raids, and also an ancient seat of Russian education and culture.

The Moscow Radio said that during repair work in the cathedral a number of ancient religious paintings were discovered, as well as other works of art. It said these will be incorporated in the new museum.

burial.

His brother Thomas is a teacher at the Anglo-Chinese school at Penang in northwest Malaya.

Israel Scientists Complete Mt. Sinai Surveys

Jerusalem (RNS) — Extensive surveys tending to support the modern theory that Moses took a northern route through the Sinai Peninsula on his way to the Promised Land have been completed by two teams of Israeli scientists.

One team, consisting of archeologists, historians, philologists and geographers of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, returned here from a week's exploration of the famous Greek Orthodox monastery of St. Catherine at the foot of Mt. Sinai.

The other team, made up of

archeologists of the Israeli Department of Antiquities, was back after investigating ruins in the Oasis of Kadesh Barnea, near the Israeli-Egyptian border north of Sinai, where the Twelve Tribes rested 40 years.

At St. Catherine's the scientists scrutinized and photographed manuscripts dating from the sixth century onwards. Examination of the monastery buildings disclosed remains of a basilical church built by the Emperor Justinian in the fourth century, with only a chapel of the Burning Bush—a Crusader addition—still substantially intact.

The monastery was found standing on a Justinianic foundation on which were superimposed structures of the Crusader, Napoleonic and late 19th century periods.

The geographers surveyed a granite area between the monastery and the south Sinai coast. The archeologists examined the ruins of a large fortified settlement at Wadi Feiran in ancient Paran, northwest of St. Catherine's. Paran, which reached its prime in the Byzantine period, was inhabited from the

Sees Local Church Unity More Important Than World Unity

New York (RNS)—A president of the World Council of Churches said here that important as World Christian unity is the unity of Christians living together in the same community is more important.

Dr. John Baillie of Edinburgh, Scotland, addressed the annual meeting of the Friends of the World Council of Churches, attended by more than 200 individual supporters of the international agency.

He deplored the "tragedy of disunion when Christians living and working together in the same town or village all week separate on Sunday for the worship of God."

"The World Council of Churches exists for the healing of such fragmentation," Dr. Baillie said. But, he emphasized, it is not the busi-

ness of the World Council of Churches to promote specific forms of church union. This is the business of the churches themselves, he said.

The Scottish theologian said the ultimate goal of the World Council and the ecumenical movement is that there might be only one Christian Church. But he added that this goal "is still far off and not to be reached quickly."

Dr. Baillie warned both against too hasty and summary attempts to achieve union and too much Christian patience in looking forward to the ultimate goal of "the one Christian Church."

Hasty attempts, he said, sometimes resulted in bitterness and division. And "if we have too much patience in the matter," he said, "reunion will be forced upon us before our minds are ready for it."

Clergy Cautioned On Increased Social Security Tax

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Clergymen and members of religious orders who have elected social security coverage were cautioned by government officials to lay aside a little more money in 1957 to pay their self-employment tax.

The rate is going up from 3 per cent to 3-3/8 per cent in 1957. The tax is assessed against the first \$4,200 of a clergyman's income. This raises the maximum payment from \$126.00 to \$141.75.

Since the tax is due all at one time many clergymen have followed a plan of laying aside a specific sum each month. The tax payment must be made at the time personal income tax returns for the year are filed. These are due on April 15 of the year following the end of the calendar year.

The higher tax will, therefore, not take effect until April 15, 1958.

In return for the increased tax, clergymen who become completely disabled because of accident or illness may retire on full social security payments at any time after the age of 50 and their wives are eligible for benefits at age 62 instead of 65.

middle of the Iron Age to the early Arab period.

The scholars, headed by Dr. Benjamin Mazar, president of the Hebrew University, reported they had found absolutely no remains of a middle Bronze Age claimed to have been contemporary with the Jewish exodus from Egypt.

The second team found large quantities of pottery at Kadesh Barnea dating from the Patriarchal period, as well as remnants of a tenth century B. C. Judean fortress which had apparently been destroyed by the Babylonians.

Moscow Radio Attacks Pope's Christmas Message

London (RNS)—The Moscow Radio accused Pope Pius XII of giving "blessing for a preventive war" in his annual Christmas message.

The station charged that the Pope had "openly raised his voice against the principles of peaceful co-existence" and linked his approval of "preventive war" with "the usual anti-Communist attacks."

On the other hand, the broadcast said, the "author of the Christmas message did not find one word to condemn the European colonial robbers for whom the main holy places in the Near East are their oil concessions."

"We must admit that we have not discovered in this document any excess of the Christian spirit," the station added.

The Moscow Radio attacks the Pontiff's Christmas message nearly every year.

In this year's message, Pope Pius declared that a defensive war against "an enemy determined to impose on all people—a special and intolerable way of life" is morally lawful.

Programs On An Area Level

SEVERAL great programs have been successfully promoted on an Area level in Arkansas and Louisiana. Notable among these have been the United Evangelistic Mission in 1951-52, the Area-wide Circulation Campaigns for its two publications, and the Area-wide Adult Convocation which attracted more than half a thousand adult workers to Little Rock this past weekend.

Convocation leaders expressed satisfaction in the attendance and the results of the three day meeting, their satisfaction being exceeded only by that of those who were present to participate in an exceedingly helpful and inspiring program. A check with registration officials reveals that every one of the 22 districts of the Area was represented in the registration. It is quite likely that between 900 and 1,000 different persons participated one way or another in the Convocation.

With this successful venture behind, it is quite proper that attention be given to another Area program which holds promise of giving more strength to local churches than any Area program undertaken to date. We have reference to the Area-Wide Every Member Canvass program which involves the cooperation of every church in the Area in an endeavor to strengthen the experience of stewardship for every Methodist in Arkansas and Louisiana.

The program which begins on a district level next week will be completed before the Area's annual conference sessions. As a part of the quadrennial emphasis on the local church, the Every Member Canvass will increase the degree of individual participation in local church programs; deepen the personal experience of stewardship; further acquaint local church members with the Methodist program; train local church leaders in conducting local church stewardship campaigns; strengthen the financial position of Methodist congregations; and, best of all, deepen the general spiritual life of Methodists.

Such a program is worthy of the support of every Methodist leader and member.

Circulation Campaign Begins Next Sunday

THE Annual, Area-wide Circulation Campaign for the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist begins next Sunday, January 13th, and runs, officially, through the following Sunday, January 20th.

Practically all subscriptions to both of our publications expire in January. Hence, throughout our Area, this is the time for the renewal of subscriptions.

The work of pastors and committees can be made much lighter if those desiring to receive the paper this year will see the pastor or members of the campaign committee with their subscription rather than to wait for them to call.

During Campaign Week is the time when full emphasis should be given to securing renewals and new subscribers for our publications. This is the only time in the twelve months that any emphasis is put on the circulation of our papers.

The circulation of conference and area publications is more necessary today as media for church news and for the promotion of our church program, local and general, than ever before. This is the first time in one hundred and thirty years that The Methodist Church has been without a general publication to carry church news and to promote the program of Methodism. When the last General Conference voted to discontinue the publication of The Christian Advocate, that action made it necessary for our people to look to publications such as the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist for news about the church and for information about our church program at home and across the church.

If pastors are to have this help with their people, which is so necessary to the successful promotion of the Church's program, they must find it through our publications. We feel sure that they will want this to be the most successful circulation campaign we have ever had.

Christian Education

North Arkansas Conference Notes

By Ira A. Brumley

Children's Workers' Conference

The next conference-wide Christian Education activity of the North Arkansas Conference is to be the Children's Workers' Conference, Batesville First Methodist Church, March 4-6.

The program will begin at 2:00 p.m. on the afternoon of March 4 and close at noon, March 6.

Mrs. Uel Crosby of Amarillo, Texas, is to be the worship leader and will bring four messages with reference to Theology for Children. Mrs. Crosby has been in our Children's Workers' Conference and is the director of the lab school at Mt. Sequoyah each summer, having been for several years.

We have secured capable leadership for the various departmental groups. These leaders are as follows:

Nursery, Miss Evelyn Briant, Hope, Arkansas.

Kindergarten, Mrs. J. W. Neudecker, Memphis, Tennessee.

Primary, (Workers in Small Churches), Miss Anna Rose Miller, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Primary, (Workers in Larger Churches), Mrs. Homer S. Brown, Oak Park, Illinois.

Junior, (Workers in Small Churches), Rev. William A. Stewart, Jr., Dardanelle, Arkansas.

Junior, (Workers in Larger Churches), Mrs. Delbert W. Hill, Evansville, Indiana.

Batesville churches are planning to entertain one hundred persons for bed and breakfast. Those who desire this entertainment should make their reservations early.

The cost of the program will be for the noon and evening meals and a small fee for insurance.

January, Training Month

The month of January is going to be an outstanding training month in the churches of the North Arkansas Conference. The following schools have been listed to be held during the month: Hoxie, taught by the pastor, will begin January 6.

Hackett and Huntington, taught by the pastor, one beginning the 9th and the other the 10th of January.

Hardy, to be taught by Rev. H. L. Robison, January 7-9.

A four-unit school is being held at Manila for the Buffalo Island Area, January 7-9.

A three-unit school is being held at Wilson for the churches of the south end of Mississippi County.

Walnut Ridge, taught by the pastor, beginning January 6.

Gardner Memorial, taught by the pastor, began January 2.

Griffin Memorial, taught by the pastor, January 7-9.

A two-unit school is to be held at Augusta, January 22-24.

Fort Smith First Church, taught by the pastor, beginning January 20.

Trumann, to be taught by the pastor, January 23-30.

A four-unit school is to be held at Blytheville First Church, January 20-24, for the churches of the north part of Mississippi County.

Yellville, course to be taught by Miss Mildred Osment, January 13-16.

A four or five-unit school is to be held at Searcy First Church for that area of Searcy District, January 28—February 1.

Conference Youth Rally

The date of the North Arkansas Conference Youth Rally had to be changed due to a conflict, and the new date is Friday, April 12.

Rev. Harold Ewing, Director of Youth Work of the Methodist Church, will be the inspirational speaker.

The emphasis in the Youth Rally is to be on vocations, in keeping with the spring reading booklet, I SERVE.

Rev. Harold Ewing was director of the Department of Christian Vocations before he became Director of Youth Work.

Plans are being worked out for workshop periods in the afternoon built around the vocational interest.

Local churches should begin to plan to have a fine delegation of senior youth and adult workers with youth, taking part in this program. The program is not for intermediate youth.

Vacation School Texts For LR Conference Announced

The list of texts to be used in the Little Rock Conference during the summer, 1957, for vacation schools, has been released by Mrs. W. F. Bates, conference director of children's work.

The texts listed include: Nursery—Lloyd, "Religious Nurture in Church and Home"; Kindergarten—"Friends Near and Far," by Juanita Purvis (new), or "My Home and Family," by Rosemary Roorback; Primary—"Our Families," by Frances Tultabull (new), or "Friends at Home or in the Community," by Lois Eddy; Junior—"Meet Your Neighbors," by Abernethy (new); and Intermediates—"God's World and Ours," by Griffets (new).

Mrs. Bates said all churches should order their text materials as soon as possible and request leaders to read them before attending the district institutes, which will be held the week of April 1-8.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. THOMAS O. CROSBY, JR., pastor of the St. James Methodist Church, Marrero, was guest preacher at the Gretna Methodist Church, Sunday morning, Dec. 30, where Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh is pastor.

STUDENT RECOGNITION SERVICE of the First Methodist Church, Bossier City, was led by Barbara Naylor and Larry Robertson Sunday evening, Dec. 30. Rev. Alfred M. Brown is pastor of the church.

REV. DOUGLAS L. MCGUIRE, pastor of the Park Avenue Methodist Church, Shreveport, will be guest speaker at the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce of Ruston, banquet, Thursday, January 10, at which time Ruston's Young Man of the Year 1956 will be named.

A WATCH-NIGHT candlelight and Holy Communion service was held at the Cedar Grove Methodist Church beginning at 11:30 p.m. New Year's Eve. The service was sponsored by the youth of the church and conducted by the pastor, Rev. Roy E. Mouser.

STUDENT RECOGNITION SERVICE at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was under the direction of Martha Gillen, Jimmy Montgomery and Robert Caruthers. The service was held Sunday evening, Dec. 30. Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor of the church.

THE ANNUAL Christmas concert of the Centenary College Choir was presented Thursday, Dec. 13 in the Haynes Memorial Gymnasium. A. C. Voran directed the costumed group in a program of Christmas carols and sacred music. Student soloists were featured.

REV. E. W. SANDEL spoke on his trip to the Holy Land and showed pictures of scenes there, at the December meeting of the Palestine Methodist Men's Club. Ladies night was observed and a fish supper was served to the sixty-five persons attending.

MISS SUE BOYSTON, field representative for Centenary College, was guest speaker at the MYF of DeRidder Methodist Church, Sunday evening, Dec. 30. She showed pictures of the college to the group. Rev. James C. Whitaker is pastor of the church.

STUDENT RECOGNITION SERVICE at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, was held Sunday evening, Dec. 30. Three young speakers, John Gunn, Hunter Herron, and Rosemary Gaffney directed the service. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., is pastor of the church.

L. T. COL. NICHOLAS NOVOSEL, professor of military science and tactics at Centenary College since 1952, was honored at an open house program in the Faculty Lounge Dec. 14. The program was a farewell event for Col. Novosel, who has been reassigned to duty in Korea.

CAPTAIN RAY THOMAS, Director of the Juvenile Division of the Sheriff's Office, was guest speaker at the January 8 meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Baton Rouge. Mrs. Bob Holloway is president of the W.S.C.S. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor of the church.

DON BROWN, head of the art department at Centenary College, spent a part of his Christmas vacation in Mexico City, where he collected large reproductions of the works of Mexican masters for a college collection. The works will be used in classroom lectures and for displays in the Centenary College library.

NEW MEMBERS of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Haynesville Methodist Church were honored at a Coffee Monday morning, Jan. 7, in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Mrs. B. L. Beville, Jr., was in charge of the Morning Devotional. Rev. Jack H. Midyett is pastor of the church.

MEMBERS of the Clinton Methodist Church youth group gave a yuletide party for the guests of Pine Acres Nursing Home. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bottie, Rev. George Hawkins, Betty Covington and Mrs. Emery Hatcher accompanied a group of 30 young people to Pine Acres, where Christmas gifts were given to all attending the party.

GEORGE HESS, Watson, was guest preacher at the Live Oak Methodist Church, Watson, Sunday, Jan. 6. Mr. Hess was a member of the church until he was admitted on trial into the Louisiana Annual Conference last June. He is now in his second year at Perkin's School of Theology, S.M.U. Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr., is pastor of the Live Oak Church.

TOYS for underprivileged children were collected at the annual Christmas party of James Dormitory residents at Centenary College. Miss Betty Bentley of Abbeville, president of the Dormitory Council, was in charge, and residents of East Colonial Hall and Rotary Hall were special guests at the event, held on Dec. 19.

CENTENARY COLLEGE'S four-man debate team, coached by Robert Regan of the English department, participated last weekend in the Razorback Forensic Tournament at the University of Arkansas. Jerry and Perry Wintorow of Shreveport, Trudy Ann Drake of Maplewood and Mary Lou Gassen of Sulphur are members of the team.

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY was observed at the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Sunday evening, Dec. 30. Guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. Benjamin Petty, former associate pastor of the church, and now on the faculty of the Department of Religion at Southern Methodist University. Dr. A. M. Serex is pastor of the church.

DR. JOHN J. RASMUSSEN, pastor of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport, was guest speaker at the Christmas meeting of the Camden, Arkansas, Lions club, Wednesday, Dec. 19. Camden Rotarians were guests at the meeting. Dr. Francis Buddin, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Camden, was in charge of the program.

SUNDAY, January 13 has been selected as the date for the Ground-Breaking Ceremony of the Live Oak Methodist Church, Watson. Construction of the Educational Building is expected to begin on Monday, Jan. 14. It is the hope of the members of the church that the new building will be ready for occupancy by Easter Sunday. Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr., is pastor of the church.

REV. JAMES McLEAN, director of Religious Life, Centenary College, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Pierian Study Club which met at the North Caddo High School, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 27. Mrs. Hisey, director of vocal music of the North Caddo High School with Miss Edith Elliott at the piano, led the group in singing Christmas carols before the meeting closed.

CENTENARY COLLEGE coeds chosen as campus beauties by vote of the male students this year are as follows: Beverly Norman, Patty Rusheon and Mary Beth Bomar, all of Bossier City; Martha Turner, Martha Dillon, Peggy Longino and Lynn Wilcox, all of Shreveport; Jeri Cassady, Lake Charles and Patsy Gilstrap, Marshall, Texas. All will be pictured in a special section of the student yearbook.

DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, was guest speaker at the First Methodist Church, Monroe, Sunday evening, Jan. 6. Dr. Sloane has just returned from a two months tour of the Middle East, with the Holy Places of Palestine being the chief object of the tour. He showed some slides that he made during his trip. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor of the church.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the Vidalia Methodist Church observed its first anniversary by serving a chicken supper in the church annex, Thursday, January 3. Wives of the members were invited, also members of the WSCS and their husbands. Guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. James T. Harris, Superintendent of the Monroe District. He showed slides and spoke on the Evangelistic Crusade in Cuba. Rev. Harold Hine is pastor of the Vidalia Church.

REV. CLARENCE SNELLING, Director of the Wesley Foundation at Tulane University, New Orleans, was guest minister leading Student Recognition Day Service at the Gretna Methodist Church, Sunday evening, Dec. 30. The service was dedicated to the following students home for the holidays: Camille Carter, Leston Olson, Marilyn Spier, Harry Gross, Jr., James Cato, Karl Cavanaugh, and John Gay. Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh is pastor of the Gretna church.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, was a special day for the Calhoun Methodist Church. It marked the climax of a remodeling program for the church and for the parsonage. Dr. Guy M. Hicks, Superintendent of the Ruston District, conducted a Dedication Service at the morning worship hour, with the pastor, Rev. Abe Conerly, assisting. After the service, the First Quarterly Conference was held and dinner was served in the annex of the church. The remodeling program, which cost \$3,750,000, was begun in September and was completed in December.

TWO CENTENARY COLLEGE students enrolled in the ROTC program have been selected for appointments as second lieutenants in the regular Army following their graduation from the college. They are Edward Howell Williams, cadet lieutenant colonel and commanding officer of the Centenary ROTC battalion, and Neal Elton Dry, cadet major and executive officer of the battalion. Both are married students residing in Shreveport. Williams will become a second lieutenant in the infantry, and Dry will receive the same rank in the Chemical Corps.

TWENTY-SIX girls and boys home from college participated in the Student Recognition Day at the First Methodist Church, Minden, Sunday, Dec. 30. Edward Kennon, recently licensed to preach by the Ruston District Conference, preached. With Karis Robinson at the organ, Mickey Love directed the choir of young people who led the congregation and sang the call to worship and responses. James Rhea Love offered the morning prayer. Tom Searles and Pat Watson read the Scripture and the Responsive Reading, and Judianne Braswell rendered a solo. Rev. Dan R. Robinson is pastor of the church.

BILL BRUMLOW, a member of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, now attending Northwestern State College in Natchitoches, has been selected by the Council of the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement, as one of two students to represent the Conference in the Christian Citizenship Seminar which is sponsored each year in Washington, D. C., and New York by the National Methodist Student Movement and the Board of Missions. Only fifty students from the entire nation are permitted to be in the Seminar, which is held in February, 1957. After the Conference organization has sent in its recommendations, the final choice is made by the National Seminar Committee.

A CONTRIBUTION in excess of \$60,000 was received Monday, December 31, to launch a drive for funds to purchase downtown property to house the offices of the New Orleans Federation of Churches and a chapel. Rev. George H. Wilson, executive secretary of the federation, said the donor prefers to remain anonymous. He said the need for a downtown place for Protestant worshippers has been apparent for a number of years. The members of the federation special committee which accepted the gift on behalf of the federation were Dr. A. M. Serex, president, Louis W. McFaul, treasurer, and Robert F. Lawton, a member of the executive committee and of the board. The donation was announced at a luncheon of the group and plans were announced to launch a campaign for capital funds and to investigate possible sites for a building.

MAKING GOODNESS ATTRACTIVE

What do we mean by the word good? Obviously several different things. When we speak of having a "good time," we mean that it is an enjoyable occasion. When we call a man a "good fellow," we imply that he is a congenial comrade. When we talk and write of the "good life," we have in mind the full, rich satisfying life whose secret the philosophers are ever trying to unfold. But when we are told to "be good," we think it means a sort of joyless, juiceless conformity to a prescribed moral pattern.

And, to be sure, being good in the sense of conforming to rules and conventions is pretty dull business. Some parents and teachers and preachers give children the impression that to be good is to suppress natural desires, restrain noisy activity, and in general to copy the conduct of sedate elders. Emerson once observed a father trying to make his child into a pattern of himself and he whimsically chided the parent, saying, "You know and I know and God knows that one like you is enough for the world."

Jesus, however, never advocated a dull spiritless obedience to rules as the essence of "being good." He was against the stereotyped and stilted respectability of the Pharisees, who kept all the formal rules so carefully, but neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice, mercy and love.

Jesus told the story of a man who so vividly demonstrated goodness that he has come to be known as the "good Samaritan." Yet this Samaritan was good not because he observed the rules. In fact, his good act was outside the prescribed pattern of respectability, so much so that the priest and Levite, who prided themselves on keeping the rules, did not even see the need of it. The Samaritan helped the poor victim out of the goodness of his heart and not in conformity to rules.

Duty done just for the sake of duty often has a dull finish. If a

neighbor comes to call on me in my illness merely because he feels it to be his duty, his motive is likely to show through and spoil the effect of his visit. I recall a woman who once corrected me in my youth. She was doing the right thing but she did it in the wrong way. The good effect of her reprimand was spoiled because it was clear that she cared more for getting another star in her heavenly crown than for helping me. She was keeping a rule rather than saving a soul.

To be sure, rules and laws are required if we are to grow into goodness. A child must learn obedience to some rules before it can fully understand the reason for them. But a good parent or teacher patiently tries to show the child why he should do the right thing until the little one learns to choose it. Thus duty is developed into desire. That is the way the Master Teacher trained His disciples. And at the end of His career He said to them, "No longer do I call you servants but friends." At first they had obeyed His commands. But at last they had learned to like what He liked.

Adm. Richard Byrd has told what was his final test for choosing men to accompany him on his Antarctic expeditions. It was not physical endurance or intellectual ability or technical skill, important as all these were. The test was a man's disposition. Would he be inclined to respond to what was most needed in any situation on the voyage, regardless of his own convenience?

It must have been on somewhat the same principle that Jesus chose His disciples. They were not brilliant above others, nor morally perfect. But they were disposed and dedicated to follow Him at any cost because they had learned to love Him.

If our goodness is to be attractive, our motive must be love rather than mere law. Our heart must be in it. Michael Faraday, the great scientist, had an experience in his youth which colored his later life. He was trying to get through a picket fence. He got his head and hands through but his body was caught. Out of that incident Faraday drew the conclusion that you are never through a fence until you get your head, your hands and your heart through.

We start the new year with good resolutions. But to will to be good is not enough. Our heart must be drawn into our good intentions. Here is where Christ helps.

The Layman's Column

By
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THE BEGGAR'S EPISTLE

(Note: This letter is only an imaginary one, based on Acts 3)

Dear Friends, Peter and John:

Now that I have been able to walk for a year, I wanted to write both of you and renew my pledge of love and gratefulness to you and to Christ. I wonder if you remember what you said that afternoon when I begged for money at the Beautiful Gate. I recall the very words, as if you had said them to me only yesterday. You said, "I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

You probably did not know, but I did fairly well as a beggar. Of course I wore old, filthy clothes because they made people feel sorry for me. My income from begging was enough to keep me in food and to pay for a place to sleep when the nights were cold. But it was a terrible experience to have to just sit there while so-called "good people" tossed a coin at me from the other side of the street. I hated their money! Why couldn't they learn that a smile was cheaper than money, and that it would make me even happier at times?

What I appreciated about your deed, Brethren, was that you seemed to be interested in my welfare beyond the giving of your money. People thought that all I ever talked about was money. I wish some of them could know how many times I have wept bitterly for a little companionship and some spiritual guidance. You had given me money before. I know, because both of you would always smile when you did. But that afternoon it was different. You had given money before. Now you were giving me a taste of the love of Christ.

Dear Brethren, I hear a good deal of talk in the churches about Stewardship. Please do this for me. Wherever you go, please tell the Christians that the program of Christ needs a lot of money. But it also needs a lot of love for the needy. You know, beloved, that I'm talking from experience now! Tell the Christians that their talents and time are also needed to bring in the kingdom. Oh, I wish I could

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

"COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLAWFUL"

For many years now, the whole Christian world — and, indeed, much of the world outside the Christian group of nations — has looked forward each December to the "Christmas Message" of Pope Pius XII. Not only the Catholic faithful, but millions of Protestants have been given direction and courage by His Holiness' wise observations and counsel. No utterance of any political ruler has been as widely printed, quoted, and discussed as this "state of the world" message from Rome.

This year, as in the past, there is much to be commended and followed in the Pope's utterance. It tends to draw into one whole the religious thinking of men and their political thoughts and deeds. And that is as it should be: our beliefs and our acts are not two separate worlds; we do not govern our innermost spirits by one set of rules and the state by another set — that is, if we are going to achieve harmony, peace, security, justice, righteousness.

But I am frankly disturbed and disappointed that a great religious leader — and the leader of a great segment of the Christian family — should in a Christmas message (or in any message) give ante factum approval to "defensive precautions" that could (and probably would) mean World War III, and in the same breath tell his followers that they may not "invoke their conscience" to refuse participation in such a war. Stripped of its circumlocution (which may well be attributed to the language of the ivory tower and the difficulties of translation

travel with you as you go across the empire telling the wonderful story of Christ. But when the new Christians ask what they can do, tell them to give freely, as God prospers them, but to also give what they have that money can't buy.

I hope to hear from you soon. Of course I am not begging any more, but your message will be delivered to me if you address it, The One who used to beg at the Beautiful Gate.

from Italian), I think one cannot otherwise interpret the Pope's words.

He was clearly speaking of the Russians (but without naming them) when he spoke of "the aims and methods that rely on tanks" . . . that "crash nosily over borders sowing death . . ." And then the message continues:

"It is clear that in the present circumstances there can be verified in a nation the situation wherein, every effort to avoid war being expanded in vain, war — for effective self-defense and with the hope of a favorable outcome against unjust attack — could not be considered unlawful."

"If, therefore, a body representative of the people and a government — both having been chosen by free elections — in a moment of extreme danger decide, by legitimate instruments of internal and external policy, on defensive precautions, and carry out the plans which they consider necessary, they do not act immorally; so that a Catholic citizen cannot invoke his own conscience in order to refuse to serve and fulfill those duties the law imposes."

The reader will have to judge these words for himself; but to me they mean: (1) It is not unlawful or immoral to wage war (that is, to kill men) if the government assures one it is in self-defense — or in national defense; (2) The individual (Catholic) "cannot invoke his own conscience" (that is, have any religious, political, or humanitarian judgment of his own) if the government considers the war "necessary"; (3) The (Catholic) Christian cannot even be a conscientious objector to the whole war system — as permitted by U.S.A. government decree.

Many questions come to the fore: What war was ever waged — even the Mexican War, the Indian Wars, the World Wars — that men did not shout the doctrine of self-protection? Do you not recall that after Pearl Harbor, Hitler declared that the U.S.A. had goaded Japan into a war of self-defense? Who is to decide if a de facto government is "representative" (especially when probably no whole nation would ever vote war), or has made every effort for peace?

To me, it is a travesty upon the religion of Christ, the Prince of Peace, for any leader — Catholic or Protestant — to condone by any specious logic any human slaughter for any reason. As a Christian, I have respect for the life and personality of every human being — even when he errs. As a Protestant, I will not surrender to government or church my right to invoke my own conscience in judging the morality or immorality of their acts — and to govern myself accordingly.

"Do You Think There Really Is An America?"



Protest "Martin Luther" Film Cancellation

National Council of Church officials joined with Protestant church leaders in the Chicago area and with others in protest at the cancellation by a Chicago television station of its plan to present the motion picture "Martin Luther" on the air waves.

The video showing was cancelled because of pressure brought by the Roman Catholic Church, an action committee named by Chicago, Protestant leaders charged. Such de-facto censorship, their formal statement charged, "violates the principles of civil and religious liberty as defined in the First Amendment to the Constitution."

The station, WGN-TV, operated by the Chicago Tribune, announced, however, that withdrawal of the program was due to "an emotional reaction to the plan" to present the film.

Protestant leaders answered that this constituted an admission by the station that "it is vulnerable to pressure which we are convinced, on the basis of our discussion with WGN, have been mobilized by the Roman Catholic Church to secure banning of the film."

It was also an admission, the action committee declared, that "only such news, information, education and entertainment as are satisfactory to a particular denomination may be presented to the public by WGN."

Community Builders, sponsor of the projected world TV premiere of the film on WGN-TV, did not order the cancellation, according to the announcement of Robert E. A. Lee, executive secretary of Lutheran Church Productions which made the film. On the contrary, Community Builders resisted the withdrawal, Lee declared in a formal statement in which he deplored the last-minute reversal of plan, characterizing it as a surrender "to sources who seemingly want to suppress certain pages of history. Efforts at thought-control, wherever they are exerted, are un-American."

tion in their increasing efforts to influence their members to practice safety as a moral obligation and as practical religion.

The Council will establish a special staff unit to work full time on the project.

"This generous gift by Mr. and Mrs. Prescott," said Ned H. Dearborn, Council president, "will make it possible for us to provide the help and support we feel we should give the religious crusade for safety that churches and synagogues are now starting.

Korean Chaplain Head Studies In U.S.

Washington, D. C. (MI) — The chief of all military chaplains of Korea is a Methodist clergyman, Dall Bin Chung, who is now in the United States for a year of special studies at Drew University, a Methodist institution in Madison, N. J.

Captain Chung's official title is Chairman of the Chaplains' Committee, ROK Armed Forces, and he is on the staff of Korea's Ministry of Defense.

Founder of the chaplains corps in Korea, Captain Chung supervises the work of 350 chaplains. He has a special assignment to develop a program of "Education for Democracy" among the Korean military.

Captain Chung conferred with the Methodist Commission on Chaplains here recently while visiting the offices of military chiefs of chaplains, and various military establishments as a guest of the U. S. Navy.

Captain Chung is the son of a Methodist minister, now 72, who fled to South Korea in 1950 at the time of the attack by North Korean forces. Captain Chung's brother, also a minister, was captured in Seoul and has not heard from since.

White House Bars Sale Of 'Inaugural' Decanters

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Religious and temperance leaders praised the White House for asking that President Eisenhower's name and picture be withdrawn from souvenir inaugural decanters of whiskey.

Gerald D. Morgan, special counsel to the President, disclosed that he had written the Mr. Boston distillers, Inc., of Boston, Mass., requesting them to withdraw the souvenir whiskey bottles from sale.

The White House acted after receiving a telegram of protest from Dr. Caradine B. Hooton, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance.

A White House spokesman, when informed of the souvenir whiskey bottles, said the President did not know of them and had not given permission for the use of his name or picture on the decanters.

Our best chance for survival lies not in our courage or our resolution so much as in our modesty and patience. We cannot master the forces of history, but we may be able to beguile them.—Reinhold Niebuhr, "The Cause and Cure of the American Psychosis," AMERICAN SCHOLAR, Winter '55-56.

Religious Leaders To Help In Safety Campaign

Chicago, Jan. 3—The National Safety Council has received a grant of \$75,000 to enable it to help religious leaders of America conduct a nationwide crusade for safety.

The grant was announced recently by the Council. The donors are Mr. and Mrs. Sherburne Prescott, of Greenwich, Conn.

The money will be used by the Council over a three-year period to assist churches of every denomina-

\$10,000.00 Prize Contest Announced

Grand Rapids, Mich.—The Zondervan Publishing House has just announced the "Zondervan's 2nd Quarter Century \$10,000 Prize Contest." This contest, which will run until December 31, 1958, is being conducted in answer to the great need for good Christian literature in all fields of endeavor. During their first quarter century of publishing distinctive religious books, they have become increasingly aware of the dearth of truly great literature for the Christian reader and are desirous, under God's leadership, of contributing something toward satisfying it. The

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Manuscripts in any field of Christian significance, fiction or non-fiction, are eligible to be submitted to this contest. Anyone, not an employee of the Zondervan Publishing House, who is interested in submitting manuscripts may secure all the necessary information by writing:

Book Editor
Zondervan Publishing House
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Where the ARKANSAS METHODIST is placed in the homes of our local churches we feel assured that the program of the church will be taken care of. Our people need it for information and inspiration; without it they are lacking in these two phases of life.—R. E. Connell

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Our Methodist people are reading a great deal, these days. It is important that this reading diet be well balanced. Very few of our homes are reading enough on matters related to religion and the Church. The ARKANSAS METHODIST has won a place for itself, by its sensible approach to the problems of life, its consistently Christian position, and its close relation to the program of the Church. I would like to see the ARKANSAS METHODIST in every Methodist home in my district.—Henry A. Rickey

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The ARKANSAS METHODIST is a must for the promotion of and inspiration for the program of the Methodist Church in Arkansas and Louisiana. It is a weekly visitor that ought to be welcomed into every Methodist home in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area.—Roy Bagley

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The ARKANSAS METHODIST is a good Church paper and needed very much for the promotion of the interest of Methodism in Arkansas.—Otto Teague

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

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The ARKANSAS METHODIST serves a great need in providing information and inspiration for Methodist people in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. I sincerely hope it will have larger use in the homes of our people during the coming year as a result of the circulation campaign in January.—Ethan W. Dodgen

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The ARKANSAS METHODIST is a necessity in promoting the program of Christ and His Church. We could not do without it.—E. J. Holifield

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The ARKANSAS METHODIST is of untold value to the Methodist Church in Arkansas as a medium of information, inspiration, and interpretation of the work of the Church. Its place must be kept secure in the life of Arkansas Methodism.—J. Albert Gatlin

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The Methodists of the Searcy District have learned the true value of Methodist information in their homes which they can obtain through the ARKANSAS METHODIST. We pledge our cooperation to this paper in meeting our quota of subscriptions.—E. G. Kaetzell

The Methodists in Arkansas and Louisiana

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Cordially

Paul B.

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ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

T. T. McNeal
District Superintendent

No Methodist home should be without a medium for local church news, and wide activities.—T. T. McNeal

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W. Neill Hart
District Superintendent

Every workman must have the proper tools. A carpenter, skilled, could repair a watch if he had a watch repairer. Likewise a carpenter watch repairer. In the Methodist Church, officers, parents, members. We are people to Jesus Christ and helping in and through the Methodist Church accomplish of this task than the be a 'must' for every person in Arkansas.

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Christians have always been alert concerning the Kingdom. The ARKANSAS METHODIST is my sincere desire that each week.

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District Superintendent

The growing desire of our people for and work of The Church can not be Church as it is at work now. The knowledge of what the Church is doing value there is in it much to enlighten.

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3. Any necessary follow-up work may be reported as soon as complete.

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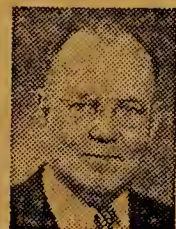
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Methodists from Louisiana and Arkansas are a part of one great family. We share common interests, common purposes, a common program of work through the Church. Getting a copy of THE LOUISIANA METHODIST is like getting a letter from home. If we really love the other members of the family, we want to know what they are doing. Every Methodist family in the area should subscribe.—A. W. Townsend, Jr.

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The Local Church Emphasis reminds us that only a strong church paper like THE LOUISIANA METHODIST can establish contact between program and people.—Edward W. Harris

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In the 1956 LOUISIANA METHODIST Campaign, the Lafayette District exceeded the quota assigned. That record will be repeated in the 1957 campaign. Our goal is THE LOUISIANA METHODIST in every Methodist home.—R. R. Branton

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THE LOUISIANA METHODIST is "a tie that binds" all Christian hearts in Louisiana, Arkansas and other kindred places in continuing fellowship, acquired and inspired. Many readers will tell you that it is "a voice in the wilderness," at this time when the assertion, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" is being everywhere challenged.—Sam Nader

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THE LOUISIANA METHODIST continues to give wonderful service to the whole program of the church. I wish it came to every family in the Monroe District. Our district will give a good account of itself in the subscription campaign again this year.—James T. Harris

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THE LOUISIANA METHODIST gives impetus to all our work in the area. It's getting better by the week.—B. C. Taylor

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S CHURCH PAPERS... JAN. 13 Through JAN. 20, 1957

YOUTH WEEK WILL FEATURE GUIDANCE IN CAREER CHOOSING

New York, N. Y., Jan. 8 (NC)—Guidance for choosing careers will be received by thousands of Protestant teen-agers during National Youth Week observances across the nation, Jan. 27-Feb. 3.

With more than 40,000 different job titles in existence, as reported by the U. S. Office of Education, youth today is confronted with an almost impossible task in choosing a vocation, guidance experts declare. The complexity of society shown by such figures is said by youth leaders to be a key factor in earlier vocational decision by teen-agers. A recent study indicated that among teen-agers today the process of vocational choice is two years advanced over that of the same age group ten years ago.

National Youth Week, sponsored annually by the United Christian Youth Movement, youth arm of the National Council of Churches, will focus attention on the theme, "Consider Your Call."

The observance will try to help young people gain a deeper understanding of Christian vocation exemplified in all walks of life and confront youth with more than 50 kinds of church vocations, stated Charles H. Boyles, Jackson, Miss., national chairman of UCYM.

"With governments and business, as well as education and the church, giving so much early attention to youth, youth in turn is giving earlier attention to desires and responsibility in life," he commented. "Youth Week this year will give young people a special opportunity to explore Christian concepts relating to various phases of life," he noted. "Choice of vocation and decisions regarding patterns of living have been too much a matter of chance. Deliberate study and choices need to be made."

Referring to vocational studies, Mr. Boyles said that two-thirds of a group studied were dissatisfied with the jobs in which they found themselves, and that only one in five tries to improve himself. "The rest seem to take what comes along," he said.

The opening day of the annual observance is Youth Sunday, Jan. 27. State and local youth council in various parts of the U. S. will hold community youth worship services on Feb. 3, followed by vocational seminars. Some councils are planning state conferences on vocations either before or after Youth Week.

Churches Prepare For Caravans

Already many Methodist churches are preparing for the Methodist youth caravans that during the summer months travel in the conferences that request them.

The Rev. Joseph W. Bell of the Youth Department staff, General Board of Education, will give guidance to the caravan program for 1957, it has been announced by the Rev. Harold W. Ewing, director of the department.

The caravan program is a project of all three divisions of the Board of Education—Local Church, Educational Institutions, and Edi-

Teenager's Dream Comes True As Korea Gets Chapel



THIS IS THE CHURCH JOHN BUILT IN SEOUL,
SOUTH KOREA'S CAPITAL.

By Leonard Perryman

Methodist Board of Missions

A sturdy chapel that crowns a hill overlooking Seoul, South Korea's capital city, is a triple memorial to the missionary enterprise of Methodism—

To Bishop and Mrs. Hazen G. Werner of the Ohio Area, for whom the church is named,

To 15-year-old John Eyster, an Ohio Methodist minister's son who "built the church,"

To the dynamic "Advance Special" program which provides for the "second mile" giving that has been the lifeblood of Methodist missionary progress for eight years.

It is fair to say that almost all "Advance Specials" are the result of a congregation or an individual wanting to fulfill a need in a home or overseas mission field. In most cases, funds to meet the need come from an appropriation in a church budget or from a special offering.

Sells Dessert

But the \$1,000 Special for the Bishop and Mrs. Hazen G. Werner Memorial Church in Korea came not alone from budgeted funds and offerings but from the money John Eyster earned selling jello dessert to the housewives of Marion, Ohio.

In fact, "Marion's church in Korea," in the words of The Marion Star, "stands as a tribute to the vision and enthusiasm of John Eyster and his 'recruits.'"

John is the son of the Rev. Walter Eysster, pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church in Marion, and is, among other things an "A" student and president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Lima District.

The Story of A Dream

The Werner Memorial Church is the story of a teenager's dream, of his efforts to make his dream come true and of others, youth and adults, who came to share his vision and, like him, to work for its realization.

The story of the church begins two years ago, when Bishop and Mrs. Werner returned from a visit to Korea. Fresh from seeing the destruction and tragedy of the Korean war, the Werners told Ohio Methodists of Korea's needs, physical and spiritual.

One of their listeners was John Eyster, who tells in his own words what happened as a result of hearing the Werners:

"I heard Bishop and Mrs. Werner report on their trip to Korea and saw their pictures. I saw the Korean children and their terrible condition and nearly chided. I saw the terrible results of the war. I caught a sad note from them as I heard their plea. (I suppose folks didn't think I was listening, for they were talking to adults.)

A Church In Korea

"I began to think—what could I do? 'A church in Korea—John, you can do it,' I said to myself. It seemed like a dream but from that time on, I told folks what I wanted to do. I was surprised when everyone encouraged me.

"To begin with, I decided to write to Mrs. Eisenhower for a letter and ask if I could sell it at a church bazaar. I wrote and received an engraving of the White House with Mamie Doud Eisenhower signed at the bottom. At the bazaar I placed

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The Youthful Accent

By Hoover Rupert

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

Everybody and his brother seem to be having a fling at the question, and there seems to be no good reason why I shouldn't take a look at it in this column. If you have heard all the answers and they still make no difference to you, don't bother to finish reading this particular effort. It's all been said before. But, in a nation where more than half the population have no regular religious affiliation, and a half of those who are members seldom attend services, it might be in order occasionally to nod in the direction of answering this question: why go to church?

1. **To worship God.** Prosaic? Granted. Plitudinous? Right. But the truth nevertheless. If the worship of God is not basic to the gathering of the church clan for regular services, you can pretty well figure that attendance will soon slump. You can and do worship God elsewhere, but the services of the church have that unique purpose.

2. **To participate in Christian fellowship.** Private worship has much to contribute to the life of an individual—much that most of us are missing, by the way. But, there is also something strengthening about corporate worship when we all share together in the various acts

torial—in co-operation with the conference boards.

The conference executive secretaries are responsible for recruiting the counselors and the caravaners and for helping the local churches make careful preparation for their coming.

In commenting on Mr. Bell's new responsibility, Mr. Ewing said: "It is the feeling of the Youth Department staff that Mr. Bell's leadership at this point will strengthen this program that has made such a remarkable contribution to The Methodist Church."

of worship and ceremonies of consecration. Such Christian fellowship is available to every person—as far away from you as the nearest church.

3. **To find the inner resources that are in silence and prayer, praise and hymn.** In times like these we are called upon to live life on an almost super-human basis. Only that person who regularly replenishes the inner resources of his spiritual life through silent meditation and prayer, through blending his voice and heart with others in hymns of praise, through hearing and reading the inspired words of sacred scripture, through thinking together on ideas that can make a difference in daily living, can have constantly available the sources of power needed for living in today's world.

4. **To replat the hodge-podge of daily living, to the perspective of God.** We can become horribly involved in daily life so that the brutal facts of the immediate push reason and faith out of life. In the current tensions that clog our minds and choke our emotions one can see the lack of divine perspective. Once we see current events in the light of the perspective of God's constantly unfolding purpose, life takes on a deeper meaning. Attendance at the services of your church can help you achieve this.

5. **To lend my presence and support to that which builds for a better world.** Just a minute now before you yank off those bi-focals and remark that "now he's making like a preacher!" You would expect me to get around to the matter of devotion and duty. But look at it a moment. There are all these basic values in church attendance, we have been looking at in order. Now see that there is an element of obligation involved. We attend, not just to receive, but also to share in the outgrowth of obligation that comes from participating in worship and study in the house of the Lord. So don't get the idea that it's all over when the tumult and shouting have died and the benediction has been pronounced. If something doesn't happen that

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W.S.C.S. Buys Home For Retired Workers

A new home for retired deaconesses and missionaries has been purchased by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions at a cost of \$38,000. The Division will take possession of the property in January, 1957.

The new home, located in Asheville, N. C., will be the fourth maintained by the Division, the others being in Pasadena, Cal., Alhambra, Cal., and Ocean Grove, N. J.

The decision to purchase the Asheville property, which consists of an eight-bedroom house and five acres of ground, was made by the Woman's Division, following the report of a committee which had been at work since April, 1955. After an intensive study of such factors as building costs across the United States, old-age assistance in the various states, climate, policies regarding taxation of church-owned property, retirement trends, and programs for retired persons, the committee recommended the purchase of the Asheville facilities.

The house and grounds are located one mile from the center of Asheville; two city busses are available; and a shopping center is within two blocks. There is a Methodist church two blocks away and a Congregational church adjacent to the property. Asheville is twenty-six miles from Lake Junaluska, where a program of Methodist activities is conducted during the summer months.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Dardanelle church met Tuesday night, December 18, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seth James.

Mrs. A. B. Cox, gave the devotion around the Nativity scene where Beth Cotton was dressed as Mary and Drew Stewart as Joseph. A baby doll was in the manger which was made of wood.

Miss Lorene Scolls presided over the business session. Mrs. Paul Fisher of Russellville told the story "The Small One."

During the social hour gifts were exchanged and gifts presented to Mrs. Fisher and Miss Scolls, president of the Guild.

Cake and coffee were served by Mrs. James and co-hostess Mrs. Garrett Jones. Seventeen members were present.

Dates to Remember — Annual Meetings

- February 19, 20, 21—South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- March 9-10—North Arkansas Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, West Memphis
- March 12-14—North Arkansas Woman's Society of Christian Service, Forrest City
- March 13, 14, 15—Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, Alexandria
- April 6-7—Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, Magnolia
- April 9, 10, 11—Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, Hot Springs

Zone Meeting At Berwick

A Woman's Society of Christian Service Zone Meeting was held in Berwick, Louisiana, Wednesday November 28 with the Berwick members as hostesses. Representatives from New Iberia, Franklin, Patterson, and Morgan City were present.

The District officers participated in a skit on program planning.

A covered-dish luncheon was served to about 34 ladies.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

The Board of Missions of the Methodist Church (10 Fifth Ave., New York City) announces openings for 602 career missionaries for its home and overseas fields in 1957. Of this total the Board's "Woman's Division of Christian Service" is seeking 250 single women for service in its overseas fields and 100 men and women for service in home fields. The women in home fields are deaconesses and men are home missionaries. The breakdown of overseas needs by vocation shows that the largest numbers of persons are needed in educational work, church and social work and medical work. Smaller numbers are needed in the fields of agriculture, building, engineering, business, commerce, secretarial work and accounting. The total numbers include: 175 young people (23 to 35 years) in educational work—elementary school to college; 120 in church work; 79 in medical work—including doctors, dentists, nurses, technicians; 7 business and secretarial assistants; 5 agriculturists (teachers); 4 builders and engineers.

A "Spring Air Tour to Japan" is being organized by the Women's Planning Committee of the Japan International Christian University Foundation, Inc., leaving San Francisco, Mar. 4, 1957, and returning to Los Angeles on Apr. 3. The principal purpose of the "air pilgrimage" is to attend the graduation ceremonies of the first class from the new university. The tour members will also participate in the dedication ceremony of the Graduate Students' Residence which is being built on the University campus in honor of Mrs. Harper Sibley, of Rochester, N. Y.

Twice a month a small group of church women in Pouhkeepsie, N. J., members of the city's Council of Church Women (interdenominational) hold a simple service

HOUMA SOCIETY PRESENTS PLAY



As part of the study for the Woman's Society of Christian Service on South East Asia, a dramatic group of the First Methodist Church of Houma enacted the play entitled, "Not By Might."

Those participating in the play, from left to right, standing: Mrs. C. R. Patterson, Mrs. H. H. Hughes,

Mrs. Claude Gray, B. A. Galloway, Mrs. Lonnie Smith, Mrs. C. R. Patterson, Jr., Miss Clara Johnson; seated, Mrs. B. A. Galloway, Mrs. C. R. Ames, Mrs. J. D. Lyle, Mrs. R. E. Dewhirst.

So successful was the play that the group was invited to present it at the Men's Fellowship Supper.

for women residents of the Hudson River State Hospital. Trained by the Protestant chaplain, the visitors help provide a worship experience for women unable to attend regular services in the chapel. "Such very joy and appreciation are shown by the patients that those who go feel rewarded and inspired," says Mrs. Dean H. Temple, one of the leaders. "The superintendent is delighted with the response from the patients and feels the service is excellent therapy."

The UN's International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) is trying, in many places through missionaries, to teach people that "skimmed milk supplies the greatest amount of animal protein for the least cost; high animal protein diets are essential for pregnant mothers and growing children to insure proper development." UNICEF, during 1955, supplied regular rations of milk to 3,000,000 children and mothers and to an additional 2,700,000 through emergency programs.

"There is destruction, want, and need in Korea, and we should not overlook that fact, for there is much that we can do to help," reports Miss Vivian E. Gledhill, missionary in Seoul, Korea. "We can help by giving relief clothing and food, but in addition to that, we can help the Koreans train themselves in various fields in order to be better prepared to help their country. We can help by means of our

prayers, our gifts, our service. Although we must not overlook the need in Korea, neither must we overlook the beauty—in nature and in personalities. It has been a privilege to see the beauty of the mountain, and of the hills and fields in the country. It has also been a privilege to become acquainted with Korean Christians—students and graduate nurses, doctors, church members, and people in our household. Either alone is not enough. When we see only the need we get easily discouraged, and to see only the beauty is not realistic; it is only as we see the destruction and need, but also beyond it to the beauty and hope that God intended, that we can see the hope of something better. The Korean Christians have this hope, and are willing to work for it."

DEDICATE CHURCH PAID FOR BY AIR FORCE

Ithaca, O. (RNS) — Dedication ceremonies were held here for a church that was donated by the U.S. Air Force after a freak airplane accident destroyed the old edifice.

The rites marked completion of the modernistic Ithaca Evangelical United Brethren building. The former church burned April 13, 1954, when it was struck by a high-octane fuel tank dropped 6,000 feet from an F-51 fighter plane.

Through special Congressional action, the Air Force appropriated \$112,500 for a new church.

The "cold war" has turned to warm smiles, but the Cold Christmas still exists, stronger than ever, behind the Iron Curtain. Christmas, which recognizes the birth of Christ, is called by the Soviet State "sick myth and fantasy." Meet Grandfather Frost, the Soviet substitute for Santa Claus, a figure who suits the anti-Christmas propaganda machine very well. There are signs of rebellion. The people behind the Iron Curtain long for the traditional celebration of Christmas, without religious suppression.

Soviets Fail To Squelch Christmas Behind Iron Curtain

A Crusade For Freedom Article

At the time of the Christmas celebration last year, an Odessa broadcast told Russian listeners that "Christmas is a capitalist invention to make suffering workers endure exploitation. Religious festivals harm the dignity of the Soviet people," the radio voice said, "because it is accompanied by drunkenness, hooliganism, and other disgraceful phenomena." The same broadcast was echoed in the satellite countries of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Romania, and Bulgaria.

The words were familiar words this year, though couched in new adjectives. But, according to Crusade for Freedom, the public-supported American organization which supports radio and press programs behind the Iron Curtain, the Communist broadcasts leave its audience strangely unmoved.

People Demand Joy

The captive people have so demanded the joy and celebration of the Christmas season that the Soviet rulers have had to make concessions. While the cold war on Christmas continued stronger than ever, striving to freeze up the minds and hearts of its citizens, the holiday still lives. As a matter of fact, it is carried forth with some gusto nowadays, on a non-religious level, and through a character called Grandfather Frost, known to the rest of the world as good old Santa Claus.

Grandfather Frost Parties

Grandfather Frost parties, started in 1954, is one of the most popular moves the government ever made. They are held twice a day, for four-hour periods, in the Kremlin halls and in thousands of clubs and organizations throughout the country. At these parties, Grandfather Frost, far from being jolly and sometimes hilarious and frivolous, is charged with serious responsibility in the Soviet State. During the holiday period, celebrated from January 6 through January 16, he lectures to children and their parents on the virtues of the Communist dictatorship. You can easily recognize his speech by his sign-off line:

"To whom do we owe all the good things in our Society?"

The children used to answer in chorus, "Stalin!" This year, they shout "Khrushchev!" —or "Bulgananin!"

50,000 Participate

Some 50,000 children in Moscow, alone, are expected to participate in such "festivity." They will be given a bag of candy and a toy. They will watch vaudeville entertainment, too, featuring singers, dancers, jugglers. A typical pantomime skit, which makes no religious reference to Christmas or Santa Claus, is that which tells of a girl and boy who go to the North Pole to bring back Grandfather Frost. He arrives in a red sleigh (of course it's a red sleigh), driven, not by his famous reindeers, but by a young Soviet athlete. Humor-rumor has it that the reindeers got purged for talking too much. A well-known American rhymester offers this bit of free verse to illustrate the situation:

Crusade for Freedom, which sponsors Radio Free Europe and Free Europe Press, is privately supported by the American people. YOU can join in this fight against Communism by sending your contribution to Crusade for Freedom, Inc., 345 East 46th Street, New York 17, N. Y.

ODE TO BOURGEOIS REINDEERS

Dasher and Dancer,
Prancer and Vixen,
The dear old reindeers
Loved Richard M. Nixon...

also

Dander and Blitzen,
Comet and Cupid --
How could eight reindeers
Be So Stupid?

To compensate for the so-called favors of feeding the clamor for Christmas, the Soviet leaders have high-pitched their ideological opposition to religion.

Called New Year's Tree

Grandfather Frost carefully explains to his children, as they sit around a glittering, giant revolving fir tree that, when they trim their own New Year's tree (not called a Christmas tree because the birth of Christ and the Christmas holiday is not officially recognized), it should be ornamented with silver hammers and sickles—symbol of all good little girls and boys who work hard. They are also told that the Red Star of the Soviets should replace the "sick myth" of the White Star of Bethlehem. Then Grandfather Frost proudly points to his own figurine which sits at the base of the tree. "Never use angels," he advises the children. Angels may not spread their wings in the atheistic "heaven" of the Soviet state.

Needless to say, no Communist party member, nor anyone who was ambitious to advance in his life's work, would ever bring his children to such an event. He knows well enough to stay out of church, too.

Soviet Attitude

Perhaps the best explanation of the official Soviet attitude toward Christmas is in the Soviet Encyclopedia:

"Christmas, the celebration of the 'birth of the Savior' which was borrowed by Christianity from the pre-Christian cults... is based on the legend that Jesus Christ supposedly was immaculately conceived by a virgin mother. However, it has been established by scientific criticism that these legends, as indeed the whole content of the gospels, are myths, full of all kinds of contradictions and religious fantasy. Christmas has played a reactionary role in history. Like every religious holiday, Christmas is kept alive and supported among backward groups of workers by reactionary religious prejudices."

Apparently, the Soviet regime has more "backward groups of workers" with which to

contend than they hoped would be around in the enlightened year of 1956.

Workers Rebel

For instance, in Budapest, workers in state factories rebelled at working on previous Christmases and retaliated by staging "slow-downs." The Hungarian regime, therefore, decided to return to the traditional practice of declaring Christmas an official holiday. Modification of the Kremlin-directed program has even included the word "Christmas" in Hungarian newspapers. In recent years, the word was carefully avoided, and such phrases as "The Feast of Father Winter" or "Feast of the Fir Tree" were used instead.

In Czechoslovakia, miniature cribs depicting Jesus in the manger were freely available this Christmas for the first time since 1951. Only three years ago, the Communists had boasted that "The Christmas crib, formerly the conventional attribute of Christmas day, is disappearing. Little Jesus in the stable was used to remind working people that it was the proper place for the poor..." This year, however, Czech factories turned out enough cribs even for export, each one faithfully detailing all the biblical data. Also, traditional Christmas music was heard throughout Czechoslovakia. The Communist regime did rule, to temper its compromises, that workers could not have the afternoon before Christmas off if their plants had not fulfilled production quotas.

Christmas Visible in Moscow

In Moscow itself, although the Communist leaders officially decree the practice of atheism, many of the manifestations of the Christmas spirit cannot be squelched and are visible. An observer of last year's Soviet Christmas, said: "One of the scenes that will always stay in my memory occurred at the great Moscow Cathedral during the midnight Christmas service... Easily 10,000 Muscovites were there, crushed so very tight that it was like one slowly heaving body with different uplifted faces... the flames of thousands of candles all served to light up these Russian faces and to show the tears... There were many more thousands old people than young, but I was surprised, in view of the Soviet government's bitter campaign to wipe out religion, to notice as many young people... It is quite clear that the Russian church and the Soviet state have reached an uneasy compromise..."

Try to Jam Radio Free Europe

The Soviet State continues to spend millions of dollars yearly trying to jam Radio Free Europe Christmas broadcasts which smack of "decadent bourgeois nonsense." Religious sermons and especially music programs seem to rouse the real red temper. The Kremlin leaders have never been in harmony with Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," or such classics as "Silent Night," "Christmas Bells," — favorites all over the world. They are finding out that sweet music does indeed soothe the most savage anti-Christian propaganda they know how to give.

Not A "New Look"

With the new Soviet leaders has come not a "new look" to religion and the observance of religious holidays, but a sly, long, sideways glance that tries to squash more patiently and less belligerently than it used to. One has only to read carefully the subtle utterances of Communist Party Chief, Nikita S. Khrushchev, in his decree of March 1955, to realize that Communist aims have not changed — they have merely adapted new techniques which suit current exigencies. Khrushchev, in his "liberalized" religious decree, ordered benevolently that there be an end to ridicule of religion; that propaganda be based on a more "convincing scientific" basis. Khrushchev emphasized that the way to bring religious believers around to Communism was, not by discriminating against them, but by educating them so they might "free themselves from religious errors."

The same goal remains, with a new means-to-the-end calculation. The odds, however, appear heavily in favor of miscalculation. The hope of celebrating Christmas in the traditional way has far from withered away in the hearts of millions of people behind the Iron Curtain.

Seven Changes In Appointments Announced

Bishop Paul E. Martin has announced the following appointments in the Louisiana Conference, effective immediately.

The Rev. Robert Tatum, who has been attending Iliff School of Theology, is appointed by the Bishop to Marthaville, Alexandria District, succeeding the Rev. J. C. Rousseau who is in ill health.

In the Monroe District, the Rev. Norman F. Simmon, formally at Grayson, was appointed to Oak Ridge, and the Rev. James M. Poole went from Oak Ridge to Newellton. The Rev. Ed Henkle went from Mangham to Grayson. The Rev. J. C. Wallace was appointed to Mangham, and the Rev. W. L. Strong, to Holly Ridge where the Rev. Mr. Wallace has been serving.

The Rev. E. M. Corley, retired, will serve the Little Creek-Union Charge where the Rev. Oscar E. Cloyd, who will return to Centenary College, has been serving.

Announces SC Jurisdictional School of Evangelism

The South Central Jurisdictional School of Evangelism will be held August 5-8 on Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, according to Rev. D. Mouzon Mann, McGehee, Arkansas, secretary of Evangelism for the Little Rock Conference.

Ministers and Laymen from over the eight states comprising the jurisdiction will be attending the four sessions.

This annual school is sponsored by The South Central Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism and is held for the general purpose of promoting the evangelistic interest of Methodism. Officers of the annual conference Boards of Evangelism, conference secretaries of the Boards of Evangelism, conference board members and other interested ministers and laymen will be in attendance.

The program for the August meeting will be announced at a later date. Dr. C. L. Culver, pastor of the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, Arkansas, is chairman of the Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism. Dr. Culver is also a member of the General Board of Evangelism. Other Jurisdictional Board members from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area include T. A. Prewitt, Tillar; Rev. James T. Harris, Monroe; and Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Fayetteville.

NATIONAL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE SET FOR FEBRUARY

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Bishop Paul E. Martin, T. T. McNeal, Arkadelphia; W. Neill Hart, Camden; Robert B. Moore, Hope; Arthur Terry, Little Rock; Kenneth L. Spore, Monticello; E. Clifton Rule, Pine Bluff and Virgil D. Keeley, Hope;

R. E. Connell, Batesville; Henry A. Rickey, Conway; Roy I. Bagley, Fayetteville; Otto W. Teague, Forrest City; Ethan W. Dodgen, Fort Smith; Elmer J. Holifield, Jones-

1st District Every-Member Canvass Meeting Schedule Announced

The first meetings on a district level designed to acquaint pastors and local church leaders with the plans and philosophy of the Every-Member Canvass program scheduled for this spring on a Louisiana-Arkansas Area-wide basis have been announced by Rev. Karl Tooke, Louisiana Conference director of stewardship cultivation, and the eight district superintendents

of the conference. Rev. Mr. Tooke is serving as the conference director of the every-member canvass program. In this capacity he will be present in all of the district meetings to assist in the setting up of the district programs.

The time, place, and district and associate district directors are as follows:

DATE	DISTRICT	LOCATION OF MEETING	DIRECTOR and ASSOC. DIR.
January 14	Alexandria	First Church, Pineville, 7-9 p.m.	Harold McSweeney, Alexandria Hugh Beinaud, Natchitoches
January 15	Lake Charles	First Church, Lake Charles	Dr. A. C. Clemons, Jr., Jennings E. D. Shipp, Welsh
January 17	Baton Rouge	First Church, Hammond, 7-9 p.m.	Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, Live Oak Naaman Woodland, Baton Rouge
January 25	Shreveport	Broadmoor, Shreveport	Rev. George Harbuck, Shreveport Dick Saxton, Shreveport
January 27	New Orleans (Tammany Parish)	Lacombe Methodist Ch., 3:00 p.m.	Warren P. Balovich, Harahan Rev. R. H. Jamison, Harahan
January 28	New Orleans	First Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.	Findley Embree (St. Tammany Parish Assoc.)
January 30	Monroe	First Methodist Church, Monroe	Dr. D. C. Metcalf, West Monroe Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, Monroe
January 31	Ruston	Arcadia, 7:00 p.m.	Rev. R. L. Peyton, Arcadia Hale Shadow, Ruston
January 18	Lake Charles	Franklin, 7:30 p.m.	Gueyton Watkins, New Iberia

Construction To Begin On WF Building, Lake Charles

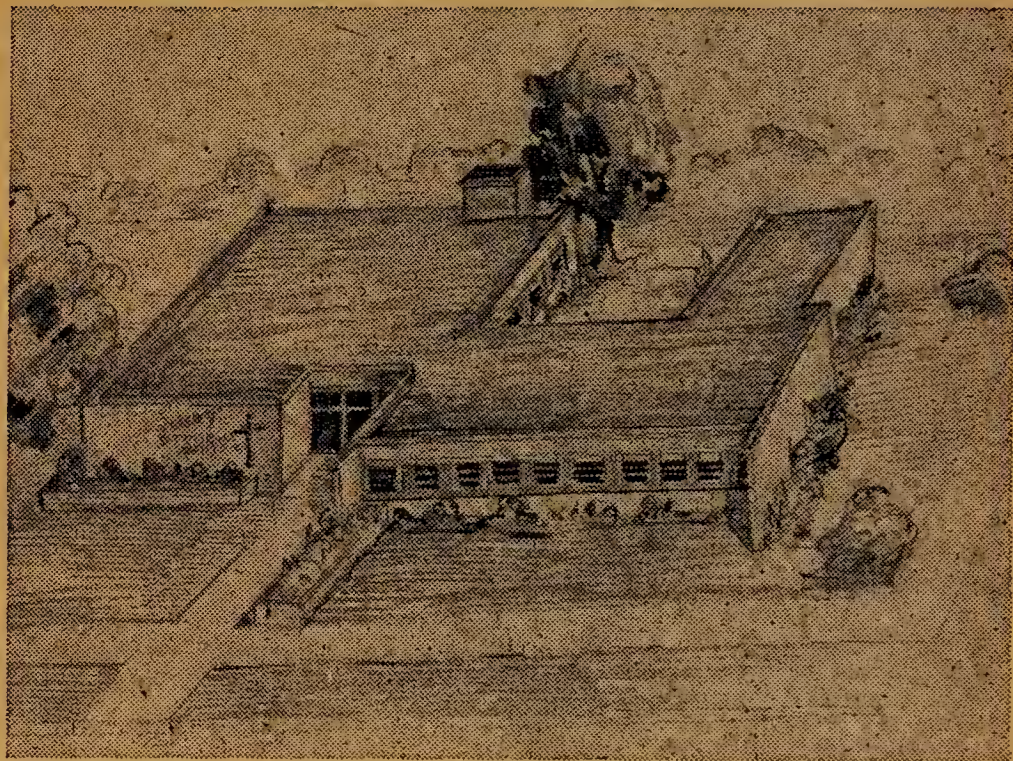
\$70,000 Plant
Planned For
McNeese Students

Ground will be broken on Sunday, January 13, beginning the construction of the new Wesley Foundation Building at McNeese College, Lake Charles.

The \$70,000 contemporary style building will house the Methodist student activities and program of Wesley Foundation, which is presently quartered in a temporary building. Construction is expected to take about six months.

Initial action for the building program was launched at the meeting of the 1955 Lake Charles District Conference at which time the delegates agreed to ask each local church to place a four per cent equal to the minister's salary into each budget. At the July, 1956, meeting of the board of trustees an Advance Financial Campaign for the building was authorized. Pre-building gifts and pledges have amounted to approximately \$35,000.

The building, designed by architects John and Neel of Monroe, is of contemporary design and will be solid brick. Scratch face brick will be used for the structure, with Roman bricks for the planters and pilasters. Total square footage of the structure is 4,000. The building is designed so that it can be easily expanded to meet future needs. Facilities include a chapel, a lounge and library with a large fireplace,



Architect's Drawing of Lake Charles WF Building To Be Constructed

director's office, counsel room, stage, dining and recreation room, kitchen, store, pantry, rest rooms, and heating and air conditioning room. In a large open U formed by the library-lounge, recreation room and the kitchen will be the paved patio. To the rear of the patio connecting to the lounge fireplace will be a large barbecue pit.

Memorials are to be included in the building. The first memorial has been given in tribute to Mr.

and Mrs. J. H. Cain of DeRidder by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Cook of Leesville.

Howard Daughtery of Lake Charles is chairman of the board of trustees. Other members of the board include Gordan Daughenbaugh, Curtis Cady, Walter Denton, C. E. Kingrey, all of Lake Charles, Mayo Foreman of Sulphur, Carter Simpson of Maplewood, J. H. Cain of DeRidder, and Mrs. Horace Denison of Iowa.

boro; J. Albert Gatlin, Paragould; E. G. Kaetzell, Searcy and Alfred A. Knox, Fort Smith;

A. W. Townsend, Jr., Alexandria; Edward W. Harris, Baton Rouge; R. R. Branton, Lafayette; Sam Nader, Lake Charles; James T. Harris, Monroe; Virgil D. Morris, New Orleans; Guy M. Hicks, Ruston; B. C. Taylor, Shreveport and W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge.

AREA EVERY-MEMBER CANVASS PLANS ANNOUNCED

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a list for this state being published with the district schedule on another page of this issue.

The slogan "Every Member Caring, Every Member Sharing," has been adopted for use by the program leaders throughout the Area.

Bunkie Holds New Year's Eve Watchnight Services

A Watch-Night Union Service of the First Baptist and David Haas Memorial Methodist Churches of Bunkie, Louisiana, was held at the

First Baptist Church New Year's Eve. The program began at 10 o'clock and concluded at 12:05 A.M. The program with emphasis for young people, was attended by all ages.

The program, with Rev. Waymon Mott, presiding, was divided into two sections. The first hour consisted of a Devotional period led by Rev. J. J. Caraway and a period of fellowship led by Mrs. W. H. Mott. The second hour included the showing of a religious film entitled "Crossroads" and concluded with a brief period of meditation and prayer as the old year came to a close and the New Year was born.

The Watch Night Service provided Christian fellowship and inspiration for all who participated.—Jimmie J. Caraway, Pastor

AREA HOLDS SUCCESSFUL ADULT CONVOCATION

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served as general director for the convocation; and Miss Doris Denison, a staff member of the Department of Christian Education of Adults, who instructed in the group sessions.

Individual appraisal cards were distributed to obtain participants' viewpoints on the convocation as a whole.

'Methodist Service Projects 1957' Lists Personnel Needs of Church

"At this time of world crisis, The Methodist Church is calling for many qualified and consecrated workers. There are pastorates without adequately trained ministers, schools needing teachers, churches seeking in vain for directors of Christian education, settlements short of social workers, hospitals needing doctors, nurses, and administrators. Overseas, in the face of unprecedented need and opportunity, we find services held up and advance blocked because there are too few missionaries."

The above is a quotation from "Methodist Service Projects 1957," the annual directory of opportunities for service offered by The Methodist Church through its general boards, commissions, and other agencies.

TEENAGER'S DREAM COMES TRUE AS KOREA GETS CHAPEL

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this picture on display and it sold to the president of a manufacturing company for \$20. I was on my way!

"I began telling our youth, church people and friends about my dream and began selling jello, pen and pencil sets, stationery and napkins. Everyone was willing to buy these items. Usually when I delivered their orders and they paid me, they would say, 'Keep the change.'"

Little Red Box

"The Primary Department of our church school has a 'little red box' through which the children give missionary money each Sunday. They had sent \$200 to China and found that it could not get in, so they added \$300 and designated the \$500 total for a church in Korea."

"I started out to raise \$200 for a church; then I learned a much better church could be built for \$500. I told our Intermediate Department about my dream and they gave me \$200. I kept working and telling others and finally I had the \$500. At this point, Epworth had two \$500 churches designated, one from its Primary and one from its Intermediate Department."

"After correspondence with Bishop Hyungki Lew of Korea, we decided to join the two funds and make the project a \$1,000 memorial church in Korea."

The story of "John's church" rated a feature article in The Marion Star, written by Miss Elaine Ballinger, the church news editor.

She told how the project grew from John's original plan to rebuild or repair a war-damaged church to the final outcome—the \$6,000 Werner Memorial Church. She wrote:

The Plan Grew

"The plan grew from repairing a small Korean church to a remodeling job. The people of the church that was selected, overcrowded in their quarters, had gained incentive to start a building fund and had pledged \$3,000 themselves. Methodism's 'Advance Specials' for missions would give \$2,000 (in addition to Epworth's \$1,000). The stage was set for a \$6,000 structure and work was begun."

"Recently John received from Korea's Bishop Lew pictures of the nearly completed church. Not only has the church been remodeled but enough has been built onto the front part to accommodate perhaps another 150 people."

"Though the outside of the structure, cement stucco with tile roof and stained glass windows, stands

Personnel needs of the church in the fields mentioned above are estimated at 8500 persons annually, according to the Rev. Richard G. Belcher, secretary, Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations.

In the booklet 68 different categories of work are outlined in a dozen general program areas. In addition to job descriptions, the manual contains: A statement on

ready, the interior is still unfinished and it may take two more years to complete the work.

Spiritual Investment

"The investments in the church can be measured in a material way but what cannot be measured is the greater spiritual investment made not only in the lives of the people concerned with the church but wherever the church' influence might be felt."

Thought the \$1,000 "Advance Special" for the Werner church was the result of John Eyster's concern for missions, Epworth church was a fertile field for missionary cultivation. The 2,200-member congregation has a World Service apportionment of \$3,450 and has been a consistent giver to the "Advance" program.

Goal Set Higher

At the beginning of the 1952-56 quadrennium, Epworth was asked to accept a quadrennial goal of \$9,000 in "Special". The church accepted, promptly said in effect, "That's too little," and set its own goal of \$12,000. By the end of the quadrennium, Epworth Methodists had given more than \$13,000 in "Advance Specials." The church gave \$950 to the Bishops' Appeal for Korea.

Now that the Werner Memorial Church is a reality, what are the plans of John Eyster? He answers: "Now I have another dream—to go to Korea as a missionary and some day preach in that church. That is, if it is God's dream for my life. I pray His will be done."

Join MARCH OF DIMES



a Christian philosophy of vocation; an analysis of the relationship of the selective service law to church vocations; information on Methodist student loan and scholarship funds; a listing of the personnel officers of The Methodist Church; and other useful information.

The booklet will be helpful to young people and young adults investigating the possibility of full-time work with the church, and to the counselors who work with them, Mr. Belcher said. For this reason every Methodist pastor should have a copy on his desk for inspiration and reference.

Order "Methodist Service Projects 1957" from Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, P.O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn. Single copies 10 cents; \$8.00 a hundred.

MORE CHURCHES NEEDED

Lafayette, Ind., (RNS) — About 100,000 new Protestant churches will be needed in the next 20 years, the president of the Methodist Council of Evangelism reported to the first annual meeting of his group here in December.

Dr. George A. Fallon said that, based on the current rate of growth, there will be about 38,500,000 more Protestants in the United States two decades from now.

He arrived at the figure of 100,000 churches on the basis of a present average of 328 members in Protestant congregations.

Dr. Fallon said that The Methodist Church should build at least one church a day for the next 20 years, or a total of 7,300.

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

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makes the world better because you were in the church, give it a double-check. Something's missing.

6. To find basis for thinking there is a tomorrow. We have quite a few pseudo-prophets who are telling us we don't have long to go. It's about all over. The die is cast. Doom is certain. I just don't happen to sit with that clan. When I go to church, I find in the Christian faith the basis for believing that there is a tomorrow—both here and hereafter.

Okay. Okay. So you don't go to church! Look what you are missing!

Japan University Reports Progress

New York—The usually high academic standards of International Christian University in Japan is beginning to bear "extraordinary" results. This is the opinion of Dr. Maurice E. Troyer, vice president of student personnel, who made a recent report about the University's attempt in placing its first senior students who will graduate on March 21, 1957.

In a letter to The Japan International Christian University Foundation, Inc., here, Dr. Troyer wrote that 126 of the 168 students of the first senior class have enrolled in the school's placement bureau. "Already forty-one have been placed in outstanding positions of government, business and social service. This is regarded as extraordinary in Japan, and all the more so, because we are a new institution without an alumni," he said.

He revealed that "the students have given an excellent account of themselves in the various kinds of placement examinations that they have taken. Eight out of nine students passed the placement examinations in competition with 1,800 students for positions in newspapers. Another of our students has received appointment in the diplomatic service. This is again in competition with 2,000 students, from which only fifteen were selected. This is an area that has been under the complete control of the national universities. Last year, for example, fourteen were appointed from Tokyo University, one from Kyoto University. This year ICU has one of those appointments."

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OBITUARY

WILFORD—Reverend Boone Lockhart Wilford, 81, retired Methodist minister who pastored Arkansas churches for half a century, died at his home in Jonesboro late Friday afternoon, November 16.

Rev. Wilford was born November 20, 1875 near Lynville, Kentucky, in Graves County, the son of R. J. and Ann Eliza Emerson Wilford. He graduated from high school at Sedalia, Kentucky, and attended McTyeire Institute in McKenzie, Tennessee, where he graduated with honors. He attended Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tennessee, one year and finished his conference course of study through the University by correspondence in 1912.

On June 2, 1904 Boone L. Wilford was united in marriage to Elizabeth McTyeire Witt at her father's home in McKenzie, Tennessee. This happy couple lived together over 52 years, celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1954 while serving the Methodist Church at Caraway, Arkansas. Rev. Wilford was ordained deacon at Paris, Tennessee, in 1902. He was admitted on trial in the White River Conference in December of 1904. He was ordained elder at the annual conference of 1906, meeting in Wynne, Arkansas. Just four years later, in 1910, Boone L. Wilford became Presiding Elder of the Batesville District.

Rev. Wilford started his ministerial work in the North Arkansas Conference at Wheatley, where he served as supply from June to December, 1904. He served Holly Grove and Marvell Churches from December 1904 to December 1906; Forrest City First Methodist Church from 1906-1910; Batesville District, 1910-1912; Newport First Church, 1912-1914; Batesville District 1914-1918; Van Buren First Church, 1918-1921; Booneville District, 1921-1925; Cotton Plant, 1925-1928; Conference Evangelist, 1928-1930; Alicia and Swifton, 1930-1932; Piggott, 1932-1934; Pocahontas, 1934-1937; Huntington Avenue, Jonesboro, 1937-1940; Brinkley, 1940-1948; Salem, 1948-1951; Newark, 1951-1952; Caraway, 1952-1955; Black Oak, June 1955-September, 1955.

Rev. Wilford retired at the age of 73 while pastor at Brinkley, but he continued to serve his church filling the last four of his pastorates at Calem, Newark, Caraway, and Black Oak.

In the early days Rev. Wilford rode horseback or in a buggy across the Ozark foothills of North Arkansas, but he never missed a service, regardless of the assignment. Later he replaced the horse and buggy with an automobile. Boone L. Wilford was one of the best known preachers of his day. He had an evangelistic spirit and message that won literally thousands of people to Christ and His Church. He was one of the faithful servants of God. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilford of 971 Owens St., Jonesboro; three daughters, Miss Aillee Wilford of Long Beach, California, Mrs. D. S. Colline, of Jonesboro, and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler of Piggott; three sons, Robert B. Wilford of Branson, Missouri, John L. Wilford of Black Rock, Arkansas, and William E. Wilford of El Campo, Texas, and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services was conducted Monday afternoon, November, 19, at Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, where Rev. Wilford served three years as past-

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Official Board of the Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church of New Orleans, Louisiana, in regular session convened on this 10th day of October, 1956, that:

WHEREAS, Walter S. Singleton has recently departed this life;

WHEREAS, Walter S. Singleton had long been a member of this Church, the church that he had loved dearly and for whom he had served so faithfully and well not only as a loyal member but also in the capacity as Secretary of the Official Board and in many other offices of the church;

WHEREAS, the entire membership of the Official Board together with the pastor, Rev. Luman Douglas, had the utmost respect, admiration and love for Walter S. Singleton and his family; now therefore

BE IT KNOWN that the Official

Board of the Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church does hereby go on record in an expression of appreciation of Walter S. Singleton, and that our hearts go out to his widow and two sons in their great loss, and that his inspiration shown by service and love for his church will always be a guide for all of us who are serving, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Board be and they are hereby instructed to mail a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Singleton, and a copy to the Louisiana Methodist, and that a copy of same be spread upon the minutes of the official records of this Church.

Motion for adoption of this resolution was made by Rev. Luman Douglas, duly seconded and was unanimously adopted by all members of the Official Board at this meeting.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Official Board of the Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church on the 10th Day of October, 1956, at a regular meeting of that Board.

This the 12th Day of November, 1956.

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GOSPEL RIGHTEOUSNESS

LESSON FOR JANUARY 20, 1957

READ 5TH CHAPTER OF MATTHEW.

MEMORY SELECTION: *I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.* —Matt. 5:20 (RSV)

This week we are studying the third of the four lessons of Unit I which has the general subject, "Meeting The Needs Of Body And Spirit." Those who prepared this lesson for us chose "Gospel Righteousness" as the subject. The wording of this subject, we suppose, is designed to contrast righteousness, as found in the Jewish church under the Law, with the character of righteousness Jesus declares to be necessary for people who are to measure up to the high privileges the gospel offers in the Christian Era.

Many Bible students believe that the Sermon on the Mount, as contained in the 5th, 6th and 7th chapters of Matthew was the first great public utterance of Jesus. If it was not the first, it was near the beginning of His ministry. With this great message on His heart, Jesus led the multitudes about Him up into a mountain and, having found a place where He could best deliver such a message, He called the disciples up close to Him and with the multitude about Him began His message with the beatitudes which we studied some weeks ago.

The Christian's Place In The World

Jesus was never greater or more in earnest than while delivering this great message which has been the Magna Charta for Christian living throughout the Christian era. Jesus had hardly begun this message until, in the most direct, pointed manner possible, he stated the position and the responsibility of the Christian in the work of building the church Christ came to establish.

Ye Are The Salt Of The Earth. In a world which knew nothing about modern refrigeration and in which salt was the only means for preserving many forms of food, Jesus said to His disciples and to others about Him, and to His followers in every generation, "You are the salt of the earth." Our Lord was saying to them that they were the one saving element in the world. How must they have felt, poor, unlearned subjects of a foreign power, to be told that they were the only hope for the salvation of the world? The Messiah, to Whom they had looked for leadership and through Whom they had expected the restoration of the Kingdom of David, was saying to them that, after all, the world is to be saved through you if at all.

Ye Are The Light Of The World. In John 8:12 Jesus says "I am the light of the world." That statement likely caused no surprise to those who heard Jesus speak. Each passing year, since that day, has given additional proof of the truthfulness of that declaration. Jesus is truly

the Light of the world. But one of the most sobering, amazing, almost startling things Jesus said, while here, was this statement to this crowd about Him and to His followers in every generation until the end of time, "You are the light of the world." Jesus is saying that if the world is to have light on the big questions of life, that light must come through Christian people, as they interpret for the world God's will and God's love. If the world is to have the answer to life's big questions, Where did we come from? What is the meaning of life here? and What is to happen when our lives here are ended? the answers to those questions must come through Christian people as they interpret to the world God's revelation to the sons of men. The world has no answer to life's biggest questions except as Christian people act as channels through which the light of a divine revelation can shine in our darkened world.

Let Your Light So Shine. Jesus was more concerned about winning followers for His way of life than He was about anything else. Consequently, in these opening pronouncements of this great sermon Jesus lays down the "blue prints" for kingdom building. He is saying to the people about Him and to us that the most effective way to impress people with the reality and value of the Christian religion is by the character of life we live.

It is our feeling that Jesus put a world of warmth and meaning in the little word SO when He said, "Let your light SO shine." Jesus wants us to live the Christian life in such a manner as to make the Christian life attractive to those about us. "Let your light SO shine." That is, we are to live our Christian lives in such a well-ordered, attractive, winsome, well-balanced, effective manner that people will come to want what they feel the Christian religion has done for us. There is no more powerful and effective influence on the face of the earth for Christ and His church than a well lived Christian life. A personal Christian influence is usually the determining factor in leading people into the Christian life.

Not To Destroy But To Fulfill

The Jewish Church hated and finally brought about the crucifixion of Jesus because He would not keep the Law as interpreted by the leaders of the Jews. They had their literal interpretation of the Law and were convinced that they had the final word as to the meaning of the Law. Any deviation from their interpretation was immediately condemned.

Jesus did not unnecessarily an-

tagonize these leaders. Hence in deference to their concern for the Law, Jesus said "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

There were some ceremonial laws and some laws that had to do with Jewish forms of worship that ceased to be effective with the coming of Christ, because He was the fulfillment of the symbolism and ritualism for which these laws stood. They ceased to be effective in the Christian era because, with the coming of Christ, they were no longer needed.

However, it is true that every basic law of life, that had to do with moral conduct and proper human relations, has been just as much in effect since Jesus came as before. The only difference in these laws, as they apply to life in the Christian era, is that Jesus gave to them a spiritual interpretation in place of the literal interpretation given them by the Jewish Church.

Again and again, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "It hath been said," referring to some great law of life, and added "But I say unto you." In all of those great pronouncements, Jesus left the basic law of life just as effective as it had ever been. He simply fulfilled, or better, filled full the old law by interpreting it, not only to cover literal acts of life, but to include motives, desires, purposes whether these were translated into deeds or not. In the teachings of Jesus murder was just as wrong as it had ever been but He added the fact that hatred, the will to kill, was akin to murder. Adultery was wrong in the teachings of Jesus but He added that adulterous thinking made one an adulterer at heart. So it was with all of the great laws of life to which Jesus referred; He taught that these laws might be broken as a result of motives and purposes of heart without actually doing the thing the law prohibited.

In the Christian era it is no longer necessary to kill cattle or sheep and offer their dead bodies as sacrifices to God; rather we must personally "take up our cross" and follow Christ. In the words of the Apostle Paul we must "Present our bodies A LIVING SACRIFICE" in His service.

Christian Ideals Reach The Highest Point Imaginable

It is quite possible that the mind of God can conceive of ideals that go beyond those Jesus set up for Christian living. However, we do not believe it is possible for the human mind to conceive of ideals more perfect than these Jesus gave us.

When Jesus said, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," He gave us a standard for human relationships that few have attained and beyond which no human mind can go. Humanly speaking, that standard is perfect and we are not able to improve on perfection.

Jesus said, "Whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also." After twenty centuries of Christian culture there are not many, even today, who "turn the other cheek" to say nothing of trying to imagine a more perfect attitude than that. Jesus said, "If any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain."

This is idealism in perfection.

It was Jesus who said, "LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which spitefully use you." It is impossible for the human mind to imagine ideals in human relationships that go beyond this statement of Jesus. Jesus set up a standard for Christian living twenty centuries ago toward which we have been slowly moving all of these years and are still very far from reaching that high goal.

Three Steps in Development of Human Relationships

(1) If we may judge from the study of pre-historic man, there was a time when he lived so nearly on the level of beasts that there was no consideration in his heart for others. His philosophy seemed to be, "Do others before they can do you."

(2) In the early life of Israel, as a result of immeasurable progress, there was born the philosophy of, "Do unto others as others do unto you." This was the law of "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." Moses was simply saying to the Israelites do not treat others any worse than they treat you. If they gouge out one of your eyes, don't gouge out both of their eyes. Just knock one of them out and come home. If they knock out one of your teeth, don't knock out all of their teeth. Just knock out one and let them go. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." Even that low standard was a great improvement over an earlier date when no consideration was given those who harmed you or even those who had done you no harm.

(3) Then came the Christian ideal for human relationships. "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Having had that ideal before us two thousand years, and knowing that the universal practice of that ideal would solve every problem of human relationship in life from international, national to individual relations, our world should be on its knees in humble confession to God for the small progress we have made toward that ideal.

In this late day there are those whose philosophy of life goes back to pre-historic man and they have no consideration for others. Also no day passes but that we see the "eye for an eye" philosophy at work in the lives of those about us and sometimes we may be guilty of it in our own lives. We make much about being "up to date" in our lives. The fact of the business is that we would likely be amazed and alarmed, if we knew just how many of the people of earth today live by the philosophy "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" that is at least as old as authentic history. "Gospel Righteousness" is a goal attained, as yet, by only a small minority of earth.

Our Righteousness Must Excel

The scribes and Pharisees were among the best people of the most religious nation on earth when Jesus was here. Yet Jesus said that unless the righteousness of His followers exceeded that of the scribes and pharisees they would in no case enter the kingdom of heaven. Our opportunity to exceed the righteousness of the Jewish leaders is in Christian motives, rather than matriculous deeds, in spirit rather than performances for public approval.

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Circulation Drive Underway This Week In Area

The week of Jan. 13-20 has been set aside by the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist* for their annual simultaneous circulation campaign. The two weekly papers, which are the official publications of the Methodist Church in the two states, have set a goal of 35,000 subscribers.

Both papers are published in Little Rock, and are owned by the three Methodist Conferences in the area: The Little Rock Conference, the North Arkansas Conference and the Louisiana Conference. Dr. E. T. Wayland and his son, the Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, are editors of the publications.

The *Arkansas Methodist* now has 23,505 subscribers and is in its 76th year of publication. *The Louisiana Methodist* is in its ninth year and lists 11,242 subscribers.

Each year the three annual conferences authorize the circulation campaign and during the week designated all local Methodist churches in the area give attention to obtaining renewals and new subscriptions.

Dr. Wayland said in his statement concerning the campaign that the

BISHOP TO GIVE GODDARD LECTURES

Bishop Paul E. Martin will deliver the annual Goddard Memorial lectures at the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Fort Smith, February 17-21.

Bishop Martin will develop the theme "One Continuing Purpose" speaking twice on Sunday, February 17, and each evening Monday through Thursday.

The Goddard Memorial lectures were begun in 1954 and are the gift of the Goddard Memorial Methodists to the Fort Smith community and friends throughout Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Dr. Harold Bosley, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois, was the 1956 Goddard Memorial lecturer.

Rev. Alfred A. Knox, Goddard Memorial pastor, in making the announcement about the 1957 lectures emphasized that Methodist and other friends in Fort Smith and elsewhere are most cordially invited to attend.

cooperation from the leadership of the church and the response from the church membership have been remarkable in every circulation campaign conducted in either Arkansas or Louisiana.

Bastrop Memorial Methodist Church Named 1,000 Club Project

The Memorial Methodist Church, at Bastrop has been named as the 1,000 Club project for the second call during the 1956-57 conference year, according to Rev. Luman Douglas, New Orleans, chairman of the Louisiana Conference Board of Missions. This board has responsibility for the promotion of this program and the selection of the projects.

The 1,000 Club is a program enlisting the support of more than 1,000 laymen in Louisiana who contribute \$10.00 each, three times a year on call for a conference designated church extension project. The program makes possible financial support for a new church situation when help is needed the most at its beginning.

The period for the second call, according to Rev. Mr. Douglas, will end March 1, at which time it is expected that an amount of \$10,000 will be made available to the Memorial Methodist congregation at Bastrop to assist in its building program.

Progress On Alaskan College Said Encouraging

Dr. H. L. Johns, Philadelphia, associate secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church and former pastor of the Monroe First Methodist Church, in a report to an Alaskan paper, said encouraging progress is being made in efforts to finance the proposed Methodist college in Anchorage, Alaska.

Dr. Johns' report is in a section of the *Anchorage Daily Times* called "Special Methodist College Section."

This section also contains a story by the Rev. Karl Tooke, formerly Lake Charles District Superintendent and now conference director of stewardship and a leader in the college campaign.

He writes how \$165,000 was pledged by Methodists of two states, Arkansas and Louisiana, and in which 267 churches in the two states were donors.

He paid this tribute to Dr. Johns: "Dr. Johns went from Louisiana to work with the Board of Missions. This fact has helped greatly in Louisiana. He has visited each of the annual conferences and told his story. His enthusiasm and faith have caused many persons to feel that they and their churches must help in this great Methodist undertaking."

"The area representative was invited to speak in each of the conferences by Bishop Paul E. Martin. He was given an early and choice place on the programs. He has visited many churches and spread the good news. He feels that this is a wonderful story and will give Methodism a great forward boost."

The report said as soon as two million dollars are in cash on hand, the ground will be broken for the first building.

Weiss Memorial Fund Established

The Seymour Weiss Foundation of New Orleans has established the E. Bernard Weiss Memorial Fund at Centenary College with a contribution of \$20,000.

The fund was established in memory of E. Bernard Weiss, a long-time supporter of the college prior to his death in a plane crash near Wallace

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Results of last call

St. Lukes, Lake Charles, was the first 1,000 Club project for this conference year and is receiving as a result of the first call, \$9,630. Seven of the eight districts of the conference reached their goals during the first call. On page 13 of this issue is a tabulated report of the 1,000 Club first call.

Memorial Methodist, Bastrop

Rev. Brady B. Forman is pastor of the new Bastrop congregation which was organized last August 5.

The congregation hopes to begin construction of a \$75,000 church plant on Sunday, March 3. The church now owns a building site on E. Madison Avenue which is the Mer Rouge Road. This proposed unit of 6,200 sq. ft. will include a sanctuary class rooms, and church offices, and provide facilities for a congregation now numbering 80 members and representing 40 families.

In next weeks issue more details about this second 1,000 Club project will be given.

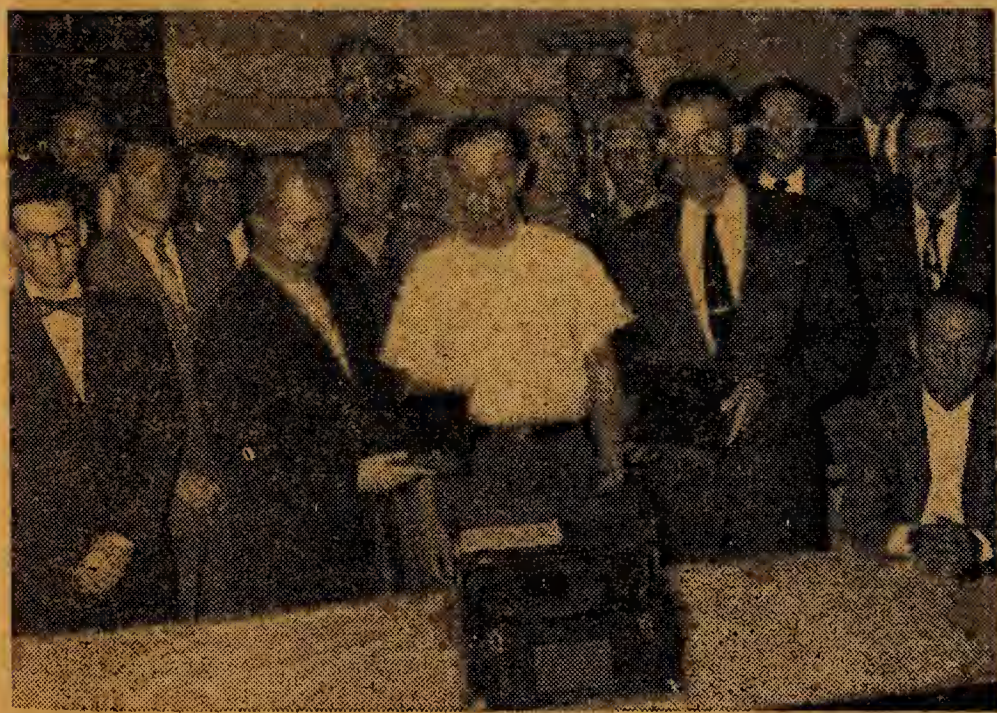
To Attend Nat'l. Supts. Meeting

The chairmen of the Areas' Annual Conference Commissions on Promotion and Cultivation have been invited to attend the National District Superintendents Conference scheduled to be held in Chicago on February 10-13, according to Dr. E. Harold Mohn, general secretary of the commission.

Expected to attend from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area are: Dr. Arthur Terry, Little Rock, Little Rock Conference chairman; Rev. Luman Douglas, New Orleans, Louisiana conference chairman; and Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, Fayetteville, North Arkansas conference chairman.

Others attending the conference from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area include Bishop Martin, the twenty-two district superintendents, Miss Jeanne Mason, director of Area Methodist Information and Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, one of the editors of the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist*.

METHODIST MEN PRESENT RECORDINGS



The Methodist Men of Park Avenue Church, Shreveport, brought their fall project to a successful conclusion in the December meeting just before Christmas. The project centered around a member of the Church, Mr. Floyd Mouser, operator of a Blind Association concession stand in the Confederate Memorial Hospital. Baptized and received into Park Avenue Church only a year ago, the blind man has exhibited an unusual interest in knowing his Bible and has, with the help of his pastor, ordered and re-ordered the few Bible recordings available from the State Library.

Knowledge of their fellow member's desire to hear his Bible read prompted the Methodist Men to adopt a project that would be of some permanent help to him. As the word was passed the response was one of the high experiences of this group, and the necessary funds were quickly raised for the purchase of an album of recordings of the entire New Testament and a second album of selected Books from the Old Testament.

The accompanying picture shows a group of the Park Avenue Methodist Men gathered about Mr. Mouser as the Rev. Douglas McGuire (left) and the President of the group, Mr. E. V. Green (right), present the records.

Pigs For Korea



Missionary Dean L. Schowengerdt (of Reserve, Kansas) is shown getting ready to receive a shipment of young pigs at the Methodist Social Service Center in Taejon, Korea. This shipment arrived by air from California and was a gift of the Ohio Council of Churches, with transportation provided by Korea Church World Service and Heifer's Project, Inc. During the past three years, 298 goats, 11 milk cows, 58 chickens, 200 bees, 431 rabbits, and 60,000 duck hatching eggs have been imported. A special program for distribution of the young is under way so as to give wide distribution to the imported strains. During these three years young animals have been distributed to 608 individuals as well as 91 organizations. A mobile unit works out from this Center, specializing in elementary agriculture, public health, and literacy. Twelve villages have been visited to date, and some new churches have been started as a result of these visits.

More Support For Quadrennial Emphasis

Nashville, Tenn.—The Council of the National Methodist Student Commission has voted to give full support to the Christian higher education emphasis in The Methodist Church for the 1956-60 quadrennium.

The decision was made at a meeting of the council December 27-31, 1956, in Evanston, Ill. The council is the executive body of the National Methodist Student Commission, which represents state and area Methodist Student Movements.

The council also reaffirmed its desire to continue exploration of merger possibilities with other denominational student groups but said that the Methodist Student

Three Area Leaders Attending Annual General Education Board Meeting

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The annual meeting of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church will be held January 14-17 at Atlantic City, N. J.

Members from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area include: Dr. Ira Brumley, Conway; Dr. Joe J. Mickle, Shreveport and Jim Wiseman, Searcy. Dr. Brumley is a member of one of the panels scheduled to discuss the 1956-60 quadrennium program at the general board meeting.

Says Alaska Not Supported Enough Spiritually

New York (NC) — Dr. Eugene Carson Blake came home from his Christmas mission to the armed forces in Alaska "feeling that neither the churches in the States nor the Pentagon are giving full and effective support to religious life in the Territory, as demanded by the problems and opportunities faced."

In a statement summarizing his reactions to his two weeks visit to many installations in the Territory, Dr. Blake noted that the commander in chief, Lieut. Gen. Frank Armstrong, Jr., had expressed his own concern about the spiritual needs of the Alaskan command and had urged Dr. Blake to bring them to the attention not only of the churches but also the government.

The president of the National Council of Churches said that more personnel, closer supervision and larger financial outlay are required to enable the chaplains to do their work. "Good men are frustrated by lack of properly located chapels that provide adequate space for Sunday School classes for the children of military dependents. It is even reported that requests for religious education wings have been eliminated in approving construction of new chapels in the Command."

Dr. Blake observed that if these wings are not restored, or other

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Movement must continue to be the Methodist Church at work on college and university campuses.

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C., will address the meeting at the Ambassador Hotel. He is chairman of the Council on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church.

The board has general oversight of The Methodist Church's educational interests in the United States. The interests include 37,850 church schools with 6,951,861 members, 118 colleges, universities, theological schools, and other educational institutions, and 403 Methodist student centers on state or independent college campuses.

The 91-member board is composed of 17 bishops, other ministers and laymen. Meeting with the group will be about 40 staff persons from the board's national headquarters in Nashville, Tenn.

The board will hear reports from the general secretaries of its three divisions. All from Nashville, they are the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, division of the local church; the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, editorial division; and the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, division of educational institutions.

Martin Luther Film Stirs Controversy

The Chicago television station that cancelled its scheduled showing of the "Martin Luther" film on December 21 "has not closed the door to re-scheduling the picture," according to Robert E. A. Lee, executive secretary of Lutheran Church Productions, the agency that made the film on the life of the 16th Century Reformation leader. Mr. Lee said that WGN-TV had invited him to discuss early in January the question of showing the Luther film.

Meanwhile, the cancellation touched off a storm of protest and reaction in the Chicago area and nationally. A WGN-TV spokesman said the ban stirred the greatest letter and telegram response in the station's history.

A volunteer "action committee" comprised of over 60 Protestant and Jewish leaders and representatives of secular agencies in the Chicago area, was spearheading the protest. It informed the Federal Communications Commission of the station's action and forwarded the text of a statement the committee had released at a press conference. Charging "de facto censorship," the committee stated that the late-hour withdrawal of the film "constitutes an admission on the part of the television station that it is vulnerable to pressures which we are convinced, on the basis of our discussion with WGN, have been mobilized by the Roman Catholic Church to secure the banning of this film."

The general manager of the TV station, Ward L. Quaal, said that, in view of an "emotional reaction" the station "elected to cancel the showing, not wanting to be a party to the development of any misunderstanding or ill will among persons of the Christian faith in the Chicago area."

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New Church Rises In Fairbanks, Alaska

The "farthest north Methodist church in America" which began its organized-life worshiping in a rented hall from which empty whiskey bottles had to be removed on Sunday mornings, and whose congregation thinks nothing of going to church in weather 41 degrees below zero—is preparing to expand its facilities.

With a goal of 43,200 for a new educational unit, the First Methodist Church of Fairbanks, Alaska, set to work and in nine days raised \$50,015 in cash and pledges for the building.

"This we did without a 'professional' coming in to help us," says the Rev. A. E. Purviance, minister of the church. "Our people did a wonderful job and we had much cause for joy when we gathered on Thanksgiving Eve for our 'Victory Dinner'."

A loan of \$40,000 from the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions will help the church build next summer the educational unit, which, according to Mr. Purviance, "may cost in the neighborhood of \$90,000. This seems like a terrific amount to you in the States, but costs are double here over many stateside prices. We will have eight classrooms, two assembly rooms, rest rooms, and a large furnace room, plus the new furnace which should be sufficient for the main floor we will add later."

The Fairbanks church received its first members on September 14, 1952, and on the second Sunday of December, 1953, moved from its rented hall into its new sanctuary. "The hall was used for many purposes," says Mr. Purviance, "which accounts for the whiskey bottles, and its atmosphere was far from that of a church, but we made the best of it until we were far enough along with our building to move in. We came under the Week

of Dedication program to the amount of \$45,000, and we borrowed some and raised some ourselves, so that in June, 1953 we began construction. Much of the work was done by the congregation, much was under contract. Actually, it was about a year after we moved in before the building was completed."

The members received in September and October, 1952, one hundred and six altogether, constitute the charter members of the church, "but folks come and go so fast here in Alaska," says the minister, "that we could not tell you where many of them are now. We have just over 400 members at present, but—again—many of these are no longer in the territory."

The congregation numbers two hundred seventy-five to three hundred twenty-five most Sundays; goes as high as four hundred for a few Sundays in the spring of the year; drops to one hundred fifty when the temperature drops to 50 degrees below zero.

"Fortunately," comments Mr. Purviance, "we have not had a real cold Sunday this year, although some week-day readings have been 35 below zero."

Fairbanks has all modern advantages: two radio stations, two movie houses, two TV channels, stop-and-go traffic lights, and parking meters. These last conveniences sometimes cause difficulties in sub-zero weather.

"I parked the other day in front of what I thought was a frozen meter," Mr. Purviance says. "Evidently the sun warmed the meter sufficiently to get it started, for I had a traffic ticket when I got back."

Meters may be frozen in Fairbanks, but not Methodists!

First Commercial Airline Offers Reduced Clergy Fares

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Bonanza Airlines of Las Vegas, Nevada, has become the first commercial airline to file a passenger tariff with the Civil Aeronautics Board here offering reduced rates to clergymen.

The tariff provides that clergymen will be able to buy tickets on a "space available" basis for 50 per cent of the one-way fare. The airline is a small "feeder" car-

rier. It serves a number of cities in New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and California, providing them with connecting service to major trans-continental air terminals.

A spokesman for the Civil Aeronautics Board said the tariff will become effective Feb. 1 unless there is any objection and demand for a public hearing. He said no objection is anticipated and the CAB itself will not raise any.

The airline proposes to issue identification cards to clergymen upon receipt of proper certification that they are bona-fide full-time ministers of religion.

Congress passed a bill last year authorizing airlines to offer lower rates to clergymen on a "space available" basis, with the stipulation that those riding at the reduced fares should not displace passengers paying full fares, but occupy seats that otherwise would be vacant.

Major airlines, undecided as to how to ascertain when space is available, short of requiring clergymen to wait at the airport gate until departure time, have not yet proposed any tariff regulations.

They are debating the advisability of requesting special government permission to hold a conference of all air carriers to discuss the problem. Anti-trust laws and CAB regulations against "rate-making collusion" make it necessary to have government permission before such a conference can be convened.

Deplores American Church Delegation To China

Wheaton, Ill. (RNS)—Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, deplored a recommendation that the National Council of Churches send a delegation of American churchmen to Communist China. Such a visit, he said, would be detrimental to the cause of religious liberty.

The recommendation was one of a series presented in December by 15 study groups to the joint assembly of the National Council's Division of Home Missions and Christian Life and Work which was held in Indianapolis. All of the recommendations were referred to council departments for implementation.

"Attempts by American churchmen to visit a Communist-dominated and controlled church are to be deplored," Dr. Ford said. "Any such visit would be highly circumscribed by the Red China government thus preventing a realistic view of the church. Contact would be established, not with the true uncompromising Christians of China, but with those liberal churchmen who have sold out to the Communist regime. It would be detrimental to the cause of religious liberty which the free world represents."

Dr. Ford added that the National Council study group's recommendation was "a direct challenge to present government policy which invalidates American passports for travel to China."

Warner Sallman Named For Upper Room Award

Nashville, Tenn. (RNS)—Warner Sallman, Chicago artist internationally known for his paintings or religious subjects, has been named winner of the 1957 Upper Room Award for World Christian Fellowship.

The award was announced by Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of the Upper Room, Methodist bi-monthly guide to daily devotions published here. It is expected to be presented to Mr. Sallman in Chicago next September.

Dr. Potts said that on his travels around the world he has found "Sallman is the one religious artist who is universally loved and known."

More than 60,000,000 copies of Mr. Sallman's painting of the "Head of Christ" have been purchased by people in many countries.

Dr. Potts said Mr. Sallman was selected because of his artistic leadership in "helping bridge the gap between different denominations and bringing them closer in a world Christian fellowship."

The artist is scheduled to write the lead devotional for the September issue of the Upper Room which will feature meditations of church members in various parts of the world.

Dr. Blake Says U.S. Neglecting Alaskan Religious Life

New York (RNS)—Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches, said here that neither the U. S. government nor the churches in this country are adequately supporting religious life in Alaska "as demanded by the problems and opportunities" there.

He made the charge in a statement issued upon his return from Alaska where he spent the Christmas season with the men and chaplains of the Alaskan Command as spiritual ambassador of the National Council's 30 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions and their 144,000 local churches.

Dr. Blake reported that Lieut. Gen. Frank Armstrong, Jr., commander-in-chief of the Alaskan forces, had expressed his own concern about the spiritual needs of the Command and had urged the National Council president to bring them to the attention of both the churches and the government.

Stressing the handicaps with which chaplains are faced, especially in regard to church buildings, Dr. Blake said:

"Good men are frustrated by lack of properly located chapels that provide adequate space for Sunday school classes for the children of military dependents. It is even reported that requests for religious education wings have been eliminated in approving construction of new chapels in the command."

He emphasized that the location of church facilities near the families served is urgent in a climate "where the weather sometimes is 40 below and it is dark when the school bell rings."

In Alaskan generally, Dr. Blake said, the churches are flourishing and expanding. In this connection he noted new buildings, ambitious programs, growing budgets and new leadership.

Sees Communist Anti-Christian Onslaught 'In Vain'

New York (RNS)—Metropolitan Anastasi, supreme head of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia, told the people of the Soviet Union in a radio message that the Communists "rise in vain against Christ and His immortal Gospel."

The 83-year-old prelate's message was broadcast by Radio Liberation on Jan. 6, observed by the Orthodox Church as Christmas Eve. Under the auspices of the American Committee for Liberation here, the station broadcasts 24 hours a day from Munich, beaming to Russia programs written by former Soviet citizens who have elected to live "in freedom in the West."

Metropolitan Anastasi, whose message was tape-recorded here, contrasted the doctrines of Com-

munist with the Christian Gospel.

The Gospel, he said has "edified and consoled" countless millions through the centuries while Communism "has brought with it nothing but bitter disappointment."

"Communism has not eliminated poverty and suffering from the earth," he told the Russians, "and it has not given people the blessings it has promised. Instead of bread it gives them a stone. Instead of freedom, it gives them agonizing slavery and impoverishment."

All free people, the metropolitan said, "recoil from Communism" and those who have fallen under its yoke "are trying to throw it off, undergoing countless sacrifices in order to do so, as we have seen in heroic Hungary, which today arouses the admiration of the whole world."

Christian development.

Young people are joining in fund drives, plays and church beautification projects. More than \$1,600 in overseas food parcels was credited to one Presbyterian youth group through a special campaign and odd jobs.

Capitol Hill Baptist church has developed a girls' choir of teenagers called the "Bell Tones" who are being used regularly for clubs, church and other functions. Besides this activity youngsters fill in for various leaders to get "the feel" of church work.

The survey was conducted to refute the claim often heard that young people today are not truly interested in the life of the church.

Teenagers Take Growing Part In Church Work

Oklahoma City, Okla. (RNS) — Teenagers here are taking responsible places in church life in growing numbers, a survey shows. Young people now account for about one-third of the participants in financial and volunteer service in some churches.

Christ Methodist church is utilizing teenagers one Sunday each month in every phase of its work. The Rev. Samuel W. Marble, pastor, says experience obtained by the youths is invaluable in their

Colombia Reconsidering Ban On Protestant Missionaries

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—The State Department said here that the Republic of Colombia is reconsidering an order banning a substantial area of the country to Protestant missionaries.

In a letter to Dr. Clyde Taylor, secretary of national affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals here, the department also said that "since 1951 there have been numerous incidents of violence against American Protestant missionaries and the destruction of American mission property."

Under terms of a so-called Mis-

sion Agreement signed by the government of Colombia on Jan. 29, 1953, the department said, the Roman Catholic Church was given the exclusive right to proselytize and carry on religious and educational work in "a considerably expanded area, believed now to constitute between two-thirds and three-fourths of the national territory."

As a result of this order a number of American Protestant missions have been ordered closed, the Department added.

Use Materials Furnished For Reporting

It has been our custom, in our circulation campaigns to furnish the pastor with duplicate, alphabetical lists of the subscribers in his charge. One of these lists, on plain paper, is for his own use in the campaign and for his records. The other list, on prepared forms, is for his convenience in making his report to our office.

This second form, prepared in our office at a great deal of time and expense, is for his convenience in reporting the results of the campaign to our office. This form reduces to a minimum the work required in making the reports since the names of all subscribers are on the list and it is only necessary to make notation after their names as to whether they have renewed.

This form is not only a convenience in processing the list in our office, but practically a necessity, if we keep up with the reports as they reach our office. We can process these lists in a fraction of the time it takes to work those not alphabetically arranged. This list clearly shows, also, whether the subscriber is new or renewal. It will be a great aid in our office if all of our pastors use these forms. The few exceptions we now have, increases the time necessary to process the list and increases the possibility of mistakes.

The Ghost Of Stalinism Walks Again

Practically every move now being made by the leaders of Russian communism is additional evidence that Stalinism with all of its tyranny and bloodshed, is back in the saddle in Russia.

The speech of Khrushchev, almost a year ago, down grading Stalin, in no sense marked a real change of heart among the communistic leaders in Russia. That speech simply marked a change in tactics in an effort to satellite reach the same goal by a different route. Nothing is sacred to communist leaders that stands in the way of reaching their goal, not even Stalin. Hence, when it occurred to Russian leaders that it might be a better policy, at home and abroad, to denounce Stalin and profess to have a changed attitude toward the suppressed people inside Russia and a more friendly attitude toward other nations, that policy was followed with the same old objective of advancing communism.

No leader of the free world ever said anything that carried a more unqualified denunciation of Stalin than was found in Khrushchev's speech last February when he pictured him as the heartless murderer and conscienceless tyrant that the free world knew him to be. That speech rocked the communist world on its foundation and led to a marked division among communist leaders. It led to false hopes in satellite nations which, in some, resulted in revolution.

Having discovered the mistake in policy, it is no surprise to find the leaders of Russia reversing the field again and turning back to Stalinism despite the beastly, loathsome, horrible crimes of which they accused him. Only recently, in the government's New Year's party Khrushchev made another speech in which he is reported to have said, "Stalin was a great fighter against imperialism. He was a great Marxist. The imperialists call us Stalinists. Well, when it comes to fighting imperialists, we are all Stalinists."

So there we have it: They are "all Stalinists," and that is what the free world has believed all the while, despite the hypocritical smiles that fronted for their pretended friendship. The new "line" having failed, Russian leaders, without apology, without embarrassment or shame, pitch it out the window and, despite the hideous picture they gave the world of Stalin, they now declare, "We are all Stalinists." They should know that in making this statement, they are revealing no secrets to the world.

Cooperate With Your Church In Circulation Campaign

The period January 13-20 is set apart in the annual conference calendar of the three annual conferences of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area for the annual circulation campaign for the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist. Subscribers will make the task of local church campaigns considerably easier if they will promptly renew their subscriptions during this period in order that local church reports may be forwarded at an early date to the publications' office for processing.

These are the only publications in Methodism that complete such a large task in such a short period of time. Amazing results have been achieved in the past 15 campaigns in Arkansas and five in Louisiana by following this program. This is the only time during the conference year that circulation of the Area's publications is emphasized and the wholesale cooperation, by church leaders, has made possible an unusually healthy circulation by following this procedure. Your editors are confident that another record list of subscribers will be recorded as again church leaders devote their efforts, during this period, to the campaign.

Reports reaching the publications' office to date indicate that there is every reason to expect excellent results in this year's circulation endeavor. The first two lists received were every family lists. Fountain Hill, Rev. Robert Long pastor, and Eduora, Rev. W. R. Boyd pastor, both Monticello District charges, filed their reports ahead of the campaign date. Several other churches have already reported, all with good lists.

Your staff is making every effort to keep the publications' usefulness at a high level. The use of news material is greater now than ever before, and we believe that the support which the publications are giving to the total Methodist program is helpful. An informed Methodist constituency is responsive to the challenges of Methodist program, and since there is no other medium for all members which regularly presents the news and program of Methodism, it is absolutely necessary that every effort be made by local church leaders to secure a wide circulation of the church paper among local church members.

If your subscription expires in January, as most subscriptions do, renew your subscription now so as to not miss a single issue.

Crime At A Record High

The Federal Bureau of Investigation reported in a recent press release that 2,534,000 major crimes were committed during the past year, a record total that surpassed by 12% the 1955 figures. This means that in this land which is supposed to be giving the rest of the world moral leadership that, on an average, a major crime is committed every 12 seconds and that five major crimes are committed every minute of every hour, day and night, throughout the year.

This staggers the imagination and is all but incomprehensible. When one remembers all the character building agencies that are at work helping the nation's citizens, all the money and energy that go into law enforcement programs, the record church membership and attendance, and the degree of civilization that has been reached in this nation, it is all but unbelievable that this amount of crime is rampant among us.

Among the challenges which the Church faces, surely there is none greater than this crime record. The redeemed fellowship in the Church must gird itself to redeem an unredeemed society.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE MEMBERS OF THE HODGE METHODIST CHURCH gave their pastor, Rev. G. A. Morgan, and Mrs. Morgan, a 21-inch GE Television set as a Christmas present.

REV. JOHN F. KELLOGG, pastor of the Elizabeth Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the Faith Methodist Church, Natchitoches, Sunday, Dec. 16, where Rev. J. W. Lee is pastor.

REV. B. P. DURBIN, pastor of the Brownsville Methodist Church, West Monroe, was guest speaker at the December meeting of the Ransom Parent-Teacher Association.

REV. ROBERT P. LAY, lay leader for the Louisiana Conference, was guest speaker at the supper meeting of the McGuire Methodist Men's Club, West Monroe, Tuesday, Dec. 18, where Rev. Ira A. Love is pastor.

REV. FLOYD McCARTY, local preacher and member of First Methodist Church of Coushatta, was guest preacher at both worship services of the church on Dec. 30, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, who was away for the Christmas holidays.

REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM EARL NOLAN announce the birth of their first child, a son, William Walter, at Dallas, Texas, on Dec. 26. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Nolan of Oak Ridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter De Moss of Coushatta.

THE YOUTH CHOIR of First Methodist Church, Coushatta, presented a musical program of the "Life of Christ" at the Mansfield MYF Sub-District on Monday evening, Jan. 7. Over one hundred young people attended this monthly meeting, which was held in the Coushatta church where Rev. Harvey G. Williamson is pastor.

THE "SINGING MEN" choir of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, presented a 30 minute program Monday evening, Dec. 17 on the front steps of the state capitol, which was decorated with lights and giant candles, with a tall lighted Christmas tree on the steps. The choir was under the direction of Marvin Genuchi.

AN INSPIRING Christmas program was presented by the teachers and pupils of the Hodge Methodist Church School on Sunday, Dec. 23. Mrs. E. G. Knobloch and Mrs. C. E. Etter directed the program. The annual Christmas tree was held on Friday evening, Dec. 21. Rev. G. A. Morgan is pastor of the church.

A LIVE NATIVITY SCENE was presented on the Noel Memorial Church lawn, Shreveport, Dec. 28-30, displaying wisemen, shepherds, angels, Mary, Joseph and the Baby, a donkey and sheep. John J. Rasmussen, Jr., was in charge of the scene and was assisted by the young people of the church. Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor of the church.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL Candlelight Service was presented at the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday evening, Dec. 23, by the combined choirs of the church. The program was under the direction of A. C. Voran, director of the adult choir; and Mrs. W. K. Chandler, director of the children's and youth choirs, with Bob Hallquist as organist. Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor of the church.

CHAPLAIN WILLIAM J. REID, who has been serving as Chaplain at Fort Polk has been assigned to a camp in France. With his wife, Susie, his son, Billy, and daughter Mary Sue, he will report to Fort Hamilton on Jan. 27, and will depart from the Brooklyn Army Port of Embarkation some few days later. Billy is a senior in the DeRidder High School and Mary Sue is in the first grade there.

A CHRISTMAS CANTATA, "The Son of Christmas" by the choir of the First Methodist Church, Amite, was broadcast Christmas day over radio station WABL. The choir was under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Thompson, and the organist was Miss Catherine Johnson. Soloists were Mrs. Mildred Martin, Mrs. Chris Helen Frey, Ike Case and Mrs. Roy Stewart, Sr. Rev. James E. Christie is pastor of the Amite church.

REV. BARRY BAILEY, associate pastor of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, will conduct the noonday services in the Beck Building Memorial Chapel during the month of January. The service is held each Wednesday beginning at 12:05 p.m. and lasting 25 minutes in order that people working or shopping in the downtown area may attend during their lunch hour. The chapel is open daily from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. for prayer and meditation.

DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Louisiana Conference, was guest speaker during the weekly chapel program in the Brown Memorial Chapel on the Centenary College campus, Jan. 10. His topic was, "The Importance of Concentration." Rev. Jim McLean, director of religious activities, introduced Dr. Sloane. Special music was provided by the Centenary College choir under the direction of A. C. Voran.

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY was observed at the Hodge Methodist Church, Sunday, Dec. 31, with the college students and high school seniors taking part in the services. Douglas McLean was the speaker for the occasion. Others taking part on the program included Anne Sentell, Mary Kathryn Dennis, Bobby Bond, Richard Jones, Holbrook McLean and Harvey Rasbury. Harvey Rasbury is a member of the Air Corps and was home on furlough. Rev. G. A. Morgan is pastor of the church.

THE JUNIOR CHOIR of the Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, presented a cantata, "The Story of Christmas" by Jacobus, Dec. 23 at the church. A pageant of the Nativity was also presented. Mary was portrayed by Libby McCoy and Joseph by Franklin Boyd. Mrs. K. M. Willis was director of the choir. Soloists were Gayle Smith, Sage Redding, Noel Cain and Buzz Redding. Readers were Ronnie Dana and John Robert Reitzell. Rev. Ralph Cain is pastor of the church.

THE STERLINGTON Methodist Church presented a Christmas pageant in the church sanctuary called "Joybells of Christmas". The directors were Mrs. Walter Allen and Mrs. William Jordan. Choir directors were Mrs. J. O. Booth and Jimmy Roach with Mrs. Frank Roach serving at the organ. The characters in the pageant were the children and young people of the church. Harold Williams and Bill Jordan were in charge of the lighting effect. Rev. W. M. Allen is pastor of the church.

THE ANNUAL Christmas Eve service was held at the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles beginning at 11:15 p.m., with a short organ recital by George Kreamer. The coming of Christ as the light of the world was dramatized with the singing of carols in response to the reading of the Old Testament prophecy and the gospel story. The service was concluded with the traditional lighting of a candle by the pastor. The light was then passed to light the individual candles held by members of the congregation. Dr. Carl Lueg is pastor of the church.

CENTENARY COLLEGE has added a course in photography to the class schedule for the spring semester this year. Thurman C. Smith, Shreveport professional photographer, has been engaged as instructor for the course, which will also be included in the night school's schedule. Edgar E. Burks, director of the evening division, said the course will not carry academic credit and is intended primarily for amateur photographers who wish to gain a knowledge of all phases of photography. Instruction will cover use of the camera, film selection, exposure, lighting, film processing, contact printing, enlarging, shooting procedures and laboratory procedures.

THE ANNUAL "White Christmas" party was held at the Pharr Chapel Methodist Church, Morgan City, Wednesday evening, Dec. 19. The program featured boys and girls of the Sunday School in a presentation of the Christmas story. At the close of the program everyone present

was given the opportunity to present a gift to the Babe of Bethlehem. The gifts were deposited in white envelopes and placed at the foot of the cradle. The gifts were then sent to the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans to be used in the work of that institution. Informal carol singing by the entire congregation preceded a social hour in the Educational Building following the Christmas party. Rev. Robert Bengtson is pastor of the church.

MISS GRETCHEN ELSTON, member of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, will be commissioned at Buckhill Falls, Pennsylvania, on January 18, and will enter full time missionary service. Several years ago Miss Elston went to Japan as a J3 for a period of three years, where she taught at Kwassui Junior College for Women in Nagasaki. Upon her return to America, she taught at Southwestern Louisiana Institute in Lafayette for a year. At present, Gretchen is attending Columbia University where she is majoring in English in Teacher's College. She is also studying Japanese literature and history at Columbia and is taking special courses at Union Theological Seminary. She will return to Japan in the summer or fall of 1957 where she will study the Japanese language for two years before being assigned to a school.

REV. JOHN BELL, and family were honored by the three churches on the Kilbourne Circuit during the Christmas holidays. On Dec. 22, the Kilbourne church presented its Christmas pageant directed by Mrs. Herman Lightsey and Mary E. Meek. Following the program the pastor and family were given a shower. On Dec. 19, the Goodwill church presented a Christmas pageant directed by Mrs. Till Scuggs and Mrs. Horace McIntyre. After the pageant a party was held for the children. The adults of the church gave a cash donation on the church budget, and presented the pastor and family with a cooker and also a food shower. On Dec. 20 Locust Grove church held a Christmas program for the first time in 30 years. Christmas carols were sung and a reading was given by a member of the church. The pastor and his family were presented a satin quilt.

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THE HARVEST OF SUSPICION

At some time in our lives all of us have undoubtedly been "taken in" by trusting too much. Perhaps we have put faith in the promises of supposed friends only to prove them false. It may be that in childhood we have idolized some hero and later found that our idol had feet of clay. Maybe some of us have given ourselves in marriage to mates who have betrayed over trust.



And when we lift our eyes to the international scene, we see the devilry being done by the Russians, who were our allies a dozen years ago. Yes, we all know the chagrin and sorrow of being taken in by believing too much.

But how about shutting ourselves out by believing too little? I wonder if we ever do know how many opportunities we have passed up because we lack faith.

I have friends who tell me of the fortunes they might have made if they had believed enough in certain new products. Think of the acquaintances of

Henry Ford and Andrew Carnegie who held off in distrust when those men were starting their new developments. I would venture the assertion that in the long run more loss and misery have been caused by believing too little than by believing too much.

Think of our Lord's own Nazarene neighbors. They had seen Jesus grow up. Then He went forth after His baptism to His ministry of teaching and healing. The reports of His mighty works were carried back to His own community.

But His neighbors never profited much by His presence. Why? When He returned to His own neighborhood, they would not believe that a home town boy could be the Great Deliver. They said, "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary?" They were suspicious of what Jesus was doing. Then the Gospel adds: "And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

While, of course, there is need of guarding against over-confidence,

the more immediate need is to beware of being oversuspicious.

For one thing suspicion distorts the vision. In these dangerous times we must keep our eyes open to the very real evils which beset us. But to keep our eyes glued on the gloomy prospects of life is about as sure a way of impairing our vision as to be always looking at the sunny pleasures.

The suspicious person not only looks on the dark side of things, but he looks for the evil in the darkness. He infers on vague yet unproved grounds that a situation is bad rather than good. The word "suspect" literally means "to look under." And when a person goes around stooping to look under everything to find the evil hidden beneath, he distorts his vision and misses the full truth.

The suspicious person prides himself on being realistic. He considers himself clever enough to "see through" the pretensions and falsehoods of others. But when we are always trying to "see through" others, we do not really see them.

Suspicion tends to give an exaggerated idea of the evils. And that is just what the evil forces desire. If one opponent in a struggle can get the other downright afraid of him, he has begun the process of overcoming. This is one of the most common ways evil has of overcoming us. It disheartens us by playing up the world's evil. It induces the feeling that goodness never can or will prevail over evil.

Furthermore, suspicion has an ill effect on the person suspected. The friend, the son, the husband who knows that he is under suspicions is never quite himself. He is likely to act a bit queerly and thus he tends to confirm the dark thoughts about himself. In this way the seeds of suspicion grow into discord and even open strife.

Let's stop living down to our suspicions and start living up to our expectations. Let's not impute to other motives meaner than our own.

In love, in religion, in life generally, we must show a certain amount of trust before we can receive proof. Suppose that we required the prospective friend to prove there was no poison in his food before we sat down to dine with him. Gentlemen take some things on trust.

Likewise in our relations with God, we must start with an attitude of trust.

Our American coins say "In God we trust." Let's show it.

The Layman's Column

By
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IS CHRISTIANITY ADAPTABLE TO COLLEGE LIFE?

(Note: These words are part of a talk made on Student Recognition Day, December 30, 1956, at First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas, by John Melton, an engineering major at the University of Oklahoma, and a member of that church. I was so impressed that I wanted to share as much as possible with the readers.—C.A.S.)

College life today is filled with the very same economic hazards, emotional tensions, and moral crises that are in the highly competitive world of business and industry, and in the tense atmosphere of international relations. It is not enough that a youngster be intellectually prepared to do the book or laboratory work called for by the curriculum. Many young men and women come to grief today in our colleges and universities not because their beliefs are at times overcast by the clouds of skepticism, but because they are so often ethically and emotionally unprepared for the strains and stresses which life today, in college or out, imposes upon them. Administrators and faculties of educational institutions have come to realize that it is necessary to educate students emotionally and ethically as well as intellectually; and that religion, both as an act of worship and as a discipline of the mind, is a very important means of providing them with a sense of meaning and purpose for life.

To this interest (in spiritual as well as intellectual growth) may be attributed the establishment of and increase, in many colleges and universities, of departments of religion at the undergraduate level. This is a clear recognition by the institution of the importance of religion as a body of knowledge, as well as an expression of worship and work. The offerings of such a department are especially designed for young men and women who are not contemplating the Christian Ministry as a life work, but who come to compose a more religiously informed laity, so essential to the continuity of the Church.

I hope that I have not produced the impres-

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

EVERYONE WANTS PEACE

Aside from the universal search for food and shelter (which the great majority of mankind have to a reasonable degree), there is no deeper or more general urge in the hearts and minds of men today than the desire for peace. By peace they mean the elimination of any danger or fear of warfare; elimination of the bickerings, economic pressures, "cold" struggle, or threats of force that lead to armed battle and its consequent desolation. There is not a man on earth—not even the hermit (though who can be a "hermit" in the world as it is today?) nor the man with "inner peace"—who lives in physical and freedom from war's possibilities.

Yes, the desire for peace is uppermost in the minds and hearts of men everywhere. And perhaps the more "powerful" and "secure" a nation consider itself behind its armed forces, the more reverently its people pray those arms may never be used. No one wants war. Everyone desires peace.

Did you notice how many of the Christmas greeting cards you sent out and received last month had "Peace on Earth" and variations of that theme as their message? The Christmas

sion that the Kingdom of God is just around the corner. In our present culture, organized as it is without God as the center of reference, religion has a real battle on its hands. The Christian faith owes something of its toughness and durability to this element of conflict to which it has never been a stranger. Yet, even in such unyielding soil as current secularism, the seeds of an intelligent curiosity about religion, and an honest inquiry into its meanings and claims are being sown. There is something about the climate of the times in which we live that I believe will bring this planting to ultimate fruition: not overnight, not in our lifetime, but yet within time and history. I should like to register my conviction that the combined operation of liberal education and religion will produce a growing number of men and women of intelligence and character who will yet create a better world.

messages of Pope Pius XII, of the president of the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A., of President Eisenhower, of Queen Elizabeth II, and of leading statesmen and clergymen the world over, all stressed, in one phraseology or another, the desire for peace—meaning freedom from actual war and the threat of war.

We noted in the Christmas issue of *News-week* that three full pages of advertising space were taken by as many corporations, not to tell of their business concerns but to tell something of the Christmas message and its meaning. And all three pages reflect the common man's desire for peace from war. Many other national magazines carried similar pages and messages.

Said the page paid for by the Norfolk and Western Railway (beneath a drawing of Joseph and Mary searching for a room): "In the centuries since the first Christmas Eve, mankind many times has plagued itself with violence and sorrow, and whole nations have engulfed themselves in the mad race—*whither?* This season of the year recalls the way as it was shown by Him who spoke guidance for all people in all years..."

While the Bankers Trust Company, of New York, reminds us (for the tenth successive year) that while there are clouds, and anger, and thunder, and threats, yet there are "stars" and "a deep desire for friendship between nations, a determination to achieve lasting peace."

Yes, everyone wants peace. Nobody wants war. But desire is not enough to bring peace. Christmas carols and hymns may help stir hearts, and minds, and spirit to greater yearning for peace; but they will not *per se* produce peace. The notable motion picture "War and Peace" may depict war so horrible that we are convinced of its sin and futility; but no film and no conviction will alone attain the end of warring. Even the "tranquility of spirit," which the church teaches, and which is desirable, will not keep war from running over the bodies of tranquil, peace-loving men and women, and equally tranquil children.

Desire, yearning, conviction, tranquility of spirit: these are basic equipment of the mind and heart and spirit of the man—or the nation—that would end all war. But they are only the first step. After them comes *work for peace*; and that will lead the worker into intelligent, often frustrating, but never-to-be-slackened action in the social, political, international, legal and humanitarian ministries. Ultimate peace is a long-range and wide-range area of service and justice to which each one must give his utmost strength, and skill and sacrifice.

Four Licensed to Preach By Forrest City District

The eighty-sixth session of the Forrest City District Conference, meeting in Hughes on December 11, granted a license to preach to four young men of the district. Those receiving a license were John Marion Braden of West Helena, John Russell Collier, III of Hughes, James Karl Elam of Wynne, and Stephen Mims Gatten of Colt.

The service for licensing was held at the beginning of the afternoon session of the conference. The Rev. Otto W. Teague, District Superintendent, led the service assisted by Rev. Elmus Brown, pastor of the host church.

The site of the conference was the First Methodist Church in Hughes. The business sessions of the conference were held in the church sanctuary. The beauty of the church was enhanced by appropriate Christmas decorations through the courtesy of the Hughes Garden Club. Lunch was served and committee meetings were held in the new educational building. The conference sermon was delivered by the Rev. Alvin Murray, Searcy.

During the course of the conference 189 persons signed roll call cards as either delegates or visitors to the conference. The conference agenda was arranged in accord with the work of the four local church commissions, and lifted up the interest of the Church in Evangelism, Education, Missions, Stewardship and Social Concerns.

The various concerns of Methodist Christians across the North Arkansas Conference as they relate to the Forrest City District were presented by the representatives of those causes.

Before adjournment the conference accepted an invitation from the First Methodist Church in Marion to meet there for the next session of the district conference.—By Rev. James M. Meadors, Jr., Secretary.



Those who received license to preach at the Forrest City District conference, are, left to right: James Karl Elam, Wynne, a freshman at Hendrix; John Russell Collier, III, Hughes, a high school senior; Stephen Mims Gatten, Colt, a high school junior; and John Braden, West Helena, a high school senior. The latter three plan to attend Hendrix College after they complete high school. The Rev. Raymond Franks is chairman of the district licensing committee, and other committee members are: the Revs. Elmus Brown, J. Ralph Hillis, Garland C. Taylor, Otto Teague, and I. L. Claud.

Sylvan Hills, No. Little Rock, Holds Open House At New Parsonage

The Sylvan Hills Methodist Church, No. Little Rock, held open house Dec. 9, at its new parsonage on Reeves Avenue and the Sylvan Hills Highway.

The \$12,500, six-room parsonage building is constructed of brick veneer with framing of yellow pine and fir, and has sheet rock interior walls. It is equipped with forced air central heating, has 1,365 square feet of floor space, a departmental bath, attic fan, formica kitchen cabinets, aluminum windows, a wide

over-hanging roof, ornamental iron work on the porch, and carport columns, and fiber glass attic insulation.

The hospitality committee for the open house was composed of Mrs. Roy Smith, chairman of the parsonage committee; Mrs. Max Kline, WSCS president; and Mrs. A. E. Buckland, WSG local church activities chairman.

Hostesses were: Mrs. Floyd Stinnett, Mrs. Paul Broyles, Mrs. Frank Thacker, Sr., Mrs. Woodrow Burks, Mrs. Paul Bricker, and Mrs. Bob Bradford. The senior MYF girls assisted the serving. Mrs. Raymond Steward was in charge of decorations, and Mrs. Wesley Herren was in charge of the guest book which she designed.

Bob Hamilton was the contractor; Al Mowry the building committee chairman; and Mack Kellum and Paul Bricker donated the designs and plans for the building.

The parsonage committee, in addition to Mrs. Smith and Mrs.

Jones Mill Hosts District Meeting

The Arkadelphia District Conference convened November 27, 1956, at Shorewood Hills Church, Jones Mill. Rev. T. T. McNeal, District Superintendent, presided, and Rev. Howard Cox was host pastor.

The conference opened at 9:00 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Rev. Alfred Doss led the devotional service.

Rev. Clint Burleson was elected secretary of the conference. The following committees were appointed: Courtesy—Rufus Sorrells, J. M. Hamilton, and Howard Cox; Resolutions—Harold K. Davis, Russell Brown, and J. C. Van Horn.

The following persons represented special causes: Dr. Aubrey Walton, Arkansas Methodist; Dr. Connor Morehead, Methodist Children's Home; Dr. Roy E. Fawcett, Christian Education; Rev. James Clemmons, Hendrix College; S. H. Allman, Lay Activities; Rev. Rufus Sorrells, Missions; Rev. A. J. Christie, Evangelism; Rev. Clint Burleson, Social Concerns; and Rev. Clyde Parsons, Adult Work.

At the morning preaching service, Rev. John B. Hays brought the message concerning the emphasis on Higher Education.

During the afternoon session, the following men were licensed to preach: James Dell Keith, David Dean Cavnor, James Edward Batts, and Kenneth Richard Lindsey.

The Conference voted to hold the 1957 District Conference at St. Andrew Methodist Church, Arkadelphia.—Clint Burleson, Secretary.

Bricker, is composed of Mrs. A. L. Garthwaite, Paul Davis, Walter Reynolds, and Charles Koon. The Rev. Norris Steele is pastor.

Various church departments which helped with the furnishings of the new parsonage, include: the WSCS and WSG, living room and dining room drapes; Young Adults, Women's and Men's Bible classes, curtains for three bedrooms; Senior MYF, bathroom curtains and pastor's desk; Methodist Men's Club, kitchen curtains.

CAMDEN SCOUTS RECEIVE AWARDS

Four Boy Scouts from Troop 12, sponsored by the Fairview Methodist Church, 2603 Mt. Holly Road, SW, Camden, Arkansas, received their God and Country Awards Sunday night, August 26, 1956, at the 7:30 p.m. church services. These Boy Scouts are (left to right) William Roberts, Jerry Cross, Jerry Merritt, and Jerry Anderson.

To earn this award, a Boy Scout works with the pastor of his own church, learns the local history and beliefs of his church and carries out projects in his own local church. These four boys are active members of the Fairview Methodist Church and are regular in attendance at Sunday School, preaching services, and other activities the church has for them.

William Roberts is an Eagle Scout. Jerry Cross is a Star Scout. Jerry Merritt is a Life Scout. Jerry Anderson is a Star Scout.—By Floyd Bullock, Scoutmaster and Sunday School teacher. (Photo by Snider's Studio, Camden).



Pictured are the Rev. Norris Steele, left, pastor of the Sylvan Hills Methodist Church, who is inspecting the new parsonage with the contractor, Bob Hamilton.



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Baton Rouge Area Will Hold Leadership Training School

The Baton Rouge Area Leadership Training School will be held January 27-31, at the Istrouma Methodist Church, with most of the Methodist churches of the greater Baton Rouge area participating.

The schedule for the school: Sunday, January 27, 2-2:30 p.m., general assembly; 2:30-3:15, Bible Lecture; 3:30-4:30, classes. Monday night through Thursday night: 7:00-7:45, Bible Lecture; 8 to 9 classes.

Featured in the school will be a Bible Lecture the first hour of each of the sessions, "The Life and Times of the Old Testament," for everyone attending the school, given by Dr. John Harden Hicks, professor of Old Testament Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; and seven study courses, from which each person attending the school may select one course.

Courses Available

The courses are: Children's Division, 1. "Home and Church Cooperating in Children's Work," taught by Mrs. Lloyd Beall, Tyler, Texas. This course is for teachers, department superintendents, and parents of children in the Children's Division. This course will help workers with children to discover how parents and teachers can work more closely together in the task of Christian Education.

2. "Children and the Bible," Mrs. W. W. Spitze, Baton Rouge, teacher. For all teachers in the Children's Division, Kindergarten, Primary and Junior. This course will help workers discover how the Bible can be made understandable to children, its place in Church School literature, and how best to approach it and use it with children.

3. "Music and Children of the Church," Mrs. Maxine F. Watkins, Ruston, Louisiana, teaching. This course is for all teachers who have the responsibility for playing, leading singing, or choosing songs in the Children's Division; both musicians and non-musicians. The course is geared to help teachers gain a philosophy of music in the religious growth of children, in the use of music, and the choice of music.

4. The Youth Division: "Interpreting the Bible to Youth" taught by Rev. William P. Fraser, Plaquemine, Louisiana. This course is for all workers with youth: teachers of Intermediate, Senior and Older youth, counsellors of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and youth department superintendents. This course will help workers discover the best methods of making the Bible a readable and relevant book to teenagers.

5. Adult Division: "The use of the Bible in Teaching Adults" taught by Dr. Gilbert Oliver, Mendenhall, Mississippi. For all teachers and officers of adult classes. This is a "how to do it" course which will help workers learn methods and approaches leading members of adult classes to study the Bible.

General Courses

6. General: "How to Improve the Church School," Dr. Earl B. Emerich, pastor of University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, teaching. This course will be of interest to General Church School Superintendents, Pastors, Department Superintendents and members of Commissions on Education. The course will present the program of Christian Education, fundamental principles underlying the program, ways of improving the work of the Church School. It is a practical

course dealing with the problems of the Church School.

7. General: "Christian Evangelism," taught by Rev. N. U. Boone, Columbia, Mississippi. This is a course for every member of the church, especially helpful for those with responsibility as a member of a Commission on Membership and Evangelism, Fishermen's Clubs, Assistant Church School Superintendents, Church School Teachers, Official Board members and Pastors.

Officers of School

Officers of the Training School are: The Rev. J. Phillip Woodland, pastor, Broadmoor Methodist, Baton Rouge, Dean; Mr. Paul Eldredge, Chairman of the Board of Managers; Rev. A. A. Collins, pastor of Winbourn Ave. Methodist, Baton Rouge, Treasurer; and Mrs. Evelyn Freneaux, Secretary.

A nursery will be provided at each session for those who need to bring children.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

"I Serve"

The Lenten reading booklet for 1957 for young people, "I Serve through Christian Discipleship" is now off the press and may be ordered from The Methodist Publishing House.

This book has been written to emphasize Christian vocation. The chapters are most interesting: "Vocation or Vacation?"; "The Earth Is the Lord's"; "He Was a Carpenter," "On Being a Disciple," "Discipleship through Prayer," "The Bible Is Yours," "In the Fellowship of Other Disciples," "A Maturing Faith," "I Want to Be a Christian," "The Vocation of Christian Youth," "The Whole Church for the Whole World," "You Are a Christian Citizen."

This book may be purchased at 35c per single copy or at 30c where as many as ten copies are ordered.

North Arkansas at Convocation

The North Arkansas Conference had a splendid delegation attending the Adult Convocation in Little Rock, January 4-6. We are listing the number by churches registered for the convocation: Mountain View, 1; Newport, Umsted, 1; Newport First Church, 8; Batesville First Church, 14; Levy, 4; Danville, 1; North Little Rock First Church, 1; Conway, Wesley, 1; Conway First Church, 2; Rose City, 3; Washington Ave., 7; Gardner Memorial, 17; Springdale, Wesley, 1; Springdale First Church, 5; Rogers, 4; Fayetteville, Central, 8; Helena, 1; West Memphis First Church, 4; Hughes, 6; Forrest City, 6; Marion, 1; Weiner, 2; Jonesboro First

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The Youthful Accent

By Hoover Rupert

TEEN-AGERS' CODE

Among the many codes for teenagers which have come to the attention of this column none seems more striking and usable than one which is in operation successfully at Catholic Central High School in Muskegon, Michigan, where 1,058 students and their parents proudly advertise that their codes for guiding teen-age conduct are acceptable and working. Credit is given the cooperation of the students with the Holy Family Association, a parents' group from 12 Roman Catholic parishes in the metropolitan area.

Adopted in October by both parents and students, the codes are designed to guide conduct without curtailing normal activities of the younger set. Parents are asked, for example, "to make the home a center of student social activity and to be home when their children entertain, to insist their children not attend parties uninvited, and to ban uninvited persons from student house parties." Parents are urged to imbound alcoholic beverages brought to student parties, ban after-date parties, furnish transportation for 9th and 10th grade guests, and agree on party closing hours.

Students Make Pledges

On the other hand, students are pledged to refrain from public display of affection with dates, abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages, refuse rides in cars with other students who drink, confine social activities to week-ends and holidays, inform parents of their whereabouts, and adhere to estimated times of return from teenage activities. Dating for 9th and 10th graders is subject to parental approval, and the lower grade groups are barred from attending the school's twice-yearly proms but are allowed to attend the informal social events.

Closing Hours Set

Informal and home parties are asked to be ended by 11:30 p.m. Closing hours for the proms are set at midnight. Mrs. Anthony Beda, president of the Holy Family Association said the hours clause is aimed at breaking the custom — bemoaned by parents throughout the nation — of entertaining high school graduates at night-long "open-house" on prom nights. One comment concerning the closing hours suggested that one advantage is that it helps parents who tend to be too severe and strict and set too heavy restrictions on their youngsters. The closing hours refers to actual events. Return-home time is left to individual families.

Good Reaction From Students

Youth leaders report a good reaction for the most part from the students. They feel it actually improves school morale to have it in black and white. And, the parent leaders suggest that reaction to the 11-point adult-part of the code shows that this kind of common agreement among parents was what they needed.

It seems to this observer that some such agreement among parents and teen-agers is highly in order in every community. It could make for genuine understanding between youth and parents. It could avoid the plea, "All the other kids get to do it, but not me." And also it could liberalize parental policies which are actually too restrictive.

HOPE DISTRICT MYF HOLDS INSTITUTE

Some 40 youth attended the Hope District mid-winter MYF Institute which was held at the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Dec. 27-28.

The group, representing four sub-districts, voted to accept as a project the building of a class port at Camp Tanako. The port will cost \$200.

Theme for the session was "I Serve," taken from the Lenten Reading Book. The Rev. John Hassler, Little Rock, Conference director of youth work, was the principal speaker and also led a forum on conference youth work.

Jackie Bennet, Nashville, district MYF president, presided; and the Rev. W. D. Golden, Mena, is district director of youth work. Sub-districts represented included Little River-Miller, Polk County, Sevier County, and Galloway.

Live Nativity Scene Presented

The MYF of Tillar and Newtons Chapel Methodist Churches of the Tillar-Winchester Charge sponsored a live Nativity Scene on the lawn of the Tillar Church the night of December 24th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

A stable was erected of slabs from a nearby sawmill, giving the scene a rustic appearance. Live animals were used, including a goat, a calf, two sheep, a shetland pony, and a donkey. Victor Allen Birch, two months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Birch, served for one and one-half hours in the manger as the Baby Jesus. Christmas Carols went out over the chimes with Miss Ann Rice and Mrs. M. R. Davidson at the organ.

The Christmas story from Luke's Gospel was read during the hymn of Silent Night, throughout the program. Some thirty persons were serving in the cast or behind the scene, and all characters were changed at regular intervals, except the baby. Many favorable comments of inspirations were made and a hope to repeat this at the next Christmas season. — By Irl S. Lancaster, pastor.

MSM Members On "Who's Who" List

Members of the Methodist Student Movement are well represented in the group of eight Centenary College students selected for listing in this year's "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Miss Emily Learner of Baton Rouge, current president of the MSM, and Jack Mac Webb of Vidor, Tex., treasurer, are among this year's honorees. Also selected as among Centenary's outstanding students are Miss Bonnie Harrel, Winnfield, member of the MSM; Miss Betty Bentley, Abbeville, editor of the MSM weekly bulletin; Miss Betty Joe Austin, Shreveport, member of MSM, and J. Delton Pickering, Shreveport, past president of the MSM.

Others selected are Miss Mary Jane Carter, Shreveport, and Lee Popejoy, Shreveport, both members of many organizations on the campus.

Hazen Parsonage Dedicated



Methodists at Hazen dedicated their new parsonage in an appropriate service on Sunday afternoon, December 23, with Bishop Paul E. Martin presiding.

Among those who have had an active part in directing in the building program and debt liquidation were, above, left to right: Wm. F. Wood, official board chairman in the beginning of the project, Mrs. Will Hardke, president of the Women's Society, Gaylon Miller, chairman of the building program, and Mrs. Doyle T. Rowe, wife of the Hazen pastor. A large number of the Hazen Methodists and their friends attended the dedication service and the reception which followed the service was held at the parsonage.

District Superintendent Entertains District Pastors And Wives



Ministers and their wives of the Conway district were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Henry A. Rickey, Conway District Superintendent and his wife, at an annual Christmas party at Hendrix College Monday evening, December 10.

During the course of the evening the Rev. and Mrs. Rickey were presented by the ministers and their wives a glass punch bowl and service. The presentation was made by Mrs. Wm. A. Stewart, president of the pastors' wives organization of the district.

Shown above from left to right are: Rev. Mr. Rickey, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Rickey, and Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Conway, president of Hendrix College.

Approximately 75 guests were present for the dinner which was given in Hulen Hall. Rev. and Mrs. Rickey were assisted in their program entertainment by Mrs. Gilbert Hyde, Little Rock.

MARTIN LUTHER FILM STIRS CONTROVERSY

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chancellor of the Chicago Roman Catholic archdiocese, Msgr. E. M. Burke, as denying that officials had made protests on behalf of the church. He added, "As far as the 1,800,000 Catholics here are concerned, it was an individual matter if they saw fit to protest against a

film they consider historically inaccurate, if not downright insulting."

A delegation of the "action committee" protesting the cancellation met with officials of WGN-TV just prior to the Christmas weekend and agreed to defer further protests until January "in the interest of removing the discordant notes of controversy during Christmas."

Woman's Society of Christian Service

Board Of Missions Holds Annual Meeting

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Ruston, and Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Little Rock, members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, have been attending the Annual Meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

Among others attending were: Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Little Rock, a members of the Staff, Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Little Rock, secretary of Christian Social Relations of the South Central Jurisdiction; Mrs. Sam Dunbar, New Orleans, secretary of Supply of the South Central Jurisdiction; Mrs. C. I. Jones, New Orleans, president of the Louisiana Conference; Mrs. M. E. Scott, El Dorado, president of the Little Rock Conference; Mrs. W. Neill Hart, Camden, Jurisdiction secretary of Children's work; and Dr. Pearle McCain, missionary on furlough in Little Rock.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

Church World Service (215 Fourth Ave., New York City), a department of the National Council of Churches, is working with various Protestant denominations to prove "assurances" (support, work, and a job) for thousands of Protestant and Eastern Orthodox refugees now seeking to enter the United States from European areas. Many hundreds have been added to the waiting list through the recent disturbances in Poland, Hungary, and the Near and Middle East. Persons knowing where there are available jobs and homes for such families are urged to write to the relief agencies of their own churches or to Church World Service.

The Young Women's Christian Association and the Young Men's Christian Association—of Austria—are joining with their world bodies in extending to refugees from Hungary their recreational, educational, cultural and spiritual program. This includes not only camps and other installations in the western parts of Austria, but also the reception camps in the Vienna area.

"By the Waters of Babylon," a dramatic presentation "depicting the suffering of ordinary people and refugees," has been published in a new version by Edinburgh House Press, 2 Eaton Gate, London S. W. 1, England. First presented at the Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1954 as report of the work of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees, the play has been revised by the author, Janet Lacey. Miss Lacey is director of the Inter-Church and Refugee Service of the British Council of Churches. In her introduction to the play Miss Lacey states: "While much is being written to help Christians understand what the ecumenical movement is, and to encourage the study of doctrinal and theological issues, little if anything, has been written in dramatic form to capture the imagination of the ordinary church members, many of whom find such studies difficult in the first place... It is my hope that national and local groups and perhaps local

Shreveport Guild Holds Supper Meeting

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Shreveport District observed Missionary Program Month with a supper January 11 at Wynn Memorial Church, Shreveport.

Mrs. Juanita Oliver, district recording secretary, was in charge of registration, and Miss Arline Tyler, district secretary, presided.

Participating in the program were: Mrs. W. M. Atkins, Mrs. Rudy Volentine, Mrs. Dollie Brown, Mrs. Paul Anderson, the Rev. Tom Lancaster of Summer Grove, Mrs. Hugh Craig, and Mrs. Ed Atkinson.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Augusta had a Christmas Party on December 17. The program used was taken from The Methodist Woman. Refreshments were served from a Christmas table.

At this meeting Mrs. Minta Harville and Mrs. Luella Stanley were presented with Life Membership pins.

Mrs. D. D. Lyman, president of the Metairie Woman's Society, New Orleans, was in charge of the meeting held December 10 at the parsonage with the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Members of the Alexander First Church Society were entertained at a Christmas coffee December 11 at the home of Mrs. R. Draughn Crowell, Jr. by Circles 1, 6, 8, 10, and 11. Greeting members with Mrs. Crowell were circle chairmen: Mesdames George Roberts, Charles Henderson, Don Willis, Albert Hensel and Charles Weems. Pouring coffee were Mrs. Douglas Cardwell, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Mrs. J. Henry Bowdon, wife of the pastor.

councils of churches seeking to use drama as a means of ecumenical education, as well as a way of explaining the needs of those who suffer, will find this presentation helpful." She urges other authors to write plays and scripts in this field.

Miss Betty Thompson, of Jacksonville, Fla., journalist on the staff of the World Council of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, for the past two years, has been named director of the American public relations office of the Council (156 Fifth Avenue, New York City), in succession to Miss Elsie T. Culver, retired.

In Greece—where many old people, workers and school children with defective eyesight cannot afford to buy glasses because they are refugees or members of the war-damaged country's large category of indigent—the World Council of Churches has established an "eyeglass bank." This is one of the self-help projects promoted by the WCC. Those who wish to aid with gifts of lenses are asked to send them to Miss Lois Meyhoffer, 17 route de Malagnow, Geneva, Switzerland, who directs the self-help projects.

We All Live In Some Kind Of A Haunted World;
What Haunts Your Experience?

Our Haunted World

By W. SPENCER WREN*

We live in a haunted world. But, tell me, honestly now, what is your world haunted by: frustration and futility, or the inescapable presence of God?

There have been those in my congregation who have felt that my preaching of late has been dismal and disheartening. I have been accused of painting life with dark, somber strokes; of striking upon the anvil of doom with hammer strokes of despair. And yet, I do not believe that I have been untrue to life in our times or to the Gospel I was called to preach.

As Arthur John Gossip says in his Exposition of John: "With the Gospels in our hands we are at once struck by Christ's constant underlining of the difficulties of discipleship and of the cruel cost of faith. So much so, that he shocked the twelve, who protested that he was giving people the wrong impression, and painting in the shadows too heavily. Yet Christ would not desist, but kept on warning those who thought of throwing in their lot with him that discipleship is a costly business, with the wind in one's face, and the tide against one, and a heavy price to be paid down..."¹

Who is correct, the chirpy optimist who looks at life through rose-colored glasses, or the man who looks at life with honest eyes? Is not the Gospel of Jesus Christ a declaration of good news in a darkened world? Indeed, the Gospel is the good news of One who came to seek and to save that which was and still is lost from life and from God.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is God's AYE to life's NO.

Our Need of the Gospel

I. AND HOW WE NEED THAT GOSPEL FOR WE LIVE IN AN AGE THAT HAS LOST ITS WAY.

In a poem simply entitled September 1, 1939 the Anglo-American poet, W. H. Auden, tells how he sat in a dive on 52nd Street and thinking about the creeping war that was about to engulf the whole world, he concluded that we are

*"Lost in a haunted wood
Children afraid of the night
Who have never been happy or good."*

Despite our incredible technological advances, like the ages before us, we have lost our way, and we are haunted by the ghosts of frustration and futility when we ought to be haunted by the inescapable presence of God.

There is many a man today with ability, know-how, and business acumen who is climbing the ladder of success and who ought to be supremely happy but he rarely ever is. There is many a woman with beautiful clothes, healthy children, gadgets galore in the home and at least some free time on her hands who ought to be happy and wise, but how many are? There is many a preacher with the Gospel in his hands who ought to possess peace, poise and power, but how many of us do? Though it takes years for most of us to discover it, our lives are driven by, to use Thoreau's haunting phrase, a "quiet desperation."

In the early part of our century man tried to live without God. He worshiped science and progress and hooted at religion but a war followed by a depression convinced growing multitudes that we have lost our way. We are like children lost in a haunted world and afraid of the night. This is the inescapable, the undeniable truth about the age in which we live and more than this, down deep within many of us here today, there is the inescapable knowledge that we are lost from life and God.

Church Sometimes Fails

II. THERE IS A GREATER TRAGEDY THAN THIS; HOWEVER, and THAT IS THAT THE CHURCH, IN AN AGE THAT HAS LOST ITS WAY, SOMETIMES FAILS TO POINT THE WAY TO GOD.

I wonder what your Church is haunted by: factions, futility, frustration? Do the wheels go around and around, yet carry us nowhere? We are engaged in a multitude of activities. There is a meeting almost every night, sometimes two, but really, now, are we doing anything more than going through the motions? How many of our Churches are haunted by the inescapable presence of God?

Let me confess two things to you. First, that I love this Methodist Church whose spirit is so close to the spirit of our Christ. But, secondly, that I cannot help wondering sometimes, if the Methodist Church does not have more organization than religion? We are constantly engaged in some program handed down from above. We are ceaselessly going through the motions of some new plan, some new program. I would not be true to my convictions or the Gospel I was called to preach if I did not say to you that I am not sure but that we sometimes project Jesus Christ into things where he does not belong and where he would not go.

I am not saying that we do not need plans or methods for we do. No, what I am saying is that there is one in this haunted world of ours who would have us question our every method, our every motive, lest

*While the world perishes
We go our way
Purposeless, passionless
Day after day.—(R.S.C.)*

Who can deny that in a world that has lost its way, there is a real need for new churches, new church sites and ministers to pastor them and we do well as Methodists to give ourselves to such a task. But how can you give yourself fully to such a campaign if your life is haunted by futility,

frustration or despair? If your life is not haunted by the inescapable presence of God, then, let me address these words of mine to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour sent from God to you.

The Saviour Comes

III. OUR WORLD HAS BEEN INTER-PENETRATED BY A VISITOR FROM OUTER SPACE.

Aye, we live in a haunted world. This is the message of the Church to a world that has lost its way. This is what we mean when we say, "I believe in the Holy Spirit," that there is One present in our world, One who, though unseen, is nonetheless real. How indescribably tragic it is to go through life and never know that you live in a world haunted by the indescribably presence of God. To plod or hurry through life and only when life in slipping through our fingers to look up into the face of God with startled eyes and to suddenly, for the first time, realize, "Oh, so it was you, God, right beside me all the time."

But how can we know that this is true? It is an incredible claim, but I assure you it is true. That frightened little band of twelve thought that life was tumbling in on that night before Jesus died but he audaciously tells them, "In the world you will have trouble; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." "I will not leave you desolate," he tells them, "I will come to you. The world will see me no more, but you will see me. . . ." Remember there are two of us—you and I. We will see this through together.

Now you believe in God or you wouldn't be here, but do you have any real faith to live by, one that can sustain you if life tumbles in? Is belief in God more than a philosophical proposition to you? You undoubtedly know that God is love, that He is forgiving. But do you know that He loves you—that He has forgiven you? Is God really real for YOU?

For the first 22 years of my life I was more or less a faithful member of the Church, but God was not real for me. Oh, surely, I believed in God, and yet, I was lost, lost from life and from God. It was 12 years ago this fall when I first discovered what Jesus meant when He said, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. . . . In a little while the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also."

Since I discovered that his world is haunted by God's Holy Spirit, the unseen, but nonetheless, real presence of Christ, my life has not always been sunshine—there have been dark shadows, too. Yet, I have always been sustained for beyond the sunset was God's sunrise because of the inescapable presence of God. Remember he says, "there are two of us—you and I—we will see it through together." And somehow because of Him, we always have.

Everyone Is Concerned

IV. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THIS IS NOT AN EXPERIENCE LIMITED TO MYSTIC OR SAINT. NO, THIS IS AN EXPERIENCE MEANT TO BE FOR EVERY ONE OF US.

Let me be unequivocal about this. There is something demanded of you. You choose between futility and frustration or God. If you want to find God with his forgiveness and love, you must make this the paramount desire of your life and this isn't easy. But what would you rather have, futility and frustration or God? If you do not know the haunting presence of God, it is because you hold something else in this world more dear than Him. Your heart and mine are poor places to offer Him and yet, He would make your heart His home—but He cannot because in too many of our hearts, there is no room.

How can we make room? The only way I know is to offer to God the best you have with all your heart. You must say "Yes" to God and "No" to self. You must make God's will and way paramount in your life. It is not easy but if you really want to know the haunting presence of God, you will find help through the Bible and prayer. And that will take time, more time than most of us are willing to give. Say "Yes" to Him and He will make His home in the shabby little garret you call your heart. I know, for He has made His home in this shabby, sordid heart of mine.

Conclusion

The other night when my long day was ended, I stood on the parsonage steps and looked up into the night sky. The air was cold, crisp and still, and the sky was very blue with clouds of white shining in the moonlight and the stars twinkling overhead. Standing there I suddenly discovered anew that this is truly a haunted world. I was aware, too, that I was clothed by my sin and yet, as I looked up into the unseen face of God, I knew I was loved and forgiven and I exclaimed, "Dear God, I love you, oh, how I love you!"

I bless God for such times, for not all my life is haunted by his inescapable presence even though I learned long ago that:

*"I cannot do it alone,
The waves run fast and high,
And the fogs close chill around;
The light goes out in the sky.
But I know that we two
Shall win in the end
Jesus and I."*

*Coward and wayward and weak,
I change with the changing sky—
Today so safe and brave
Tomorrow too weak to fly;
But He ne'er gives in,
So we two shall win,
Jesus and I."*²

No, none of us can do it alone, but if you keep looking toward the light, you will find yourself looking into the face of the unseen Christ who has been beside you all the while, and you will know that this is a haunted world when you say "Yes" to Him and He makes His home in your heart.

*W. Spencer Wren is pastor of the St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans, La. This sermon was delivered at the 1956 session of the New Orleans District Conference, Nov. 19.

1—The Interpreters Bible, Vol. 8, p. 734
2—Pocket Book of Faith by Ralph S. Cushman

MONROE DISTRICT
PARSONETTES MEET

The Monroe District "Parsons and Parsonettes" held a joint Christmas meeting in the fellowship hall of the Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, Dec. 13, and a covered-dish luncheon highlighted the holiday festivity.

Mrs. Marcella Tatum, Parsonette president, presided, and the Rev. Lael Jones offered the prayer of thanksgiving. Mrs. Cora Harris called attention to the musical church which was being used as a decorative centerpiece. Mrs. Margaret Boddie, program chairman, presented Mrs. Janelle McCammon who read the story, "The Small One."

Special music included a presentation by a quartet composed of Mrs. Margaret Boddie, Rev. L. S. Jones, Mrs. Lillie Mae Pomeroy, and Rev. W. D. Boddie, accompanied by Mrs. Janelle McCammon.

Rev. Arthur Baker directed recreation; and Mrs. Cora Harris led the group singing.

Hostesses serving were Mrs. Adona Cain, Mrs. Lucy Anders, Mrs. H. E. Pfost and Mrs. Sunshine Knight.

The Parsonettes held a short business session; and the next meeting was scheduled for Jan. 17, at the home of Mrs. Lillie Mae Pomeroy, Monroe. Mrs. Marcella Tatum will lead a discussion on "Look at the Parsonette in the Church."—Mrs. Polly Jones, reporter.

WEISS MEMORIAL FUND
ESTABLISHED

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Lake on January 10, 1954. Weiss was vice president of Goldring's, Inc., and general manager of the firm's Shreveport store at the time of his death.

The gift to Centenary was made in the name of his widow, who resides at 6120 Arden Ave., Shreveport; his two daughters, Mrs. Henry Bronner of 4735 Richmond Ave., and Mrs. Elmer N. Simon of 543 College Lane, and his brother, Seymour, owner and managing director of the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans.

Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, said the fund will be used to establish a permanent memorial fund, probably to be used for scholarship purposes. The name of Mr. Weiss, and the 11 other prominent civic and industrial leaders killed in the plane disaster, are listed on a memorial plaque standing in front of the Administration Building at the college. A row of

Shreveport 1st Church Delegation To Convocation



38 of 45 persons registered for the Area-Wide Adult Convocation held in Little Rock January 4-6, from The First Methodist Church, Shreveport, are shown just before their departure from Little Rock at the close of the convocation, Sunday noon. The Shreveport First Church delegation was under the general

directionship of Rev. Barry Bailey, associate pastor.

The delegation from First Church was the largest registered from any local church in the Area and the Area and the approximate 200 who registered from the Louisiana Conference was the largest conference delegation in attendance at the convocation.

THOUSAND CLUB REPORT OF FIRST CALL, 1956-1960

District	Membership Goal	Members Reported	Responsibility to Conference Each Call	Paid to Conf. First Call
Alexandria	184	140	\$ 920	\$ 920
Baton Rouge	316	174	1,580	1,580
Lafayette	136	155	680	680
Lake Charles	204	206	1,020	1,020
Monroe	214	246	1,320	1,320
New Orleans	232	1000	1,160	1,160
Ruston	244	81	1,220	850
Shreveport	420	320	2,100	2,100
TOTALS	2000	2322	\$10,000	\$ 9,630

CENTENARY COLLEGE
NEWS

Dr. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, was guest speaker Thursday at the weekly chapel program at Centenary College. Dr. Sloane, who was introduced by the Rev. Jim McLean, director of religious activities at Centenary, spoke on the topic, "The Importance of Concentration." The Centenary College Choir, under direction of Alvin C. Voran, presented special music.

Four Centenary College coeds and a prominent Shreveport woman are

live oak trees serves as a living memorial to the group.

The gratitude of the college was expressed by Dr. Mickle to members of the Weiss family.

new members of the college chapter of Phi Beta, honorary organization for speech and music students. The students are Mary Ann Wilhelmi, Martha Oliphant and Marry Kappen Singleton, all of Shreveport, and Mona Holloway of Crowley. Mrs. Sam Webb Smith, active in Shreveport cultural and civic organizations, was chosen an associate member in recognition of her work. James Hull Miller, associate professor of drama at Centenary, is faculty sponsor of the group.

The Rev. R. Leonard Cooke, vice president of Centenary College, was guest speaker Sunday at the 11 a.m. services of the Wisner Methodist Church in the Monroe district. Rev. James A. Knight is pastor. Next Sunday, Rev. Mr. Cooke will speak at 9 a.m. at the Berwick Methodist Church, Rev. A. W. Coody pastor, and at 11 a.m. at the Morgan City Methodist Church, where the Rev. R. W. Bengtson is pastor. He will speak at the evening services at the Franklin Methodist Church, Rev. A. S. Hurley pastor.

LeRoy Anspach, director of the Centenary College school of music, presented his first public recital Tuesday evening before the faculty and students of Centenary College and a large number of local residents. The recital was given in the Centenary Playhouse on the college campus. The program served as Anspach's official professional introduction to the public since he assumed the Centenary position last fall after the resignation of Dr. Ralph Squires, now dean of the division of fine arts at McNeese State College in Lake Charles.

Ministers Attend
Nat'l Meeting

The Rev. W. D. Milton, pastor of the 1st Methodist Church in West Monroe, the Rev. James T. Harris, Monroe District Superintendent, and the Rev. W. D. Boddie, pastor of the Rayville Methodist Church, attended the first National Conference on Spiritual Birth and Growth, Jan. 8-11, at Kentucky Lake Park, Ky. The conference was sponsored by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

About 300 Methodist ministers from at least 31 states were at the meeting, according to the Rev. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, Nashville, Tenn., director of the conference and a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

"One purpose of the meeting," said Dr. Thomas, "was to create a setting in which a group of ministers would experience rebirth to the end that the entire Church will be changed through their influence."

Principal speakers were the Rev. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, Boston, Mass., missionary and author; Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbia, Ohio, head of the Ohio Area of The Methodist Church; and the Rev. Dr. Mack B. Stokes, professor in the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

Women's Class Holds
Christmas Meeting

The Women's Bible Class of the Elysian Fields Methodist Church, New Orleans, La., held its annual Christmas party in the home of its vice president, Mrs. Jackie Speer on Van Street.

The Bible contest award was earned by Mrs. Ruth Bodry, one of the teachers of the class. The table was Christmassy and lovely with candle favors, flowers, and delectable foods.

It was a most enjoyable occasion presided over by the hostesses, Mrs. Lucy Williams, president, Mrs. Jackie Speer, vice president, and Mrs. Daxie Messenger, secretary-treasurer, who were assisted by Mrs. Margaret Peccawicz. The Rev. Glendon Messer is pastor.

—By Mrs. Maude Hearn O'Pry

From The Girls Of The Methodist
Home Hospital

Dear Friends:

Yes, the spirit of Christmas was found in the Methodist Home Hospital. In the living room there was a large beautiful Christmas tree and even the nursery was decorated with a fireplace and each baby had a tiny stocking hung up waiting for Santa.

Many have had a part in sending donations; both gifts and money. We thank you. Each girl received a generous amount of stationery, bath powder, perfume, hosiery and other lovely gifts. The babies, too, were the recipients of many tiny clothes and other supplies so necessary in a well-equipped nursery. Of course, we wish to thank each one that had any part in those gifts.

Christmas Day itself was wonderful, from the reading of the Christmas story to the opening of the gifts and right through to the delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Our most heartfelt thank-you to each member of the staff who worked so hard to make it a happy day.

We, the girls, would like to take this opportunity of thanking ALL those who had a part in giving us such a lovely Christmas.

May you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year, as you continue to serve the Lord.

Caughey E. Hayes 1875-1956

Served The Purpose Of God

(The following message was delivered by Dr. Fred R. Harrison at the funeral of Mr. Caughey E. Hayes at Winfield Methodist Church in Little Rock, last November 23.)

THE author of the Acts of the Apostles, in remembering the life of David, gives a brief eulogy of the long departed leader in these remarkable words: "For David, after serving God's purpose in his own generation, died . . ." (Acts 13:36—Moffatt). The man whose passing we mourn and whose memory we honor in this service likewise died after serving God's purpose in his own generation. These words well express what all of us feel about this good man of our Church.

Mr. Hayes early directed his life to God's purpose. He was reared in a Christian home. His father, Thomas Williamson Hayes, a local Methodist preacher, was prevented by ill health, from going into the Methodist itineracy. But he turned to teaching, and established the Hayes Academy in Mineral Springs, Arkansas. His sisters speak of Mr. Hayes' boyhood as being exemplary. Early in life he became a Christian, and it has been in the Christian spirit and by the ideals of the Christian faith that he has lived out his life.

As he grew into manhood there burned in him the desire to serve God's purpose in the business world. As a layman by his staunch devotion to Christian principles and by his Christian action he preached many sermons. He was a layman who served God's purpose not only in days of prosperity but in times of reverses as well. The late Dr. Paul W. Quillian, a former beloved Winfield Pastor, refers to Mr. Hayes anonymously in a sermon, "The Worth of the Individual," in his book, "Not A Sparrow Falls." Dr. Quillian says, in part: "The greatest sermon that was preached during one of my pastorates was not preached from the pulpit but from the pew. One of the stewards of that Church was quite well to do. He was superintendent of our Sunday school and active in every good work of his church and of the city. He was more than generous, and his contributions annually ran into four figures. Almost without warning, and through no fault of his own, conditions suddenly changed in his particular field of business, and he was wiped out. Everything went — his house, his insurance reserves, his cars — everything. Well past middle age he started over at the bottom in a new job. But Sunday after Sunday without a break he was in his accustomed pew morning and night, his faithful wife by his side. Sunday after Sunday he stood at the door of our Sunday school as before to greet with quiet smile and personal word the children and the young people. Month after month his check went to our treasurer, not for large sums as before but for a



CAUGHEY E. HAYES

tithe of all that he earned. And best of all, his spirit was not one of bitterness and complaint but one of joy and power."

Mr. Hayes served God's purpose in his Church. "No life ever grows great until it is focused, dedicated and disciplined." These words of Dr. Fosdick describe Mr. Hayes. He focused and dedicated his life to serve God's purpose as a consecrated layman. This service is being held here in the beautiful sanctuary of Winfield Methodist Church in the building of which he had such a large and important share. He was Chairman of the Building Committee. He was Chairman of the Debt Retirement Committee and saw this magnificent building free of debt. Over the years he has served in every capacity of leadership. To think of Winfield Church is to think of him, for Winfield never could have been the church it is but for him and his loving service. In recent years Winfield friends have appropriately and affectionately called him "Mr. Winfield."

Mr. Hayes served God's purpose by being loyal to the institutions of the Church. And next to Winfield Church with him came Hendrix College, upon whose Board of Trustees he served long and faithfully. Thus he is inseparably linked with two of Arkansas Methodism's greatest institutions. His long years have been given unselfishly and untiringly to such things.

In the Little Rock Conference his work as a devoted layman stands out. For thirty-five years he served efficiently and without financial compensation as Conference Treasurer. He was among the early leaders who saw the need of a training program for Church School teachers, and worked closely with the Conference Board of Education.

Mr. Hayes served the purpose of God in his home. The Psalmist (68:6) has reminded us that God "setteth the solitary in families." As he had been brought up in a Christian home, so he built his home

upon the principles of Christ. It is such a Christian family, where love and dedication blend into harmonious Christian living, which helps to make America great and strong.

"God always finishes His sentences," wrote Albert Payson Terhune. And so it is. God completes what He writes. A Christian man dies, but it is not the end. And this noble life and character we commemorate this afternoon does not have a period — God will finish this sentence in His eternity.

Turn to the first chapter of Genesis, where God's creation is described. We read, "And the evening and the morning were the first day." We read further, "And the evening and the morning were the second day." That sounds strange, doesn't it? Let's look again. The description says about each day, "The evening and the morning" were the day. In God's creation, every day begins in the evening and ends in the morning. We think of a day beginning with the morning and ending in the evening. But God's day ends in the morning. On the first Easter morning, Jesus greeted His disciples with the joyous words, "Good morning." It was the first eternal Good Morning. And because it was, a life like this does not end in death, but finds its beginning in the morning. As Victor Hugo said, "I will not say when the last moment comes that I have finished my life. My day's work will begin again the next morning. It will close at the twilight to open on the dawn."

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Methodist Men's Club of the Bayou Chicot Methodist Church of Bayou Chicot, Louisiana, in regular meeting convened on the 7th day of December, 1956, that:

WHEREAS, Henry Lester Crane has recently departed this life;

WHEREAS, Henry Lester Crane had long been a member of this Church, the church that he had loved dearly and for which he had served so faithfully and well not only as a loyal member but a Charter Member of the Methodist Men of this Church;

WHEREAS the entire membership of the Methodist Men had the utmost respect, admiration and love for Henry Lester Crane and his family; now therefore

BE IT KNOWN that the Methodist Men of Bayou Chicot Methodist Church do hereby go on record in an expression of appreciation of Henry Lester Crane, and that our hearts go out to his widow and his two sons in their great loss, and that his inspiration shown by service and love for his Church will always be a guide for all of us who

OBITUARY

RICHARDSON—The spirit of Elsie Blake Richardson slipped away from earth's ties with "the boatman pale" on the 14th of Oct. 1956, leaving many lonely and sorrowing hearts.

She was the daughter of Blake and Margaret Evans of Clark county. She arrived in their home on Sept. 25, 1897, and lived most of her life in Clark county, near Dalark. She leaves one sister, Mrs. R. N. Daniels of Dalark.

On December 14, 1922, she was united in marriage to Mr. Keelie Richardson, also of Clark county. To this union one son was born, William Olin Richardson, who now resides in Houston, Texas.

Beside her husband, son, and sister, she leaves a great many relatives and friends, who greatly miss her from the accustomed places.

The last rites were conducted at the Dalark Methodist church by her pastor, Rev. Connie Robbins, assisted by Rev. C. D. Cade of Chidester.

Though loneliness fills the hearts of those who knew, and loved her, we are greatly comforted by the purity of her faith and the steadfast of her devotion to Christ, her Lord. She did not fail her home, her church, nor her community, but by quiet goodwill she served the welfare of those about her. She was

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are serving, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Methodist Men be and is hereby instructed to mail a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Crane and a copy to THE LOUISIANA METHODIST, and that a copy of same be spread upon the minutes of the official records of this Club.

Motion for adoption of this resolution was duly made and seconded and was unanimously adopted by all members of the Methodist Men at this meeting.

J. B. Randall, President
Kent Thopson, Secretary.

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Program of Foreign Service Included In Japan's Church Plans

The United Church of Christ of Japan, of which the Methodist Church is a part, re-elected the Rev. Dr. Takeshi Muto as moderator, and established a Board of Foreign Missions at its General Assembly recently in Tokyo.

The 417 delegates representing 160,000 Christians chose Dr. Muto for a second two-year term on the first ballot. A graduate of Aoyama College (former Methodist school) in Tokyo, he holds an honorary doctorate from Northwestern University and was a fraternal delegate to the 1956 General Conference. The Rev. Gosaku Okada was re-elected vice-moderator.

The new Board of Foreign Missions, set up after months of study, will send pastors and religious workers to serve primarily among groups of overseas Japanese, including those in Okinawa and Latin America. But it will also recruit specialists whose services are needed in countries of Southeast Asia. The formation of the board is another manifestation of the trend of the "younger churches" to become missionary-sending as well as missionary-receiving bodies.

The evangelistic program of the United Church for the 1957-58 fiscal year as outlined at the Assembly, will include strengthening of local churches and "penetration of society" with the Gospel. The budget adopted calls for increased support from Japanese sources for evangelistic programs.

Among the guests at the Assembly were Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, noted evangelist, and members of both houses of the Japanese Diet (Parliament).

SAYS ALASKA NOT SUPPORTED ENOUGH SPIRITUALLY

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really adequate buildings located properly, are not made available, the Protestant chaplains will be greatly handicapped. He added that location of physical facilities near the families being served is important in a climate where the weather sometimes is 40 below and it is dark when the school bell rings.

SEEKS BAN ON TEN COMMANDMENTS IN SCHOOLS

Albany, N. Y. (RNS)—A North Hyde Park, Nassau County, man has asked the state education commissioner to declare the posting of the Ten Commandments in public school rooms to be unconstitutional.

Emmanuel M. Belman filed a petition asking Commissioner James E. Allen, Jr., specifically to prohibit posting of the commandments in the North Hyde Park School District and to stay the school board from purchasing plaques bearing the Commandments.

Mr. Belman said the board had violated the state constitution in its order to buy and mount the plaques in each classroom. The board voted 6 to 1 last month for the posting of the plaques bearing the so-called "interdenominational" version of the Commandments that was posted in Huntington, L. I., classrooms three years ago without controversy.

The petitioner said he was objecting principally because he believed in separation of Church and State in public schools. The board's order, he said, violated a section of the constitution that bans the use of public funds for support of schools "in which any denominational tenet or doctrine is taught."

Furthermore, he complained that the "interdenominational" version of the Commandments was not "in

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

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Church, 2; Jonesboro, St. Paul's, 2; Blytheville First Church, 4; Trumann, 2; Weona, 1; Van Buren First Church, 2; Clarksville, 1; Fort Smith, St. Paul's, 1; Goddard Memorial, 3; Midland Heights, 1; Knobel, 1; Paragould First Church, 6; Corning, 3; Walnut Ridge, 3; McCrory, 1; Cabot, 1; Jacksonville, 1; Heber Springs, 1; Beebe, 3; Searcy First Church, 7.

There were nine persons at large, seven district superintendents, secretary of the Town and Country Commission, secretary of the Board of Education. Seven of the District Directors of Adult Work were present, the other one being ill.

There were others who attended at least one activity in the Adult Convocation, but were not registered, and so we have no way of knowing how many or from what churches.

We believe that this convocation will make a splendid contribution to the adult program of the North Arkansas Conference. We only regret that many churches did not succeed in getting one or more delegates into the convocation. We know that many of our pastors were unsuccessful in getting a delegation even though they did their best.

Children's Workers' Conference
The next conference-wide Chris-

AMERICA'S 'MIGRANTS' ARE MISSION FIELD

A baseball glove will cost you \$5. Station wagons come a little higher—\$2,500; missionaries cost the most—\$4,000. But if you want to invest in a baseball glove, a station wagon, or a missionary, not to mention a movie screen a chaplain's portable altar, and several other items, you can do so through the Migrant Ministry, 257 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., or the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. This is a Christian ministry to the nation's "seasonal workers" who travel from state to state to harvest America's fruit and vegetable crops.

Individuals or groups wishing to make their investment through the Board of Missions should contact Dr. Charles Parkin, Director of the Advance Division of National Missions, 1701 Arch St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dr. Parkin states that Methodists making contributions through the Division of National Missions will be given general Advance credit.

the exact form of any of the religious faiths," that the practice would accomplish nothing and would be a "disservice to religion generally."

tian Education program will be our Children's Workers' Conference, to be held at Batesville First Methodist Church, March 4-6, beginning at 2:00 P.M. on March 4, and closing at noon on March 6.

Splendid leadership has been secured for this program. We hope that local churches will begin making plans at once to have good representation in this program.

Letters are being sent to pastors indicating the program that will be offered and including an enrollment form, which may be duplicated as a basis of registration.

The churches of Batesville have offered to provide bed and breakfast for the first hundred registering for this program. Register early if you want to be included in this group.

The Children's Workers' Conference has become a very significant meeting and a great fellowship for all children's workers who attend.

New Certifications

The following are new certifications since our last report: Mrs. Nolen M. Minton, North Little Rock, has been certified for "Southeast Asia."

Samuel P. Auslam, Springdale, has been certified for "Helping Adults Learn."

Mrs. William A. Stewart, Dardanelle, has been certified for "Teaching Kindergarten Children."

Arvill C. Brannon, Trumann, has been certified for "Understanding the Bible."

The following have been certified for "Paul's Letters to Local Churches." Archie N. Boyd, North Little Rock; Floyd G. Villines, Jr., Piggott; Frank Jones, Fayetteville; Mrs. Nolen M. Minton, North Little Rock; and Fred G. Roebuck, Fort Smith.

We now have thirty-four persons certified for "Paul's Letters to Local Churches."

OBITUARY

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one who was always ready to fill her place and serve without fanfare or selfish pride. Her life reminds us of the high evaluation placed upon humble and self-less service by our Lord and Master.

Though our earth-bound eyes cannot see her we still believe she lives and is numbered among the redeemed. Paul, the great apostle said, "We are saved by hope," and this hope comforts us and makes us confident that she still lives more really, and fully and joyfully than we who remain. We shall live with the belief that soon we, too, will clasp her hand on a fairer shore—
By C. D. Cade, Chidester, Ark.

College Hill Has Special Program

The children's division of the College Hill Methodist church, Texarkana, had its annual Christmas tree and program in the sanctuary of the church on Friday evening preceding Christmas. The church was festive and worshipful. A beautifully decorated tree was placed in the pulpit and a manger scene was set up in front of the pulpit to be used in the program.

The program began with a prayer by Mrs. James Phillips. The kindergarten department sang "Jesus Was Kind," "Little Baby Jesus," and "Away in a Manger."

The primary department sang before a manger scene with Elaine Downs acting the part of Mother Mary. In the dimly lighted auditorium the children sang softly, "Come Softly, Tread Gently," and "Silent Night."

The junior department presented a play entitled "The Star and The Stable," with Carol Polk acting the part of Mary and Jimmie Lumpkin the part of Joseph.

The program was concluded with the arrival of Santa Claus while the group sang "Jingle Bells." Bags of fruit, nuts, and candies, and gifts were distributed to the children.—By Mrs. Ben F. Hunter, Reporter

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NEEDS THAT JESUS MET

LESSON FOR JANUARY 27, 1957

READ MATTHEW 8:28-34 and 9:1-34.

MEMORY SELECTION: Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven. —Matthew 9:2 (RSV)

This is the last of the four-lesson series of Unit 1, "Meeting The Needs of Body and Spirit." Under the subject, "Needs That Jesus Met," our present lesson gives us specific examples of some needs that Jesus met in the lives of people. The eighth and ninth chapters of Matthew are crowded with examples of the ministry of Jesus to the personal lives of various people.

The closing verses of chapter eight tell us of the healing of the demoniac who lived in the tombs and of the drowning of the herd of hogs in the sea. The closing verse of the 8th chapter tells how the whole city came out and asked Jesus to leave. As a result, "He entered into a ship and passed over, and came to his own city."

A Man Sick, Body And Soul

Soon after Jesus reached Capernaum a multitude gathered about the house in which he was staying. Mark tells us that "He preached the word unto them." Four men tried to reach Jesus carrying a man on a bed, who was sick with the palsy. They could not get to Him because of the press, Mark tells us, and hence they went up on the roof and made an opening through which they lowered the man into the presence of Jesus. There three rather remarkable things happened.

(1) The lesson text says, "Jesus seeing THEIR faith said." In this incident we have a record of vicarious faith. We are not told in the Record just what the paralytic thought of it all. The lesson does indicate that Jesus acted on seeing the faith of the man's friends. We do not believe that this incident would teach us that our faith may act as a substitute for the faith of those in whom we are interested. It certainly may be supplemental and our faith may also inspire faith in the life of those we would help to Christ.

(2) Another unusual thing in this incident was the fact that Jesus said to the sick man, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." On only one other occasion, during His ministry here, did Jesus forgive sins. It was when Jesus was eating in the home of a Pharisee and a woman of the streets came in and wept at His feet. Jesus said to her, "Thy sins be forgiven."

(3) The third striking thing that happened on this occasion was the physical miracle of healing. When the power of Jesus to forgive sins was questioned, He said to the sick man, whose soul had already been cleansed and made whole, "Arise, and take up thy bed, and go unto thine house."

We must believe that the actions of Jesus here were in the proper order. He first forgave the man's

sins and made him whole in spirit. He then, as a secondary matter, and apparently because of questions in the minds of His enemies, performed the miracle of healing the body. There are those who have made a religion out of the matter of healthy bodies. Physical health is important but, apparently, Jesus felt that spiritual health was of first importance.

The Call Of Matthew

Matthew, commonly accepted as the writer of the Gospel of Matthew, gives but one verse, of this great book to the fact of his call to service. Matthew was a Jew but, because he was a publican collecting taxes for Rome from his fellows countrymen, he had no standing with the orthodox Jew. "Publicans and sinners" was the customary classification of those in his occupation.

It is recorded by Matthew that, at the call of Jesus, "He arose and followed him." In the verses of our lesson, following the record of his call to discipleship, Matthew tells us of a dinner to which Jesus was invited to which publicans and sinners also came. While Matthew does not tell us that this dinner was in his own home, Mark and Luke both tell us that the dinner was in Matthew's home. Luke called it a "great feast."

On this occasion we see the difference in the attitude of Jesus and the Jewish leaders in their relation to those who were considered bad men. Jesus sought opportunities to be with them in an effort to save them; the scribes and Pharisees made it a point to stay away from them in an effort to save themselves. They apparently felt no responsibility for anyone but themselves.

The First Mission Of The Church

When Jesus was criticized for being found in company with the publicans and sinners, the answer He gave should be the basic, governing purpose throughout the program of the church today. Jesus said, "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

In our church program today, we spend so much time cultivating the saints that we have only limited time to work at the primary mission of the church—the evangelization of the unchurched. There are pastors who are kept so busy trying to pacify the "babes in Christ," in their churches who seem to be afflicted with the "three month's colic" four times a year, that they do not have much time left to call "sinners to repentance." The major portion of our time in our present church program is given to cultivating and stabilizing our present church membership. Periodically we emphasize the work of evangel-

ism. It would be wonderful, if it were possible, to turn that program around and, like Jesus, recognize that our first responsibility, as a church, is to evangelize at home and aboard, while our program of cultivation and stabilizing could be looked on as incidental, rather than the major part of our program.

Today is Temperance Sunday and the job of being alert, militant and sensible fighters in the battle against the forces of liquor is a work for which the church should have more time and more enthusiasm.

Liquor A Growing, Major Problem

We may get some small conception of this growing evil when we remember that in the twenty years from 1934, the first full year after the repeal of the 18th amendment, to 1954, the amount of money spent for alcoholic beverages increased from \$2,080,000,000 to \$9,830,000,000, approaching an increase of almost 500%. If America continues that trend for the next twenty years, only God can know what our position and condition in the world will be. The 7,000,000 alcoholics and problem drinkers of today, would likely be a very small minority of such a group twenty years from now unless America radically changes its way.

Why Some People Drink

As human personality differs, so the reasons which lead different people into the drink habit differ. However, there are some reasons for drinking that recur so frequently that most people who drink may be classified under some of these common reasons.

Personal failures and frustrations are often so depressing that some go to drink for the temporary period of relief it brings from worries. Some start on the road to drunkenness because they are associated with people who drink. There are times when problems of business or home cause some to turn to drink to "drown their troubles." Some drink to brace themselves up for crimes they are about to commit. The fact that drink is so easily available has led some into the drink habit. The subtle, continuous, high-priced sluce of propaganda through newspapers, magazines, billboards, radio and television has led some to feel that liquor "belongs," and hence they join the force of drinkers. One of the most common and persistent allies the liquor forces have, is the social pressure to which so many are subjected. So many of our social events are so commonplace that interest, sociability and entertainment seem to depend on some form of alcoholic drinks to "prop them up." Under such circumstances, people who prefer not to drink are under such pressure, from association, that they begin a course of conduct that often leads to disaster.

Is He Sick, Or Is He Sinner

The idea is now wide-spread that alcoholism is a disease and that the victim needs sympathy and hospitalization, rather than criticism. The liquor forces, of course join wholeheartedly in the promotion of such an idea since it seems to eliminate the moral content of the pitiable condition in which the alcoholic finds himself.

If alcoholism is a disease, it is a self-inflicted disease, that is 100% preventable. No one need ever be uneasy about becoming an alcoholic unless he first becomes a

drinker. The alcoholic may not be morally responsible for the overpowering desire that drives him to drink after the craving for liquor has taken possession of him body and soul, but he is morally reasonable for starting on the pathway of drink that has utterly destroyed so many millions of people. The fact is that the alcoholic is a sick sinner. The state holds a man responsible for crimes committed even when the criminal was so drunk, at the time, that he did not know what he was doing. Being drunk, at the time the crime was committed, does not excuse him because the state recognizes that he is responsible for being drunk. Suicide is morally wrong whether we destroy our lives with a revolver or by drinking liquor one drink at a time. Furthermore, if alcoholism is a disease, America should destroy the agency which produces the disease rather than to give it license to spread the disease in ever-widening circles.

Liquor Traffic Is Based On The Profit Motive

The fact that the liquor traffic is based on the profit motive does not make it any different, in that respect, from practically every other form of business, whether it be the sale of bread, meat, clothes or cars.

It is not the desire to make money, which makes the liquor dealer a bad man; it is the means he is willing to use in making money which gives him his undesirable classification. The prostitute, the narcotic dealer, the robber, the embezzler all carry on for money. The methods they use to get money classify them as criminals. It is quite difficult for some of us to imagine how a man could be so indifferent to the welfare of others that he is willing to profit from the sale of a product that has utterly destroyed multiplied millions of people who might otherwise have lived normal, happy lives.

What Can The Church Do About Liquor?

(1) The church can practice total abstinence and by example demonstrate that life can be happy, useful and altogether worthwhile without taking the risks always involved in the use of alcoholic drinks. When church people drink, they not only destroy their own influence, religiously, but they hurt the church in its fight against the liquor traffic as well as other evils.

(2) The church should strive to furnish an incentive for life that so overshadows the desire to drink that it will be easy for one caught up in the spirit and mission of the church to reject the drink habit.

(3) The church can vote right when opportunity presents itself to vote against the liquor business. Some one has said, "The liquor traffic would destroy the church if it could and the church could destroy the liquor traffic if it would."

(4) The church can teach the truth about liquor in pulpit and class room so that no one need be innocently misled by the many temptations to drink.

(5) The church can be militant in its fight against the liquor traffic. The liquor traffic is a conscienceless business that makes absolutely no response to any appeal that affects it financially. Unless the church projects a fight against the liquor traffic, with no quarters asked or given, it may soon find itself in a position where it will be unable to make such a fight.

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Advance Special Giving Continues Upward

Buck Hill Falls, Pa. (BM)—Methodists have increased their giving to the Advance Specials program of missions, church extension and overseas relief by almost 800 per cent over the last eight years but still give only \$4.12 a person for all general benevolences, the national Advance Committee of the Methodist Church was told here.

The committee, which includes a bishop, a pastor and a layman from each of Methodism's six jurisdictions, met for its annual session.

In his annual report, the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Chicago, general secretary, said that receipts for all types of Advance Specials last year reached a record \$10,440,371. That total included \$5,099,325 for general Specials, gifts to overseas relief and to home and foreign missions, and \$5,341,046 for conference Specials, projects undertaken within a single annual conference usually for church extension.

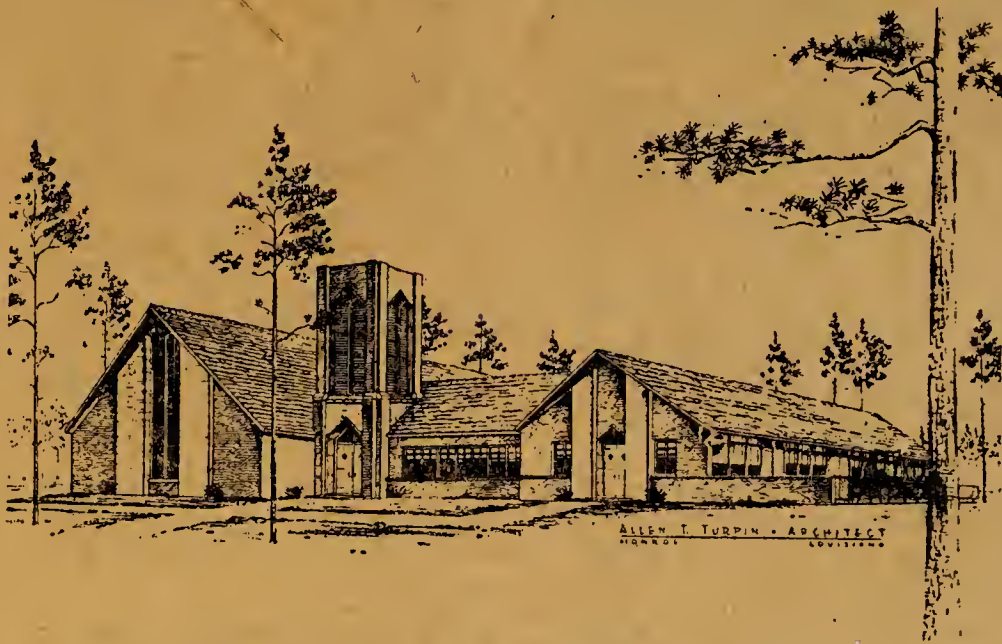
Dr. Mohn compared the 1956 figure with the receipts for 1949, the first year of the Advance program. The total then for both general and conference Specials, he said, was \$1,309,000. Thus the 1956 figure represented almost an eightfold increase over the 8-year span.

In 1949, Dr. Mohn said, only 12,000 Methodist churches gave to the

Plan

Completed For Memorial Church, Bastrop

New Structure Is Current 1,000 Club Project



Pictured is architect's drawing of proposed Memorial Methodist Church, Bastrop.

Architect's plans are being completed for consideration by the building committee and congregation of the Memorial Methodist Church, Bastrop, and it is expected that construction can begin sometime in early March for the erection of the first unit in the church's building program, according to Rev. Brady D. Forman, pastor of Memorial Methodist.

The Memorial Methodist Church is the current 1,000 Club project of the Louisiana Conference. This conference church extension program enlists the support of more than 1,000 Methodist laymen who contribute \$10.00 for each call, to assist a new church designated by the conference for assistance.

Leaders of the Memorial congregation contemplate a \$75,000 structure and anticipate having in hand by March, one half of this amount, \$37,500, in order to finance the building project. This amount includes the anticipated \$10,000 grant from the 1,000 Club program.

\$20,000 To Date

Memorial Methodist has received, to date, approximately \$20,000 as a result of a financial campaign launched November 18 for cash and pledges before Sunday, March 3. The new church will be built on East Madison Street in the eastern section of Bastrop, which is the designated highway to Mer Rouge. The congregation received as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McMeans, Sr., the site for the new church plant. The location extends 162 ft. along Madison Street and is 660 ft. in depth, with a valuation in excess of \$5,000. Mr. and Mrs. McMeans are former members of the First Methodist Church, Bastrop, and are now leaders in the Memorial Methodist congregation. The new location is in the center of several new residential areas in Bastrop and at the present there is no other church, Protestant or Catholic, within an area of one mile surrounding the proposed church building. Bastrop community leaders point out that while the 1950 census reports the population at approximately 12,000, today's population is in excess of 16,000. Monroe District and Bastrop church leaders have planned for several years for a second Methodist church in Bastrop and the present move will fulfill the dream of these leaders.

First Church Works

In 1955 the congregation of the First Methodist Church, Bastrop, began actively to work toward the organization of a second church. Their plans materialized and by June of 1956, the program was sufficiently developed that a minister

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Conference Essay-Speech Contest Rules Announced

The conference-wide, speech-essay contest for MYF members of high school age will begin in February, according to the Rev. Henry Bowden, Jr., Watson, secretary of

Advance; in 1956 almost all of Methodism's 40,000 churches participated. Every annual conference, he added, and all but a few districts contribute to conference Specials.

the Louisiana Conference Board of Temperance.

"Is Moderation the Answer to the Alcohol Problem?" is the subject for the contest which is sponsored by the Conference Temperance Board, the Conference Board of Education, the MYF, the WSCS, and each local church committee on temperance or commission on education.

The local church contest will be held Feb. 17-24; and district or sub-district run-offs, Mar. 3-10. Finals will be Saturday, Mar. 30, at the First Methodist Church, Alexandria.

Prizes given include — local church contest: first place, \$5; second, \$3; and third, \$2; district contests: first place, \$13; second, \$7; and third, \$5; and final prizes: first, \$100; second, \$50; third, \$25; and for each of the other finalists, \$10.

The speech-essays will be judged on content including research, illustration, and originality; and on presentation including speech, development of theme, and persuasiveness.

Recommended as source materials are current publications, the school library, the church library, and Dr. W. Earl Hotalen, executive director of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box, 2951, Baton Rouge 1, La., who will send free literature upon request.

Contest rules say the essay must be written and delivered by the contestant without help except for literary and delivery suggestions by parents or teachers.

District winners must mail a copy of their essay to the secretary of the Conference Board of Temperance, Rev. Henry Bowden, Jr., Box 46-A, Watson, La., not later than March 23.

LA. MORAL, CIVIC FOUNDATION TO SPONSOR SEMINAR OF ADULT EDUCATION

Louisiana's first Seminar of Adult Education, under the general theme "What To Teach and How To Teach It," will be held under the auspices of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation in the First Methodist Church at Lake Charles, La., on Tuesday, February 12, 1957, with a 2 P. M. session for teachers and parents of children under 15 years of age, and a 7:30 P. M. session for parents, PTA officers and members, youth organization leaders, teachers of adult and young peoples classes and for pastors.

Subject of this first seminar will be: "Basic Facts About Alcohol." Instructors will be LMCF's popular Youth Director, Mr. Charles Flurry, and LMCF's Executive Director, Dr. W. Earl Hotalen.

All who enroll for the course of seminars will be given free membership in LMCF's Research Service Department and, upon completing the full course, will receive a beautiful and meaningful certificate. Subsequent seminars will deal with such subjects as: "Physiological, Psychological and Blastaphoric Effects of Alcohol," "Counseling and Rehabilitation of Alcoholics," "Social Action on Alcohol Problems," "The Vice of Gambling,"

"Causes, Prevention and Cure of Juvenile Delinquency," "Narcotic Drug Addiction," "How To Get Effective Law Enforcement," "How To Get Legislative Reforms," and "Good Citizenship."

Blackboard work, turn-over charts, graphs, posters, flannel graphs, moving pictures, filmstrips, tape recordings, quizz periods and free-for-all discussion will be featured in addition to lectures by the instructors. All who attend are asked to bring note paper or Notebook, and pen or pencil, to capture the values offered which are too rich to be lost. LMCF will make free distribution of many items of literature, and will supply to enrolled members a succession of pages of Teaching Outlines, Notes, Cartoons, Blackboard Suggestion, Graphs, Illustrations, etc., to be cumulatively inserted in a Looseleaf Notebook.

Although these seminars are planned mainly for persons who have some "teaching role" — such as teachers, parents, and pastors, — any other interested persons will be cordially welcome. Statewide, these seminars will be held once every six months in each of fifty population centers. LMCF President, Dr. Carl F. Lueg, is pastor of the host church at Lake Charles.

December World Service Receipts Show Increase

Methodist World Service receipts for December were nearly a million dollars (\$994,080.74)—only a little short of the amount necessary each month if the church is to meet its \$12,200,000 annual apportionment.

A report issued by the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Chicago, treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, shows that receipts for World Service for the first seven months of the fiscal year amounted to \$4,942,456.19—an increase of 13.87 percent over the same period a year ago, June through December.

Other seven-month totals in the denomination's benevolence funds and the comparison with receipts for the same months last fiscal year are:

World Service Specials, \$47,941.84—a loss of 14.52 percent.

General Advance Specials, \$2,286,312.70—a gain of 14.53 percent.

Week of Dedication, \$38,242.20—an increase of 12 percent.

Fellowship of Suffering and Service, \$467,751.06—a loss of 10.79 percent.

Methodist TV Ministry, \$58,820.84—off 25.03 percent.

Hungarian Relief Fund for December only received \$22,746.81. There is no comparison for a year ago because the fund appeal has just been issued.

Administrative funds all showed substantial gains as follows:

Episcopal Fund, \$383,055.93, an 8.55 percent increase.

General Administration, \$228,284.47, up 23.26 percent.

Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, \$177,252.79, a gain of 19.04 percent.

Methodist Assn. Of Schools Colleges Names Officers

Nashville, Tenn. (M.I.)—Dr. Hubert Searcy, president of Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Ala., was elected president of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church at the organization's annual meeting January 10 in Philadelphia.

Other officers who were elected are, vice-president, Dr. Robert E. Burns, president of College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif., treasurer, Dr. A. Leland Forrest, chancellor, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb.; and secretary, Dr. Myron F. Wicke, Nashville, Tenn., staff member of the Methodist Board of Education.

The association met at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel with the Methodist Commission on Christian Higher Education in an event that served as the formal launching of the Methodist Church's four-year emphasis on Christian higher education. The endeavor, a part of the denomination's "Quadrennial Emphasis" for 1956-60, is intended to strengthen the 118 educational institutions in the United States related to The Methodist Church.

As a part of the program for the association meeting, the 5000th National Methodist Scholarship award was presented to H. Newton Olewiler, Jr., a sophomore at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. The presentation was made by Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, president

WHERE WILL 1960 GENERAL CONFERENCE MEET?

Where will the next General Conference be held?

At the moment no one knows. Perhaps it may be in or near your own city.

The Commission on Entertainment, headed by the Rev. Dr. William H. Alderson of Bridgeport, Conn., is desirous of receiving inquiries from Methodist groups who might wish to bring to their cities the inspiration and uplift of a fortnight's visit of distinguished Methodist bishops, ministers and laymen from forty countries and forty-eight states.

Information will be sent to those interested in the form of a "Memorandum of Requirement." This details all that is involved in the entertainment of this quadrennial law and policy-making body of The Methodist Church.

Inquiries should be addressed to Dr. J. Wesley Hole, Secretary, 5250 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles 29, California.

The Commission on Entertainment on which the responsibility of arrangements for the General Conference sessions rests is composed of a minister and a layman from each of the six jurisdictions. The General Secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance and the Secretary of the General Conference are members ex-officio.

Korean University President At UN

Dr. Helen Kim, president of Ewha University, Seoul, Korea, was in New York during the month of December as a member of a team of five to present the cause of Korea's membership in the United Nations.

The University, which this outstanding woman heads, was founded by Methodist missionaries, and is the outgrowth of the first school for girls established in Korea. It is now one of the country's largest and most influential educational institutions, over four thousand students being enrolled at present. It is characterized not only by its deeply religious emphasis, as indicated in a recent revival in which seven hundred were baptized, but also by the interest of the students and faculty in extending their spiritual insights into the life of society outside the campus.

Dr. Kims states that in the midst of their studies the students are busy with the problem of understanding some of the historically significant news of the world. When they read in the newspapers the account of the Hungarian struggle for freedom, the entire student body and faculty passed a resolution and despatched a cable of protest to the United Nations.

of the Methodist Board of Education, and Dr. W. W. Edel, president of Dickinson College.

The scholarship awards, available, in all accredited Methodist colleges and universities, cover tuition and fees. Total value of scholarships awarded since 1944, when the program was authorized, is about \$2,000,000, according to Dr.

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Report To Board of Missions Says MCOR Was "Most Needed" In 1956

The past year has been one of "war, revolution and disaster," a year in which the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief "was most needed." And that agency "has endeavored to fulfill faithfully and efficiently the responsibilities placed upon it for this quadrennium by the General Conference of 1955."

Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, general secretary of the 16-year-old MCOR, reported to the Board of Missions at its annual meeting in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Tuesday night (January 15) that MCOR disbursed \$1,105,582.13 during the 1955-56 fiscal year in fulfillment of these responsibilities.

He expressed the gratefulness of MCOR "for the generosity and confidence shown by our church" and declared that "we face the future in

confidence, knowing that our Heavenly Father will always bless those who seek diligently and faithfully to do His will." MCOR functions entirely on voluntary contributions, without regular apportionments.

Bishop Short To Head Commission On Local Church

Nashville, Tenn. (M.I.)—Methodist Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn., was elected chairman of the Methodist Interboard Commission on the Local Church, January 9, in Philadelphia.

Other officers elected are, vice-chairman, the Rev. Dr. Harold Hughes, Portsmouth, Va., superintendent of the Portsmouth Methodist District, and secretary, Dr. Dennis V. Snapp, Paris, Ky., executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Kentucky Methodist Conference.

The new officers will serve until 1960. They were elected in a meeting of the commission at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.

The commission will work with the Methodist Council of Bishops in coordinating a four-year emphasis intended to strengthen all of Methodism's 40,000 local churches. The emphasis, voted by the 1956 Methodist General Conference, supreme legislative body of the denomination, is under the direct supervision of the Council of Bishops.

STONE TABLETS USED IN MOVIE ON DISPLAY

Washington, D. C. (M.I.)—The big stone tablets used in the current motion picture, "The Ten Commandments," are on display here at Foundry Methodist Church.

The stone, measuring 1 by 2½ feet and weighing more than 100 pounds, are also being used by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Theodore H. Palmquist, to dramatize a series of sermons on the commandments.

During the series of 10 sermons members of the church, in appropriate costume, present a dramatization of the commandment to be discussed by Dr. Palmquist.

The stone tablets carved in ancient Canaanite, were lent the church by Cecil B. DeMille, director of the film. His grandchildren

Outstanding Example

Dr. Warfield's report revealed that MCOR set an outstanding example of world-wide giving without regard to race, creed or political affiliation. Disbursements were almost evenly divided between Methodist channels and those of the interdenominational and special non-sectarian agencies with which MCOR cooperates in its world-wide program.

Total cost of administration last year was a phenomenally low 5.7 per cent, according to figures prepared and announced in the report by Miss Lena Knapp, MCOR treasurer at MCOR headquarters 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

A total of \$448,609.90 was disbursed through Methodist channels during the fiscal year, \$257,117.59 in Korea, \$90,944.43 in India, \$23,440.04 in Germany, \$19,582.84 in the Philippines, \$10,355.71 in Pakistan, and \$47,169.29 in other countries.

Resettled 5,000 Refugees

MCOR expended \$76,046.67 last year in its Refugee Resettlement Program. Under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, MCOR accepted responsibility for resettling 5,000 refugees in this country.

Interdenominational agencies with which MCOR worked and the amounts disbursed in cooperation with them included: Church World Service, \$348,545.77; World Council of Churches, \$100,000.00; Heifer Project, Inc., \$26,151.26; C. R. O. P., \$19,235.97; World's Alliance of YMCAs, \$5,000.00; and other agencies, \$6,260.62. Special agencies included: Meals for Millions, \$7,326.16; C. A. R. E., \$3,612.60; and others, \$200.00.

are members of the Wilshire Methodist Church, Los Angeles, where Dr. Palmquist was formerly pastor.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER RECEIVES AWARD

Washington, D. C. (M.I.)—President Eisenhower has been awarded the annual gold medal of the George Washington Carver Memorial Institute for his "outstanding contribution to the betterment of race relations and human welfare" during 1956.

A Methodist educator, Chancellor William P. Tolley of Syracuse University, made the presentation January 5 at the White House. He is chairman of the Garver Institute's awards committee.

"Perhaps no one in history has enjoyed such confidence of the colored peoples of the world," Dr. Tolley told the president in making the presentation.

"We know how much you have done to restore the balance of justice, to increase the measure of understanding and to strengthen the foundations of brotherhood," Dr. Tolley added.

Francis Cardinal Spellman of the Roman Catholic Church received the Carver medal last year. Other recent recipients of the award have been Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, William Randolph Hearst, Darryl Zanuck and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Congress Gets Proposal To Aid American Missionaries

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—American missionaries abroad would be given the privilege of buying at commissaries and post exchanges maintained by the U. S. Armed Forces under a bill sponsored by Rep. Philip J. Philbin (D.-Mass.).

"Our missionaries are doing a tremendous job in many areas, according to reports brought home by

our boys in the armed services," he said, "and I think we ought to do all we can to help them.

"This is a very practical way of giving them assistance since it would permit them to buy many of the ordinary necessities of life that we take for granted here at home but which are so expensive and difficult to obtain in foreign lands."

The Congressman, a member of the House Armed Services Committee to which the bill was referred, said that the Department of Defense has opposed the enactment of such legislation, contending that missionaries are being helped through informal arrangements at PX's in many overseas bases.

"I feel that it is better to do it through specific legislation," Mr. Philbin said, "and I hope that all religious groups maintaining missionaries abroad will make their views known to the committee."

Methodist Leaders Approve Strengthening Schools

Philadelphia (RNS)—A "working blueprint" for The Methodist Church's four-year program to strengthen its educational institutions was adopted here by top Methodist educators.

The 34-page "blueprint" was presented by Dr. John O. Gross of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Methodist Board of Education. It was approved at a joint meeting of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church and the denomination's Commission on Christian Higher Education.

Dr. Gross also is director of the commission, created by the Church's 1956 General Conference which approved the program last May and designated it a major emphasis for the 1956-60 quadrennium.

Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., commission chairman, said that no national fund goal will be set for the program. But he predicted that Methodists will raise a minimum of \$100 million through their Annual Conferences in support of church-related schools.

He and Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia, president of the Methodist Board of Education, emphasized that the "blueprint" adopted here was a guide for Annual Conferences and not a step-by-step program for the crusade.

BILLS WOULD REMOVE TARIFF ON ECCLESIASTICAL ARTICLES

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Vestments and similar ecclesiastical articles presented as gifts to a church, religious, educational or charitable organization would be duty free under the provisions of a bill introduced by Sen. William Langer (R.-N.D.).

In the House, Rep. Kenneth B. Keating (R.-N.Y.) introduced a bill to permit religious scenoramas to be brought into the country duty free for exhibition at churches and schools.

The New York Congressman said he considered "inequitable" the import duty charged the Sisters of Notre Dame. They paid the tax on a missions scenorama which they brought from Canada to Rochester, N. Y., for temporary exhibition.

BILL ASKS LEGAL HOLIDAY ON GOOD FRIDAY

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—A bill to make Good Friday a legal holiday has been introduced in the House. Rep. Clement J. Zablocki (D.-Wis.) is the sponsor. The measure was referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

Indiana Methodists Open "Golden Years" Home

Franklin, Ind. (RNS) — Indiana Methodists have opened a million-dollar "Golden Years" Home here for older people. All facilities at the home are designed to give it a residential-retirement-hotel atmosphere.

To date there are 74 rooms for residents in the basic unit ready for occupancy. Plans have been approved for two more wings which will provide an additional 104 multiple-room living quarters.

"Residents" at the home will be permitted to come and go as they please. Some even will plan to winter in Florida or Southern California or make extended family-visiting trips.

"People are only as old as their minds and spirits—and it will be our job to keep both young," said Dr. Sumner L. Martin, superintendent of the home.

Hungarian Government OKs Gift Parcels

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—The Communist government of Hungary has announced that gift parcels will be admitted duty-free, the U. S. Department of Commerce disclosed here.

The department said it has been

advised by Hungarian authorities that until further notice such parcels addressed to individuals or to religious or charitable organizations in that country will not be subject to the usual customs duties.

U. S. export controls permit shipment of gift packages up to \$50 in value by mail to all foreign countries except Communist China and Communist-controlled North Korea, without the necessity of applying for individual export licenses.

The packages may contain only those items normally sent as gifts, such as food, toilet articles, and civilian clothing. Certain sulfonamide and antibiotic drug preparations may be included in a parcel provided their value does not exceed \$25. All other drugs in dosage form may be shipped up to the full \$50 limitation.

Only one parcel a week may be sent by any one donor to any one recipient.

Mail service to Hungary, which was discontinued on Nov. 23, now has been resumed, the U. S. Postmaster General said. Gift packages should conform to post office regulations as to size, weight and permitted contents.

PROPOSES INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—A bill to permit income tax deductions for tuition payments on children through the 12th grade of school was introduced in the House by Rep. William E. McVey (R.-Ill.).

The Congressman said the deduction would be allowed for tuition paid any private school. The measure was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

The House committee also has before it a bill which provides that tuition payments to religious schools may be deductible from income tax on the same basis as charitable contributions.

Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R.-Mich.) is the sponsor. He said he had introduced it at the request of leaders of the Christian Reformed Church which has its headquarters at Grand Rapids, Mich.

FUTURE OF CHURCH-RELATED COLLEGES HELD TIED TO EDUCATION FOR FREEDOM

Philadelphia (RNS)—A theologian said here that the future of church-related colleges lies in the education of men and women for freedom. He called their responsibilities in achieving this goal greater than "the methodical abolition of ignorance."

Professor J. Edward Dirks of Yale University Divinity School made this observation in an address to the annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges here.

"A philosophy of higher education for our day and the future," he said, "must begin with the recognition that truth is not the stockpiling of parcels of information but an integrity which consumes the whole of life—that truth is not the

terminus of our searching but the path in which we are called to walk. Such a view of education can and must be built upon foundations informed by the vitality of the Christian tradition."

New Bills Introduced To Ban Liquor On Planes

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Legislation to ban the serving of alcoholic beverages on commercial airliners was reintroduced in both the House and Senate.

A bill prohibiting the dispensing of liquor on planes was passed by the House last year but failed in the Senate. It was strongly supported by religious and temperance groups.

Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D.-Mass.) is the sponsor of a new House measure that would ban the serving of alcoholic beverages to passengers on any aircraft, commercial, private or military. Sen. J. Strom Thurmond (D.-S.C.) introduced a bill applicable to commercial passenger planes and military aircraft.

Several other members of the House and Senate are preparing to join in sponsoring similar bills.

Church Construction Set Record For 1956

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Church construction reached an all-time high of \$773,000,000 in 1956, the Department of Commerce and Labor reported here. This was \$39,000,000 more than the record established in 1955.

December building amounted to \$73,000,000, an increase of \$11,000,000 over the same month in 1955.

Building by non-public schools and colleges totalled \$537,000,000 last year, also a record. The figure was \$45,000,000 higher than the 1955 total of \$492,000,000. December construction was \$46,000,000 as against \$44,000,000 the same month of the previous year.

Construction activity by private hospitals, homes for the aged and other social-service institutions amounted to \$327,000,000, a decline of seven per cent from the 1955 record. However, December building by these institutions totalled \$32,000,000, an increase of \$5,000,000 over similar work done during December, 1955.

Minnesota Commission Presses War On Alcoholism

St. Paul, Minn. (RNS)—A commission headed by a clergyman has asked the Minnesota legislature to appropriate \$89,280 during the next two years to finance the state's increasing war against alcoholism.

The commission, headed by Dr. Forrest L. Richeson, pastor of First Christian church, Minneapolis, estimated there are nearly 90,000 acute and chronic problem drinkers in Minnesota, of whom 10,600 are women.

Some 16,000 of these are considered to be in the acute stages of alcoholism. The others are expected to become progressively worse off un-

less legislation is enacted to provide facilities for treatment.

A survey by the commission in Minneapolis found that 75 per cent of all commitments to the workhouse are for drunkenness. About 200 "skid row" habitues have been arrested more than 50 times each.

The commission recommended an expansion of medical care, the employment of counselors, the creation of an alcoholism treatment center and the establishment of a "half-way" house to provide lodging, food, recreation and other facilities for alcoholics on the way back.

It urged a coordination of this program with that of Alcoholics Anonymous.

During the past fiscal year, the commission reported, more than 1,600 persons were treated for alcoholism at state hospitals while hundreds were treated at county, municipal and private hospitals.

We Should Stress The Attendance Campaign

A very important matter for us to keep in mind through the Easter period is the Attendance Campaign. In view of the special emphasis being put on the local church throughout this quadrennium we are free to give attention to this feature of our quadrennial program as we have not been for many quadrenniums past.

Most of pastors are keeping attendance records each week. These records can be a mere form or they can be an exciting basis for personal work that will bring people to our services in large numbers. If we keep a high level of attendance in our Sunday School and church services from January through the Easter period, we all but guarantee an unusual attendance throughout the year.

The Attendance Campaign is not a high pressure method of lifting our attendance temporarily. This year it offers a period of three and a half months for the cultivation of attendance in our services. This is a period for strengthening the home base. None of us should neglect it.

Has Russia Failed With Its Youth Program?

COMMUNISM has made some amazing strides in its program for world domination. However, reports from various sources seems to indicate the possibility that there has been a serious breakdown at an important point in Russia's propaganda program.

Herr Hitler captivated the youth of his day and, by starting early with his propaganda program, welded the German youth into a loyal, fighting machine that, but for some inglorious blunders by Hitler, would likely have swept all opposition before them. Following the lead of Herr Hitler, Russian leaders, through controlled, continuous propaganda, have attempted to duplicate, in Russian youth, the same blind loyalty and fighting strength that in German youth almost made it possible for Hitler to conquer the world.

Russian leaders began in the beginning with their young people and seemed to think that they were duplicating Hitler's successes in training without the blunders that finally brought about his defeat. Somewhere along the line, for reasons that are not so clearly understood, the plans for making the Russian youth a mechanized group of communist fanatics, who would follow Russian leaders in any course they might follow, has in numerous instances broken down.

Instead of growing a generation of Russian youths, according to their plans, who would be little more than organized robots, we find that it is the youth of Russia and her satellites who are causing Russian leaders some of their severest, unexpected headaches.

The revolt in Hungary was led by the youth of Hungary. Young people in the educational institutions of East Germany, Poland and other satellite countries, and even in Russia are asking some embarrassing questions and organizing some groups that may cause trouble in the communist program of the future.

The youth in countries dominated by Russian communists have been educated and trained behind the "iron curtain." Throughout the formative periods of their lives they were given but one viewpoint of life. It is a very significant thing that after these years of training they should suddenly give to the world evidence of independent, straight thinking. It does not promise much for the carefully laid plans of Russian dictators.

"Christ For All Of Life"

THE writer had the unusual privilege of being in attendance at the annual meeting of the Methodist General Board of Missions last week at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. Gathered there were general board members, the board staff, and several dozen missionaries and commissioned workers, together with invited guests. As usual, the experience was one of high inspiration as reports were made of Methodism's far-flung missionary enterprise and plans for the future were outlined. Methodists can be proud that they belong to a communion that takes seriously its missionary obligation, and has organized well its endeavor in this field.

While several aspects of the board's program and policy are worthy of note, we would like to lift up one of these aspects for our readers' consideration. It can best be expressed by the phrase employed by a young missionary couple, now home on a year's furlough, who in their work in a remote section of the Philippines sought to take "Christ For All Of Life" to those they would help. This Oklahoma couple, Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Spotswood, report remarkable success in a venture, the story of which is both heroic and important.

Their story was significant to us for it seemed to gather up something of the whole of Methodism's missionary program: recognizing a need, the need is made known, leadership is offered, support is provided, and a program is begun to meet that need. That story can be repeated again and again, in the distant places of the earth, and here in our own homeland where the Division of National Missions is at work. And everywhere "Christ For All Of Life" is the underlying theme that dictates the strategy.

One could hope that every Methodist, old and young, could have the opportunity of seeing what their gifts through the World Service program and the Advance are making possible. Perhaps in a far greater way than any of us may realize, your gifts are doing more to bring peace, goodwill, and God's love among all men than the infinitely greater sums that are being spent in a host of other ways, nationally and internationally.

Jamming Is Expensive

IF there has ever been any doubt in your mind about the value of the free world letting the people of the Russian orbit know of the free world's life, consider the assertion that Russia is spending \$113½ million annually to jam the air waves to prevent information from getting to its citizens. This assertion was made a few weeks ago and there seems to be every reason to believe that there are grounds for believing it.

It has been known, of course, that communist leaders have long resented the beamed broadcasts which seek to penetrate the iron curtain. Jamming the air waves to drown out with static the reception of the free world's broadcast has been standard procedure for many years. We had not seen before the estimated cost of this atmospheric block.

But one way or another truth seems to get through—both ways. Russian leaders quite naturally blame the Hungarian revolt on the free world which, they say, incited the Hungarian leaders to action.

As thoughtful Christians, we do well to consider even further opportunities to make known the truth, which may be temporarily "jammed" but eventually triumphs.

RECORD MISSION APPROPRIATION MADE

Buck Hill Falls, Pa., (BM)—The Board of Missions of the Methodist Church at its annual meeting here appropriated a total of \$18,685,721 for its missionary and service programs in the United States and overseas, for the twelve months beginning on June 1, 1957. This appropriation, based on the moneys received from the churches of Methodism during the past year, is almost one-half million dollars more than the total appropriated a year ago. The 1957-58 appropriation is divided as follows among the Board's three divisions: Division of National Missions, \$2,640,099; Division of World Missions, \$7,611,202; Woman's Division of Christian Service (home and overseas missions, and social services), \$8,434,420.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. WILLIAM F. MAYO, pastor of the Tallulah Methodist Church, conducted the morning devotionals over radio station KTLD each morning during the week of January 13-19.

THE ATTENDANCE CRUSADE of the Gilbert Methodist Church began with a meeting of all workers Wednesday night, Jan. 23. Rev. J. W. Boyd is pastor.

MRS. MARGE RISER, member of the Metairie Methodist Church, was in charge of a cake sale sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild of the church on Jan. 19. Rev. John Winn is pastor of the church.

DIAL-A-PRAYER telephone service sponsored by the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Amite, was begun January 1st. The service features a thirty-second prayer and thought for the day by the pastor, Rev. James E. Christie.

DR. D. L. DYKES, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, conducted the noonday worship service in the Beck Building Memorial Chapel, Wednesday, Jan. 16. People of all faiths are invited to the services held in the building.

THE METHODIST MEN of the Metairie Methodist Church met at the Metairie Playground Gym on Tuesday evening, Jan. 15 for a game of basketball and other recreation. Rev. John Winn is pastor of the Metairie church.

THE JONESBORO METHODIST CHURCH is sponsoring the telephone service of the "Dial-a-prayer" for that community in an effort to help people in that area to become more prayer conscious. Rev. G. W. Dameron is pastor of the Jonesboro church.

A CHRISTMAS EVE service was held at the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, beginning at 11 p.m. and closing at midnight. The service was one of Christmas carols and candles, with a special candle-lighting ceremony at the close. Rev. James C. Whitaker is pastor of the church.

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY was observed at the First Methodist Church, Crowley, with John Marshall Welsh of Jennings as guest speaker. His sermon was especially meaningful to the youth of the church where Rev. Louis Hoffpauir is pastor.

DR. JOSEPH D. QUILLIAN, JR., will be the guest speaker at the Blanchard Methodist Church Sunday morning, Jan. 27. Dr. Quillian is Professor of Homiletics, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas. Rev. James S. Jones is pastor of the Blanchard church.

REV. FRED S. FLURRY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, was guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Lafayette Kiwanis and Optimist Clubs recently. He used as his subject, "Jesus Came into the World to Save Souls—not to Condemn."

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College, attended the annual meeting of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church in Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 14-17. Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, is president of the board and presided at the general sessions.

THE W.S.C.S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, New Iberia, are cooperating in attending a study course which is being taught by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Wendt. The title of the course is "How To Read and Study The Bible." The lessons are taught weekly.

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY was held at the First Methodist Church, De Ridder, Sunday, Dec. 30. Sue Terry, a student at Pfeiffer College in North Carolina, and L. W. Fletcher, a student at Centenary College, had charge of the program. Rev. J. C. Whitaker is pastor of the church.

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY was observed at the First Methodist Church, Lake Providence, at the morning worship service, Sunday,

Dec. 30. Gary Walters, a ministerial student in Centenary College conducted the service. Tommie Sue Proctor, a student at Northeast State College, Monroe, was in charge of the music. Rev. C. R. McCammon is pastor of the church.

THE METHODIST MEN of the First Methodist Church, Minden, held a workshop in connection with their monthly supper meeting Monday, Jan. 21. E. J. Blanchard is president of the organization. Those in charge of the workshop were Davidson Brown, Kirtley Miles and Cy Williams. Rev. Dan. R. Robinson is pastor of the church.

EMPHASIS is placed on the Youth of the church in the Sunday evening services of the First Methodist Church, Slidell. Three youth choirs, numbering 47, are in charge of the song service and special music. Average attendance is 127. \$135.00 was donated for Hungarian Relief by the church, according to a report received. Rev. John T. Redmon is pastor of the church.

MRS. GEORGE WILLIS, a member of the Gretna Methodist Church, was presented an honorary membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service at a coffee given in her honor recently in the home of Mrs. C. I. Jones, New Orleans. Mrs. Willis was for nine years an officer in the society. Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh is pastor of the Gretna church.

FINAL INDEBTEDNESS of the First Methodist Church, Eunice, was paid the first week in January and planning for a new building program started, according to the pastor, Rev. Ned L. Stout. Last payment of \$1,000 was made on the debt which was at one time \$8,800. The church recently completed a fund raising campaign in which \$89,000 was pledged.

REV. ROY MOUSER, pastor of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport, was elected vice-president of the Shreveport Ministerial Association for the ensuing year. Other officers are: president, Rev. Frank Hipwell, rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, and M. R. Shelton, who was elected to his eighteenth consecutive term as secretary.

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY was observed at the First Methodist Church, New Iberia, Sunday evening, Dec. 30. College students participating in the program were: Virginia Nugent, Joe deGraffenried, Robert Hearne, and Linda Druhot. The speaker on the program, representing the Senior class of the New Iberia High School was Tommie Powell. Rev. W. R. Wendt is pastor of the church.

OPEN HOUSE was held at the new Farmerville Methodist parsonage Christmas eve by the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. V. Sirman. The parsonage lawn, having won first prize in the local lighting contest, was a picture of Christmas symbols, featuring six four-foot tall Christmas carolers, a framed silhouette of the manger scene with soft blue lighting, and a live cedar decked with all color lights on the sloping lawn.

A CHRISTMAS program of music, by the combined choirs, was presented at the Farmerville Methodist Church Sunday evening, Dec. 23. Carols from many lands were sung by the 50 children composing two choirs. Soloists for the adult choir were Mrs. Joseph Rogers, Mrs. Harold Humphries, Frank Wilson, and Rev. W. V. Sirman, pastor of the church. Mrs. Sirman was director and pianist for the program.

EDWIN L. JONES, president of the J. A. Jones Construction Company of Charlotte, N. C., was the principal speaker at the Methodist Men's Club meeting, Thursday, Jan. 17, at the First Methodist Church, Shreveport. An active Methodist, Mr. Jones is a trustee of the Foundation for Evangelism, representative to the National Council of Churches, a member of the executive committee of a special commission to study jurisdictional structure of the Methodist church, and a member of the Quadrennial Commission on Higher Education. Dr. D. L. Dykes is pastor of the church.

THE PALESTINE Methodist Men's Club sponsored a watchnight service at the church New Years Eve from seven o'clock until midnight. Soft music was played in the sanctuary as members of the church came in for a moment of silent prayer. Shortly before midnight a brief service was held in the sanctuary and closed with the members assembled around the altar for prayer. F. D. Futtrell is president of the Men's Club. Rev. E. W. Sandel is pastor of the church.

OPEN HOUSE was held at the Vidalia Methodist parsonage Thursday afternoon, Jan. 10. Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hine received the guests and conducted them through the recently remodeled parsonage. Each room contained a beautiful floral arrangement harmonizing with the pastel tinted walls. Serving as alternate hostesses were Mrs. J. O. Young, president of the W.S.C.S., and Mrs. Carl Chapman, chairman of the W.S.C.S. parsonage committee.

REV. DAN R. ROBINSON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Minden, has been invited to participate in an international evangelistic crusade to be held in Cuba, January 29 through February 7. One hundred and twenty-five ministers selected from all over the United States will meet for a briefing session with Bishop Branscomb and Dr. Harry Denman and will then be assigned to various churches throughout Cuba where they will preach through interpreters, visit in the homes and counsel with the people for a week.

REV. A. W. TOWNSEND, superintendent of the Alexandria District, preached at the morning service of the Pollock Methodist Church Sunday, Jan. 20, and lead in the ground-breaking service held in the afternoon. Lunch was served at the noon hour by the ladies of the church. The new church will be a brick veneer building 40 by 80 feet in size with laminated columns and finished with acoustical tile and mahogany ply wood finished on the inside. The building will have memorial windows and work is planned to begin in the near future. Rev. E. Lee McKay is pastor of the church.

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GETTING OUR BEARINGS

We have become so familiar with what we call standard time perhaps we forget how recent is our standardization of time. Within the memory of some now living, it was customary for a railroad to use throughout large sections of its territory the local time of one of the leading cities through which it passed. The result was that when two railroads met in some smaller town, it happened not infrequently that they were running under widely different time systems. As many as five different kinds of time have been simultaneously in use in a single town.



In 1879 the question of correcting this confusion was raised anew by Sir Sandford Fleming, chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific R.R. Through his efforts it was brought to the attention of the leading governments of the world, with the result that in 1882 the United States Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing the President to call an international conference to fix and recommend for universal adoption a common meridian to be used in reckoning longitude and in the regulation of time throughout the world.

The outcome was that the meridian passing through Greenwich, England was adopted as the prime meridian from which our time is standardized. And one can well imagine what confusion would obtain if this world which the machine has now made into a neighborhood had no standardized time.

Yet more important than the standardization of time and money is the finding of a standard of righteousness whereby men can regulate their conduct. One of the barriers to building a better world is the moral confusion now existing.

Kipling once wrote about "east of Suez where there ain't no Ten Commandments." Well, the recent trouble has revealed that there are some regions this side of Suez where the Ten Commandments are not recognized. We cannot have a peaceful world of law and order if on one side of a boundary line a thing is called right, and on the other side it is called wrong. The world must have some universal standard of righteousness from which

to take its moral bearings.

Nineteen centuries ago the Apostle Peter and his fellow disciples were threatened with dire punishment for proclaiming their convictions on the streets of Jerusalem. This was their defense: "We must obey God rather than men." In saying that, they took their stand with the heroic Hebrew prophets like Amos and Jeremiah and with the Christian martyrs from Saint Stephen down to the latest victims of Communist torture. The world has been guided upward by those who got their bearings from God rather than from men.

Even the individual conscience needs a divine standard of righteousness for its regulation. Each of us carries a conscience, which is supposed to tell us what is right and wrong. But just as our watches and clocks need to be repeatedly set and adjusted for the accurate keeping of time, so our consciences need to be repeatedly regulated.

We say, "Let conscience be your guide"; but the light and airy way we so often say those words implies that we know conscience often proves a lax and lazy guide.

Also we need God to guide us when we sincerely desire to do what is right to our fellow men. For instance, a friend is ill in the hospital with what the doctors diagnose as a usually fatal disease. Is it right for me to tell that friend the truth about his condition? I realize that the shock of bad news may prove a setback. It is a heavy responsibility to determine how much truth is good for my sick friend. It is so difficult a decision that I want the help of the Divine Physician in making it, for the Christ helps me to balance both my love for my friend and my regard for truth. I believe that Christ can usually show a way of giving both hope and truth in a sickroom.

Furthermore, God is the standard by which to get our bearings in the confused international order. To be sure, we have to deal with dictators who do not recognize the God of the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. But let us not take our cues from the Kremlin and the Nazzers. If we "do the right as God gives us to see the right," the truth will eventually break through the Iron Curtains. Reports indicate that even the Russian youth and Czechoslovak writers and oriental leaders are beginning to raise questions about the morality of Communist methods in Hungary and elsewhere.

Those who "obey God rather than men" will eventually set the standard for the world.

The Layman's Column

By
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"TIRED BLOOD"

If you listen to television these days, you are bombarded with many products. You're even bombarded with diseases. Troubles you did not know existed, may be knocking at your physical doors. One of them is so-called "tired blood." That one in particular arouses my sense of foolishness. I can imagine a doctor looking at me through some sort of energy counter and coming out from under the hood with the solemn statement that my blood is tired. I can even see in my imagination all those poor corpuscles dragging their imaginary feet as they try to climb from my ankles to my head, and once in a while slipping halfway back to my kneecaps in their great weariness!

But whether or not "Tired Blood" is a symptom that can be separated in a laboratory, there is certainly a reality of tired souls. One may become terribly tired of soul when friends desert him as he tries to stand for his Christian convictions. He may be deeply disappointed at the infidelity of a loved one. He may suffer for the hatred that exists in the hearts of men everywhere. Yes, weariness of soul is an "occupational disease" even in the everyday task of living. It attacks those in high places and those of low estate. It seeks out the young as well as the old. The saint and sinner alike can fall a prey to this illness.

Fortunately, the remedy for tired souls is an old and proven one. The Great Physician has written the prescription. Listen to Him as He tells you . . .

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

With Jesus, work itself will be refreshing, if we work side by side with Him. If we work yoked with Him, we somehow come to enjoy rest for tired and torn souls, ease from the spiritual strains of the busy day wherever we are. This is a remedy that costs nothing but an open heart

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

MY FRIEND HAD A RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

My young G.I. friend has recently had a very real and valuable religious experience. Of that I have no question. It was a type of experience that has been and still is quite common in Christian development.

My friend comes from several generations of devout Methodist Christians with roots in Scandinavia. He was nurtured in the Christian faith in a religious-motivated family, and in the church and Sunday school of the parish of which I am a member. I have known him from infancy—in church, in school, in MYF, and as a guest in the family home. He has been a lad worthy of his home and his church—a professing and well-living Christian youth. When he entered Uncle Sam's Army, one had no doubt as to how he would conduct himself.

Last year he found himself in a rather remote post in Asia. True to his religious training, he attended services, gravitated to the company of soldiers interested in the church, joined an informal group of soldiers who held evangelistic services among themselves. Perhaps the group was "conservative" and "self-expressive," but their sincerity appealed to him.

And then (as he tells the story himself) at a given hour of a particular day in a place he will never forget, he "felt something happen" to him: he knew at that moment that he had been in touch with Christ, that he was converted, that he was saved, that "whereas I was in sin and on the brink of hell up to that moment, now I was redeemed." Immediately he joined others in the group in giving testimony to his Savior—"as I had never given testimony before."

Now, I repeat, I have no question but that something very real and very valuable happened to my friend that night. But I do seriously ques-

and a mind willing to follow Him. Try it for a while. A great "cloud of witnesses" have tried it before, and have found it to be the answer to their needs.

tion some of the conclusions to which he has come as a result of his own experience:

I question the conclusion that one must have the same type of experience as my friend, or that one is cut off from Christ and going to hell. . . . There are many roads that lead to the Christian life—and this "sudden conversion" (so-called) is but one of them. I am sure we have all known less-emotional people who sought Christ more deliberately—and found him; others who came to Christ by the road of human service (as did Kagawa); still others who came to him and his Way out of the solitude of a prison, of a hospital, or the observation of a godly life; and, I am sure, many grow into the Christian life as slowly and as undemonstrably as they grow into a trade or profession. There is arrogance or worse in saying "the way it happened to me" is the only way to the Christian life.

I question the conclusion that "there is something wrong with the church" in which my friend was brought up because he didn't have this experience within its walls. . . . I am sure that the years of Christian living and teaching that were his in his home and in his church "conditioned" him so that he was ready to be spoken to, ready to be moved, ready to take a stand. He is the inheritor, in family and in church, of a long line of preparation of which this experience was an episode—and, we hope not the "final" act. Might not a parallel experience have come to him at some other critical juncture?

I question the conclusion that this lad—or anyone else—is suddenly yanked from the brink of hell and saved for all eternity. First, I don't believe he was the "great sinner" that the language of another day calls those who do not give certain wording to their credo; and secondly, I believe the day of conversion is a "commencement day" and not a "graduation day": the convert must work eternally at his religion or he will slip into self-deception and pharasaical satisfaction.

While I would hesitate to use the language and thought-forms in which my friend expresses his experience, it ought to be noted that in moving out from a religious emphasis on "I—me—mine" into a social service concern, our churches have generally failed to give us any modern vocabulary with which to express personal religious faith. We have generally only the language of "sin, hell, and damnation" (and the subjective gospel songs) to express personal beliefs, aspirations, and concerns. This very lack is one cause of the growth of the so-called smaller sects: they find here a convenient vehicle for simple self-expression.

A Half Century Of Bolivian Methodism

By Helen B. Busby

La Paz, Bolivia

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a story of the school and evangelistic work of Methodism in Bolivia—one of the four promising "areas of decision" in which evangelism is now being pressed by the Board of Missions. An excellent account of Methodist medical missions in Bolivia is in the September 1956 "Reader's Digest."

In April 1906, Dr. Francis Harrington, his wife and two children arrived in La Paz, Bolivia, to face almost insurmountable obstacles and to do the seemingly impossible—as so many missionary pioneers have done. Dr. Harrington lived only a little more than a year and a half and then was laid to rest in the land to which he gave his life. The work he started goes on, growing each year.

Dr. Harrington was a lawyer, a Methodist preacher and an educator all in one. When he arrived in La Paz it was a crime punishable with death to propagate any faith but Roman Catholicism. Some had paid that penalty. He knew before leaving Chile that some Bolivians wanted to change the constitution and that it had been voted on two years in succession—or at least discussed in Congress. Records of those days are not plentiful, either for our Methodist mission work or for public affairs. Frequent violent revolutions are not conducive to reliable records. But we do know that this brave man, already suffering from advanced tuberculosis when he started for Bolivia, had to spend many chilly hours sitting in cold, damp waiting rooms, and interviewing endless numbers of officials.

In August 1906 one word in the Bolivian constitution was changed—in the face of much opposition and after very heated discussions. Now it was "permitted" rather than "prohibited" to promote the Protestant form of Christianity. Dr. Harrington had already had visitors in his home, and in informal meetings with them had formed a nucleus for a Methodist church. It immediately began to meet in a rented room in a very old building. Services were held in three languages and translated into Aymara (of the Bolivian Indians) by a converted priest who had been among those who came to see the missionary in his home.

School Started In La Paz

In January 1907, The American Institute in La Paz was started. There was a generous Subsidy from the Bolivian Government, and the devoted help of a little band of missionaries who worked a whole year with no salary. They were led by Mrs. Harrington who ran a boarding house for other foreigners. These foreigners were in the city working in mines, railroads, and other engineering projects. Later the missionaries were paid their back salary:

The school was subsidized until 1914. In 1912 a similar school was started in Cochabamba at the request of the Bolivians. The missionaries were allowed to teach religion in the schools. They always had Bible study classes for boarders of both sexes. Many of them attended church and Sunday school—but this was only if their parents approved. It was considered only fair that religious instruction be not of a controversial nature, and the teachers usually stuck to the great fundamentals that are common to us all, thus laying a good foundation for religious tolerance. As a result, Bolivia has in general been one of the most favorable fields for missionary work although it still has not separated church and state.

Serving the Indians

From the very beginning, the missionaries

served the need of the Indians. They needed not only the gospel which they loved to have preached to them in their own tongue (having up to this time had only Latin masses to attend), but also medical and educational work which always go together. It was many years before the Methodists in Bolivia had nurses and finally a doctor. But the early pioneers did what they could in the way of first aid and even got the help of a medical doctor who had come to Bolivia for other than missionary work and rendered devoted service on the shore of Lake Titicaca. Here the Methodists helped lay the foundations for the splendid work the Baptists are now carrying on at Guatajata.

The Church of the Redeemer

At the time I arrived as a missionary in Bolivia (in 1919) we had not only the Methodist church in La Paz, with a healthy Sunday school and well-attended Sunday evening service, and a midweek prayer meeting, but there were three small Sunday schools held in remote parts of the city where the Institute teachers taught before going to the main Sunday school. Out of these grew the present Church of the Redeemer, our largest church in Bolivia in membership; but with a small building (erected about 1930) that one must now go early to find even standing room. There are over 400 members, mostly Indians. They themselves go out on their own initiative to preach in the streets and outlying villages. They have formed three congregations in small villages or settlements—not too far from La Paz for an Indian to walk on his bare or sandalled feet, but too far for missionaries to go very often. There are no auto roads and even a jeep can-



Pictured above is an Indian mother and child who live in Bolivia.



Shown is a group of girls playing groundball at La Paz, Bolivia. The American Institute is in the background.

not quite make all the journey.

Then there were the Indians living out around Lake Titicaca who had been and are still clamoring for more teachers and preachers faster than can be supplied. Sometimes they must be content with a young man with barely a fifth-grade education and very little Bible training. He must, of course, be one who knows the Indian language. For years this work was carried on by the Institute teachers who gave vacations and weekends to it.

An attempt is being made now by the very much-overworked missionaries in Bolivia to write a complete history of those early years. (I wrote the chapter on the La Paz American Institute during my last furlough, much of which I spent in Bolivia.) It is to be hoped that the history when finished will contain the names of all those noble pioneers, many of whom are still living in retirement in the United States. They laid the foundations for the thriving work we now have. But they have received little credit and less compensation.

The Years of Depression

The depression and the Chaco War both hit Bolivia at the same time and almost wiped out our missionary work. If the missionaries had not given largely by working for less than half the regular salary, we could not have kept it going on. Then came a period of decreased interest in missionary work and a period of great scarcity of both funds and workers and we barely held our own for several years. During the Second World War the Department of State took over the American Institute for six years, freeing mission funds for other projects and giving the school a new start. When they took over, our buildings were almost in ruins, roofs leaked, walls and furniture were falling apart, window panes were out, and everything needed painting. When they left us we were again in good repair and had a good faculty of trained teachers; but of course these left and we had paid a price. For we had to abide by the regulations of our U.S.A. Constitution and stop being a missionary school. In fact it was possible to do even less religious work under the U.S.A. government than it had been under the Roman Catholic Bolivian one. This was due to the fact that in Bolivia there are so few people and everyone is so well known that government is a more personal affair and can be a little more elastic. Of course they keep careful watch of us, and, as children of high officials are always in our schools and members of their families in our hospitals, they know what we are doing. We have usually been able to keep on friendly terms with them and to cultivate mutual respect and tolerance, so that our schools have been considered powerful aids to inter-American good neighborliness.

The Work Grows Anew

Now with increased interest and missionary giving we hope to be able to provide at least some of the missionary staff needed to cope with our rapidly growing churches, schools, and medical centers—two now, for we are beginning one in Ancoraime in connection with the churches and schools there.

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Follow-Up Work and Reports

Many churches reporting the first time this week will make additional reports to THE LOUISIANA METHODIST office of follow-up work of securing renewals and new subscriptions which were not obtained during the first week of the campaign, January 13-20. Results of these supplemental reports will be published in the Circulation Campaign reports each week in THE LOUISIANA METHODIST.

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Meetings To Be Held For Adult Sub-Dist. Groups

The Alexandria District has announced the following schedule for a series of Adult Sub-District meetings. The sessions will be held as follows:

Jan. 28, First Methodist Church, Natchitoches; Jan. 29, the Jena Methodist Church; Jan. 30, Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria; and Jan. 31, Hass Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie.

Each of the sessions will be from 7 until 9 p.m.; and Miss Elizabeth Thompson, conference director of adult work, will assist in each of the meetings. She will also be available through the day for special conferences with teachers, officers, and other interested adults.

The program for the meetings will include: the opening hymn, Scripture reading and prayer; a report on the Adult Convocation; work groups for teachers and assistant teachers of adult classes, adult class officers and others; a refreshment period; and a summary of the meeting by the sub-district director and Miss Thompson.

The sub-district directors are: A. H. Horton, Natchitoches; Hiram Wright, Jena; Sam Wells, Colfax; George Connell, Alexandria; and the Bunkie-Marksville area, to be supplied. The district director of adult work is the Rev. George Pearce, Jr., Natchitoches.

PLANS BEING COMPLETED FOR MEMORIAL CHURCH PROJECT

(Continued from page 1)

could be assigned to carry out plans for the new church.

At the June 1956 session, Rev. Brady Forman was appointed as pastor for the as yet unorganized congregation. Arrangements were made to use the American Legion building and the first service was held there on Sunday, June 17.

On August 5 the Memorial Methodist Church was organized and on Sunday, February 16 the Charter Member Sunday was observed, with 60 charter members being received into the church.

Since that time the church has gone forward in the development of its church program, with a growth in membership week by week. The church now enrolls 77 members, representing 40 families.

Interest In Church Extension

As a manifestation of the church membership's interest in church extension work, there are 16, 1,000 Club members; 8 in the 1,000 Club conference program. Rev. Mr. Forman pointed out that no one knows better than members of a new congregation what such a program means to a new church situation.

The church has a church school program, with a Sunday school for two adult classes, two youth classes and four children classes. There are local church commissions on finance and education already functioning, and the commission on membership and evangelism will be organized in the near future.

The church also boasts a strong choir with Miss Edna Blethen, director of music in public schools in Moorehouse Parish as choir director. Rev. Mr. Forman also pointed out that there are several visitors in each of the services and that the congregation expects to have more than 100 members by the 1957

Centenary College Students Have Music With Exams

BY CENTENARY NEWS BUREAU



(Photo by Sydney Gras)

Higher examination grades are the goal of members of the Centenary Student Guild of the American Guild of Organists, above, who planned a series of recitals planned to relax students during exam week at Centenary College. From left to right, front row, are Gaynelle Morgan, Lynette Haug, Mary Fletcher Blankenbaker, Faculty Sponsors Norman Z. Fisher and William C. Teague, Linda Walters and Mary Almanrode. In the rear row, same order, are Martha Oliphant and Madeline Trichel. Marcella Flynt, one of those slated to present a recital, was not present when the picture was taken.

Music was employed to soothe the troubled souls of Centenary College students whose nerves were frazzled by semester exams.

A series of organ recitals were planned by the Centenary Student Guild of the American Guild of Organists as an experiment in musical medication. The idea behind the plan is that grades may be improved if soft music succeeds in relaxing the exam-takers between, before and after testing periods.

William C. Teague and Norman Z. Fisher, faculty advisers to the student organization, said the plan has been followed successfully at Southern Methodist University.

"There's no reason why it can't be equally effective here at Centenary," Teague observed. "Who knows? We might even get higher grades from the students as a result of the concerts."

The recital program got under way at 1:30 p.m., Jan. 17, and 20-minute concerts were presented Friday, Saturday and Monday. Semester exams were slated to begin Thursday and to be concluded Monday afternoon.

The opening recital was presented by Lynette Naug of Sulphur, an organ major and a junior at Centenary. Mary Fletcher Blankenbaker of DeRidder, a senior piano major and president of the Centenary Student Guild, presented the Friday recital, and the Saturday recital was given by Marcella Flynt of Baton Rouge, an English major who has played the organ at the First Methodist Church in her home city. The closing recital Monday afternoon was presented by two Shreveport students, Martha Oliphant and Linda Walters.

All of the recitals took place in the restful atmosphere of the Brown Memorial Chapel on the campus, and the selections were chosen with an eye toward relaxing, rather than flamboyant, tones. The numbers included such composition as the following: "When In the Hour of Utmost Need", by Bach; "Ave Maria", by Kreckle, and "Psalm XIX", by Macella.

"If we can get the students into attitudes of peace and relaxation for a few minutes before the start of each examination", Teague commented before the concerts began, "We may have less panic when the exam papers are distributed and the realization suddenly comes that more of the past semester's hours should have been spent in studying. A relaxed, calm student usually turns in a better test paper than a student who is flustered and nervous."

There's just one danger in the plan, Teague conceded. The student organists who are presenting the recitals will have to spend extra hours in practicing.

"They have to take exams just as every other student does," Teague explained. "We are keeping our fingers crossed that their grades won't suffer as a result of their efforts to help their colleagues."

TALENT

As tools become rusty, so does the mind; a garden uncared for soon becomes smothered in weeds; a talent neglected withers and dies. —Ethel R. Page, "What of your Talent?" Etude, 3-'56.

Fellowship Hour To Be Held During Ministers' Week At SMU

The Arkansas and Louisiana Clubs of Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas, in cooperation with Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Martin, will sponsor an information fellowship hour during Ministers' Week February 4-7, on Tuesday evening immediately following the evening lectures. Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin will be present. All the visitors and friends from Arkansas and Louisiana are invited to be present in the lounge of Kirby Hall in the Perkins Quadrangle.

Jim Donaldson of Louisiana and Glen Morrison of Arkansas are the presidents of the clubs.

Nolley Memorial Begins Addition To Education Building

A ground-breaking service for the expansion of the educational building of the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church, Jena, was held Jan. 13, with the Rev. A. W. Townsend, Alexandria District Superintendent, conducting the service.

The Rev. W. O. Lynch, Nolley Memorial pastor, said the expansion of the present educational building will provide some 3,800 additional square feet of floor space and will cost some \$30,000.

Special music was furnished by the Nolly Church choir.

annual conference session.

The first unit as planned would include a sanctuary, seating 325 worshippers, a fellowship area, seven Sunday school class rooms, rest rooms and church offices. A temporary kitchen would be provided in one of the class rooms adjacent to the fellowship area.

Rev. James T. Harris, Monroe district superintendent, and Rev. Mr. Forman also pointed out that the First Methodist Church and its members have been very generous and interested in the organization and beginning of the new church and have cooperated in every respect.

Franklin Parsonage Hit By Fire

The parsonage of the First Methodist Church, Franklin, was gutted by fire of undetermined origin about 6:30 p.m., Jan. 6.

James Lunny, a member of the church board said the house was insured for \$18,000, the furnishings for \$5,000, and that the Rev. Albert S. Hurley, pastor, carried some insurance on his personal effects.

An announcement as to whether the present building will be repaired or a new one constructed will be made in the near future, a spokesman said.

Marvin Morris, Jr., a member of the board of trustees said the 3-bedroom structure was completely gutted by the blaze. He said everything in the house was lost with the exception of a small desk containing important papers and a set of silverware that was in the back part of the residence.

The Rev. and Mrs. Hurley were participating in a Methodist Fellowship program at the church next door when the fire started.

The parsonage was completely renovated in July, 1955, when a new Methodist church was built at Franklin.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT REPRESENTED AT ADULT CONVOCATION

Adults attending the Convocation in Little Rock from the Alexandria District included: the district superintendent, the Rev. A. W. Townsend; and district director, the Rev. George Pearce, Jr., Natchitoches.

From Alexandria First Church were: Dr. Henry Bowden, pastor; Mrs. Florine Ashearn, R. H. Atthern, and S. E. Cornish.

Those from the First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, who attended, in addition to the Rev. Mr. Pearce, were: Dr. W. J. Broach, Judge James Jones, J. Mitchell Reams, Miss Catherine Winters, and Miss Mary Winters.

From the Oak Grove, Natchitoches, Church, the Rev. Claude Hall attended. Others included: Mrs. Claude Hall and Miss Doris Wilkinson.

The Rev. Clark Bell, minister at Colfax, also attended.

"Consider Your Call" Is Theme For Youth Week, January 27-February 3

BY THE REV. JOHN HASSLER
Director Youth Work, Little Rock Conference

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 11:15

Youth Week has been set aside by the United Christian Youth Movement from January 27-February 3 for 1957. The important theme chosen this year is "Consider Your Call." Youth all over the land are observing this week and carrying out a program in relation to it. Plays, pageants, candle light Communion services and regular sermons and Youth Worship Services will be carried out.



John Hassler

We wonder why a special Youth Week. This of course is to secure a more concerted action by Youth in reaching and holding Youth for Christ and the Church. All Youth working together makes a stronger pull for a better world. The narcotic situation among High School students in some sections, drinking and in fact the whole question of Delinquency makes us wonder as older people what we can do to help our Youth.

Objectives

In accepting this theme, Christian youth will consider during this observance these objectives and others:

1. How best to serve the Kingdom of God.
2. The best use of talents and personality in the service of God.
3. God's call to him.
4. To help bridge the gaps that separate men.
5. To help enrich the lives of all mankind regardless of credal, cultural or national barriers.
6. To make vital a Christian Witness through personal living and cooperative action.
7. To find the role of Youth in the life of the Church.
8. To help strengthen the unity of youth for Christian principals in the spirit of Jesus over the world.
9. To promote cooperative youth work through worship, study and fellowship.

These objectives of The United Christian Youth Movement are meant to help Youth Organizations in the various denominations in their local church groups. They feel that there are times when all the youth of any given community can meet and solve some problems by working at the job together. There are many problems that come up that are common problems to all youth everywhere and in unity there is strength. A strong United Youth Group meeting occasionally will help and inspire and inform the youth in the local Church to greater efforts.

What Can We Do

When we think and talk of 1957 Youth Week we wonder just what we can do and what it will do for your own young people. In the Handbook for the Methodist Youth Fellowship for 1953, there were 1,217,479 young people in its membership. If the Methodist win their part in the growing youth they should have by 1960 in the Fellowship 4,600,000. The membership figures for 1956 are 1,234,762. The goal is a long ways off. Just what can be done to help there, is the thing that disturbs the Church. Where is it that we are falling down? Where are the weak parts in the whole plan of work? Facts and figures are available showing how many young people are reached by all churches and how many are outside of anyone's church or church influence. Again in our own general Church we look back over a period of several years and we

see where only slight gains are made from year to year in reaching our Young People.

Church Needs Young People

The Church needs the Young People and the Young People need the Church. Adults are settled down to a more even keel and are more apt to remain in the church. The years from 12 to 23 are important years of "becoming", and he enters them a child and comes out an adult, enters single and comes out married, enters without a vocation and comes out established, and as he enters he has not thought too much about things of life but he comes out with his own philosophy. It surely is important that the church should be ready and willing and prepared and have the know how to help out during these trying years. It is our job to interest and hold them, but how?

Problems To Deal With

There are problems that we must deal with in all our work with youth. Military service comes along for the boys and attending college takes a large group of the choice leaders.

Not only outside problems in gaining and holding youth for the church but there are many even inside the church and its organization. Throughout our great church the cry more than anything else is for adult leadership with youth. Youth want leaders who would be interested in their work and programs. They do not want the adults to do the work but be ready to help in any way.

All over our land there are thousands of tireless adult workers with youth, but many more are needed for the task is unlimited. The youth program of the church has various areas of service as worship, study, witnessing, fellowship and missions and evangelism. Some of these fields appeal to young people more than others, but we as adults are to study our church and its work and its young people and "Study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen who need not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." May Youth Week 1957 cause us to find some of our own short comings and problems and work some of them out is our sincere prayer and wish.

Youth Week Packet

A special Youth Week packet has been prepared for 75c. It includes

The Youthful Accent

By Rupert Hoover

SAY YES TO LIFE!

If I were asked to select the most fascinating character I have met, there are several persons living and dead who would vie for the honor. But among the fascinating characters of history who lived before my time, there are few I would rather meet personally than that rich young ruler who came to Jesus to find the secret of effective living. He has always been a fascinating person to me. He must have been a most promising person because it is recorded that Jesus was immediately attracted by him, and apparently would have been glad to have him as a disciple.

Idealistic Manhood

In a sense I think, he represents idealistic manhood at its best. Inspired by the example of Jesus, stirred by his teaching, and desirous of sharing something of the joy of Christian life, the young man solicited from Jesus the requirements for those who would follow in his way. He indicates that he was a keeper of the ethical law of Israel, by conviction and practice. Then Jesus, seeing the block which prevented the young man from realizing the full potential of a highly useful life, suggested that he separate himself from that which occupied the center of his interest—his money and property. Not because he condemned possessions as such, but because they loomed so large in the mind of the youth, that it would be impossible for him to fulfill his expressed purpose of being like Jesus. Jesus said to him, "If you would enter life, keep the commandments." This he had done and was doing. Well and good, and "come, follow me!" Jesus was asking this youth to say yes to the life the stirring fragrance of whose challenge he was breathing in the warm afternoon air.

He Was Dissatisfied

Rich in this world's goods, the young man was dissatisfied with his spiritual achievements thus far. But not enough dissatisfied to do anything about it. He wanted something more than his life of idealism. But he was unwilling to pay the purchase price. He heard the challenge of Jesus, but he couldn't accept it. The barrier was too great. He wanted so desperately to say yes to Jesus' kind of life. And he was so far along in making that decision. But he turned away. Scowling, it says, because his great possessions robbed him of the greatest possession which life can offer—the positive value of being truly Christian. What a tragedy when one cannot say yes to life!

Many Are Tempted

Many youth today are tempted to turn their backs on life's highest moments. When they do, they join this young man among those who might have been. But when a youth finds Christ in that highest mo-

one copy each of the following items: poster (17x22); postcard; Youth Sunday worship service for use January 27; Community Youth Service for use February 3; a guide for worship services; Youth Week manual; and a radio play, "Day of Decision," 15 minute skit on vocations. This packet can be ordered from P & D, National Council of Churches, 120 East 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y.

MULHOLLAND YOUTH CONDUCT SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

Student Recognition Day was observed at Mulholland Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, on Sunday evening, December 30, 1956, with a special service of worship conducted by Miss Barbara Jeanne Smallwood, junior at the University of Alabama.

Also participating in the service was Miss Leona Boudreaux, candidate for the degree or master of Christian Education at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. The new color film on student work, "Reply to Reality," was shown during the service.

On December 16, the Youth Department of Mulholland Memorial presented a dramatic service of worship. "They All Were Waiting For Him," adapted from a chance drama by Margaret T. Applegarth.

Through the use of speech and singing choirs, narrators, music, and a tableau, the timelessness and relevance of the Advent Season were portrayed. Participating in the service were the narrators, James Martin and Ann Gilliam; the speech choir, Nancy Gilliland, Dayle Frye, Robert Frampton, and John Ferguson; members of the tableau, representing the nativity scene figures of Joseph and Mary, Julian Gregory and Adrienne Burney; and the Youth Choir, under the direction of Mrs. R. E. Mittelstaedt. The Cherub Choir, under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Barber, also participated in the service.

A reception for the entire cast followed the production at the Mulholland Parsonage. The Reverend and Mrs. D. W. Poole were hosts.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

GREATER GRANT PARISH

The Greater Grant Parish Sub-District held its monthly meeting Dec. 1, at the Ball Methodist Church, featuring a Christmas pageant centered around the birth of Christ. The cast selected from persons from all the MYF groups that make up the Sub-District. They acted out the parts and a choir sang Christmas carols that fitted into the movement of the story. By the Rev. E. L. McKay, Pollock.

ARCADIA-LAND

Approximately 45 members of the Acadia-Land MYF attended the regular monthly meeting of the organization at the Methodist Church in Palmetto in December. The host MYF handled the religious program which included songs by the choir and a talk on Christmas spirit by the Palmetto president, Earl Taylor. Opelousas officials invited the members to attend a Christmas party. Those who attended took fruit which was given to the needy as the group went caroling.

ment, then he can enter the fellowship of transformed lives who have set themselves against a supreme standard, and who keep their lives open to the spiritual influences God has put in His world.

In a world where so much is so often saying a negative word about love and goodness, Christian youth are called to stand up and be counted for the affirmative!

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN OF ARKANSAS
TO MEET IN HOT SPRINGS

January 31 - February 1

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the United Church Women of Arkansas will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Hot Springs, January 31-February 1, 1957. Mrs. Kyle Engler, Fayetteville, president, will convene the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and invites all interested women to attend this annual meeting.

Members of the Board of Managers will meet at 5:30, January 30, at Grand Avenue Methodist Church for dinner followed by the meeting of the Board. Reservations should be sent to Mrs. Clarence W. Allen, 217 Avery, President and General Chairman.

Guest Speaker for the meeting will be Mrs. Spann Milner, Vice-President of the General Department of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States. Mrs. Milner is the granddaughter of Southern Baptist Ministers on both father and mother's side, and she teaches a Sunday School Class of Young Adults in the Second Ponce DeLeon Church in Atlanta.

Mrs. Milner is the former president of the United Church Women of Georgia. In 1952 she served as a delegate to the UNESCO Conference at Hunter College. She was chosen to represent Protestant women in a group of nine women in public life who went to Germany in February, 1956, as guest of the Federal Republic of Germany.

In August, 1956, Mrs. Milner went to Swampscott, Mass., as a member of a Symposium with seven men to discuss "Segregation and the Church" for LIFE Magazine.

Mrs. Milner will give two formal addresses at the meeting, and will



MRS. SPANN W. MILNER

be available as Resource person for the entire meeting.

Officers for the United Church Women of Arkansas are: president, Mrs. Kyle Engler, Fayetteville; first vice president, Mrs. Paul Stuart, North Little Rock; second vice president, Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Grady; treasurer, Miss Mildred Osment, Jonesboro; secretary, Mrs. Joe Brennan, Fayetteville; and counselor, Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Hot Springs.

"I believe that alcohol is more dangerous to America than Communism ever could be, and the growing use of liquor is our greatest moral problem", says Bishop Gerald Kennedy, reported in National Voice.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31
ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

- 9:30 a.m. Hymn
President's Message Mrs. Kyle Engler
Business Session
10:30 a.m. Recess
10:40 a.m. THE CHURCH WOMAN Skit Miss Myrtle Charles
11:10 a.m. ADDRESS: "Home—Where Is It?" Mrs. Spann Milner
12:00 noon Sale of Literature
12:15 p.m. Christ an World Missions Luncheon Mrs. Lester Furr
First Christian Church
1:45 p.m. Meetings of All State Committees
Led by State Chairmen and consisting of the local chairmen of the committees
3:00 p.m. Recess
3:15 p.m. "World Missions in the Homeland" Mrs. W. W. Draper
4:00 p.m. Interest Groups
1. President's Hour
2. The Finance Hour
3. Public Relations (Audio-Visual)
6:30 p.m. Christian Social Relations Dinner Mrs. I. C. Harriman
First Methodist Church
8:00 p.m. St. Luke's Church (Public Meeting)
Call to Worship
Invocation Dr. Wayne Buchanan
Music
ADDRESS: "The Miracle of Germany" Mrs. Spann Milner
Offering
Hymn
Benediction Dr. James Overholser

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1
ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
9:30 a.m. Committee Reports
10:30 a.m. Council Relationships Mrs. E. D. Galloway
11:15 a.m. Business Session
12:00 noon Christian World Relations Luncheon Mrs. Ralph Emerson
Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, guest speaker
1:30 p.m. Installation of Officers Mrs. Spann Milner
Service of Commitment Mrs. J. R. Henderson
2:15 p.m. Adjournment

DISTRICTS ANNOUNCE SCHEDULE FOR
EDITH MARTIN

Jonesboro District

On Tuesday, January 29, there will be a luncheon at West Park Restaurant in Jonesboro for Miss Martin.

The Jonesboro District Woman's Society of Christian Service will observe a Day of Prayer and Meditation at Harrisburg on Wednesday, January 30, with Miss Edith Martin as guest.

Forrest City District

January 31-February 3

Marion—Jan. 31, 2:00 p.m.—Woman's Society and Guild.

Widener—Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m.—Widener-Round Pond Woman's Society.

Vanndale—Feb. 1, 2:00 p.m.—Woman's Society.

Marvell—Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m.—Woman's Society and Guild.

Wynne—Feb. 3, 11:00 a.m.—Morning Church Service.

Iteration Of
Conway District

The lives of many people across the area of the Conway District have been lifted and challenged by

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bonita-Jones

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Bonita, president, Mrs. Will Gray, met in the home of Mrs. Merton Bowe with Mrs. George Cagle program leader. Present were: Mrs. Will Gray, Mrs. J. W. Montgomery, Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale, Mrs. Grover Harp, Mrs. Cagle and Mrs. Bowe.

At the program a short business session was held. Mrs. Cagle was appointed to finish out the year as Secretary of Promotion in place of Mrs. Johnnie Young, who has moved to Bastrop; also the local funds will be used to assist in paying for the velvet curtain around the organ loft and placing two more venetian blinds in the parsonage.

The hostess served lunch.

The next meeting was to be Jan. 1, at the Bonita church. Bonita-Jones will join in the first study of Paul's Letters—Mrs. Grover Harp as Study leader. The two societies in joint study finished the study of Southeast Asia in November.

The Wesleyan Guild Service of the Pollock Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. H. E. Futrell the evening of Jan. 3, 1957. The following members were present: Mrs. Mabel Gray, Mrs. Wylene Regions, Mrs. June Pilgrim, Mrs. John Beal, Mrs. Winifred Smart, Mrs. Juanita Allen, Mrs. E. L. McKay, Mrs. Willard Dunn, Mrs. Geraldine Groves, Mrs. Carroll Maxwellland, Mrs. H. E. Futrell. The program "Islands in my community" was presented by several members.

The members turned in the money they had collected by selling the plates with the picture of the former Methodist Church of Pollock on them. The money raised by selling the plates is to be used

the messages and personal contact of Edith Martin missionary in Belgian Congo, one of God's great witnesses. Her schedule included the following:

Sunday, Jan. 13, 4 p.m.—Tea at First Methodist Church, Russellville (sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild)

7 p.m.—Evening Worship Service at Dardanelle

Monday, Jan. 14, 11 a.m.—Luncheon meeting at Belleville

7 p.m.—Informal Discussion Hour with Youth at Methodist Student Center at Arkansas Tech

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 10 a.m.—Area Meeting, First Methodist Church, Conway

7 p.m.—Area Meeting, Gardner Memorial, North Little Rock

Wednesday, Jan. 16—Various activities on the Hendrix campus

All of these occasions were participated in by varying groups and churches. We feel especially grateful that she could be with so many youth. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Thompson, ministers at Belleville, had invited the entire high school student body to hear Miss Martin; there were thirty-six youth with their sponsors. We are confident that the call of the mission field is more real and more challenging for all those who shared in these blessed experiences.

Men and women attended the service; for many it was the first time to hear a missionary speak directly from the field. People were here from Russellville, Dover, Ola, Danville, Waltreak, and many other places.

in the building of our new church. All but eleven of the plates had been sold and the ladies hope to sell these in the next few days.

The regular business of the guild was conducted in the usual manner, after which refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. John Beal—Rev. E. L. McKay

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Broadmoor, Shreveport, Church, Mrs. John Wilfona, president, gave 500 dolls to the Salvation Army for Christmas. This was a part of their Christian Social Relations committee work.

The Amite Wesleyan Service Guild held its Christmas Party December 21 at the home of Mrs. Lida Morrison and Mrs. Hal Porter with Miss Myrtle Scarle as co-hostess. Mrs. Morrison, president, conducted the business meeting which followed a devotional by Mrs. Flora Tauzin.

Mrs. Mary Johnston presented the program with Mrs. Dorothy Rowden playing numbers on the marimba and Mrs. Roy Stewart telling the Christmas Story from "Ben Hur." Judge Fannie Burch led in prayer.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Olla, La. was entertained at its Christmas Party December 17 in Fellowship Hall by a group of elementary boys and girls.

Dr. J. H. Hicks To Give Lectures At Training School

To Be Held At
Istrouma Church
Baton Rouge

Giving the Bible Lecture the first hour of each of the five sessions of the Baton Rouge Area Leadership School will be Dr. John Harden Hicks, Professor of Old Testament, Perkins School of Theology. The lectures are titled: "The Life and Times of the Old Testament."

The Leadership Training School will be held at the Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, January 27-31. Rev. J. Phillip Woodland is the Dean.

Every person attending the Training School will have the opportunity to hear Dr. Hicks. In addition to the Bible Lecture, seven study courses will be given, 3 courses covering the Children's Division, one course for workers with youth, one course for teachers of adult classes and two general courses: one on Improving the Church school and the other dealing with Christian Evangelism.

On SMU Faculty

Dr. Hicks is a native of Stephenville, Texas. He joined the Southern Methodist University faculty in 1922. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity degrees from Southern Methodist University, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Chicago.

He is author of "The Books of History," "The Message of the Minor Prophets," and numerous articles and series of studies appearing in church literature.

Most of the Churches of the Greater Baton Rouge Area are taking part in the Leadership Training School.

Courses Offered

Names of courses are: "Home and Church Cooperating in Children's Work", Mrs. Lloyd Beall, Tyler, Texas. "Children and the Bible", Mrs. W. W. Spitze, Baton Rouge; "Music and Children of the Church", Mrs. Maxine F. Watkins, Ruston, La.; "Interpreting the Bible to Youth", Rev. William P. Fraser, the Methodist Church, Plaquemine, La.; "The Use of the Bible in Teaching Adults", Dr. Gilbert Oliver, Mindenhall, Mississippi; "How to Improve the Church School," Dr. Earl B. Emmerich, University Methodist Church, Lake Charles; and "Christian Evangelism", Rev. N. U. Boone, Columbia, Mississippi.

Packets Recommended In Field of Christian Family

Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of the Department of the Christian Family, General Board of Education, calls the attention of pastors and church school workers to two helpful items in the field of the Christian Family. They are:

Family Life, a pamphlet published monthly by the American Institute of Family Relations, 5287 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles 27, California. Dr. Staples says acquaintance with this publication is a good way to keep up with resources in the family field. The price is \$1.00 a year, 10 cents a copy.

Human Relations Aids, a non-profit organization, publishes a packet six times during the year.



Miss Nan Sturgis, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sturgis, and Jimmy Garner, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Garner, have been awarded pins for ten years perfect Church School attendance at the Fordyce Methodist Church. Neither has missed a single Church School service in the past ten years. Nan has won many honors and is the Miss Perfect Posture Queen of Arkansas for 1956-57, and was first runnerup for Miss Dallas County. She is assistant feature editor of the Fordyce Hi Times. Jimmy Garner is an outstanding athlete in Fordyce High School and lettered four years in football and twice in track. He is a member of the student council of Fordyce High School. Rev. Andrew J. Christie is pastor at Fordyce.

Institutes Held In LR Conference

Institutes for Primary and Junior workers have been held for those preparing to teach Missionary units in five of the six districts in the Little Rock Conference. These institutes were well planned and well attended. The following report from the Pine Bluff District is typical of reports from all of the districts.

"We had 40 people to attend, which I think is wonderful for our first. You should have been here to feel the friendly atmosphere which prevailed through the day. All the leaders were splendid and had put in many hours of preparation. All in all, it was a real success.

We used four classrooms and I called a committee from St. Luke, Wesley, and Good Faith to decorate. They all seemed so pleased to be asked to help, and if you had walked in you would have felt that you were an apple picker, or had suddenly been transported to the Philippines. We had tents pitched, iron pots over fires with peas cooking in them, children (big dolls) in ragged jeans sitting around the fires and display tables of the crops the migrants work. In the "foreign" rooms we built thatched huts and surrounded them with palm trees, and also had a display table with products and clothing from the islands. In the dining room we had place cards of little green palm trees, and had fruit, nuts and vines arranged along the tables. It was all so much fun — now if we can only present the picture to the children and help them to enjoy the studies as much as we did that day."—By Mrs. G. E. Snuggs, Jr.

The packets contain new materials for family life, human relations, and mental health education. The price of the packets is \$7.00 a year. Order from Human Relations Aids, 1790 Broadway, Room 713, New York 19, New York.

The Rev. Lewis E. Durham, of the Board's Youth Department staff, also recommends the packets to adult workers with youth.

Shreveport District To Hold Training School Session

The Shreveport District Training School will be held at the Broadmoor Methodist Church, January 27-31. The following courses and instructors have been secured:

"Nursery and Kindergarten"—Mrs. R. R. Branton, Rt. 2, Box 199-H, Lafayette, Louisiana.

"Guiding Primary Children"—Mrs. Roy Scales, First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas.

"Guiding Intermediates"—Reverend Neyland Hester, First Methodist Church, 201 South Dallas, Lancaster, Texas.

"Guiding Junior Children in Christian Growth"—Mrs. John Carter, Rt. 1, Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

"Teaching Youth"—Mrs. R. K. DeHainaut, Box 8595, University Station, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Young Adult Work—Jack McGhee, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Bible Course—Dr. Joe Quillian, Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas 5, Texas.

Church School Administration—Reverend Paul O. Caldwell, 1910

Conference On Vacation Schools Scheduled In La.

The Vacation Church School Coaching Conference for the Louisiana Conference is being held at the First Methodist Church in Alexandria, January 23rd and 24th.

Teams of Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, and District Directors are to be in this Conference. At the same time, the Youth Workers are meeting. They will have workers for Intermediate Vacation Church Schools, Christian Adventure Week, Youth Activities Week, and District Directors of Youth Work.

Dr. Bentley Sloane will preside at the meeting. Miss Louise Sharp, Conference Director of Youth Work, will be in charge of the Youth meetings, and Mrs. E. L. McKay, Co-Director of Children's work, will be in charge of the Vacation Church School meetings.

The text books being used this year follow the theme—"Wider Relationships." The Nursery Workers are invited to attend this meeting to strengthen the Sunday morning sessions of the Nursery Department and all phases of Nursery Work. The text book used will be "Religious Nature in Nursery Class and Home," Lloyd; and "When the Two Year Old Comes to Church," Paxton.

For the Vacation Church School we will use the following Texts: Kindergarten—"Friends Near and Far," Juanita Purvis; "My Home and Family," Rosemary W. Roorbach; Primary—"Our Families," Frances Taltavull; "Friends at Home and in The Community," Lois B. Eddy; Junior—"Meet Your Neighbors," Jean B. Abernathy; and Intermediate—"God's World and Ours," Louise and Warren Griffiths.—By Mrs. E. L. McKay, Louisiana Conference Director of Children's Work.

Main Street, Dallas, Texas.

"Work of the Local Church"—Dr. B. C. Taylor, 2911 Centenary Blvd., Shreveport, Louisiana.

The executive committee for the school includes: Dr. Taylor, Shreveport District Superintendent; Dr. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary, Conference Board of Education; the Rev. George Harbuck, host pastor; the Rev. Alfred Brown, dean; Miss Tennie Severtson, secretary; Mrs. E. A. Holley, treasurer; C. O. Foil, assistant treasurer; and the Rev. D. L. McGuire, publicity chairman.

Board Says Home, Extension Service Important In Church School

The Home and Extension Service is the least known by the average Methodist of any of the four elements of the church school.

It is a new name for an old idea—that is, service to persons on the home rolls and the extension rolls, says the Rev. Walter Towner, director of the Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education.

In the revision of the leaflet, *The Church School Idea in Methodism*, recently released by the department, it is stated:

"Members of any age who are confined to their homes should be carried on one of the home rolls, such as nurse home roll, youth home roll, or adult home roll. Or

members of any age who for an extended time will be away from the community, should be carried on one of the extension rolls—children's extension roll, youth extension roll, or adult extension roll." Youth away at college, men and women in the armed forces, families away from the community for an extended period are examples of those who should be carried.

Names on both the extension rolls and the home rolls are counted in total church school membership but are not involved in figuring attendance percentages.

Order *The Church School Idea in Methodism* (8361-B-Rev.) free from the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Methodism's Emphasis Upon Higher Education

By The Rev. Woodrow A. Geier

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because higher education is one of the two emphases of The Methodist Church for the 1956-60 quadrennium, we felt the following information would be interesting to our readers. The other quadrennial emphasis is on the local church. The Rev. Mr. Geier, author of the following article, is the Director of Information and Publication for the Commission on Christian Higher Education of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.



WOODROW A. GEIER

What are the goals of the General Conference emphasis upon Christian higher education in the quadrennium?

1. To meet the challenge of the contemporary world struggle for men's minds with an education designed to make all thought and life captive to Jesus Christ.

2. To recruit and train Christian young people who will be competent to meet the demands for leadership in our Church and in society.

3. To relate Methodist schools, colleges, and Wesley Foundations more vitally to the Church.

4. To strengthen the whole enterprise of Methodist higher education, providing a bulwark of spiritual, moral, and financial support that will make possible a greater service of these institutions to the whole life of the Church and society.

To whom will the appeal be directed?

To the whole Church—every single Methodist—but with special attention to pastors, lay leaders, district superintendents, annual conference leaders in education, and others responsible for leading the Church.

The formal launching of the emphasis upon higher education will occur at the joint meeting of the General Conference Commission on Christian Higher Education and the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church in Philadelphia, January 10-12.

What institutions will be involved in the four-year emphasis?

The 118 institutions of learning related to the Methodist Board of Education, 158 Wesley Foundations at state and independent college and university campuses, and 245 other units of the Methodist Student Movement on campuses across the nation. Methodism participates in 23 interdenominational units in similar centers.

How many Methodist students are enrolled in all colleges and universities?

More than 443,000 of the nearly 3,000,000 American college and university students are Methodist or express preference for The Methodist Church. It is estimated that each year in the next fifteen years, The Methodist Church must assume responsibility for an additional 20,000 students.

How does the higher education emphasis relate to the emphasis upon the local church adopted by the General Conference?

They are each part of a single whole—winning the minds of people for Christ. The parts are interdependent. If we strengthen one, we strengthen both. Higher education is the indispensable business of the local church. The health of the local church alone assures church-related higher education of life and vitality. If the college and Wesley Foundation neglect their responsibility to equip young leaders for service, the local church will suffer disaster.

What is the Commission on Christian Higher Education?

A General Conference agency of 137 church leaders selected to lead the Church to do its special task in higher education.

What will be the relationship of the Commission and the Methodist Board of Education?

They will work together as close allies to do the job the Church has set before itself.

What will be the relationship of the Commission to annual conference commissions on Christian higher education?

The General Conference Commission will be the counselor and ally of the annual conferences in achieving the quadrennial goals. Each annual conference was urged by the 1956 General Conference to work out methods suitable to its own area and institutions.

Will there be a national fund raising drive directed by the General Conference Commission?

Emphatically not. The annual conferences have been asked to study their own institutions and their needs. Capital funds campaigns are the responsibility of the annual conferences.

What is the value of leaving colleges and Wesley Foundations all in one program to raise \$1.30 per member for current support?

Together they dramatize the total task in Christian higher education in an annual conference. Together they serve to lift the vision of the Church and to diminish conflicting loyalties in the efforts to raise money for higher education.

What makes up the dollar for colleges?

All amounts contributed from World Service to the colleges, plus College Day and funds from other special offerings. The amount that a conference gives on Race Relations Sunday can be counted as part of the \$1.00, as it fulfills that part of the program which asks that a certain percentage of the dollar be sent to the General Board of Education to be appropriated for the special needs of schools serving Negroes.

Will Wesley Clubs and similar groups in Methodist-related institutions share in the 30 cents per member for Wesley Foundations?

No. They will share in the \$1.00 per member being asked for Methodist colleges and universities.

Did the General Conference provide a large organization for achieving the quadrennial program on Christian higher education?

No. The staff of the General Conference Commission on Christian Higher Education will consist of the general director, Dr. John Q. Gross, and three or four associates. Its budget will consist of \$50,000 per year provided from World Service funds. Each annual conference will set up its own program.

Will the Commission on Christian Higher Education have anything to do with any proposed mergers, relocations, or founding of new colleges?

This work, as in previous quadrennia, is the responsibility of the annual conferences concerned, working with the Division of Educational Institutions and the University Senate, accrediting agency of The Methodist Church.

How will the Commission tell the story of Methodist higher education to the Church?

By every good means of communication within the annual conference and the local churches and by various nationwide efforts directed by the General Commission, annual conference sessions, special educational meetings, study groups, speakers for special obser-

vances, the pastors in their pulpits—these are the ways we must educate our people to Methodists' responsibility in higher education.

To supplement local and annual conference efforts, the Commission has a director of information and publications who will be responsible for a reporting service to the Church and special publications that will help annual conferences in their advancement of higher education. A monthly bulletin will go to conference commissions for the purpose of providing an exchange of ideas and methods. Wesley Foundations are now in process. A study book for the local church is scheduled for production early in 1958. A motion picture on the church-related college is expected to be shown for the first time at the District Superintendents' Conference of The Methodist Church in February.

What materials are already available to pastors and other church leaders for interpreting the quadrennial emphasis on higher education?

A special "Higher Education Emphasis Handbook" issue of *Church and Campus* has been prepared for every pastor. Spring and summer issues of the Church-School Publications will contain articles explaining the quadrennial emphasis. Annual conference and general church papers will also contain articles. The Commission will try to do a solid educational job, informing Methodist people of the problems, needs, and opportunities they face with their schools, colleges, and Wesley Foundations. It will shun the catchword-and-slogan approach. It has a serious job of interpretation, and it will use means appropriate to Christian education.

What are the areas where pastors will exercise vital roles in the quadrennial emphasis on higher education?

In preaching, in study groups, in enlisting the support of laymen, in encouraging young people to attend Methodist-related colleges and universities, in counseling men and women on the choice of their colleges, in building understanding and respect for Christian higher education, in combating the anti-intellectualism that periodically blights American culture. Pastors can bring into their churches student religious leaders, student choirs, drama groups, faculty members, and other college and Wesley Foundation personnel in an effort to enrich the spiritual life of both the local church and the educational institutions.

Will there be any change in the program for special days on Christian higher education?

Only, we hope, an intensification of efforts to observe them in effective ways. Student Recognition Day, Race Relations' Sunday, and Methodist Student Day will offer excellent opportunities to dramatize the cause of Christian higher education in the local church.

How will annual conferences that have no colleges participate in the church-wide effort?

It is expected that the Commission on Christian Higher Education will make recommendations to these conferences, since all conferences have responsibility for providing training for the Church's future leaders.



MEMORIALS—DECEMBER, 1956

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Ceylon Sends "Missionary" To America; A First In History Of Protestantism.

New York, (CCC) For Years—a hundred and fifty to be exact—the Christian churches of America have been sending missionaries across the seas to carry the Gospel to people in foreign lands. For the first time in the history of American Protestantism a Christian church in Ceylon, established by missionaries from America, is sending an Indian "missionary" to this country.

This upset in long-established patterns is reported in a recent issue of *Advance*, official magazine of the Congregational Christian Churches, in an article written by the Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Cleveland, pastor of the Second Congregational Church of Rockford, Illinois.

More than a year ago Dr. Cleveland and officials of his church began exploring the possibility of bringing a Christian leader from overseas to become a "visiting minister" of the Rockford church. Negotiations had both the blessing

and the cooperation of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches.

Dr. Cleveland characterizes his church as "a typical mid-western city church. Its members, he writes, are loyal to their religious commitments and very interested in community problems but interest in the mission field was marginal and failed to expand as did our building program or local budget."

Through the cooperation of the American Board, arrangements were made for the Rev. Mr. Kul-anayogum J. Mills of Ceylon, to serve as visiting minister of the Rockford church for a year.

During the year, according to Dr. Cleveland, Mr. Mills will "engage in pastoral duties and parish activities, conduct public worship, lead prayer groups and preach on occasion in our church and in neighboring churches and civic clubs."

Methodist College Is Factor

Anchorage, Alaska, Featured In Recent "Look" Magazine Article

The enthusiastic support which Anchorage, Alaska, gave to a community fund-raising effort for the Alaska Methodist College was an important factor in the city's being named one of the eleven "All-America Cities" of 1956.

The "All America Cities," chosen in a contest sponsored by the National Municipal League and *Look* magazine, were announced in the January 22 issue of *Look* in a copyrighted article by staff writer Ben Kocivar. The eleven cities were chosen from among 164 entries by a twelve-member national jury of civic, business and labor leaders, headed by Dr. George H. Gallup, chairman of the council of the National Municipal League.

Anchorage was the only city not within the continental boundaries of the United States to be chosen.

Contest officials and Anchorage leaders said that the community-

wide drive for funds for the Alaska Methodist College in March, 1955, was a major contributing factor to the city's selection. At the time of the presentation of the case for Anchorage in November, various community accomplishments were reviewed, including the general support given the college movement.

In that fund drive, Anchorage residents pledged \$715,000 for the four-year liberal arts school, about \$200,000 above the original goal. Payments on pledges already have topped the \$200,000 mark.

In describing Anchorage and its accomplishments in the *Look* article, Mr. Kocivar said that a decade ago Anchorage was still a "frontier boom town" with unpaved streets, poor lighting, and a high crime rate. Anchorage was made the headquarters for the Alaskan Air Defense Command, Mr. Kocivar wrote, and the population shot up from about 3,500 in 1940 to more than 30,000 in 1956.

Faced with tremendous growth problems, Anchorage citizens planned and carried out several striking improvements, Mr. Kocivar pointed out. Among them (some accomplished with Federal aid) were a school building program worth 12 million dollars, 21 miles of sewer, 20 miles of street paving, a dial telephone system, street lighting, city improvements totaling 17 million dollars.

One accomplishment was listed as "\$700,000 contributed locally for a new college"—the Alaska Methodist College.

Christians Serve Rural Villages

A project of which the churches of Gujarat may justly be proud, as it meets a major need of the day, is the Rural Service Center, which reaches out from Anklesvar. Four churches and missions cooperate here, according to Miss Florence K. Palmer of the Baroda Residency, India, who gave the following report.

The Methodist Church gave the first new building, as its share toward the total finances, and Bishop Subhan led the dedication service.

Mr. Bhagat, a young Indian who did careful study and research work in America some years ago, heads up the extension department in the Rural Service Center. He has just the right personality to win people, to work with them and gain their confidence in what he is saying and teaching. He gives some very interesting reports of the work done by some of the young Christians in the extension department of this Rural Service Center.

The extension department has nine young men called *gamsevak*s (village servants) working within a radius of twenty to twenty-five miles of the center. Each man serves five villages; not just the Christians are served but the whole community.

A report on one of these *gamsevak*s (Continued on page 15)

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OBITUARIES

BOWEN—Mrs. Mary J. Bowen 94, widow of C. L. Bowen and last living charter member of the Hot Springs Grand Avenue Methodist church, died December 12.

Mrs. Bowen, who organized the Sunday school class in South Hot Springs over 70 years ago, lived at 404 Hobson.

Survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Ernest Shaw; one grandson, Joe Bowen Shaw, both of Hot Springs; one sister, Mrs. L. H. Lipsey, of Wynne; one nephew, Victor Price Lipsey; and one niece, Mrs. Mallie Burford.

Mrs. Bowen was born in Dyer, Tenn., February 10, 1862, during the Civil War, the daughter of a Confederate soldier and his wife.

She recalled many times how she and her family along with others came to Arkansas from Tennessee by wagon train in 1880. Originally they headed for Texas. She said her father suffered from rheumatism and heard about Hot Springs when the wagon train stopped near Little Rock. He brought his family here. She recalled how her father, Richard Price, opened up what now are Whittington Avenue and Cedar Street. The government controlled the area then.

She married Bowen, one of the first two grocery men to go into business in South Hot Springs, in 1900. Mr. Bowen died in 1926.

Mrs. Bowen taught a Sunday school class of young men at the Grand Avenue church which formerly was known as the Third Street Methodist church, for many years.

Mrs. Bowen turned the first shovel of soil for the new Grand Avenue Church. Twenty-five ministers have served the church since it was organized 65 years ago.—By Mrs. Rigby.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God In His Infinite Wisdom, to take from our midst,

CHARLES WILLIAM FORGEY

WHEREAS, his untimely death in the full tide of a useful life, has cast a shadow of sorrow over the entire Church, as well as the whole community.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OFFICIAL BOARD of the Berwick Methodist Church, on the behalf of this body and on behalf of our Church, we hereby deplore his sudden death, cherish the memory of his sterling qualities as a friend, a co-worker, and brother Board member, and pay tribute to the loyalty, fidelity and efficiency with which he at all times discharged the duties devolving upon him during his many years of service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body extend to his bereaved family our sincere condolences in this, their hour of sorrow, and in meager words, endeavor to express the high regard in which we held him in life, and honor him in death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as a fitting tribute to his memory, and in commemoration of his ever faithful service to our Church, that a page of the Minute Book of this body be dedicated and set aside, and that this resolution be inscribed there on, and as further evidence of the esteem and respect in which we hold his memory, this body do officially adjourn.

Bernie Driskill, Chairman
Board of Stewards

Berwick Methodist Church

This RESOLUTION unanimously adopted at the regular meeting of

METHODIST ASSN. OF SCHOOLS, COLLEGES NAMES OFFICERS

(Continued from page 3)

Stanley H. Martin, Nashville, director of student loans and scholarships for the Methodist Board of Education's Division of Educational Institutions.

Five hundred of the scholarship awards will be made available during the next academic year, said Dr. Martin. The scholarships are financed out of local church contributions received on Methodist Student Day.

CHRISTIANS SERVE RURAL VILLAGES

(Continued from page 14)

sevak says: "Narishbai has been able to get the cooperation of the villagers in cleaning the village streets and in removing manure piles from the neighborhood of the village well. Two wells have been cleaned and road repairs made on two village roads. He has popularized the improved variety of *barji* (small grain used for bread) and has sold some zinc phosphide for rat control. A few manure pits have been dug and small bunds constructed to check soil erosion. He has taught at least four people how to graft *bor* (small fruit) and lime trees. In one of the villages he has taught an adult literacy class."

Of another such village worker, the director reports, "Yohanbhai has been most successful in his campaign of vaccinating cattle against Rinderpest. The government veterinary officer who carried out the vaccination says that he moved about from village to village, teaching the people about cattle diseases and preparing them for getting their cattle vaccinated. He accompanied the government veterinarian to various villages, and because of his help, it was possible to vaccinate seven hundred animals in two days."

the Board of Stewards, Berwick Methodist Church, on January 7, 1957.

Florence J. Driskill, Sec.



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LENTEN GUIDE BOOKLET AVAILABLE

In response to continued popular demand, THE SANCTUARY is back again this year with a treasury of new devotional material. Traditional as a Lenten guide for thousands of people, the booklet is written this year by Dr. Charles M. Crowe, pastor of Wilmette Parish Methodist Church in suburban Chicago.

There are forty-seven brief devotions for Lenten reading and worship—one for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. As in the past, each reading contains a scripture reference, a scripture quotation, a thought-provoking meditation, and a brief prayer.

The author writes in simple language on themes universal and per-

tinent to our time—prayer, sober thinking, witnessing, happiness, forbearance, patience, wisdom, repentance, healthy-mindedness, and so on. The illustrations are drawn from varied walks of life such as industry, science, art, medicine, music, athletics, and literature.

Primarily designed as a guide for personal devotions, THE SANCTUARY also has proved itself an invaluable aid for ministers in planning worship services for Lent. Individual copies of THE SANCTUARY—1957 are 10c. It may also be ordered in quantities at 75c per dozen or \$3.95 per hundred copies.

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 3, 1957

OUR MISSION AS DISCIPLES

READ 9TH AND 10TH CHAPTERS OF MATTHEW.

MEMORY SELECTION: *The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest.*

—Matthew 9:37-38 (RSV)

With the first Sunday in February we begin another four-lesson series. This series of lessons is under the general subject, "The Church And Its Evangelical Mission." Our lesson today, under the subject, "Our Mission As Disciples," should help all of us to see anew something of the breadth and reach of the mission of the church. It should also help us to see that every true follower of Christ has a vital part in promoting the work of the kingdom. It is quite evident that people in Christ's day felt that they were "saved for service," rather than for their own benefit; they were saved to something as well as from something.

How Do Crowds Affect Us?

As Jesus moved about in the life of His day, frequently great crowds surrounded Him or followed Him from one place to another. Usually, there was not much leisure, not much time for relaxation, and often little opportunity for privacy in the active ministry of Jesus. The multitudes thronged Him at times in His ministry.

It is quite common today for people, in public life, to tire of their "public," and become egotistical, discourteous and sometimes bored. Jesus never did. We see something of His inner spirit when we are told that "He was moved with compassion" as He saw the pitiable condition, both spiritually and physically of those about Him.

We get a right good measurement of the 'inner spirit' of people today when we see how crowds affect them.

(a) For some crowds simply mean an opportunity for some form of selfish exploitation. They see in crowds an opportunity to advance their own interest, in some way, rather than an opportunity for service. Crowds, for some, bring hope for financial gain, or political advancement, or a chance to promote some pet scheme or idea. Sometimes, even for the church, crowds simply bring a sense of satisfaction that its work is attracting the multitudes rather than a sense of the tremendous opportunity and responsibility which crowds bring.

(b) For Jesus crowds were made up of individuals and He seemed to sense each individual's need. He was "moved with compassion." The word compassion is made up of two Latin words: *Com*, which means with, and *passus* which means suffer. Jesus "suffered with" those in need about Him. Although they were gathered about Him in mass, Jesus saw them as individuals, sheep scattered, "fainting" and without a leader or shepherd who really cared. He ministered to those He could reach and urged His disciples to pray that others might see

the needs of the masses and help them.

When we know how crowds affect us, we may know to what degree we possess the spirit of the Master who "suffered with" those about Him in need.

Where And How To Find Laborers

Where To Find Laborers. It should be possible for the church to find workers for its various activities at the same place Jesus found helpers in His work. Jesus turned to those who had become His followers. It should be possible for the leadership of the church today to turn to its members, who profess to be followers of Christ, and find someone to do everything that needs to be done in the program of the church. Furthermore, in a program, as varied and inclusive as is found in a well-rounded, progressive church, every member of the church should be able to find a place of service for which he is especially fitted and in which he should be happy. There is something seriously wrong somewhere, when places of responsibility in a church program are vacant because no one can be found to fill them, or when members of the church, on their own responsibility, fail to look about for a place to serve.

How To Find Laborers. The Methodist Church now has a serious shortage of ministers and, at the present rate of recruiting, that shortage may be even more serious in the future. If God is working through The Methodist Church, as we believe He is, we do not believe He has left it without a called leadership. In other words, we believe God has called a sufficient number of young people to fill every need. The Methodist Church has for ministers, if those called would but answer the call. If we know of Methodist young people, who feel a definite call to the ministry, it is as much our responsibility to help them to a right decision at this point as it is our responsibility to help anyone make a decision for Christian living, when he feels a special call.

We do not believe that anyone should be persuaded to enter the ministry, who does not feel that he has a definite call to that work. Anyone who enters the ministry simply because it may seem to be an attractive, promising vocation is likely to be grievously disillusioned. There are too many problems connected with the ministry for one to be genuinely happy in the work, unless he has a sense of mission, a feeling that wells up from the very deep of his soul that he is called of God to that work. With that consciousness he may, and likely will, enter the ministry unafraid, and find it a joyous service.

Pray The Lord Of The Harvest.

Jesus exhorted His disciples to PRAY in the face of the need for additional workers in His kingdom. In our search for workers, professional and otherwise, we organize, exhort, appeal, subsidize, but often forget about prayer, the basic plan Christ offered for use when workers are needed. We should pray about the need for additional workers but it is our feeling that the Lord wants us to do more than pray just as it is necessary for us to do more about most problems of the Christian life than pray.

God Called Leaders

God Calls Full-time Workers. Without any question. Christ called His apostles to full-time service in kingdom building. The Methodist Church clearly believes in a called ministry. Every minister presenting himself for ordination as a deacon must affirm his belief that he is "inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take...the office of the ministry." Every minister presenting himself for ordination as an elder must give an affirmative answer to the question, "Do you believe in your heart that you are called...to the ministry of elders."

God Calls Layworkers. We do not believe that Christ would give His life on the cross for a cause as important as the church and then leave the work of that church unprovided for. We said previously, in this lesson, that we believe God has called a sufficient number of people to fill every need in the Methodist ministry. We do not believe God's provision for workers would stop with the ministry, important as that work may be. All of us know that the ministry is largely powerless unless there are consecrated layworkers to do work in the church that is as important as the work of the minister in kingdom building. Since laywork is as vital to kingdom progress as the work of the ministry, we do not believe the Lord would leave workers in that field to chance. God calls layworkers to service in His kingdom and it is just as wrong for one to reject that call, as a layworker, as it is for one to refuse the call to the ministry. All of God's work is important and all of it is essential if His kingdom is to come on earth.

Every Christian Should Have A Sense Of Mission. Every Christian worker, whether a minister or layworker, should have a sense of mission. Without a sense of mission, we will not be very happy or effective or consistent in our work. It is our feeling, if anyone does not know what the Lord wants him to do, that he could have the answer to that question in a comparatively short time if he would sincerely open his heart to the leadership of the Holy Spirit in prayer. One of the great, sustaining, undergirding powers of the Christian life is a sense of mission, the feeling that we have found our place for service.

With The Call To Service Comes Power For Our Work. Our lesson says, "When he called unto him his twelve disciples, He gave them power." The lesson adds a few verses later, "These twelve Jesus sent forth." Jesus called the twelve, He endowed them with power and He sent them forth. That is the formula for effective service in the kingdom—called, endowed, sent. Where all of these elements are present in a life there will be joyous, effective, fruitful service. There is no substitute for either

of these elements and if even one of them is lacking we cannot render acceptable service.

The Mission Of Christ And His Church

The opening verse of our lesson text says, "Jesus went about all the cities and villages teaching...preaching...healing." In doing this, Jesus was about the things the Father sent Him to do. It was Jesus who said, in John 17:18, "As thou has sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." Jesus is here saying that He is sending His followers into the world on the same mission on which the Father had sent Him, that is to preach, to teach and to heal. According to these words of the Master, His followers are sent into the world to minister to people spiritually, intellectually and physically.

The church is commanded to "Go Into All The World And Preach The Gospel." Our preaching of today has a two-fold mission. (1) We preach to Christian people in order to strengthen their faith, enlarge their vision and inspire them to more active service in the work of the kingdom. (2) The minister also has the responsibility for telling the good news of the gospel to those who have not accepted the Christian way of life. Some of these may be found in Christian lands. Some are found in the darker nations of the world and among the unlettered tribes of heathendom. The preaching of the gospel is a basic mission of the church.

The church is commanded to "Go...and teach all nations...teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded." There has, of course, always been an element of teaching in the preaching of the gospel. However, it has only been in comparatively recent years that the work of Christian Education has taken the place in the program of the church which it deserves.

The teaching program of the church also has a two-fold purpose. (1) Special attention has been given, in recent years, to training church leaders so that they may do more effective work for the church. The whole level of the leadership of the church has been raised by this training program, especially is this true in the church school, in our young people's organizations and in our woman's work. (2) Our teaching program does not end with the training of the church leaders. Our training classes for church membership have rendered a helpful, need service. It is our responsibility also to instruct those interested in becoming Christian so that they may have an understanding of what it means to be Christian so that they may sincerely and intelligently dedicate their lives to Christian service.

In our lesson text Jesus gave the command to his disciples, *Heal The Sick*. In recent years much has been said on the subject of a miraculous healing of the sick. We believe it is possible for the God who created our bodies to heal them of any manner of disease if He wills to do so. We are not so sure that God always cooperates with the time-tables some set up for healing services that seem to be designed primarily to impress people.

Without question the church has a responsibility for a healing mission through prayer and through its hospitals. The church has a ministry to the physical life of man it should not forget or neglect.

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N. O. Dist. Succeeds In Extension Campaign

The New Orleans District Methodists' drive to raise a \$300,000 fund for the purchase of future church sites went over the top, it was announced this week.

Dr. R. W. French, general chairman of the drive, said a total of \$309,228 was pledged in the drive, which opened with a kick-off dinner on December 4. Funds will be used to purchase 16 plots of land for future suburban churches.

Walter Harris was chairman of the Thousand Club division of the campaign, which enlisted 1,064 memberships and pledges of \$109,000 toward the campaign goal.

J. B. Kelly served as chairman of the special gifts division, which accounted for \$150,228 of the total pledged.

The remaining \$50,000 was written into the budgets of the churches in the district.

Announcement of the successful completion of the drive was made Sunday, January 27, in the 42 churches of the district, according to Dr. Virgil D. Morris, district superintendent. In a message of appreciation to campaign workers, Dr. Morris said, "The measure of Christian vision and loyalty manifested by the pledging of this sum will enable Methodism in the New Orleans area to meet its share of responsibility for the religious life of our community."

Commissioned, Will Return To Japan

Miss Gretchen Elston, 532 Wall St., Shreveport, was among 83 persons commissioned for home and overseas missionary service in the Methodist Church, on January 18 at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. This is the largest group ever commissioned at one service for missionary service in the Methodist Church.

The service, attended by about 600 persons, closed the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Missions. The candidates were commissioned by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., board president. Sixteen women and two men will serve in home mission posts in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico as deaconesses or home missionaries. Twenty-two couples, eighteen single women, and three single men will serve in nineteen countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Miss Elston will go to Japan, where she has already served four years as a special term missionary, teaching at Kwassui College, Nagasaki. She is a graduate of Centen-

Race Relations Day And Dillard University

In "Miracle in the Mountains," Harnett Kane's inspiring story of Martha Berry's crusade for the mountain people of the South, this tribute was paid to that remarkable woman: "Her monument will not be the brick and stone and wood and land of the Berry schools, but the light that she lit in the minds . . ."

When one attempts to evaluate the work done by Dillard University, a similar tribute can be paid to that institution. Eager young students under the direction of a capable and devoted faculty are experiencing a mental and spiritual awakening which will fit them for the age in which they live.

The offering on Race Relations Sunday makes possible the maintenance of this excellent institution. Dillard University receives support from the Methodist and Congregational Churches, and the Louisiana Conference by its offering on Race Relations Sunday has a part in the operation of one of the finest schools in the nation for young Negro men and women.

Paul B. Martin

Bishop
Arkansas-Louisiana Area

PENSION EXECUTIVE ADVISES MINISTERS ON THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE

An official of The Methodist Church has offered some good advice for ministers desiring federal social security coverage.

The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Calkins of Chicago, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Pensions, points out some essential steps clergymen must take in order to be covered.

"Most Methodist ministers who desire to be covered under the federal social security program will be required to file their Certificate of Election on or before April 15, 1957," Dr. Calkins said. "This blank, known as Form 2031, should

be filed with the District Director of Internal Revenue."

"The most convenient way to file Form 2031," he pointed out, "is to attach it to one's income tax return (Form 1040). However, the Certificate of election may be sent in separately if desired."

The important thing for ministers to remember, according to Dr. Calkins, is that "failure to file the Certificate of Election on or before April 15, 1957, will result in permanent exclusion from social security coverage."

Only exceptions to the April 15, 1957, deadline are those ministers who are licensed or ordained after 1955. These new preachers will have two years after the date of their licensing or ordination to qualify for social security.

Dr. Calkins reminded ministers also of the fact that simply getting a social security account number card and filing income tax returns are not enough. If ministers desire to be covered by social security, they must fill out Form 2031 and submit it to the District Director of Internal Revenue before the deadline.

Students Will Attend Citizenship Seminar

Miss Anne Morgan of Lafayette, student at S. L. I., Lafayette, and Bill Brumlow, Alexandria, sophomore at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, will be among the 100 Methodist youth and students expected to visit New York City and Washington, D. C., in February to gain first hand knowledge of the processes of national government and international cooperation. They will represent the state of Louisiana at the annual Christian

February 10 Set As Race Relations Sunday

A goal of \$600,000 has been set for an offering to be taken by the nation's Methodist churches on the denomination's Race Relations Sunday, February 10, according to Dr. James S. Thomas, Nashville, Tenn., staff member of the Methodist Board of Education.

"The 14 Methodist-related Negro institutions of higher education will receive funds from the offering," said Dr. Thomas. Dillard University in Louisiana will receive the offerings taken in the Methodist churches in Louisiana. Philander Smith in Little Rock will receive the offerings taken in Methodist churches in Arkansas.

Purpose of Race Relations Sunday is to create an atmosphere of good will between the races and to inform Methodists of the needs of Negro schools. The annual observance is approved by the General Conference, supreme legislative body of Methodism.

The goal, about twice the amount contributed for the cause last year, was approved recently by the Methodist Commission on Christian Higher Education. The commission is directing a churchwide emphasis on Christian higher education during Methodism's 1956-60 quadrennium.

Dr. Thomas stated that this year's offering will go for both current expenses and capital investments. In past years, the total offering was given for current expense.

"All of our Negro colleges have capacity enrollments at present," added Dr. Thomas. "Applications for enrollment are increasing rapidly. We need to expand these schools and open new ones."

Citizenship Seminar of the Methodist Student Movement, February 17-23.

The main purposes of the seminar are:

(1) To give a Christian (theological) context for national and international affairs.

(2) To present issues presently and of future concern to Christians and our government.

(3) To present ways and means to act on these concerns.

(4) To give the position of the churches on various issues with some pointers on how to reach decisions on controversial issues.

February 17-19 will be spent in New York City, with sessions at the Union Theological Seminary, a guided tour of the U. N., and a visit to the U. N. Session a part of the planned program. The whole seminar group will go together to Washington, D. C., for the last three days. While there, they will attend a worship service at the Methodist Building, each delegate will have a personal interview with

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MISS GRETCHEN ELSTON

Commission On Higher Education Outlines Quadrennial Emphasis

17-Point Program Adopted At
National Meeting, Jan. 12

Philadelphia, Pa. (MI)—Top Methodist educators, meeting here Jan. 10-12, adopted a "working blueprint" for its four-year program to expand and strengthen 118 schools and colleges related to the church.

The 34-page "blueprint" was presented by the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Education headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., at a joint meeting of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the Methodist Church and the Commission on Christian Higher Education.

Dr. Gross also is director of the commission, a 137-member body created by the 1956 Methodist General Conference to oversee educational phases of the churchwide quadrennial emphasis.

No national fund goal will be set, but Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., chairman of the commission, predicted that Methodists will raise a minimum of \$100 million through their annual conferences in support of church-related schools.

He and Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia, president of the Methodist Board of Education, emphasized that the "blueprint" drafted here is a guide for annual conferences and not a step-by-step program for the crusade.

Aims stressed in the "blueprint" include:

1—Deepening throughout the church of appreciation of the necessity of Christian higher education.

2—Strengthening of the relationships between our institutions and the church.

3—Assuming by every annual conference of its full share of responsibility for moral and financial support for Methodist institutions.

4—Assuming by every annual conference not directly related to a Methodist school of its full share of responsibility for higher education within the whole Methodist system.

5—Increased enrollment of Methodist students in Methodist schools.

6—Recruitment and training of the most gifted Methodist students to meet the increasing demands for church vocations and teaching personnel.

7—Special efforts in campus evangelism at Methodist schools, and at state and private institutions through the Wesley Foundation, throughout the quadrennium. The commission will name 100 "gifted leaders" to head this project.

8—Widening of appeals to the alumni of Methodist colleges, universities and seminaries.

9—Observance of Methodist Student Day and Race Relations Sunday (when a special offering is taken for 13 Negro colleges) increased to the fullest in every annual conference.

10—Development of even closer ties between Methodist universities and the church, and between the universities and Methodist junior and senior colleges.

"The outcome of our crusade depends upon the specific things we do with the opportunity, how practical and realistic we are in planning, and how devoted and inspiring we are in putting these plans into operation," Bishop Corson told the group.

Other recommendations include:

—That the commission schedule a series of regional meetings of trustees of Methodist schools to discuss with church and educational leaders the need and potential of church-related institutions, the first to be held June 28-30 at Lake Junaluska,

1½ Million Grant For Theology School

Washington, D. C. (MI)—A \$1,500,000 grant by the Kresge Foundation of Detroit to help build the Methodist Church's new theological seminary here was announced Saturday by church officials.

The gift, one of the largest ever granted for higher education here, is contingent on a matching sum to be raised by the church, it was announced by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church's Washington Area, and Dr. Norman L. Trott, president of the Westminster, Md., Theological Seminary.

The 75-year-old Westminster school will move here as the nucleus of the new institution, to be named Wesley Theological Seminary and located on a nine-acre plot at American University, also a Methodist institution.

Ground will be broken in April for construction of the first of six basic buildings to comprise the \$3,000,000 seminary, Dr. Trott said. The school is scheduled to open in the fall of 1958.

N. C.

—That every Methodist-related school and Wesley Foundation make a careful self-study of its mission, needs and opportunities in view of historic religious commitments.

—That every annual conference strive to reach the General Conference goal of a minimum of \$1.30 per member annually in support of Methodist schools and Wesley Foundations.

—That special attention be given to the support of the church's Negro colleges, pointing up their annual need of \$500,000 each from the church, in addition to Race Relations Sunday offerings, to stimulate matching gifts from foundations and other sources.

—That the commission name a committee on public relations and finance to plan churchwide publicity of the quadrennial program and to work with similar committees at the annual conference level.

—That every annual conference organize a Committee on Christian Higher Education, comprising a broad base of representation, to implement the quadrennial program locally.

—That every annual conference prepare its own "blueprint" of the program, patterned after the general plan but designed to fit the local situation.

TV Star Receives Methodist Award



Radio personality Galen Drake's promotion of hymn appreciation has been "commended" by the Television, Radio and Film Commission of the Methodist Church. The Rev. William A. Meadows, director of radio and TV services and training for TRAFICO, (right) presented the Commendation to Mr. Drake on his CBS radio program Dec. 15. The arrangements for the presentation were made by the Special Events Department of the Broadcasting and Film Commission. The Commendation referred to the Wesley hymns, the part played by hymns in the growth of The Methodist Church, and the hymn which closes Mr. Drake's program each week.

Methodist Men To Feature Quartets At Nat'l Meeting

If you pass by a Methodist church some week night soon and hear a male quartet singing, don't be too sure that it's just a routine rehearsal of one of the choral groups of that congregation.

Listen a little longer. Try to catch the words.

They may be singing:

"Troubles almost overwhelm the soul,

Griefs like billows o'er me roll;
Tempters seek to lure astray,
Storms obscure the light of day
But in Christ I can be bold,
I've an anchor that shall hold."

If they are singing that old favorite, "My Anchor Holds," then you can be practically certain they are getting ready for a big event.

Chances are you are listening to a foursome of Methodist Men tuning up for one of the contests being held throughout American Methodism to select quartets to attend the Second National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., July 19-21. The goal is to have one official quartet from each of the 37 episcopal areas in the United States.

The planning committee for the national conference has decided upon the male quartet number, "My Anchor Holds" by D. B. Townner as the one required to be sung. Competing quartets may sing other numbers too, but "My Anchor Holds" is a "must." For optional numbers, quartets are advised to hold to religious songs.

Method of selecting the official quartet from each episcopal area is left to the areas and annual conferences, but a plan being followed in the Erie Conference and recommended by the national committee involves competition at district men's rallies and then a quartet

300 Attend National Spiritual Growth Conference

Nashville, Tenn., (MI)—Man has lost God and is homesick, the Rev. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted missionary and evangelist, told delegates to the first National Conference on Spiritual Birth and Growth.

Almost 300 delegates from 31 states attended the conference, sponsored by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism at Kentucky Lake State Park, January 8-11.

Purpose of the four-day meeting was "to create a setting in which a group of ministers would experience rebirth to the end that the entire church will be changed through their influence," according to the Rev. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, Nashville. Dr. Thomas, director of spiritual life for the Board of Evangelism, headed the conference.

Conference delegates participated in nightly discussions on such topics as "What is Conversion?", "Making Conversion, Salvation, and New Birth Meaningful for 20th Century Living", and "The Relationship of the Holy Spirit to Economic, Social and International Problems."

contest on the annual conference level.

There will be no contest at the National Conference, but the official quartets selected from each episcopal area will combine at each of the general sessions in Purdue's Music Hall to form a mammoth male chorus. It is also expected that the quartets will participate in various meetings as the need arises and that they will inspire considerable informal singing on the campus during the conference.

Registration for the conference opens Feb. 1. Five thousand men are expected to attend.

1400-Year-Old Bell Rung Daily In Irish Church

Dublin (RNS)—A 1,400-year-old bell is rung during Mass every day in the Roman Catholic parish church of Rostrevor, County Down. Known as St. Brennach's Bell, it has been in the church for about a century.

The bell, which dates from the sixth century, had been lost for hun-

dreds of years when it was discovered in a most unusual way more than 100 years ago.

One night, a great gale swept up Carlingford Lough, the lovely lake on which Rostrevor is situated, felling many huge forest trees. When local people went out to gather up the fallen timber they found a strange, crude-looking bell under a giant oak which had been burst asunder by the force of its fall.

Investigation showed it was the missing bell of St. Brennach, which is similar in pattern to the famous St. Patrick's Bell. It was carefully restored, placed in a shrine and then put into use in the parish church.

For centuries in Rostrevor there had been a legend about a bell which, it was said, had lured ships to destruction in Carlingford Lough. The bell was said to ring only on wild, stormy nights. The legend also said that many of those who penetrated the thick woods from which the sound of the bell came during winter storms had been lost in snowdrifts.

Congress Again Gets 'Christian Amendment' Proposal

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—An amendment to the Constitution to recognize "the authority and law of Jesus Christ, Saviour and Ruler of Nations," has again been proposed in Congress.

Resolutions to submit the so-called "Christian Amendment" to the states for ratification were introduced by Reps. Eugene Siler (R.-Ky.) and James B. Utt (R.-Calif.).

Rep. Siler told the House that the proposed amendment "is in no way an encroachment upon the demarcation of Church-State separation.

"This amendment would neither recognize nor support with tax revenues any church organization whatsoever," he asserted.

"While this amendment would not in any way establish a Church, it would recognize in a positive way the authorship and authorityship of the Supreme Being, and His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Saviour of mankind."

Mr. Siler added that "many people think the greatest deficiency of our present Constitution lies in its failure to recognize specifically God Almighty and America's definite position as a great Christian nation."

Methodists Plan Magazine For Older Youth

Atlantic City, N. J. (RNS)—The Methodist Church is planning a magazine for older youth, the denomination's General Board of Education was told at its annual meeting here.

Dr. Henry M. Bullock of Nashville, Tenn., head of the board's editorial division, said the magazine will have a "Readers Digest-type"

format. He said it is expected to appear in October, 1957.

The Rev. Harold W. Ewing of Nashville, the Church's national director of youth work, said that young people are facing greater pressures and problems than ever before. The most critical need of the education board's youth department, he said, is to develop a concern by churches for reaching and serving older youth, 80 per cent of whom are not in college.

The main problem of these young people, Mr. Ewing said, is loneliness. "Thousands of youth, 18 to 23 years of age, are living in rooming houses and belong to no social group," he said. "Our 'alcoholic culture,' early marriages and the draft contribute to anxiety and frustration."

Mr. Ewing reported that, under his chairmanship, a committee of the National Council of Churches is conducting research to try to determine the needs, interests and natural grouping of this "unjelled" segment of society.

President Takes Oath On Mother's Bible

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—President Eisenhower took the oath of office for his second term with his hand resting on a Bible that his mother gave him shortly before he graduated from West Point in 1915.

The King James Bible was open to Psalm 33, verse 12, which reads:

Airlines To Offer Reduced Clergy Fares

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Bonanza Airlines has been authorized by the Civil Aeronautics Board to begin offering reduced fares to clergymen.

The airline, which operates local "feeder" service between cities in New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and California, will begin carrying clergymen for half fare Feb. 1.

Applications for clergy identification cards will be taken by the airline at its headquarters in Las Vegas, Nev., on forms similar to those employed by U.S. railroads. The cards will be printed in "bright gold," a spokesman said.

Bonanza is the first U.S. airline to take advantage of a bill passed by Congress permitting airlines to offer reduced fares to clergymen on a "space available" basis without displacing any regular fare-paying passengers.

A spokesman for the CAB, in announcing approval of the Bonanza tariff, said the board has invited all U. S. airlines to submit proposed clergy tariffs, if they so desire.

Methodists Spent \$40 Million Last Year On School, College Construction

Atlantic City, N. J. (RNS)—More than \$40,000,000 was spent last year for new construction and renovation of Methodist colleges and secondary schools, it was reported here to the annual meeting of the denomination's General Board of Education.

Dr. John O. Gross, general secretary of the board's division of educational institutions, said a total of 233,391 students were enrolled in the

Church's 118 related schools and colleges in 1956, an increase of about 30,000 over the year before.

Methodist institutions of higher learning enrolled about eight per cent of the total number of college and university students in the United States last year, Dr. Gross said.

Dr. Myron F. Wicke of Nashville, Tenn., director of the division's department of secondary and higher education, said that Methodist educational institutions were never stronger.

He warned, however, that the schools must prepare for the "tidal wave" of students now developing. By 1970, he said, there are likely to be 170 students in college for every 100 enrolled in 1950.

It is expected that the urban institutions will be the 'most hard-pressed,' he said. Dr. Wicke called the maintenance of adequate faculties "the number one problem of the future."

Clergy Visits Called Beneficial To Heart Patients

Chicago (RNS)—Comforting visits by clergymen are beneficial to heart patients.

That was the conclusion of heart specialists, psychiatrists and clergymen at a seminar sponsored by the Chicago Heart Association in the University of Chicago medical school.

The symposium, first of its kind in this area, was attended by 125 ministers and rabbis from Chicago and 45 suburbs.

"We ministers have long wondered whether we should step in immediately when a member of our congregation suffers a heart attack," said the Rev. Dr. Granger Westberg, professor of religion and health at

"Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance."

Approve Charter, Trustees For Alaska College

Buck Hill Falls, Pa. (RNS)—A charter and board of trustees for the proposed Alaska Methodist College in Anchorage was approved by the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions at its annual meeting here.

A project of the denomination for a decade, the school will be the first church-related, four-year liberal arts college in the territory.

A financial report showed that \$3,348,000 is now available for the college in cash and pledges.

Dedication of the campus was originally scheduled for last August but has been postponed indefinitely.

Charges Dixieland Bands Distort Sacred Music

New Bedford, Mass. (RNS)—A Negro minister here charged that Dixieland bands are "distorting" spirituals and sacred music "into wild eccentric tempos."

The Rev. V. Loma St. Clair, pastor of the Douglass Memorial AME Zion church, told his congregation that when such songs as "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" are "mixed up with some crazy rock 'n roll song, their purposes have been misdirected—their melodies adapted to the cheapest of swing."

"These spirituals that were undoubtedly the pleading prayers of our believing forefathers," he said, "have now sacrilegiously become the media of entertainment in theaters and night clubs amid drunkenness and moral dishevelment."

The pastor urged Negroes to "hold sacred the culture that our forefathers gave America."

"Let me remind you of perhaps the most significant phase of American music the American Negro has both contributed and influenced," he said. "The spirituals are religious songs, whose roots go back to the days of slavery."

Mounties Seek To Verify Arctic Priest's Drowning

Churchill, Manitoba (RNS)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers and Oblate Fathers are probing the forbidding Arctic wastes 600 miles northwest of here in an attempt to verify reports of the death by drowning of a famous arctic priest, the Rev. Joseph Buliard, O.M.I., 41.

The French-born Oblate, who has ministered to the Eskimos and northern Indians since 1939, was reported by an Eskimo to have drowned last fall.

An RCMP plane flew to his mission on Lake Garry to investigate. Oblate Fathers at the motherhouse in Ottawa are hoping Father Buliard will turn up alive again as he has so many times before.

The priest's feet were badly frozen and gangrene set in when he fell through the ice during the first year of his arctic service.

the University of Chicago.

"We have considered whether our presence at such a time would be the cause of additional shock. Doctors tell us 'no.'"

"In fact," the Augustana Lutheran clergyman added, "the minister becomes the most important person in the patient's life at that particular moment."

"In times of crisis, people reach to deeper levels of their being. A minister can reach to deeper levels of their being. A minister can reach him or her at a deeper level than ever before."

"Coronary patients tend to be hard-working, hard-driving persons. Invalidism threatens the ego concept of such people, and they often consider themselves cripples."

"A minister can be of considerable help in this post-acute stage of heart disease. He can be a source of assurance and comfort to the patient and members of the family."

The Follow-Up

IN view of the weather conditions the past week, especially in Arkansas, we feel that the first report on our Circulation Campaign is especially good.

We feel sure that, in many situations, it was difficult to complete the job as planned. Wherever that was true, we feel sure that our pastors will realize the importance of the follow-up necessary to give every subscriber a chance to renew and to give non-subscribing members a chance to become subscribers.

While in some places the weather has been unfavorable, we remember that, during some former circulation campaigns, we ran directly across some of the worst, wintry storms of the season without seriously affecting the results of the campaign. When all reports are in, we feel that this will have been the most successful circulation campaign we have had.

Why Moses Succeeded Where World Fails

THE United Nations, which represents a combination of the most powerful nations of the world, is now facing the "64 dollar" question—"How to get Israel out of Egypt?"

This question of "How to get Israel out of Egypt" is as modern as tomorrow's daily paper. Live and up-to-date as this question now is, it might be interesting to recall that it was also a live question centuries ago in a period that even antedates authentic, profane history.

While the whole world vainly wrestles with this question today, of getting Israel out of the small Gaza strip on the extreme eastern border of Egypt, it should be interesting to remember, according to Biblical history, that one man, Moses, with the help of the Lord, got Israel out of the very heart of Egypt without creating a world war or even a recorded, world crisis. The problem of getting Israel out of the small Gaza strip, bordering Egypt, is child's play in comparison with the problems Moses faced in delivering from bondage the slaves and bond servants of the Egyptian King and setting them up as a free, rival nation on the borderland of Egypt. The only explanation of this superhuman feat is to be found in the methods he used. Moses seemed to be working in accord with the will of God and he was responsive to the leadership of the Lord. That guaranteed success.

It is quite possible that the problems, incident to our modern effort to get Israel out of Egypt, are born of the difference in the methods we use, as compared to the methods and approach which made Moses so successful. It is probable also, that the methods we are using today to get Israel out of Egypt are symbolic of the course of action generally used now in attempts to solve the many other problems of earth. In international diplomacy, the will and purpose of God plays a very small part in attempts to set up a world order in the world God made and for the people God created.

If the world ever dared to take seriously the Golden Rule as a basis for human relationships; if it ever dared to allow the Spirit of Christ to have leadership in the hearts of world leaders gathered about council tables, world problems would vanish like mist before the rising sun and war would be seen as the insane folly it is.

Price Tag On Education

ONE of the great questions facing the citizens of our country is what is to be done about improving the public schools which are so very much a part of the American scene. No one questions the value of educational programs. The question is the wisdom of expanding facilities and salaries to meet the fast

growing numbers of children who are entering public schools. The problem is even more acute in some states, Arkansas for example, where salaries for present teachers are too low, to say nothing of adding more school rooms and additional teachers.

We would not question the judgment of spending large sums of national and state money for the purpose of insuring adequate expressways and highways for today's and tomorrow's automobile traffic. We would not even question the wisdom of most of our tremendous national budget going for military purposes to protect our way of life. For the most part administrative costs of the many services which our national and state governments render is money well spent. But when you add all these and other costs and compare that with what we are spending as a nation and as states for educational purposes, the question is certain to arise just what value do the American people put on the education of the citizens of tomorrow.

As Christians, we are interested in all of life, and that certainly includes the education of our children, an increasing necessity in this age of technology and culture. An opportunity for an education under the guidance of competent, dedicated teachers is not a guarantee for successful living but it goes a long way. A financially strengthened educational system is not the complete answer to today's school problems, but it is certainly a large part of the answer.

In Arkansas, for example, we believe that many of its thoughtful citizens would be happy for its sales tax to be raised an additional one per cent if they were given assurance that the additional money this increase brings would be dedicated to improving Arkansas public schools.

Circulation Campaign Report No. 1

ELSEWHERE in this issue is found the tabulated report of the Area-wide Circulation Campaign for The Louisiana Methodist and The Arkansas Methodist. This is Report No. 1 and will be followed in succeeding issues by at least two additional reports.

Reports to date are most encouraging for both states. In Louisiana practically the same number of charges have reported as had reported in the first report of last year, and the total reported for the state is practically the same as last year's first report. However, within 24 hours after closing the report a number of reports were received which would have made this year's total greater by several hundred than that reported in last year's report. Tabulations in the first report included all subscriptions received by last Saturday noon.

One Louisiana District, the Ruston, has already passed its quota and other districts should either be out by the next report or nearly so.

Louisiana Methodists will be glad to know that the campaign progresses equally as well in Arkansas. Severe weather conditions have slowed reports from some districts, with two dozen less charges reporting in the first report than last year, and the total number of subscriptions correspondingly lower. However, three districts have already reached their quotas with several others certain to exceed their quotas before the next report.

Every member of the publication's staff is quite conscious of the amount of work that is required to promote successfully a circulation campaign on a district level and in local churches. Several months are required in the publication's office getting ready for the circulation campaign week, and this preparation helps staff members to understand what all is involved on the local level. This is said to emphasize the appreciation of the staff for each pastor, district director and district superintendent, all of whom are giving splendid leadership in this circulation effort.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. HENRY BLOUNT, pastor of the Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, was guest preacher for the morning worship service of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, Jan. 27, where Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor.

REV. W. D. MILTON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, is speaker for a series of broadcasts over Radio Station KUZN each Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The broadcast is sponsored by the Unique Cleaners.

REV. KIRBY VINING, assistant pastor of First Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest preacher at the Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, Sunday, Jan. 27, where Rev. Henry Blount is pastor.

REV. W. H. GILES, pastor of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, and president of the Ministerial Alliance of that city, reports a city-wide religious census to take place the week of April 7. The population of Bogalusa is 20,000.

REV. A. O. JERNIGAN, Mrs. Jernigan and the children spent the week of Jan. 13 in Atlanta, Georgia where he attended the lectures of Ministers' Week at Emory University. Rev. Mr. Jernigan is Minister of Education at the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans.

DR. BEN OLIPHINT, pastor of the St. Paul Methodist Church, Monroe, will be guest speaker at the church-wide mission study course of the McGuire Methodist Church, West Monroe, Feb. 3 at the evening service. The subject will be "High Hours of Methodism." Rev. Ira A. Love is pastor of the church.

DR. CARL F. LUEG, pastor of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Lake Charles chapter of the Louisiana Engineering society, Jan. 14. The meeting was held on the Pioneer Club terrace. Dr. Lueg used as his subject, "The Holy Land and Its Neighbors."

REV. KARL TOOKE, director of Stewardship Promotion, was guest in a meeting with the official board and commission of finance at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, Jan. 16. "The Every Member Canvass" was the subject discussed at the supper meeting. Rev. W. H. Giles is pastor of the church.

REV. JAMES T. HARRIS, Superintendent of the Monroe District, preached at the evening service of the Sterlington Methodist Church, Sunday, Jan. 20. He spoke on "Missions." A film, "In The Face of Jeopardy" was also shown. The film was secured by the W.S.C.S. of the church. Rev. W. M. Allen is pastor.

MISS RAMONA CORMIER, head of the Music Department of Ouachita Parish High School, Monroe, presented the O.P.H.S. ensemble in a program of special music at the regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, Friday, Jan. 25. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor of the church.

MIKE JOHN, Monroe, author of a number of outstanding books, was guest speaker at the fellowship supper of the Epps and Floyd Methodist Men's Club at the Floyd Methodist Church recently. Rev. James T. Harris, Superintendent of the Monroe District was a special guest. Rev. J. B. McCann is pastor of the churches.

DR. WILLIAM E. TRICE, pastor of University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, attended the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Temperance in Washington, D. C., Jan. 23-25. The Board of which Dr. Trice is a member, considered education, legislation, rehabilitation of alcoholics, and church-member commitment, in its temperance program.

THE DERIDDER Ministerial Alliance sponsored the showing of the picture, "Martin Luther" at the First Methodist Church, Sunday evening, Jan. 27, and at the First Baptist Church on Wednesday night, Jan. 30. The alliance has set March

17 as the date for the annual "5001 in Sunday School Day." Rev. J. C. Whitaker is pastor of the Methodist church in DeRidder.

JUDGE CHRIS BARNETT, Juvenile Judge of Shreveport, and member of the Youth Commission of Louisiana, was guest speaker at the First Methodist Church of DeRidder, Tuesday, Jan. 29. He was sponsored by the W.S.C.S. of the church as a follow-up on youth and their problems. Rev. James C. Whitaker is pastor of the church.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of the Sterlington Methodist Church held its regular monthly meeting in the fellowship hall of the church, Monday evening, Jan. 21. Dr. Ben Oliphint of the St. Paul Methodist Church, Monroe, was the guest speaker. Ferrell Earl is president of the club and Rev. W. M. Allen is pastor of the church.

PAUL G. VERDUZCO and W. P. "Doc" Wayne, from the University Church, Lake Charles, Rev. Ned Stout and a layman from the Eunice Methodist Church, shared their experience of a Well's Fund Raising Campaign with the members of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, at their meeting on Jan. 23. Rev. James C. Whitaker is pastor of the DeRidder church.

REV. DONALD M. RISINGER, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Homer, was guest speaker at the First Methodist Church, Minden, Sunday morning, Jan. 27. Dr. Bentley Sloane, Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Conference Board of Education, presented an illustrated lecture on "News and Views of the Holy Land" at the evening service. The pastor, Rev. Dan Robinson is in Cuba participating in an international evangelistic crusade.

REV. ALLEN O. JERNIGAN, Minister of Education of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, was guest speaker Jan. 8 at a meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship of the St. Charles Avenue Christian Church. The Rev. Mr. Jernigan, who spoke on "Malaya", served two years at a mission station in China, leaving when Communists occupied that country, and returning to the Far East, serving in Malaya from 1954 to 1956.

ON JANUARY 12 the Juniors of the Gilliam Methodist Sunday School painted furniture for the newly organized nursery class. Because of bad weather, the painting was done in the kitchen of their teacher, Mrs. James Kent. One of the class members, Butch Brown, was in a cast from his right ankle to his shoulder and he lay on the floor to do his painting. A mid-morning snack was served. Rev. J. L. Beasley is pastor of the Belcher-Gilliam Charge.

DR. LLOYD W. ROWLAND, director of the State Health Association, Shreveport, addressed two meetings in Shreveport on Jan. 16-17. He spoke at a joint meeting of the Family Affairs division of the First Methodist Church and the local Mental Health Association in Baird Hall at the church. The next day he spoke at a Parent-Teacher meeting in the Broadmoor Junior High School. His topic for both addresses was "The Role of the Father in the Home." Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr. is pastor of the church.

A "FOUR NIGHTS FOR GOD" preaching mission will be conducted by the pastor, Angus Lee Carruth, at the Pine Ridge Methodist Church, January 29-February 1. Worship services will be held each evening, Tuesday through Friday, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. This series of services will be followed by "Roll Call Sunday" on February 3. Every member of the church is urged to be present at the eleven o'clock worship service to answer when their name is called. Pine Ridge Church is on the Tangipahoa Charge.

COLLEGE STUDENTS of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, home for the Christmas holidays, were honored at a banquet held in the fellowship hall of the

church, Sunday evening, Dec. 30. Approximately sixty were in attendance. Carols were sung during an informal program following the banquet dinner. A committee of adults supervising general arrangements and assisting with preparations included Mrs. W. G. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Mizel, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rigsby, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Simmons, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gates. Rev. W. H. Giles is pastor of the church.

DR. ERNEST S. GRIFFITH, staff member of the Library of Congress, has been appointed dean designate of American University's School of International Service to be opened in Washington D. C., in 1958. His appointment was announced by Dr. Hurst R. Anderson, university president following a meeting of the Board of Trustees on Jan. 12. American University is a general institution of the Methodist Church. The new School of International Service, established through a \$1,000,000 fund voted by the 1956 Methodist General Conference, will serve as a Protestant center in the nation's capital to train students interested in government careers and other international work. Construction of a \$350,000 headquarters building is due to start in April.

DR. COOPER BELL TO SPEAK ON CBS RADIO "CHURCH OF THE AIR"

The Rev. Dr. C. Cooper Bell, superintendent of the Lynchburg, Virginia District of The Methodist Church, will be the guest preacher Sunday, February 10, on the Columbia Broadcasting System's radio program, "Church of the Air."

The 30-minute network program will originate in the studios of Station WDBJ, Roanoke, at 10:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. The night program will be broadcast by approximately 100 CBS stations across the country, but some will record the service for broadcast at a different hour.

"The Mastery of Perplexity" will be the subject of Dr. Bell's sermon. Special music will be provided by the choir of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg. Henry Hallstrom is the choir director.

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GETTING OUR MONEY'S WORTH

We are disturbed by the high cost of living and mounting costs of government. Even more important is the question of the values of living. Most of us are willing to pay the price for value received. What irks us is not to get our money's worth. And yet though we scheme and study to keep from being cheated in the market place, it is amazing how many of us go on spending our money and labor and time for false values in life.



Faced with the high cost of living, we say it is hard to make both ends meet. And so it is. But it is more important to make the means meet the ends of life.

This matter of properly matching costs and values is an old issue. In the 55th chapter of Isaiah, the prophet asks his countrymen, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" This time-honored question is as fresh as the daily paper.

We spend our money for that which is not bread and our labor for that which satisfieth not because we do not know the value of what we want to buy.

About 30 years ago, the late President Faunce, then head of Brown University, advised his students in a chapel talk that for one month they cease to ask about each possible action, "Is it right?" but that they should ask, "Is it worthwhile?" Is this course of conduct vital and essential or is it trivial and negligible? For one month he suggested they divide all actions into the relevant and the irrelevant, the things that count and the things that do not matter, and see how simple life becomes.

When I was a boy I used to buy my clothes in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. The

salesman would tell me to take the garment to the door so I could see it in the sunlight.

So in life when we are spending our money for a thing, it is well to take it to the door and look at it in a better light. Take it to the door by which you entered life. Children have an uncanny sense of true values in regard to some things—for example, the character of adults. A child usually detects the false notes in a grownup. Boys recognize and admire courage, strength and genuineness in character. Take, therefore, your tastes and your desires back to the door of your childhood and see how they look in the light of innocence and simplicity.

Jesus once set a little child in the center of a group of grownups and said, "Except ye be converted and become as a little child, ye shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven." I do not believe the Master would have us think children always know what is best for them and we should let them run our homes and schools according to the whims of changeable childishness. But I do believe He would have us keep our judgments and values close enough to youth to catch the childlike spirit.

Whittier wrote of a "barefoot boy" with torn hat brim and "upturned pantaloons," yet filled with "merry, whistled tunes."

When I think how much fun that lad got from his simple possessions, I am sobered by the knowledge of how many gadgets and artificial gewgaws it takes to set me whistling. Let's recover our appreciation of the simple, noncompetitive values of living.

Also, let us take the things we are buying to the other end of the store—the door by which we leave this world. Jesus told the story of a rich farmer who was planning larger barns for his growing harvests, and then suddenly died. "Whose then shall these things be?" asked Jesus.

When a man dies, the question is often asked, "How much was he worth?" The executors of the estate can answer in dollars. His family and neighbors can answer in values. To leave a family proud to carry one's name, to leave a community better for one's having lived in it, to leave good causes stronger for one's having served them—such are the measures of a person's real worth.

The Layman's Column

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A STORY OF TWO MEN

This is a short story about two men who were entirely different in their personalities. There was Saul the brilliant theologian. He was so good that it hurt; a strict Pharisee who knew the law, obeyed it strictly, and expected others to do the same. He had come from a loyal Hebrew home and knew what it meant to respect his Church and her demands on a person. He had been taught tent-making in order that he might be able to make a living if necessary. Mr. Saul was about as well prepared as a young man could be to meet life in the good year 32 A.D.

There was another young Jew named Ananias. He, too, had been a loyal Jew in his boyhood days. His education was not quite as good as that of Saul, but he still was well versed in the law and lived by its requirements. There is just one thing that had happened to Ananias that had not happened to Saul. Ananias had learned of the love and of the forgiving grace of Jesus. His life had been changed a great deal by this experience, and he was enjoying the thrill of following in The Way. Ananias was a willing follower of Christ and was often seen talking quietly with those who did not know of Jesus. In fact, it wasn't anything unusual for the other Christians to see Ananias leading a friend, or even a stranger, to the altar where Christians might pray for the salvation of the penitent sinner.

A very unusual incident brought these two men together. Saul had been on the way to Damascus to arrest and prosecute any Christians whom he might find. On the way he had a most unusual experience that made it necessary for him to spend several days alone in meditation. It was during this time that Ananias received a divine call to go and have a talk with Saul. This was a dangerous act, since Saul had been doing all the harm he could do to Christians. If Ananias should come close to Saul, what was to prevent Saul from taking charge of him and seeing to it that he, too, would be thrown into prison?

It was here that God stepped in, like He has done so often in times of uncertainty. God not only convinced Ananias to go and visit Saul.

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

THERE'S A PROSPEROUS YEAR AHEAD

Economic prognosticators are telling us that—barring any major calamity (not including war)—1957 will be the most prosperous year in America's history: there will be more money and more gadgets for each of us than ever before.

Automobiles—longer than ever, costlier than ever—should be produced and sold to a number somewhere between 6,500,000 and 7,000,000 new cars. It was a bit under 6,000,000 in 1956. The new car gadgets run into the hundreds.

Seven million sales is also the figure at which the producers of TV sets are aiming in 1957. Add to these the other millions of radios, phonographs and recording machines, and there should be no lack of canned music to drive away loneliness, ennui, and frustration. Within another year we should be turning hungrily to color TV.

Earlier predictions that "the building boom is about over" (we've heard it yearly now since 1950) are being discounted: there's going to be more home and industrial construction in 1957 than last year. That means about 1,000,000 new homes; the unit cost greater than last year's \$14,700 average; and a total value of perhaps \$46,000,000,000. And our new homes are to have new furniture, floor covering, lighting, heating, and innumerable gadgets—to the tune of more billions.

We are told that family food budgets will be up somewhat in 1957—and with the rapidly growing and maturing population, the industry

What is more, God first gave Ananias an extra charge of Christian understanding, so that at the meeting of these two men the first words that Ananias used were, "Brother Saul". Here were two men, one time separated by the sin of hatred and self-righteousness. Suddenly the love of Christ shines on that hate and dissolves it into Christian love. A new Christian friendship is formed at once, which lasts for the rest of their lives. A life of Christian evangelism is launched by the apostle because of the love of Christ in a man's heart. You and I, centuries later, still reap the rewards of this indwelling of Christian love in one man's heart.

will sell to more people than ever before. But they won't buy food only: there are the liquor stores (not to mention the bars and restaurants) that have been laying for these new adults since their childhood; the cigarette and cosmetic trades that are spending millions of dollars to harvest billions from those lured by costly advertising—from singing commercials to appeals to envy and fear. Perhaps the reports that the manufacturers of "cures for hangovers" reap \$50,000,000 a year; and that last year Americans "consumed" 395 billion cigarettes (3.4% more than in 1955, despite all the talk of cancer and smoking) will give some idea of how we are pampering ourselves—or should we say drinking and burning up our wealth and maybe health. Of course there are those who will remind us that the 600,000,000 gallons of distilled spirits and the 90,000,000 barrels of beer (1956's figures which it is "hoped" will be exceeded in 1957) will give the government some three billion dollars in taxes.

The social economists give us a glowing picture of the continuing change in the life of America and of Americans—in addition to their unsatiated consumption. The American population is growing (from increased birthrate and some immigration) and we may expect 240,000,000 people by 1980. Fewer men are needed on the farms: each farmer uses more machinery and cultivates more acres. So that the added population is crowding cities and larger towns, and building new cities and towns. Men work shorter hours in industry (may soon work even fewer), have more time for leisure, and some know what to do with the added "free hours."

Now, I am quite aware that to this picture of my America there must be added this facet: Americans today, in taxes and voluntarily, give more to help the needy, the churches, the schools, the hospitals (mostly at home, but some abroad) than ever before in history. We have, as a people, the "generous heart" that used to be ascribed to the Irish!

Yet our giving is altogether too meager as measured against what we spend upon ourselves—some of it quite necessarily of course. It is too meager as measured against the needs of millions of men, women and children—cruelly neglected and unshared—with members of our human family. And will the motives of our present giving stand analysis: taxes for military arms; lend-lease for political advantage; charitable organizations to dodge income taxes?

I cannot believe that God has blessed and enriched America so that she may have more automobiles, more liquor, more cigarettes, more cars, more luxurious homes equipped with more dazzling gadgets than any other people. Rather I believe that "he who has much entrusted to him will have all the more demanded of him."

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Second Report

The second report by churches and districts of the results of the Circulation Campaign will be published in next week's issue of THE LOUISIANA METHODIST. This report will include all pastors' reports reaching THE LOUISIANA METHODIST office by Saturday noon, February 2.

Follow-Up Work and Reports

Many churches reporting the first time this week will make additional reports to THE LOUISIANA METHODIST office of follow-up work of securing renewals and new subscriptions which were not obtained during the first week of the campaign, January 13-20. Results of these supplemental reports will be published in the Circulation Campaign reports each week in THE LOUISIANA METHODIST.

The Quota and Goal

The quota, as adopted by the annual conference in Louisiana Methodism, is one subscription for each nine members reported to the last Annual Conference session. The goal is 12,000 subscriptions. Each Methodist Church in Louisiana should have an increase in the number of LOUISIANA METHODIST subscribers. Help Louisiana Methodism reach this goal!

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Area Methodist Circulation Campaign

REPORT NO. 1—THROUGH SATURDAY NOON, JANUARY 26, 1957

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE				
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Quota 1084				
Amity Ct., Bobby Dale Orr	3	12	1	22**
Arkadelphia Ct., W. A. Lea	5	17	1	23
First Church, J. M. Hamilton	26	75	6	107**
St. Andrew, Clint Burleson	10	35		45*3
Bismarck Ct., Marvin Wilkins	2	13		15*2
Dalark Ct., Connie Robins	5	16	1	22
Delight Ct., P. D. Alston	1	23	2	29**
Glenwood Ct., J. A. Wade	10	45		55*2
Gurdon, James A. Simpson	9	52		61**
HOT SPRINGS CT., W. M. Crow	10	8		18**
First Church, E. D. Galloway	31	100		111*
Grand Avenue, Alfred I. Doss	8	60	4	72
Oaklawn, Clyde T. Parsons	10	34	6	50
Pulman Heights-Bethlehem, R. A. Teeter	1	31	2	34
MAIVERN, First Ch., Rufus Sorrells	15	54	10	79
Keith Memorial, J. C. Van Horn	5	24		29**
St. Paul, Harold Davis	22	14		36*3
Mt. Ida Ct., Phil E. Pierce	8	26		34**
Morning Star, John Walker	3			3*
Murfreesboro, Omma L. Daniel	19	45		64**
Okolona Ct., W. H. Watson	2	45	1	48**
Oma-Point Cedar, George Leslie	4	4		8
Rockport Ct., R. S. Beasley	3	13	1	17
Shorewood Hills, B. Howard Cox	5	18		23*
Sparkman-Sardis, George Kerr	5	37	1	43**
TOTALS	222	810	36	1068
CAMDEN DISTRICT—Quota 1910				
Bearden, Gerald K. Fincher	10	23	1	38**
Bradley, J. D. Montgomery	4	28	1	33**
Buckner Ct., Joe Arnold	9	34		43
Camden First Ch., Francis A. Buddin	10	73	6	89
Fairview, M. W. Miller	7	178		185*2
Chidester, C. D. Cade	1	34	2	37
EL DORADO				
Centennial-Bethel, J. T. Bolding	3	15		18**
Dumas Mem.-Lisbon, Oscar Haire	1	21		22*
First Church, Cecil R. Culver	13	931		94**3
St. Luke, W. S. Cazort	4	28		32*4
Vantress, M. E. Scott	17	97		114**
Emerson Ct., C. B. Harris		2		2
Holly Springs Ct., R. M. Cain	20	32		52**
Junction City, D. L. McCauley	3	40		43
Liberty-Silver Hill, S. B. Mann		10		10
Norphlet, Giles B. Pixley	2	37		39**
Stamps, C. W. Baughman	7	53	2	62**
Stephens, Bryan Stephens	12	39		51*
Strong, James Ford	1	14		15*
Union Rhodes Chapel, Ralph S. Mann	3	30	1	34**
Village Ct., E. T. McAfee	4	45		49
Waldo-Willisville, Raymond L. Diffie	9	57		66**
Timothy-Westside, W. Hudnall	11	41		52*2
TOTALS	151	1862	13	2026**
HOPE DISTRICT—Quota 1347				
Blevins Ct., Bruce Bean	5	38		43**
Center Point Ct.	3	15	1	19
Dierks-Green's Chapel, W. P. Walker		5		5
Dodderidge Ct., DeWitt Harberson	8	20	2	30**
Foreman, O. W. Hoover	7	24		31**
Garland, James W. Riley		1		1
Hatfield Ct., W. R. Johnson	2	20		22
Hope, Virgil D. Keeley	17	123	6	140**
Lockesburg Ct., Eugene Gilliam	7	30		37**
Mena, W. D. Golden	17	58	1	76**
Mineral Spgs. Ct., Harold E. Wright	9	21	4	34*2
Nashville, J. E. Dunlap	6	63		69**
Prescott, Alfred DeBlack	6	61	1	68**
Prescott Ct., L. O. Lee	1			1
Richmond Ct., Robert Jackson	14	25		39
Rondo Ct., Clyde Swift	3	29		32
Spr'nghill Ct., H. A. F. Ault	3	17		20
TEXARKANA				
Fairview, H. D. Ginther	12	48		60**
Few Memorial, C. E. Messer	2	18		20**
First Church, Wm. E. Brown		1		1
Washington Ct., Zane Williams	8	22	3	33**
Winthrop Ct., S. L. Durham	3	2		5
TOTALS	133	641	18	792
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Quota 2525				
Austin Ct., L. C. Beasley	4	16	1	21
Bauxite, C. W. Good	1	36		37
BENTON—First Ch., J. R. Clayton	8	79	6	93
New Hope, Cecil Gill	6	1		7
Parkview, Joe R. Phillips	54	16		70*2
Bethel-Pride Valley, J. R. Ewbanks	2	5		7
Bryant, Kenneth M. Goode	2	9		11
Carlisle, O. E. Holmes	7	49	1	57**
Des Arc, J. R. Callicott	23	23	2	48**
Douglasville, John B. Hays	31	17	1	49**
Gever Spcs., Robert W. Trieschmann	10	11		21
Hamilton-Walker's Chapel, James Robnolt	3	10		13
Hazen, Doyle T. Rowe	3	47	1	51**
Hickory Plains Ct., C. C. Vanzant	34	7	1	42**
LITTLE ROCK				
Asbury, J. C. English	11	40	6	57**
Capitol View, Orrie L. Thompson	15	33	1	49**
First Church, Aubrey G. Walton	18	1204		1222*3
Henderson, H. R. Holland		17	1	18
Highland, H. O. Bolin	14	57	2	73
Hunter Memorial, Everett Vinson	1	11	2	14
Oak Forest, George G. Meyer		15		15
Pulaski Heights, J. K. Shamblin	16	44	4	64
St. Luke, Elbert B. Jean	15	19		34
St. Marks, Billy Bargar		2		2
St. Paul, C. W. Richards	37	106		143**
Winfield, Fred R. Harrison	14	65	2	81
Lonoke-Eagle, W. R. Burks	7	21		28
Mabelvale, Charles E. Ramsey	27	39		66**
Markham Street, John Williams	3	7		10*
Mt. Carmel-Congo, Wm. C. Chenault	21	22		43*2
Mt. Pleasant, L. R. Sparks	2	5	1	8*2
Primrose, James R. Scott	5	29		34*
Roland-Martindale, S. T. Hollowell	1			1
Salem, W. R. Jordan	27	13		40**
TOTALS	422	2075	32	2589**
MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Quota 1031				
Crossett, J. B. Hefley	18	78		96**
Crossett Ct., Edgar Outlaw, Jr.	5	19		24
Drew Ct., Richard Poss	9	20		29
Dumas, Harold Scott	14	47	1	62**
Eudora, W. R. Boyd	12	43		55*2
Fordyce, A. J. Christie	9	66		75**
Fountain Hill Ct., R. L. Long	14	35	1	50*3
Hamburg, R. O. Beck	5	50	1	56**
Hampton-Harrell, James McCammon	8	34	1	43
Hermitage Ct., Guy Wilson	2	26		28**
Kingsland Ct., James W. Beck	1	16	1	18
Lake Village, Charles Ashcraft	10	33	1	44**
Martin's Chapel, W. C. Onstead	3	13		16
Monticello, Roland E. Darrow		43		43
McGehee-Arkansas City, D. M. Mann	23	73	3	99**
Montrose-Parkdale, James R. Scwell	9	47		53*3
Portland, Edward B. Hollenbeck	3	43		46*3
Star City, Osborne White	8	41		49**
Tillar-Winchester, Irl Lancaster	30	78		108*3
Warren, Guy C. Ames	29	99	2	130**
Watson-Kelso, John W. Rushing	2	34		36**
Wilmar Ct., W. W. Barron	5	12	7	24
TOTALS	219	950	18	1187**
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Quota 1376				
Alzheimer-Wabbaseka, Robt. B. Moore, Jr.	37	47		84**
Bavou Metro-Lodge's Corner, R. L. Riggins	4	23		27*
DeWitt, Curtis Williams	11	60	2	73**
England, Kirvin A. Hale	4	66		70**
Gillett, C. E. Patton	10	34		44*
Grady-Gould, G. W. Warren	4	48	1	53**
Humphrey, Hursel Richert	4	14		18**
Leola, C. R. Andrews		31		31*
PINE BLUFF				
First Church, William O. Byrd	31	101		132
Lakeside, John M. McCormack	1	3		4
Wesley, Winslow Brown	11	36		47*2
R'son, Allan E. Hillard	3	12		15
Roe Ct., W. D. Bone	11	33	1	45*2
St. Charles, A. C. Rogers	14	22	2	38**
Sheridan, W. B. Savage		51	5	56*
Sherrill-Tomberlin, W. T. Bone	7	35		42**
TOTALS	152	616	11	779
NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE				
BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 1003				
Batesville-Asbury, Cyril Wilson	7	16		23**
Central Avenue, J. M. Barnett	18	78		96**
First, Lloyd M. Conyers	46	69	5	120**
Bethesda-Cushman, Mark Wimmer	8	25	1	34**
Cave City-Sidney, O. R. Moncrief	2	17		19
Cave City Ct., Ivan R. Wilson	7	19		26*
Concord-Wolf Bavou, H. W. Ford	3	11	1	15
Cotter-Bull Shoals	19	31	5	55**
Desha-Salado, John Sandage	1	25	4	30
Evening Shade, A. S. Aist	7	26		33
Melbourne, Robert Johnson	4	25		29*2
Melbourne Ct., Claude Masters	5	15		20
Moorefield-McHue, Ray Edwards	9	24		33**
Mountain Home Parish, Otho Strayhorn	12	9		21
Mountain View, Henry W. Jinski	8	26		34**
Newark-Oil Trough, Gerald E. Hammett	12	46	1	59**
Newport, First Ch., John Bayliss	9	59	2	70
Umsted Memorial, Pryor Cruce	7	45		52**
Pleasant Plains Ct., Burnell Stephens	2	29	1	32**
Salem, B. W. Stallcup	3	37		40**
Swifton-Alicia, Theron McKisson	6	33		39**
Tuckerman, Golder Lawrence	5	38		43**
Yellville, M. L. Kaylor	10	30	1	

Ministers' Week Slated February 4-7

Dallas, Tex.—As many as 3,000 ministers of all faiths may come to the Southern Methodist University campus here on Feb. 4-7 from throughout the United States to attend the university's 22nd Ministers' Week, an event that has grown into the largest of its kind in Protestantism, according to officials.

Three churchmen—one of them SMU Chancellor Umphrey Lee—will deliver a series of lectures during the four-day theological get-together, which is designed to help produce a better trained ministry.

Two other speakers are Dr.

James Muilenburg, professor of Hebrew and Cognate languages at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., and president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Lectures—13 in all—will be given in McFarlain Memorial auditorium and will be open to the public.

Besides the lectures, two other events are to be featured during the week.

With representatives present from some ten institutions she has aided, a testimonial dinner for Mrs.

W. W. Fondren, Houston churchwoman and philanthropist, will be held Feb. 4.

On Feb. 6, the Methodist Historical Library, given to the university by retired Bishop Frederick D. Leete, will be formally dedicated.

This library, valued conservatively at \$150,000 and containing 3,000 items, is one of the most comprehensive collections in existence about Methodism and its founder, John Wesley, say leaders.

Ministers' Week at SMU was instituted under that name in 1936. It grew out of a lectureship on Christian missions endowed in 1919 by Mrs. Fondren and her late husband.

Two SMU buildings bear the

Fondren name: Fondren library and Fondren Science building.

During Ministers' Week, Dr. Lee will deliver the Fondren lectures. His theme will be "An Earnest Appeal And What Became Of It." He will speak five times, including the opening and the closing Ministers' Week addresses.

"God And Man In The Old Testament" is the subject of Dr. Muilenburg's four Jackson lectures on the Bible.

Dr. Adams' Peyton lectures on preaching develop the theme of "A Pastor Looks At His Preaching." He will also speak four times.

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Griffithville, W. B. Yount	13	15	1	29*
Harrison, Horace M. Lewis	25	48	...	73
Heber Springs, Arnold Simpson	1	26	...	27
Judsonia, J. A. Newell	7	12	1	20
Kensett, Frank Weatherford	5	19	...	24
Leslie, J. W. Moore	2	15	3	20**
Marshall, Charles Wages	2	22	1	25**
McCrory, Golder Lawrence	9	49	4	62
McRae, W. M. Stegall	2	12	...	14
Morantown-Hopewell, Ramsey-Woodall	6	1	...	7
Newton County, John W. McKinney	2	6	...	8
Pangburn Ct., Carl Williamson	21	2	1	24*
Quitman Ct., John Jump	2	22	5	29
Recebud Ct., Tom Cowan	2	16	...	18
Searcy, First Ch., Alvin Murray, Jr.	19	117	4	140**
Grace Church, Wm. Hightower	6	6	...	12**
Wilburn Ct., J. T. Randle	1	6	...	7**
Central-Goodloe, Jack Blume	6	6	...	6
Ward 16th Section, Silas Russell	4	1	1	6
TOTALS	219	662	30	911

ARKANSAS METHODIST DISTRICT SUMMARY

Report No. 1

District	Quota	New	Re-new.	Not Due	Total	% of Quota
Little Rock	2525	422	2075	32	2529**	100%
Camden	1910	151	1862	13	2026**	106%
Conway	1456	293	1090	32	1405	97%
Monticello	1031	219	950	18	1187**	115%
Arkadelphia	1084	222	810	36	1068	99%
Batesville	1003	210	733	21	964	96%
Forrest City	1142	127	809	13	949	71%
Searcy	1123	219	662	30	911	81%
Jonesboro	1432	164	631	19	814	51%
Hope	1347	133	641	18	792	60%
Pine Bluff	1376	152	616	11	779	57%
Paragould	1138	129	593	23	745	65%
Fort Smith	1932	139	383	16	538	28%
Fayetteville	1170	80	423	22	531	45%
TOTALS	2687	12106	310	15103		

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—Quota 1099

ALEXANDRIA						
First Church, J. H. Bowdon	13	54	2	69		
Belah-Eden, Champ Breeden	2	10	1	13**		
Boyce, Robert Townsend	3	11	...	14**		
Bunkie, J. J. Caraway	8	50	...	58**		
Davis Springs Ct., Grafton Shaw	2	10	...	10		
Effie, John Sayes	2	9	7	18		
Elizabeth, John F. Kellogg	3	28	1	32*2		
Evergreen, Carl Lipe	3	20	...	23*2		
Glenmora, D. R. Deen	9	25	...	34*2		
Hollins Chapel, Ed Pickens	3	6	...	9		
Jena, W. O. Lynch	68	51	1	120*3		
Jonesville, L. Gray Wilson	6	19	2	27**		
Lecompte-Cheneyville, C. H. Giessen	7	35	5	47**		
Melder, Henry O. Pinckard	3	14	6	23**		
Montgomery, J. C. Skinner	2	31	1	34**		
Natchitoches, First Church, Geo. F. Pearce	47	38	...	85		
Oakdale, S. S. Holladay	3	34	...	37**		
Olla, J. A. Jones	10	43	...	53*2		
Palestine, E. W. Sandel	15	25	...	40**		
Pollock, E. L. McKay	1	1	...	2		
Urania, W. T. Hall	11	14	1	26*2		
Whites Chapel, H. D. Fisher	5	42	...	47*2		
Weaver-Provençal, W. R. Akin	1	...	...	1		
Winnfield, Luther L. Booth	9	40	1	50**		
TOTALS	234	610	28	872		

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—Quota 2124

Amite, James E. Christie	6	29	...	35		
Angie-Varnado, A. N. Baum	...	10	...	10		
Baker, Marvin H. Corley	2	11	...	13		
BATON ROUGE						
First Church, D. Dawson, Jr.	52	52	3	107		
Broadmoor, J. P. Woodland	17	17	2	36**		
Ingleside, W. R. Irving, Jr.	5	10	...	15		
Istrouma, A. Jerome Cain	...	34	...	34		
Reilly Memorial, Wm. E. Trice	18	12	...	30		
Winburne, A. A. Collins	6	6	1	13		
Bethel, T. J. Smith	5	15	1	21**		
Blackwater, A. G. Taylor	3	23	1	27		
Bluff Creek, J. N. Lambert	1	5	...	6		
Bogaloussa-E. Sullivan Mem., W. H. Giles	6	49	...	55		
Carpenters Chapel, John Keller	1	7	...	8**		
Clinton-Clear Creek, George W. Harkins	1	17	1	19		
Deerford, George M. Horne	...	12	...	12		
Denham Spgs., Fred Schwendmann	3	17	5	25		
Fisher, C. J. T. Cotten	30	12	...	42**		
Franklinton, J. H. Sewell	...	31	...	31		
Gonzales Ct., J. M. Wilkes	3	16	5	24**		
Hammond, E. R. Thomas	12	61	...	73**		
Jackson, J. B. Shearer	4	16	...	20		
Kentwood, G. C. Dean, Jr.	2	13	...	15		
Livingston Ct., John C. Bonds	5	13	...	18		
Live Oak, J. H. Bowdon, Jr.	9	13	...	22		

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Loranger-Coopers Chapel, Walter Hillis	10	2	...	12
Lottie-Rosedale, L. W. Taylor	4	32	1	37**
Magnolia, Wayne Perrott	1	10	1	12**
New Roads, T. D. Lipscomb	5	3	1	9**
Pine Grove, S. E. Sterrett	7	28	1	33**
Plaquemine-Grand River, W. P. Fraser	3	35	...	38**
Ponchatoula, Wilson Watson	57	62	1	120*2
St. Francisville, E. E. Sylvest	4	21	...	25
St. Helena, Calvin Lapuyade	2	7	...	9
Slaughter, G. H. Corry	3	9	...	12*
Springfield, A. D. George	3	15	...	18
Tangipahoa, A. L. Carruth	2	43	...	45**
Tockfaw-Independence, Paul Carroll	2	3	...	5
Walker, P. W. Sibley	2	19	...	21
Westley Chapel, A. E. Wingfield	4	11	...	15
Zachary, J. W. Ailor	3	18	...	21
TOTALS	303	819	24	1146

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT—Quota 1060

Abbeville, R. M. Bentley	11	40	2	53**
Berwick, A. W. Coody	8	37	...	45**
Church Point, Dan Tholne	5	9	...	14**
Crowley, Wesley, Raymond Pierson	8	25	...	33**
Donaldsonville, G. A. LaGrange	11	24	...	35*3
Ebenezer, Stephen Wendt	2	23	...	25**
Franklin, Albert S. Hurley	27	41	...	68
Houma, First Ch., B. A. Galloway	24	57	...	81**
Houma Heights, Howard Ellzey	10	40	...	50**
Jeanerette, A. M. Martin	1	12	...	13
LAFAYETTE				
Davidson, Woodrow Hearn	7	13	...	20
First Church, Fred S. Flurry	89	72	...	161**
Melville, O. L. Gibson	4	20	...	24
Morgan City, R. W. Bengtson	22	8	...	30
Opelousas, R. E. Walton	10	28	...	38
Rayne, D. T. Williams	3	29	...	32
Thibodaux, R. R. Miller	8	13	1	22**
Indian Bayou, M. L. Davis	10	60	...	70*2
TOTALS	260	551	3	814

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—Quota 1207

Bell City, E. W. Day	3	3	...	6**
DeQuincy, A. A. McKnight	1	44	...	45**
DeRidder, First Ch., J. C. Whitaker	12	21	...	33
Wesley, Alvin P. Smith	2	7	...	9
Elton, Frank M. Stage	46	15	...	61*3
Iowa, E. W. Day	8	27	...	35**
Jennings, Robert B. Crichtlow	8	51	1	60
Lake Arthur, Jack Winegeart	5	15	...	20*
LAKE CHARLES				
Fairview, Martin Hebert	5	3	3	11*2
First Church, Carl F. Lueg	12	84	1	97
Oak Park, H. A. Gibbs	20	8	...	28*
University, E. B. Emmerich	14	25	...	39
Leesville, Oakley Lee	5	41	6	52**
Merryville, C. J. Thibodeaux	3	11	...	14
Raymond, Clarence B. Krumnow	4	13	...	17
Sweet Lake, H. A. Gibbs	5	4	...	9*
TOTALS	153	372	11	536

MONROE DISTRICT—Quota 1589

Bonita, G. L. Cagle	2	30	...	32**
Collinston Circuit, Fred Mead	4	31	...	35**
Epps-Floyd, J. B. McCann	2	45	2	49**
Fairbanks, David Corley	5	19	...	24**
Grayson-Kelley-Shilo, Ed Henkel	4	30	1	35**
Harrisonburg, E. H. House, Jr.	2	6	...	8**
Holly Ridge, W. L. Strong	1	12	...	13**
Kilbourne Ct., John D. Bell	12	15	...	27*
Lake Providence, C. R. McCammon	10	42	...	52**
Little Creek-Union, E. W. Corley	2	13	...	15**
Mer Rouge, Lael S. Jones	1	...	...	1
MONROE				
Stone Avenue, I. L. Yeager	8	24	...	32*
Oak Grove-Kilbourne, E. L. Tatum	...	1	...	1
Pioneer Circuit, Cecil Mims	1	12	...	13
Rayville, W. D. Boddie	17	38	...	55**
Sidalia, H. R. Hine	2	32	...	34**
WEST MONROE				
Brownsville, B. P. Durbin	4	24	...	28**
First Church, W. D. Milton	24	72	...	96
McGuire, I. A. Love	7	24	...	31*
Winnsboro, W. H. Bengtson	7	34	...	41**
Wisner, J. A. Knight	8	8	...	16
TOTALS	124	525	3	652

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—Quota 1513

Covington, Robert C. Carter	12	16	...	28
Lacombe-St. Tammany, W. B. Hollingsworth	5	5	...	10
NEW ORLEANS				
Carrollton Ave., Luman E. Douglas	6	31	...	37
Church of Redeemer, H. G. Ensenat	2	3	...	5
Elysian Fields, Glendon R. Messer	1	11	...	12
Felicity, S. P. Emanuel	43	7	...	50*3
First Church, Nathaniel H. Melbert	23	42	...	65
Gentilly, E. P. Drake	5	66	...	71**

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Gretna, A. B. Cavanaugh	2	8	...	10
Jefferson, Ted T. Howes	2	8	...	10
Kenner, M. David Felder	5	35	...	40**
John Wesley, J. C. Rousseaux	4	12	1	17**
Lake Vista, Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.	...	13	...	13
Luling, C. W. Bennett	1	9	...	10*
Metairie, John Winn	9	1	...	10
Napoleon Ave., A. S. Hurley	8	24	...	32
Parker Memorial, E. J. Barksdale	3	23	...	26
St. Bernard, R. L. Clayton	2	18	...	20
St. Claude Heights, A. D. St. Amant	1	...	...	1
St. James, T. O. Crosby	5	14	...	19*3
St. John, Clayton W. Bennett	1	8	...	9**
St. Luke's, Spencer W. Wren	5	7	...	12
St. Mark's, T. O. Carlstrom	3	10	...	13
St. Paul, R. H. Jamieson	...	7	...	7
Second Church	2	9	...	11
Pearl River, Frank Lankford	1	14	...	15*
St. dell, John T. Redmon	14	36	...	50
Trinity, C. D. Pinckard	7	23	...	35**
Venice, C. D. Pinckard	4	4	...	8**
TOTALS	176	469	1	646

RUSTON DISTRICT—Quota 1403

Arcadia, R. I. Peyton	10	57	....	67**
Athens, Price Allen	4	18	....	22
Bernice, W. H. Carroll	16	33	1	50*3
Bienville, K. K. Carithers	12	31	3	46**
Carlton-Wilhite, R. H. Hearne	5	2	1	8**
Chatham, J. T. Garrett	11	23	....	34*2
Concord-Mt. Pleasant, C. K. Brooks	7	18	....	25**
Choudrant, George P. Goodwin	....	29	....	29**
Clay-Ansley, V. Leo Westbrook	6	27	1	34**
Downsville, I. A. Patton	11	24	....	35**
Devline-McIntire, L. J. Futch	3	23	1	27**
Dubach, Byron Crosby	13	32	1	4*3
Eros-Antioch, Leon Marsalls	4	12	....	16**
Farmerville, W. V. Sirman	50	23	....	73*3
Gibsland, Joe H. Robinson	3	75	....	78*2
Haynesville, J. H. Midyett	25	104	1	131**
Heflin-Bushwood, R. E. Carter	7	18	2	27
Hodge, G. A. Morgan	1	15	....	16
Lisbon-Arizona, R. K. Freidrick	1	24	....	25**
Marion, F. C. Collins	....	35	....	35**
Minden, First Church, Dan R. Robinson	13	105	2	120**
Lake View, George D. York	7	12	....	19
Pine Grove-Pleasant Valley, J. L. McClain	1	26	....	27**
Quitman-Center Point, Troy Garrett	13	33	1	50*3
Ringgold, Roy Grant	8	38	....	45**
Rocky Mt.-Grand Bayou, Charles Wilder	1	10	....	11**
Ruston-Grace Ch., Henry C. Blount	17	40	....	57**
Trinity, Jolly B. Harper	64	134	7	205**
Salem-Hilly, B. L. Terry	3	19	....	22**
Shongaloo, Wm. Paul Cassels	6	35	....	41**
Sibley, James J. Pyles	7	1	3	11**
Simsboro-Antioch, L. M. Sawyer	3	26	1	30**
TOTALS	333	1105	25	1462*

DeRidder Youth Sponsor Family Night Program

The youth department of the First Methodist Church Sunday School, DeRidder, had charge of the program for the monthly Family Night supper in December. Bill Tracy, superintendent of the department, directed a youth chorus in singing several Christmas carols.

The intermediate boys and girls were in charge of decorations for fellowship hall where the program was held, and the Rev. James C. Whitaker gave the invocation.

A farewell tribute was given Mr. and Mrs. Donald Parks. Mr. Parks, who has been active in the work of the church, will have completed his term of military service and will be moving to Missouri. Mrs. Parks has been serving as church secretary. She will be succeeded by Mrs. Donald Swanson.

Leola MYF Has Watch Party

Members of the Leola MYF and their guests attended a Watch Party at the Methodist Parsonage, December 31. Twenty-five persons were present.

Mrs. Jeff Baker, Mrs. Irvin Weaver, and Mrs. Arlin Riggan assisted Rev. and Mrs. Andrews in their duties as host and hostess. The guests enjoyed many games and refreshments of sandwiches and bottled drinks. Everyone made New Year's resolutions, both comic and serious.

Just before midnight, the entire group went to the church and formed a friendship circle around the Altar and were led in prayer by Rev. C. R. Andrews. At midnight, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and "Auld Lang Syne" were sung to conclude a memorable evening.

AMITE MYF ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Miss Martha Gene McMichael was head of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at the Amite Methodist Church, January 6.

Other officers elected include: co-chairman, Sally Watson; secretary-treasurer, Neville Kemp; program chairman, Larry Catha; pianist, Martha Luther; party committee, Pres Hood and Molly Watson; and song directors, Ronnie Simnicht and Pres Hood.

PLAY PRESENTED BY SIMSBORO, ANTIOCH MYF

The MYF of Simsboro and Antioch Churches presented a play titled "The Parables of the Talents" at Antioch Church, Sunday night, January 20 and at Simsboro Church, Sunday night, January 27. Rev. L. M. Sawyer, pastor of the churches, is directing the play.—Mrs. Bruce Price, Reporter

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Polk County

The Annual Recognition Banquet of the Polk County Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship was held Saturday night, January 12, 1957, at the First Methodist Church in Mena.

The meeting, begun with a delicious banquet, was followed by a devotional given by the Sub-district President, Maxine Crane. The presentation of the gifts was then officiated by the Sub-district Sponsor, Mrs. Vernon Rodgers. Five young people, Bobby Crane, Mt. View, Bobby Gene Lane, Hatfield, Cathy Williams, Hatfield, Fomby Holman, Mt. View, and Gwenith Williams, Mena, were honored for one-year perfect attendance and three young people, Jerry Rodgers, Mena, Maxine Crane, Mt. View, and Tom Balwin, Hatfield, were honored for two-year perfect attendance.

Members of the Shady Grove Church band entertained the group with their rendition of many religious and popular numbers.

Color, moving pictures were taken throughout the evening by Mr. Vernon Rodgers and will be shown at the next sub-district meeting.

The evening program was closed with the Friendship Circle and the MYF Benediction. — By Gwenith Williams, Sub-district Secretary

Arkansas Valley

The Arkansas Valley Sub-district met at Altus, Monday, Jan. 14, with 49 present.

The program opened with singing and a talk by the Rev. Raymond Hawkins, pastor of the Altus Circuit. This was followed by two solos by Miss Irene Cook accompanied by her brother, the Rev. Brady Cook, Greenwood pastor, who was the principal speaker on the program.

The theme of the Rev. Mr. Cook's talk was "Our Lives as Books." He said there are books with no impressions, with wrong impressions, and fine literature.

Johnny Macaroy presided at the business meeting, and the next meeting date was set for Feb. 11, at Ozark. All members are urged to attend.—By Mary Ann Krohn, reporter

Ruston-East

The Ruston-East Sub-district met Jan. 14, 1957, at Grace Methodist Church in Ruston. The meeting was opened by prayer. President, Danny Steere called the meeting to order. The secretary read the minutes and called the roll. Eros and Ruston Trinity won the respective attendance banners. Among the business discussed was: the next sub-district meeting is to be a "tramp-trip" held at Bernice at Lindsay's Pond Feb. 11. Everyone is to come dressed as a tramp and a picnic is to follow.

The high point of the meeting was an inspirational service and communion service to begin a new year.

Refreshments were served to everyone.—By Betty Wilder

Louisiana Conference Leaders Communicate With MYF'ers

(Officers of the Louisiana Conference MYF begin this week a series of communications with district and local youth MYF leaders and members on the various areas of work of the MYF program. Other communications will be published in succeeding issues. Watch for them.)

The Youthful Accent

By Hoover Rupert

WHAT DETERMINES YOUR WORTH?

It was our national MYF magazine, *Concern* which first brought this writer the information concerning a dramatic and arresting happening in Berkley, Michigan. It should be of interest to all youth and adults as we anticipate the coming of Race Relations Sunday.

As *Concern* told the story in a recent issue, Karen Deslandes, a student in Berkley High School, saw a revival of the motion picture "Gentleman's Agreement". It tells the story of a magazine writer who on a writing assignment, posed as a Jew for six months to see how people would react to him. Karen reported she thought this to be pretty far-fetched, that things like that just didn't happen in America any more. But she decided to see for herself. Her father had given her a charm bracelet with some unique attachments. When school-mates asked what the "charms" represented, Karen simply said they were "Jewish symbols." That's all she said about it. She is a Protestant, but immediately many of her friends assumed she was Jewish. She let them think so for six weeks, and reports she found herself living in an entirely different world.

Girls who had long been friendly suddenly became aloof and cold toward her. Her social life became nil. Folks just "forgot" to invite her to affairs. None of the former crowd would walk home from school with her. Apparently her sister and family suffered also.

After six weeks, Karen felt she had learned enough to confirm the truth of "Gentlemen's Agreement." She went to her speech teacher and told him the whole story. When other school officials were told, they were astonished, but sympathetic to the plan which Karen had presented. Together they arranged a full school assembly. It was announced simply as a BARP meeting. None of the students knew what was in store until after Karen was introduced.

"BARP," she explained, "stands for 'Berkley Attacks Race Prejudice'." Then she described her six weeks as a Jew. She frankly told her schoolmates how they had reacted—never asking questions, just assuming her racial status and including her out because of it. Listen to what she said: "Now I understand that prejudice is more than a word in the dictionary. I understand how it warps and twists; how it can result in the hideous burnings of Jews in Germany, the mob violence against Negroes, the man-against-man attitudes of the Communists."

When she finished her speech—later repeated before several groups—Karen's friends and others crowded around her. She reported, "Between our hugging and crying they asked me many questions. Most of all they asked: 'But I didn't do those horrible things, did I?' I couldn't answer those unhappy and ashamed people while so full of sorrow. All

To MYF Presidents

Dear Friends:

I should like to extend greetings to you for a very happy New Year, with the prayer that God will grant you every wish you dream for in 1957.

This New Year brings a lot with it—much fun, and much work. Your Louisiana Conference MYF Council, along with Miss Louise Sharp, Conference Director of Youth Work, realize all that is expected of us, and we are prepared to work carrying out the plans made for the remainder of this Conference year.

The responsibilities of the president of an organization as large as ours are many. I shall try to be worthy of the trust you placed in me when you elected me to carry out those duties. I feel that I have been given a great honor, for to serve Him is a privilege—and a challenge, for each of us, as we realize just what is involved in this endeavor.

Are you one of the many young people and adults in the Louisiana Conference so capable of being leaders and training leaders for our work in His Kingdom? We need you to follow up conference plans in your local church, sub-district; to promote the Lenten Reading Project, *I Serve*; the Fall Action Project; the Conference Recreation Lab; the MYFund; *Power and Concern*; to conduct local Christian Witness Missions; to encourage everyone to participate in Conference activities. We have an urgent need for adult leadership for our youth all over Louisiana.

Will you help us?

May God bless you and keep you, make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Sally Murry, MYF President
Louisiana Conference
Box 7666, University Station
Baton Rouge 3, Louisiana

Christian Citizenship

Dear MYF Members:

Now is the time of the year when everyone is making their New Year's resolution: Each year we promise to do something, or to refrain from doing it, but it seems that the same thing happens year after year. When we make our promise we are sincere and are determined that this will be different, we say we will keep this promise all through the year no matter what happens; most of the time we will keep that promise for the first few months at most. Then along about the middle of the year we forget that promise we made earlier; it does not seem important any more. But it is important just as much now as it was when you made it.

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I could do was suggest that they search their own souls."

Every Christian who names the name of Jesus (a member of the Jewish race) might well do a little soul-searching of his own in this area. How do you judge the worth of a person?



NEWS IN BRIEF

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Mary Winan's Church, Clinton, Louisiana, completed its study of "Southeast Asia" under the leadership of Mrs. Zack Hatcher. Sixteen members and three visitors attended.

Circle No. 1 of the Sterlington Woman's Society lost one of their oldest members in the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Seigh, who was also the mother of Mrs. J. O. Parker, a very active and faithful member.

The Circle gave a memorial to the Woman's Society in memory of Mrs. Seigh; this money goes directly into the Mission Field where it is needed so badly.

At the December meeting of the Danville Wesleyan Service Guild, the name of the Guild was changed to Ruth Cowger Guild in memory of a loyal and devoted member. In place of the usual Christmas gift exchange, members made contributions to the church building fund in memory of Mrs. Cowger.

The Woman's Society of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, met Tuesday, January 15 for their monthly meeting with Circle 2 as hostess for the covered dish luncheon. Mrs. Bob Vandegiff was devotional leader, and was assisted in carrying out a playlet "Islands in My Community" by Mrs. Lawrence Harvey and Mrs. Jesse Johnson.

The vice-president, Mrs. J. Y. Dollar, had charge of the business meeting.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Epps Methodist Church has begun the study of Paul's Letters to Local Churches. Mrs. A. L. Hawkins is conducting the course.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Gilliam has served the noon meal for the public every Wednesday for the past year, using the proceeds to help pay for the new church. On the anniversary dinner January 9, \$4,572.54 had been donated to the fund.

Approximately 75 members of the Lafayette First Church Woman's Society met at the church Friday evening, January 18 for the first general meeting of the year.

The Grace Agate room was decorated in red and white; Mrs. Harold Demanade was in charge of room decorations.

Dr. Grace Agate opened the program with a talk on "Islands in My Community" followed by a solo, "The Lord is My Light" sung by Miss Elaine Davis, accompanied by Miss Rachel Branton. Dr. Agate gave special recognition to Mesdames Tom Cockram, Eloi Girard, Alcee Guidry and J. A. Nolan for their efforts on behalf of the society.

Mrs. J. W. Faulk led the responsive reading. A short play was presented by Mrs. E. H. Scott, Mrs. Roland Cook and Mrs. Thompson Taliaferro.

Four members of the Wesley Foundation, S. L. I., asked for help in entertaining the Methodist Stu-

A PLANTATION PARTY

When we celebrate the birthday of a dear one, every plan and act is for his benefit, his pleasure, his joy. In keeping with this, how can we observe Christmas, the commemoration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour, and bring Joy to Him? In planning for a loved one's birthday, it isn't just THE DAY that is important. Each plan, preparation, anticipation, quickens the heart and lifts the spirit. Then this must certainly be true in the preparation for Christmas. Every plan, shopping trip, each gift wrapped, or group gathering must be 'as unto Him'.

In the face of such realizations, pre-Christmas activities took on new meaning. There was the gift exchanged for the third time because of a clerk's error. What attitude would bring joy to our Lord? Love: "Neither do I condemn thee." What attitude toward one (be he financially secure, or no) who feels inadequate in the face of life's complexities, and seeks escape in alcohol—made all the more alluring through false advertising? "Judge not, that ye be not judged."***

Living in the heart of the cotton plantation country, a new light was shed on the poverty of the families nearby. Not only was the dinginess, the sordidness, the lack of beauty in physical surroundings, revealed, but the spiritual dearth as well. Sunday is still a day of rest from labors in the fields, (thank God) but it is not a day for worship of the Lord. The Church is not a strong voice among such in these clamorous days.

How could Christmas be made more beautiful, more significant, more holy, to there for whom Christ was born? A CHRISTMAS PARTY! But it must be such as could be duplicated in their own homes! Plans unfolded gradually, beautifully. A few girls of Junior Hi. age, and under, helped bake Christmas Cookies: stars, Santas, stockings, trees, animals of all kinds, gingerbread boys and girls—sprinkled with colored sugars, with bits of raisins for eyes. Another

day the cookies were sacked in plastic bags and tied for hanging on the Christmas tree—also sticks of peppermint candy. Apples and oranges were washed and polished. Used religious Christmas cards, gold stars, and construction paper were distributed, along with patterns for making triptychs—something for them to make and give. Mothers were given corn to be popped and strung for decorations—no tree here that would require much expense to duplicate at home!

But where to have the party? Where better than in a nearby empty cabin? Mothers scrubbed the floors; a father cut and mounted a beautiful native pine tree; others cut and shared wood for the fireplace. A business associate learned of the plans, and contributed a large box of toys and one of grapes.

For decorations, of course there was a large Santa for the door (cut from a dry-cleaner's paper bag), and gilded pine cones. Sheets made a good background for the manger scene that was arranged on two card tables. A gay MERRY CHRISTMAS spanned the sky-space above. Always he'd appeared just when needed. There was no rush, no hurry—only happiness; for this was all a part of the celebration.

The day of the party, December 21, dawned dry; and after several weeks of wet weather. A fire was built in the fireplace, last decorations hung, folding chairs borrowed from our own nearby church; and all was ready for two o'clock, the designated hour. By one-thirty the children began to arrive—scrubbed and shining, and admonished to 'mind your manners'. But they were free and happy, for this was their CHRISTMAS PARTY. They were well-behaved and responsive (as were their mothers who came later) a credit to anyone.

As the children gathered, they viewed, admired, and talked about the creche. Then followed an informal sharing period on 'What I

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dent Conference March 8, 9, 10, and were pledged cooperation.

A letter of thanks for Christmas remembrance was read from Miss Anna Givens, local missionary in Japan.

The recently completed church parlor of the University Church, Baton Rouge, was the setting January 15 for the general meeting of the Woman's Society, with special guests of honor being members who had join within the past year. Mrs. Jack DeCordova, membership chairman, introduced the new members.

Mrs. Wesley Wiksell, program leader, presented Mr. Dante Depaqua, a graduate student at LSU from the Philippines. He conducted an informal question period about his homeland following the showing of the movie, entitled "Return by Sea" which was filmed in the

Philippines.

Hostesses for the social hour attended by about 50 members were Mrs. Donald Pipes and Mrs. Charles Prince. Mrs. Clinton Bradford, president, conducted the business session.

For the 17th consecutive year the Christmas party, of the Dermott Society, was held at the lovely Winson Plantation home of Mrs. Harvey Parnell.

Mrs. Wm. Bulloch, Mrs. J. C. Hoffman and Mrs. Parnell were the official hostesses.

Mrs. Harold Grumbles was in charge of the program. Her scripture lesson was the Christmas Story. With Mrs. J. D. Perry at the piano, Emily Naron, Judy Genero and Joyce Barlow sang several Christmas Carols. Mrs. Bob McQuiston gave a lovely reading of "Christmas Customs in Other Countries". Mrs. Russell Walker Jr.

Fayetteville District Hears Miss Martin

Fayetteville District felt very fortunate in having Miss Edith Martin, Missionary to Africa for twenty-five years, speak in the first week of this year.

Over four hundred people in the district heard her tell many interesting things about her work, of the customs of the people in her field, of other religions, and many interesting experiences. She also displayed articles from Africa.

Miss Martin spoke four times in the district as follows:

Monday, Jan. 7, Fayetteville, Central Church, 10:00 closing with lunch

6:30 p.m., Edith Martin Guild honoring Miss Martin with a dinner at King Chicken

7:30 p.m. Central Church

Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2:00 p.m., Berryville

Wednesday, Jan. 9, Siloam Springs

LOCAL CHURCHWOMEN TO BE FEATURED AT LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE W.S.C.S.

In keeping with Goal No. 2 of the Quadrennial Goals for 1956-1960, we will present a panel of six women, one from each district. Each woman will be chosen for her superior Stewardship in her own local church. Every church has the right to submit one name to the district committee. On the local level the committee in charge of selections is: The pastor, the Superintendent of Church School, and the President of the Woman's Society.

We are suggesting the following as a basis for selection...

1. Member of The Methodist Church.

2. Active member of Woman's Society of Christian Service.

3. Vitrally interested and actively concerned with the TOTAL PROGRAM of the local church. Her interest may be in any one (or more) of the commissions, or divisions, or departments, etcetera, etcetera, so long as it is real enough that she 'forgets self'.

Re-read Goal No. 2 and select a woman whom you think is living up to the responsibilities set forth there.

4. That she be willing to be a member of this panel at our Annual Meeting.

5. District officers are eligible but Conference officers are not.

Send her name and a brief statement about her to your district president by March 1.

—Mrs. Charles Primm, Smackover

in her charming manner told the beautiful story of "David's Star of Bethlehem." The offering for our missionary, Miss Wanda Stahley, was \$56.00.

The decorative balloons were distributed to the guests after the program. Everyone brought a Christmas package containing an apron. Sixty-five members and guests had a gay time bursting balloons to find the number inclosed which corresponded with the Christmas package received.

Hendrix Receives Vivian Hill Memorial

A memorial display case honoring Miss Vivian Hill, former member of the Hendrix English faculty, has been formally presented to the college. Miss Hill at her death last April was completing her 38th year as a member of the Hendrix faculty.

The case was constructed using part of a \$600 memorial library fund donated by Miss Hill's friends and former students. The remainder of the fund will be used to purchase unusual literary materials, such as manuscripts and books of special interest, beginning a collection of rare literary materials suitable for periodic display. The case will remain in the library.

Miss Hill graduated from Hendrix in 1910 and returned to become a member of the faculty in 1918 as assistant professor of French. In 1925 she moved to the department of English and since 1935 had been an associate professor of English.

Other Hendrix College News

Semester Ends

Final examinations were held at Hendrix during the week of January 18 through the 25th. Registration for the new semester began Tuesday afternoon, January 26 and classes for the new semester begin Thursday, January 31.

Dr. Bagley Speaks

Dr. Roy Bagley, district superintendent of the Fayetteville district, spoke in Chapel on his recent trip around the world. His trip took him throughout Europe, Egypt, and the Near East.

Dr. Bagley said that during the trip two things especially impressed him, the hatred existent between different races of men, especially between the Arabs and Jews, Pakistani and Indian, and Red China and her neighbors, and the tremendous number of refugees that he saw everywhere. These refugees had been driven from their home and had lost all hope of human dignity, he went on to say.

Dr. Bagley did comment however, that he returned home with more optimism than he expected. He felt that the problem could be solved with Christianity and Christian love. This, he said, could be seen in the contributions already being made by the Christian church in health, education, and religion.

Before going to Fayetteville Dr. Bagley served as pastor in North Little Rock, Blytheville and other North Arkansas towns.

African Missionary Speaks

Miss Edith Martin, formerly of Harrison and now a missionary to Africa, was the guest speaker of the Hendrix Christian Association. She discussed her work and experiences.

Miss Martin has been in Africa for 25 years as a teacher and a writer of literature. She is supported there by the North Arkansas Women's Societies of Christian Service. She is now home on furlough but will return to the Belgian Congo in April.

\$5,000 Bequest Received

\$5,000 was bequeathed to Hendrix by the will of Dr. Robert Caldwell of Little Rock.

Dr. Caldwell was an eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist who had been practicing in Little Rock since 1909. He was a member of the University of Arkansas Medical School teaching staff as well as chief of staff of St. Vincent Infirmary.

Sculptor to Execute Bust For Centenary Memorial Concourse

Arthur Morgan, internationally known sculptor and member of the Centenary College art department faculty, is executing a life-sized bust of the late Dr. S. D. Morehead for the Morehead Memorial Concourse.

The concourse now is nearing completion on the campus of Centenary College, where Dr. Morehead served for 31 years prior to his death about two years ago. He was administrative assistant and director of alumni relations at the time of his death.

Since campus beautification had been one of Dr. Morehead's chief interests during his lifetime, members of the Centenary College Alumni Association, headed by Burl Sullivan of Shreveport, decided that a campus beautification project would serve as the most fitting tribute to him. The concourse is located in the geographical center of the campus and, upon its completion, will be a spot of beauty in the valley area behind the Science Building.

Morgan, who was a personal friend of Dr. Morehead, expects to have the bust completed by early May, when it will be placed on a pedestal and set in place in the open area of the concourse. Special ceremonies are planned for the occasion.

Meanwhile, members of the alumni group are working to complete the fund-raising efforts for the \$5,000 project. At the time the concourse was started last fall, the group had raised \$1,800, or enough for initial phases of the work. They have urged that all who made pledges for the project fulfill their pledges as soon as possible in order that the concourse may be completed in the spring.

Other Centenary College News

Dr. John B. Entrikin, head of the department of chemistry at Centenary College, has just received advanced copies of the book he co-authored with Dr. Nicholas D. Cheronis, chairman of the chemistry department at Brooklyn College. The book, entitled, "Semi-micro Qualitative Organic Analysis," was originally published in 1947 by the Thomas Y. Crowell Publishing Co. of New York. However, it has been almost completely revised and rewritten and the second edition is being handled by the Interscience Publishers Inc. of New York. The book already is being used in 11 foreign countries as well as in colleges and universities in all sections of the United States.

Dr. Joseph D. Quillian, Jr., professor of homiletics at the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., is slated to speak at Centenary College today (Jan. 31) at the first chapel program since the start of the spring semester. Dr. Quillian is in Shreveport to conduct a special training school at the Broadmoor Methodist Church here. He also will confer with members of Kappa Chi, ministerial club at Centenary, during the day. Dr. Webb Pomeroy, associate professor of Bible at Centenary, will introduce him to the Centenary groups.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church School Should Help Combat Delinquency

There is agreement among those most intimately related to studies of boys and girls and adolescents in trouble that there is no simple solution to the problem of juvenile delinquency. Juvenile delinquency is complex, rooting in the social milieu—the home, the school, the community....

There is agreement, in so far as there can be agreement among persons with widely different backgrounds, that the family is a central factor in delinquency. Unfortunately, it does not solve the problem to lodge it in the family; this is just to restate the problem. Those who have given scholarly and careful study, to the basic causes of juvenile delinquency come up with many answers, but the following is repeated so many times by serious students of delinquency as to be a consensus:

—A large percentage of children who in the years one through twelve feel rejected (unloved, uncared for) by parents, teachers, and/or peer groups show deviation from the pattern that society expects.

—A large percentage of children who in the years through twelve feel wanted and loved by parents, teachers, and peer groups do not revolt against what society sets as the norm for living. They do not become delinquent.

All this has urgent implications for Methodist Christian education.

We stand convicted by the facts.

—We have not learned how to minister adequately to all the people we are charged to serve.

—A whole world of new information in many fields has been gathered which we have not learned to use.

—Social maladjusted children and young people are God's children also. The loss of any one should be upon the conscience of everyone related to the administration of the Methodist church school movement.—From *An Occasional Paper* by N. F. Forsyth to the staff of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, The Methodist Church.

Manual Available On Building, Equipment

"Symbols are often bewildering to children," warns Emma Jane White in a manual on *Building and Equipment for Children in the Church*.

"No symbols should be used until the junior age. Even then, they should be employed with care. It is best to avoid having them built into classrooms or included in windows."

That is just one of many practical hints offered church school workers by the new publication. A revision of a similar manual long standard in its field, the analysis runs to sixty-eight pages. It was prepared under auspices of the Department of Christian Education of Children, General Board of Education.

Dr. Mary Alice Jones, director of the department, cites rapid increase in numbers of children as a major factor creating a demand for the guidebook. Separate chapters deal with such problems as over-all planning for children in the church building, selection of equipment, and management of limited space.

Distributed through the Methodist Publishing House, the manual (no. 195-BC) may be ordered from the house serving your territory. The price is 25 cents.

Sunday Sessions Only?

Will "Sunday sessions only" for Christian education be adequate for the radical changes of the next few years?

This is one of the questions confronting leaders of Christian education in the local church according to the Rev. Thomas J. Van Loon, director of church and public school relations for the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education.

For the purpose of encouraging more and better use of weekday religious teaching, Mr. Van Loon's office has for distribution suitable materials to serve that purpose.

Persons and organizations interested in promoting weekday religious education in their communities should write to Rev. Thomas J. Van Loon, director, Church and Public School Relations, P.O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

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Centenary Choir To Revisit Far East

The Centenary College Choir's summer tour of the Far East was so successful that the college songsters have been invited to make a return visit to that far-off sector of the world.

Director A. C. Voran and his young singers have accepted an invitation to present the Easter sunrise service on April 21 at Kadena Air Force Base on Okinawa.

Brig. Gen. and Mrs. William G. Hipps were among those who heard the Centenary singers at Kadena Base last July in the course of the choir's month-long tour of Japan, Korea and Okinawa. The general, who is commanding general of the 313th Air Division on Okinawa, observed at that time that he hoped the choir would return before too many months had passed.

The possibility of a return visit to the Far East seemed remote then, but now, only six months later, the choir is making preparations to revisit the area.

Gen. Hipps' invitation was endorsed by Col. Herbert G. Sitler, special services officer; Maj. Gen. Kenneth B. Hobson, vice commander, 313 A Division, USAF, and Maj. William Conwill, assistant chief of special services. All the officials commended the choir's cooperative attitude, fine singing and exemplary conduct.

Arrangements for the forthcoming tour again are being coordinated by Lawrence Phillips, coordinator for the Special Services Division with headquarters in New York. Indications are that the choir will leave Shreveport about March 29 and return about the end of April. Presumably the singers again will visit Japan, Korea and Okinawa.

From word thus far received, the choir will again be reduced from its normal complement of 49 singers to a total of 30, including Director Voran, for the tour. Arrangements now are under way to secure one additional seat for a college official, presumably Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, who also accompanied the choir on its Far Eastern tour last summer.

The tour will take place during the period when Centenary College will have its annual Easter recess, which this year will extend from April 1 through 23, thus cutting down on the number of days the students will miss class. Arrangements also are being made to establish regular study periods each day during the tour and to have upper-class choir members tutor the freshman students. Instructors also will be asked to give their assignments ahead of time to the choir members in order that each young singer will be able to keep up with his studies.

Voran said a similar plan was followed during a three-week trip to San Francisco about five years ago. After that trip, he recalled, the young singers made higher grades than before.

Meanwhile the choir has embarked on its annual mid-semester tour of South Louisiana and East Texas, which will last until Feb. 1. Selection of the choir members to make the Far Eastern tour will not be made until after the mid-semester tour has been concluded.

Mrs. Jones Addresses Pa. Mission Rally

Mrs. C. I. Jones, New Orleans, president of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society, was the guest speaker at a Missionary Rally at the First Methodist Church, Media, Pa. The service, sponsored by the Women's Society of Media Church, was held Monday evening, January 21.

Mrs. Jones' address concerned her recent visit to India and Southeast Asia. During the course of a round the world trip last year, Mrs. Jones attended the Centennial Session of Methodism in India after which she visited Southeast Asia in route home.

Dr. H. L. Johns, Philadelphia, staff member of the division of National Missions, General Board of Missions, and member of the Louisiana Conference, introduced Mrs. Jones to the Media congregation. Dr. Johns is a former pastor of Mrs. Jones whose membership is in the Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans.

Other participating in the service included: Dr. B. P. Murphy, executive secretary of the Church Extension Section of the National Division, and Rev. Wm. W. Spiegelhalter, Media pastor.

STUDENTS WILL ATTEND CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR

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his congressman or senator, the group will attend the sessions of Congress, and the seminar will close with a vesper service at Lincoln Memorial.

Among the outstanding speakers will be: Dr. John C. Bennett, Dean of Faculty of the Union Theological Seminary; Dr. L. Harold DeWolf, Professor of Theology at Boston University, and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

ST. FRANCISVILLE WOMAN HAS LONG RECORD IN CHURCH, COMMUNITY WORK



MRS. I. N. NIEBERGALL

Charge In Ruston District Dedicates New Parsonage

The newly completed parsonage of the Eros-Antioch-Frantom Chapel Charge of the Ruston District was dedicated December 9, by Dr. Guy M. Hicks, District Superintendent, immediately following the eleven o'clock worship service.

After the service of Dedication, a church-wide dinner was served by the ladies of the Eros and Antioch and Frantom Chapel churches.

The parsonage is a lovely three bed-room house with a car-port. The building committee consisted of Mrs. Gladys Hearne, Eros; Mrs. Travis Golson, Antioch; and Travis Kilpatrick, Frantom Chapel. Rev. Leon Marsalis is pastor of the Charge.

A deeply consecrated Christian who has given unselfishly of her time and means to the work of her church and community and who is an inspiration to all who know her, is Mrs. I. N. Niebergall of St. Francisville, Louisiana.

She was born in Chicago, Illinois, October 23, 1868, daughter of Elisha and Cathrine Weber. At that time there was no gas, no electricity. People had horse drawn street cars. Her father had charge of the choir and was superintendent of Sunday School, and he started the Evangelical Mission at the corner of Madison and Robey Streets, with thirty people. Now a large church stands there.

She married I. N. Niebergall June 18, 1889, and lived in Chicago. Her husband was a salesman for Marshall Field's. His father, P. A. Niebergall, had charge of Marshall Fields' delivery service for 50 years.

The family moved to Waukegan in 1892 and lived there for ten years. Mrs. Niebergall had charge of the church choir while there. They then moved to Ponca City, Oklahoma, in 1903.

The Niebergalls were all devoutly religious and deeply interested in Church, Sunday School and choir. The four Niebergalls had a regular quartet in church and Mrs. Niebergall did mission work among the Indians for three and a half years. The two families moved to Jacksonville, Florida, in 1929. Mrs. Niebergall continued her work in the missionary field, Sunday School, and choir. Her husband was Sunday School superintendent for 30 years and always led the singing. The Niebergalls were all musical.

Mrs. Niebergall's husband died in 1931. She moved to New Orleans in 1942, where she earnestly kept up her church work. In 1945 she came to St. Francisville, and sang in the choir until recently. She is still active in the Sunday School, and WSCS, and is a great inspiration to her pastor, and to all who come under the influence of her cheerful smile. She has lived here for the last ten years.

Her two children are Dr. P. A. Niebergall, St. Francisville; and daughter, Edna, deceased. She has two grandchildren, Barbara Black and Major James R. Black.

Methodist Men At 1st Church, N. O., Have Family Night

The January meeting of the First Methodist Men's Club of New Orleans, was lots of fun with the whole family, according to Fritz Selby, publicity chairman. He reported the group set its January meeting as "FAMILY NIGHT," for the wives and young ones. One Hundred twenty attended.

President Wm. J. Michon dispensed with the regular order of business, and invited all to join with in a delicious chicken dinner with all the trimmings. After the dinner, the inspirational picture of MARTIN LUTHER was reviewed, by Al F. Hanson, Program Chairman.

The entire membership of the Club is very happy over the wonderful fellowship that all enjoyed.

THE FOLLOWING IS PARAGRAPH 221 OF THE DISCIPLINE WITH ADDITIONS BY LEGISLATION OF THE 1956 GENERAL CONFERENCE

(Editorial revision of the Discipline may change the arrangement or wording, but not the basic content of the following:)

221. 1. The Commission on Membership and Evangelism shall be composed of not fewer than two lay men, two lay women, two young people, elected annually by the Quarterly Conference, and as many additional persons as the Quarterly Conference may determine; provided that all members of the commission shall be members of The Methodist Church. In addition the following shall be ex-officio members: the pastor, the secretary of spiritual life of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the chairman of the Commission on Missions, the church-school superintendent, the president of Methodist Men, the chairman of Christian Witness of the local Methodist Youth Fellowship, and members of the District Committee on Evangelism (Par. 1481-83) as have membership in the local church.

2. At the beginning of each Conference year the chairman (Par. 143.9) shall call together the members of the commission for organization. The Commission shall elect a vice-chairman, a secretary, and such other officers and committees as may be determined.

3. The Commission shall outline its program and estimate its anticipated financial needs, including evangelistic and devotional literature and materials essential to carrying on its total responsibilities as outlined in paragraph 222, and present a request for the necessary funds to the Commission on Finance, prior to the preparation of the annual budget.

4. The Commission shall meet monthly in order to review its work and receive reports. The pastor of a circuit may organize the several local-church commissions into a single commission, in which case its work shall be projected on a charge-wide basis.

5. In each charge the chairman of this commission shall make a monthly report to the official board covering the progress of the commission's work for the preceding month and presenting plans for the forthcoming work.—Louisiana Conference Board of Evangelism, the Rev. W. D. Boddie, Chairman

NEW BOOKS REVIEWED

By Harold L. Fair

Getting To Know The Bible By Edward P. Blair

Abingdon Press, 49 pages, 35 cents

"The Bible is more up to date than the morning news paper", George Bernard Shaw once said. And most people who read the Bible would agree. But if that is true, why is it that the Bible is today owned by so many but read by so few?

One reason the Bible is an unknown book in the mid-20th century is that it takes some kind of key to unlock the door to its mysteries. This new booklet by Edward P. Blair, a professor at Garrett Biblical Institute, is just such a key.

In a booklet so small that it can be easily read in a single evening, Dr. Blair deals realistically with the problems of Bible study. His leading chapter, "Is It Really Worth the Effort?" is worth the price of the small book, for it tells why the Bible is worth reading and how it can actually help us in our own day. He lets us know why we are in a better position to understand the Bible than Christians have ever been before—because we have a more accurate biblical text, better translations of the Bible, and more aids to understanding written for the laymen.

He goes on to tell how to get into a right receptive relationship to the Bible through prayer, through setting aside regular periods of Bible study, and by securing helps (other books) to read the Bible effectively.

Dr. Blair then offers some concrete suggestions for reading the Bible, on how to see a book of the Bible as a whole, on how to explore some outstanding passages like Isaiah 53 or the Sermon on the Mount, then on how to read books like Psalms or Proverbs, which are more loosely put together than the unified books. He concludes giving a suggested order in which to read the Bible, beginning with the Gospel of Mark and concluding with the book of Daniel.

The last page of the book, "A Working Library for Bible Reading," lists some basic books on Bible study that will prove helpful especially to those who are beginning a study of the Bible for the first time.

GETTING TO KNOW THE BIBLE will be especially helpful for new church members and will also provide a 5-unit Sunday School or prayer meeting outline.

Prescription For Anxiety

By Leslie D. Weatherhead

Abingdon Press, 158 pages, \$2.50

Are you ever nervous, tired, depressed, or anxious? If you are, this book was written for you. Dr. Weatherhead himself says that this little book will not be of the slightest use to the person who has no worries or anxious fears. But it will be of help to those who feel worried or frightened, who are often sleepless and frequently depressed, weary or unhappy, those



who have vague fears, the origins and causes of which they themselves cannot even trace.

Not all our fears have rational foundations—yet they are as real as those we know the causes of. Dr. Weatherhead himself has had such fears and has written this book out of his own experiences, to share with others how he has been helped by the Christian faith.

He begins by discussing some of the symptoms and causes of anxiety. He goes on to tell how the body reflects the mind's anxiety to such a degree that a person can become physically ill because of worry. He discusses how the truth about God lessens these anxious feelings—he does not say we should not have them; he just shows how we can avoid them if we have a proper understanding of God. He shows how confession is good for us, and then he explains why it is often difficult to feel forgiven.

Dr. Weatherhead's insights on how not to worry and on how to live a day at a time in an age of anxiety will be of tremendous help to every Christian.

If you need help in living the full, fruitful, and abundant life, then Dr. Weatherhead will be able to help you through the insights he has discovered. He calls discoveries "penicillin for despair"—and it will be just that for you if you follow his suggestions.

Dr. Weatherhead is the famous preacher and counselor of City Temple, London.

Devotions For Adult Groups

By Wallace Friday

Abingdon Press, 128 pages, \$1.50

When somebody asks to give the devotional for a meeting, do you immediately think of how much trouble you will have getting enough information together to do a good job? If so, here is a pocket-size book that will be worth its weight in gold to you.

These 25 devotions were written by a man who is already earning a reputation as one of America's best devotional writers. The Reverend Wallace Friday has been pastor of Washington Street Methodist Church, Columbia, South Carolina, since 1954. Prior to that time he served other pastorates in that state.

An unusual quality about the devotionals in this book is that not only does it contain material for a brief talk, but it includes aides to worship as well. For each devotional there are also two suggested hymns, a scripture passage, and a prayer. The prayers are very unusual, and they are characterized by their beautiful language as well as for their uplifting thoughts. Most of the meditations are suitable for any day or season, but to make this book more helpful, there are six meditations for special days of the year: New Year's, Palm Sunday, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Christmas.

Here is a book that should be in every church library and one that every adult leader will find of

North Arkansas Conference Minister

HASCLE O. WEST, 1917-1956



Rev. Hascle O. West

From Editorial In White County Record

August 2, 1956

Through the years the Record has sometimes paused to pay tribute to worthy Judsonians who have passed away. Almost always they have been those who have made their contributions over long periods, men and women whose lives have blended with the history of the town. With Hascle West an exception must be made, and because it is an exception, the tremendous impact that his short stay with us has had on Judsonia becomes all the more remarkable.

He had so little time. Twelve short months in which to change strangers into friends, bring hope to scores of sickrooms, drive discouragement from dozens of disheartened minds, enroll his energy into one civic project after the other—and, above all, present Christ by an example more eloquent than a hundred sermons. He worked as if he knew he would never get everything done. You have heard it everywhere since the tragic news reached here last Friday—"My mother certainly looked forward to his visits," "He was so good about coming to see my grandfather"—simple, touching testimony to the greatness of a humble man.

The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church Sunday, yet long before they began it was evident that it wasn't to be a denominational tribute alone. People of every belief were there, drawn by their mutual respect of a man who reflected the essentials of Christianity so vividly that church difference paled into petty insignificance.

Yes, Hascle West had a talent for bringing peace of mind to those in trouble—perhaps because he knew what it was to be faced with difficult problems. He had been successful in other walks of life
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great use. For just \$1.50 you can lose that feeling of sudden fear you have when somebody asks you: "Won't you give the devotional at our next meeting?"

The Rev. Hascle O. West was born at Weiner, Arkansas, December 25, 1917. He was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Sulphur Springs, Texas, July 27, 1956.

At the time of his passing he was on leave from his church at Judsonia where he was serving his second year as pastor for a five weeks study course at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Brother West attended Weiner schools and graduated from Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 1955.

Before entering the ministry Brother West was a farmer and employee of the Cotton Belt Railroad at Weiner. He decided to enter the ministry in 1951 and was licensed to preach at Weiner. He had served his church as a lay speaker for several years previous.

Brother West received his first appointment as a minister in The Methodist Church shortly after he was licensed to preach. He was appointed to the pastorate of the Black Oak Charge in the Jonesboro District, in June of 1951. He served there with distinction for four years while pursuing his studies at Arkansas College in Jonesboro.

Among his many accomplishments at Black Oak were the planning and construction of an educational building at Delfore on the Black Oak Charge, the re-decorating throughout of the church at Black Oak, and the construction of a study and educational annex at Black Oak.

All of this planning and building was done under the direct supervision of Brother West. He himself did much of the labor in the several projects.

In June of 1955, after graduation from Arkansas State College, he was appointed to the pastorate of the Methodist Church at Judsonia. In just twelve months time there he endeared himself to the people of Judsonia in an unforgettable manner. Twenty eight persons were added to the church the year he was there. An air conditioner was installed in the church sanctuary and other improvements were made. He was active in civic affairs being a member of the Judsonia Kiwanis Club. Survivors include his wife, Bernice Tucker West, three sons, Jim, Douglas, and David West, one daughter, Ruth Ellen West, all of the home, his mother, Mrs. John McGlasson of Jonesboro, one brother, Gernie West of Weiner, and two sisters, Mrs. Olin Shockley of Tyrone and Mrs. Everett Grundon of Weiner. Funeral services were conducted at Judsonia Methodist Church, July 29 by the Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, District Superintendent of the Searcy District, the Rev. E. J. Holifield, District Superintendent of the Jonesboro District, and the Rev. E. B. Williams, pastor of the Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock.

Burial was in Weiner Cemetery by Kinney Funeral Home of Judsonia. Graveside services were conducted by Rev. Kaetzell.

Pallbearers were Clifford Taylor, Dick Donnell, and B. S. Roach of Judsonia and Graham Rogers, Eddie Powell, and Elvis Poe of Black Oak.

OBITUARY

SOWARD—Mrs. James G. Soward, 51, Route 4, Hot Springs, Arkansas departed this earthly life to her Heavenly home on September 6, 1956 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Hot Springs after an illness of two years.

The former Ruth Lavender, daughter of the late Hiram Richard and Dollie Belle Lavender, Mrs. Soward was a life time member of the New Salem Methodist Church, Mountain Pine Road. At the time of her death she was president of the local and of the Jack Taylor Sub-District Woman's Society of Christian Service and teacher of the young adults Sunday School Class in the local church.

Memorial service was held 2 p.m. Saturday, September 8th, at New Salem Methodist Church in charge of her former pastor, Rev. Coleman Akin, pastor of Tigert Memorial Methodist Church, Hot Springs, and Rev. W. M. Crow, pastor of New Salem Church. Interment was in Godwin Cemetery near Hot Springs. Rev. Akin read Bible passages of Thanksgiving from the Psalms stating that all who listened could thank God for such a noble Christian life. He said, "There is nothing I can say as a sermon about Mrs. Soward. Her life itself is a sermon to us all." The two songs which she often requested in worship services "Abide With Me" and "Saviour Hear Us We Pray" were included in the service.

Mrs. Soward received her formal education in the Hot Springs Public Schools and was married to James Guy Soward on January 21st, 1928. Survivors include her husband and two daughters, Mrs. A. J. Brown and Mrs. Donald Brown, both of Hot Springs, five grandchildren; four brothers; Armon K. and Scott B. Lavender of Hot Springs, Ward E. and Hiram Forney Lavender of Chicago, Illinois and four sisters; Mrs. Marie Bond of Pharr, Texas, Mrs. Dena Hegel, St. Louis, Missouri, Mrs. Dolly Sue Leek, Dumas, Ark. and Mrs. Clyde Minton of North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Shortly before her death a memorial project of church redecoration was begun. An altar service was donated by her nurse, Mrs. Grace Postlewaite and two sisters, Mrs. Leek and Mrs. Minton. Her husband designed and made a beautifully finished oak communion table. New flooring was placed in the sanctuary and members redecored the interior. Other projects are planned.—By Mrs. Donald A. Brown

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with every prospect bright and prosperous. Yet he knew that he must preach, even though it meant a great financial loss. It was not an easy decision, but once it was made, he was a happy man, full of the joy of living.

There are two younger children in his fine family, so young that the years to come will blur their memories of a kind and devoted father. They will wish to know about him and perhaps this will fall into their hands. If so, let them see him as Judson saw him, an impression which will live far beyond the time when they are able to read this — "We thought your father one of the greatest of men, a Christian Gentleman."

In Memory of One Who Gave His All For Christ's Work In God's World

Our Great Redeemer set forth a plan whereby mere mortal man, might have a place to worship Him, and gave us Light, when the way grows dim.

He placed great men among the throng to lead sinners from paths of wrong, Bill Holman was one of these.

Who worked so hard the Lord to please, he came to us, we were but few, that mattered not to him, he knew.

There would be others join the Call, to build a church wherein all, might worship in the old time way, and he worked towards this night and day.

When we grew tired and lagged behind he was always there, ready and kind, to lift us up and lead us on, with a helping hand and a cheering song.

Many is the time we've heard him plan to "Build His Cabin in Glory Land," this was one of his many favorite songs, Precious Memories, My God is Real, and Farther Along.

It is No Secret and Steal Away, and every time we'd hear him say, "Now let's turn to page 121".

We'd laugh a bit, but all in fun, for we'd all do the best we could on "The Little Church in the Wild Wood".

But now God's called this man to cross over Jordan's Great Span, and now we must make come true this dream of his, that we all knew, that Beacons Cross will always shine, to light the way for all mankind.

—Written by Loda Troy, in memory of Rev. W. B. Holman, who passed away January 9th, 1956, after being pastor of Beacon Methodist Church, at McAlmont, for six years.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

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Let each of us keep making these resolutions, but let's be different this year and everyone of us stick to it no matter how hard it may be.

Adrian Couvillion, Chairman
Christian Citizenship,
Louisiana Conference
6647 General Diaz Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

MY Fund

Dear MYFers:

I hope your Christmas was a Merry one and that you spent the wonderful day that Christ was born with this thought in your mind: "Christ above all in me." This is the beginning of a New Year and I hope for each of you a prosperous one. May the things that you endeavor in His name be accomplished.

Many of you will make or have made New Year's resolutions. I hope one of them was to increase your pledge to the MYFund. May I remind you that the money you give helps support all the phases of MYF work. Some of this work is right here in our own Conference and some of it is in all parts of the world. Let us make the most prosperous year as far as the Louisiana MYFund is concerned.

Please write me or Miss Louise Sharp for more information.

Yours truly,

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A PLANTATION PARTY

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Can Do to make Jesus Happy on His Birthday'. Of course, the answers ranged from such general statements as 'Be good' to the more specific ones, as, 'Wash dishes; 'Do Not tell lies', and 'Go to church'. (Within walking distance of these families there is a church service only once each month). Here was an opportune time to suggest Bible reading and prayer—especially the giving of thanks before meals. All of this was a fitting prelude to the singing of Christmas carols, and "Christmas is Jesus Birthday."***

The Christmas story, read from Luke and Matthew, was illustrated by large, lovely pictures borrowed from our own Church School. In the prayer that followed, the children and mothers repeated it phrase for phrase, word for word. It was touching, heart-warming, with the admonition to 'watch our manners'; for they do repeat after us, and can be held aright. After the last 'treat' had been given to the last child, there was a permanent gift for each of a small book about Jesus, or some other Bible story.

Work? Simple? Yes, and Rewarding! Here is just one example. Childless, stuttering Jim and his

wife were present. A few days later he said, 'Me an' the ole lady, on Christmas us sung a song, us prayed, and then us et our Christmas dinner.'

No set pattern or code can be given in these days of uneasy race relations; nor can Christmas always be kept in this particular manner; but as each of us seeks to honor Him, Whose birth we commemorate, the way will open.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it UNTO ME."****

*John 8:11b

**Matthew 7:1

***Matthew 25:40

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 10, 1957

WARNING AND INVITATION

READ CHAPTERS 10, 11 and 12 of Matthew.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me.* —Matthew 11:28-29 (RSV)

As the subject of our lesson today, "Warning And Invitation," indicates, our lesson text this week holds some of the most arresting warnings and some of the most gracious invitations and promises Jesus ever gave to mankind. This is lesson 2 of Unit II which has four lessons on the general subject, "The Church And Its Evangelical Mission."

The events recorded in chapters 10, 11 and 12 of Matthew will indicate that this was one of the very busy periods in the ministry of Jesus. He was training and sending out His disciples on great missionary tours. He was receiving messengers from John the Baptist who, in prison, was disturbed about whether or not Jesus was the real Messiah. He was preaching and teaching in various cities which Matthew does not here name and, along with it all, was doing many "wonderful works," which Matthew does not record.

The four Gospels record enough of the life and ministry of Jesus to enable us to see something of the love and power and beauty of perfection in His life. They record enough of His teachings to enable us to have a vision of something of the truth of God and His will for us. Nevertheless, we must know that there was much in the life of Jesus, both of His teachings and His works, which were not recorded by any of the Gospel writers. The work of recording the whole of the life of Jesus looked so big to the apostle John that he makes the amazing statement in the closing verse of his Gospel that "There are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written, every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written."

Hence it is that we have no record of any "mighty works" done in the city of Chorazin by Jesus and the city itself is little more than a name since there is no record of anything else being done there. There is no record of miracles in Bethsaida except the healing of a blind man on the outskirts of the city, as recorded in Mark 8:22-26, and Jesus commanded him to say nothing about it in Bethsaida. Capernaum, of course was the center of the Galilean ministry of Jesus and was the scene of numerous recorded works of Jesus.

Words of Warning

The calloused, indifferent reception the people of the cities named had given to the preaching of Jesus and John the Baptist finally drew from Jesus one of the most pointed denunciations found in His ministry. Matthew calls it "upbraiding the cities." Considering what Jesus said, "upbraiding" seems to be a

rather mild word with which to describe the words and feelings of Jesus.

We love to think about and quote the many beautiful, comforting teachings and promises of Jesus. It is well that we do. Nevertheless, we should realize that warnings and reproofs were also a very important part of the life and teachings of the Master. It was the Apostle Paul, in Romans 11:22, who spoke of "The goodness and severity of God." In a full appraisal of the ministry of Jesus, we might also speak of "the goodness and severity of Jesus."

We have an example of the "severity" of Jesus when on two occasions, apparently, Jesus drove money changers out of the temple, once at least with "a scourge of small chords." One of these cleanings of the temple came during Passion Week amid all the tension and fiery, restless excitement of that drama-packed week. At that time He said to the money-changers that they had made of the temple "a den of thieves." The ministry of Jesus was not made up entirely of sweet, comforting promises.

If anyone doubts the power and willingness of Christ, if necessary, to speak words that flash and burn like forked lightning, he should read the 23rd chapter of Matthew. There seven times, near the end of His ministry, Jesus prefaced a severe condemnation of His enemies with the words, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites," and climaxed the denunciation with the words, "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

So it is, in our lesson text, that Jesus condemns, in a direct, pointed, impressive manner those who had heard His message and had refused to give it a place in their lives.

Special Privileges Bring Increased Responsibilities

Jesus here, as on other occasions, is emphasizing the fact that our responsibility before God is measured by the religious privileges we have had. Tyre, Sidon and Sodom were wicked cities of their day but Jesus declared that "it shall be more tolerable" for the people of those wicked cities in the day of judgment than for the self-centered people who had heard with indifference the truth which God had revealed to them through John the Baptist and through His ministry. It is quite possible, if Jesus were speaking to those in Christian America who have neglected the Christian way of life, that He would tell them that it would be "more tolerable" for them if they should go to the judgement from a dark continent of heathenism rather than from Christian Ameri-

ca with its unlimited opportunities to know about Christ and the gospel His death and resurrection made possible.

In the parable of the pounds and the talents Jesus teaches that we are responsible before God in proportion to the talents we have. In our lesson text, Jesus just as clearly and pointedly says that we are responsible in proportion to the knowledge we have of Christianity.

We frequently hear people, who reject Christ and His way of life, say publicly that they would not want to live in a town or own property in a town where there are no churches. Judging from what Jesus says here, it might be better for such people to live where there are no churches if they reject the message the church brings.

Greatest Sin of Christ's Day Complacency, Indifference

Aside from the immediate followers of Jesus, it is quite possible that the leaders of the Jewish Church were the best people on earth. They were intensely interested in religion but they were only interested in religion as they interpreted it. They were unequivocally committed to the status quo in the realm of religion and defended it so fanatically that they readily gave their consent to the execution of anyone who proposed to disturb it.

Jesus found the religious leaders of the Jews complacently satisfied with conditions as they were and consequently indifferent to any new truth that might be presented. Jesus did not fit into the pattern they had woven for religion hence they immediately concluded that He was a bad influence religiously and should be destroyed. Their hearts and lives were so completely closed that they seemed to look into the blazing light of revealed truth with such distorted, twisted minds as to feel that even Christ was an enemy of true religion.

Self-complacency and indifference is the most hopeless sin of our day. The most hurtful enemy of the Christian religion in the America of our day is not the criminal, the drunkard, the libertine or the blatant atheist. Vital religion's most effective enemies are found among the complacently indifferent people in respected circles who have stultified themselves with a feeling of self-sufficiency. They indifferently by-pass Christianity as if it were a figment of the imagination of some self-deluded weaklings. These people in America need desperately to study today's lesson and, in the light of the words of Jesus, try to determine just what their standing will be when the light of the final judgement falls across their lives.

Wisdom Justified of Her Children

In the closing sentence of the verse of Scripture just preceding our lesson text for today Jesus said, "Wisdom is justified of her children." Jesus, in effect, is saying that history has the last word as to the value of the current activities of any age. Jesus here seems to declare a readiness to rest the cause He represented to the verdict of history. In the records of history since that day we see justification for such a faith. The Pharisees scorned Christ and His followers and attempted to protect the Jewish church from the Christian movement by having Christ cruci-

fied. The Roman government feared the growing Christian religion and attempted to protect itself by an effort to destroy Christianity.

While Judaism has been content to exist as a small minority group, Christianity has grown to be the most powerful agency for good in the world. Rome, that tried to destroy Christianity, slowly disintegrated and finally fell of its own weight and disappeared, while Christianity was growing into a world power. The church today, as in every day of the Christian era, can with assurance and full faith rest the value of its work and worth to the judgement of history. The results of its labors will justify the claims it makes for itself.

The Preached Gospel Affects All of Us

Jesus declares, in our lesson, that the works done in the cities about Him would witness against them in the final day of testing. It is the experience of history that the facing of truth makes a difference in our lives. It was Paul who spoke of the knowledge of God being "To the one...the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life and unto life." 2 Corinthians 2:16. One is soon blinded who looks very long into the face of the sun on a clear day. So we may look at the truth until we are spiritually blind and its light no longer affects us.

Some would say, if that be true, one should just avoid hearing the truth. We believe it is true that one is just as responsible for truth he may hear, and willingly avoids, as he is for the truth he does hear. We cannot escape responsibility by ignoring it.

Conscious Triumph In Face Of Apparent Failure

In the face of the recognition of His failure with some of the cities about Him, Jesus gave a shout of triumph in verses 25-27 of our lesson, because of His oneness with the Father and the inner assurance that His cause would triumph. This same spirit is in evidence in the life of Jesus on the night before His crucifixion, as He faced the courts, the cross and the grave, when He said to His disciples, "I have overcome the world." Jesus looked beyond the dark tragedies of the day before Him to the resurrection morning and to the ultimate triumph of the church He had come to establish.

Universal Invitation "All Ye"

One of the most beautiful, meaningful, impressive invitations Christ gave the world is found in the closing verses of our lesson. It is an invitation to "all ye," a universal, unlimited invitation that is as wide as the human race. No group or race or class of people has priority in this invitation. In this invitation it is plainly evident that "God is no respecter of person." In this invitation we are asked to "come," "take," "learn," "Find."

Rest In Service

Immediately following Christ's promise of rest is the statement, "Take my yoke upon you." The rest we find in Christ is not a physical rest; it is a rest of soul. The restlessness of soul of those apart from God ends when their lives are united in service with the Christ of Galilee. In that union of service there is a peace and rest of soul the world cannot give or take away.

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Two Louisiana Pastors In Cuban Mission

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Ruston, and Rev. Dan R. Robinson, Minden, are among the 120 Methodist ministers and laymen of the United States selected by the Methodist Board of Evangelism to take part in a ten-day evangelistic crusade in Cuba during this week, January 29 to February 7.

It is expected that every Methodist church in Cuba will have evangelistic services and home-visitation during the period.

The crusade is under the leadership of Methodist Bishop John Branscomb, Jacksonville, Fla., and the Methodist district superintendents of Cuba. Bishop Branscomb administers the Florida and Cuba conferences of The Methodist Church.

The Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville, and the Methodist Board of Missions, New York, are promoting the crusade.

"We are trying to reach an entire nation for Christ and the Church," said Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism. "The field is white unto the harvest."

Asks Check On Military Base Liquor Sales

Washington, D. C. (MI)—At its annual meeting here Jan. 23-25, the Methodist Church's Board of Temperance adopted three resolutions requesting Congress to:

1. Investigate the sale of liquor on military bases in light of laws which prohibit such sales, and as a public service to the parents of servicemen.
2. Enact legislation prohibiting the serving of liquor aboard commercial airplanes.
3. Enact legislation to "protect the American home against continued invasion by liquor advertisers through newspapers, magazines, radio television and other media used to indoctrinate children and youth in the use of a product which they cannot legally purchase."

Bishop John Wesley Lord of Boston, president of the board, said the resolution asking Congress to check unlawful liquor sales on military bases was accompanied by these questions:

- a. How many alcoholic servicemen or veterans are receiving treatment at government expense?
- b. How many teen-age servicemen are using alcohol because 3.2 per cent beer is available at post exchanges?

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N. O. District Tops \$300,000 Goal



Dr. R. W. French right, General Chairman of the "New Church Campaign" of the New Orleans District, is pictured above giving final report to Bishop Paul E. Martin, center, and Dr. Virgil D. Morris, New Orleans District Superintendent showing \$310,382 pledged in the drive officially closed January 31st, of the total amount pledged \$50,000 is written into the budgets of the churches of the District, \$109,000 will be realized from 1064 members of the "Thousand Club", and \$151,382 was pledged through Special Gifts. Walter P. Harris of Carrollton was in charge of Thousand Club solicitation, and James B. Kelley, chairman of the Board at First Church, was chairman of the Special Gifts Committee.

Oak Ridge Layman Named Parish Farmer Of The Year

Henry A. Pipes, Jr., steward of the Oak Ridge Methodist Church, has been selected as the Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year of Morehouse Parish. The award was presented to Pipes by the Bastrop Junior Chamber of Commerce on January, 25 at their annual Award Banquet which climaxed Jaycee Week.

Pipes is twenty-five years of age, a native resident of Oak Ridge, Louisiana, and an active Methodist Layman. He presently serves as a member of the commission on membership and evangelism and the commission on finance, and as a steward, which office he has held for the past three years.

The Pipes family farm of 1800 acres has been under his management since his graduation from Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1952. His assumption of such heavy responsibility so early in life was due to the lengthy illness of his late father who died in March, 1956.

Pipes' interest in the Methodist church is typical of his family. His father was noted for his diligence in church activities and throughout

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New N. O. Church Acquires Building Site

The Castle Manor Church, New Orleans, has purchased a site for this building. The act of sale was passed January 15, for a lot measuring 307'x120' located on Gawain Streets.

Some \$2,500 in cash will have to be raised by the local congregation before final building arrangements for the first unit can be made. However, Rev. S. P. Emanuel, minister of Castle Manor Methodist Church, is confident that, with the cooperation and determination of the entire membership, this goal can be reached by March of this year.

In the meantime, preliminary building plans have been submitted to H. P. King, the head Architect for the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Church, for approval and/or recommendations. Detailed plans should be completed by the end of February.

This newly organized church with a membership of 40, consisting of 18 families, doubled their quota of five memberships in the 1000 club, contributing to the building of other churches. In addition, \$1,500

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Centenary Choir Prepares For 2nd Far East Trip

Fresh from their successful mid-semester tour of South Louisiana and East Texas, the Centenary College Choir members now are making preparations for their second visit to the Far East in less than a year.

Director A. C. Voran and his young singers have been invited to present the Easter morning service at Kadena Air Force Base on Okinawa, one of the places they visited in the course of their month-long tour last July. Presumably, Korea and Japan also will be included on the tour, slated to get under way in late March.

The choir returned only last weekend from a tour which had begun on Jan. 20. In the course of the tour, they presented 13 full-length concerts in cities including Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Hammond, Crowley, Opelousas, Sulphur and Beaumont, Tex. Many of the concerts were sponsored by Methodist churches and Methodist organizations.

Director Voran again will be faced with reducing his normal complement of 49 singers to a total of 29 for the Far Eastern tour, the same number permitted to make the trip last summer. The total of 31 includes Voran and one college official. Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, made the tour last summer and probably will accompany the singing troupe again this year.

Dean Leroy Vogel said the choir members will be expected to observe regular study periods during the tour in order to keep up with their school work while the tour is in progress. Instructors will be asked to give the singers classroom assignments in advance.

Meanwhile, college officials are awaiting further information as to the exact itinerary of the tour.

Dr. Johns Assigned New Duties With Mission Board

Dr. H. L. Johns has recently been assigned to new duties as a staff member of the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions, headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Johns will have special responsibilities in the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church in Methodism's Church extension program.

For the past two years Dr. Johns as a staff member of the Mission Boards National Division, has headed the promotion of the Alaskan College campaign throughout the church. Because the promotional aspect of this program is now

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Syracuse Area's Bishop's Office Burns

Syracuse, N. Y. (MI)—The office of Bishop W. Earl Ledden, president of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, was almost completely destroyed January 15 in a fire which left standing only the tower of First Methodist Church here.

While the cause was not immediately determined, it was thought connected with a gas explosion related in some way to the prevalent extremely cold weather.

The church, of which the Rev. Dr. Albert L. Baner has been minister for the past twelve years, occupied a triangle in the heart of downtown Syracuse. Destroyed in the same fire was the denominational publishing house of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Earlier reports that Bishop Ledden's episcopal residence was destroyed were erroneous.

Investigations made the morning after the fire by the fire department chief indicated that the contents of the bishop's office safe and other well-protected personnel records were untouched by the flames. Bishop Ledden's office was in a newer wing of the church which firefighters saved from the complete destruction suffered by the adjacent sanctuary.

Board of World Peace Has New Executive

The Rev. Daniel E. Taylor of Wenatchee, Washington, has been elected executive secretary for administration and promotion of the Methodist Church's Board of World Peace at 740 Rush street, Chicago.

His election was announced Jan. 22 by the board president, the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Church (Methodist), New York.

At the same time, Dr. Sockman announced that the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., who has headed the church's world peace agency since 1936, will become the board's secretary for United Nations and inter-governmental affairs, with offices in New York.

"Together" Names Executive Editor

Paul Friggens, until recently the executive editor of TOWN JOURN-

AL, has been named executive editor of TOGETHER, new monthly magazine for Methodist families published in Chicago.

Announcement of his appointment was made by Leland D. Case, editorial director of TOGETHER, which began publication last October and now has a circulation in excess of 825,000. Friggens assumes his new post Feb. 1.

Friggens has held editorial and executive posts with the Associated Press, United Press-United Features and Farm Journal, Inc. He also served for a time on the staff of Columbia University School of Journalism.

An active Methodist layman, Friggens is a descendant of a long line of English-Methodist, Cornish miners, and farmers, some of whom gathered on the hillsides to hear John Wesley preach.

Education Board Indicates Need For Restudy, Research

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The need for restudy and research in the field of Christian education was emphasized in two reports at the annual meeting of the Methodist General Board of Education January 14-16 at Atlantic City, N. J.

The Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville, announced that restudy of *Educational Principles*, "the working statement of the theological and educational basis which should undergird" Methodist church-school literature is now under way. He is general secretary of the board's editorial division.

Other reports included the following:

—A Basic Christian Book series for adults will be launched in January, 1958. It will consist of twelve books, two to be issued each year. Some of the areas to be covered are the Bible, theology, church history, and Methodism.

—A "Sunday school at home" program for people in isolated areas will be launched in the fall of 1957 under the guidance of the board's Department of Christian Family Life.

—The net gain in church-school membership last

year was 132,160. This brings the total to 6,947,238 in Methodism's 37,850 church schools. All the church's jurisdictions, except the Central (Negro), reported gains in church-school membership. The Southeastern Jurisdiction was the leader with a net increase of 47,576. The South Central was second with 34,947. Central Jurisdiction churches reported 2,828 less members this year than last.

—Circulation of church-school literature now stands at a record high of 6,800,000, an increase of about 780,000 over last year.

—Enrollment increased by about 30,000 last year in Methodist colleges, universities, and secondary schools, bringing the total to 233,391. More than \$40,000,000 was spent during the year for new construction and renovation by the institutions.

—Seven members of the board including Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Conway, Ark., were elected to the Methodist Commission on Christian Higher Education. The commission is directing a four-year effort to strengthen and expand the 118 educational institutions in the United States related to the board of education.

Helping Methodists Plan Ahead



Bishop W. C. Martin



Dr. Steel

Theodore C. Mayer, Steubenville, Ohio; the Rev. Dr. Ray Ragsdale, Los Angeles, general chairman; the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Chicago, general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation; the Rev. Dr. Elliot L. Fisher, San Jose, Calif.; the Rev. Dr. H. H. Luetzow, St. Louis; and the Rev. Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, Easton, Maryland.

Expected to attend from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area are: Bishop Paul E. Martin, the 22 District Superintendents, chairmen of the An-

nual Conferences Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Dr. Arthur Terry, Little Rock, Rev. Luman Douglas, New Orleans, Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, Fayetteville; chairmen of the Annual Conferences Commissions on World Service, Rev. Virgil D. Keeley, Hope, Dr. W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge, Rev. Alfred A. Knox, Fort Smith; Methodist Information Director, Miss Jeanne Mason, and Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, one of the editors of the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist*.

1957 Methodist Fact Book Available

A little book that offers big bundles of interesting information to both seasoned veterans and new members of the The Methodist Church is THE 1957 METHODIST FACT BOOK.

Edited by the Rev. Albert C. Hoover, director of the church's statistical office, the 298-page volume will be off the press about Feb. 10. It bears the imprint of the Council on World Service and Finance and has the blessing of the 1956 General Conference upon it.

Liberally illustrated with photographs, sketches, charts and graphs, THE 1957 METHODIST FACT BOOK is planned with the average Methodist in mind, but has sufficient historical and statistical data to appeal to researchers and archivists.

Statistics quoted in the book are the latest available—from the annual conference reports of 1956 sessions and the World Service fiscal year ending May 31, 1956.

Pictures of Methodist personalities include new bishops, the American Mother of the Year, Miss America, an "old timers club," etc.

The book is available through the various branches of the Methodist Publishing House at \$1.00 per copy.

N. J. Man Donates Braille Bibles To Libraries

Little Rock, Ark. (RNS)—A retired New Jersey man has given the Arkansas Library Commission a 20-volume King James Version Braille Bible, weighing 90 pounds, which will be available to all blind persons in the state.

Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary and librarian of the commission, said the Bible would be displayed at the 36 regional libraries

in Arkansas to underline the fact that the volumes may be borrowed.

The Braille Bible, the commission's first volumes available to sightless persons, was donated by E. Morris Lloyd of Montclair, N. J. He also is giving Braille Bibles to other states.

Mr. Lloyd suggested that the Bible be loaned to libraries in the state and placed on display for several days.

"This would be an inspiration and incentive to many blind people, and to many who are beginning to lose their sight," he wrote. "Friends and relatives might become interested in procuring a set for these unfortunates."

The Bible will be loaned to sightless residents of Arkansas a volume at a time after it has been displayed at the regional libraries.

Seminary Enrollment Increased In 1956-57

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Enrollment in theological seminaries and schools of religious education increased 2.3 per cent in the 1956-57 academic year, the U. S. Office of Education reported. There was, however, a decline of 5.5 per cent in the number of first-year students enrolling.

Total enrollment in these schools during the 1956-57 year is 35,190, compared with 34,407 in the same institutions a year ago. Enrollment of men increased from 28,016 to 28,821, or 2.9 per cent, but that of women declined from 6,391 to 6,369, a drop of 0.3 per cent.

The figures do not include theological or religious training schools that are part of the graduate divisions of major universities but only those separately organized as independent institutions.

First-year students enrolling in the fall term of 1956 numbered 4,701, as against 4,975 in the fall of 1955. The number of men enrolling was 2,879, compared with 3,137 a year earlier, a decline of 8.2 per cent. Women enrolling for the first time totalled 1,824, compared with 1,838, a drop of 0.8 per cent.

The Office of Education reported that 21 institutions formerly classified as liberal arts colleges have been reclassified as religious training schools. Enrollment figures for 1955 were adjusted upward to make for an accurate comparison.

Total college and university enrollment for all classes of institutions set a new record of 2,946,985, an increase of ten per cent over the 1955-56 figure of 2,678,673.

Judge Quotes Bible In Upholding Teacher Who Struck Unruly Pupil

Mount Vernon, N. Y. (RNS)—A City Court judge here quoted from the Book of Proverbs as he upheld a teacher's right to strike an unruly boy who refused to obey rules of classroom discipline.

Acting Judge John P. Griffith ruled that the penal code permitted the punishment "and that the Bible sanctions the same." He acquitted Paul Baldini, music teacher at Columbus School, of charges of assaulting his twelve-year-old pupil, Albert Ebert.

The boy contended that Mr. Baldini grasped him by the neck, flung him into a corridor and struck him so hard he required hospital care. The teacher testified that after Arthur refused to obey his order to conduct himself properly in class, he took him out of the room and slapped him with his open hand. Other testimony disclosed that Arthur was generally regarded as a school troublemaker, expert with the spitball and addicted to

rough-housing.

Judge Griffith ruled that the law placed a teacher in the same category as a parent in administering corporal punishment "reasonable in manner and moderate in degree."

"The permission to mete out reasonable and moderate punishment finds sanction in Holy Writ," the judge declared. "Proverbs Chapter 23: 'Withhold not correction from the child for though thou beat him with the rod he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod and shalt deliver his Ksoul from the netherworld.' (Verses 13 and 14).

"Proverbs, Chapter 22: 'Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child but the rod of correction shall drive it from him.' (Verse 15)

"Proverbs, Chapter 29: 'The rod and reproof give wisdom but a child left to himself causes shame to his mother.' (Verse 15)."

Judge Griffith held that a teacher "must be supreme in his classroom like any other person in authority."

Religious Doctrine To Be Taught Over TV Station

St. Louis, Mo. (RNS)—What is described as the first attempt by an educational television station in the United States to teach religious doctrine will begin Feb. 4 on Station ETC here.

Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews will share equal time in the 18-week series. The Roman Catholic program will be televised each Monday at 6:30 p. m.

While the Protestant and Jewish programs are still being worked out the Catholic format has been completed.

"The Catholic Family Program of Religious Education," official program of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of the St. Louis Archdiocese, has been chosen as the title of the Catholic series.

The program is being intensively promoted through Catholic lay groups. It is aimed at helping parents teach catechism to their children, particularly those who attend public schools.

The Rev. John P. Cradick, executive producer of the series, said he hoped the education program will reduce the leakage resulting from fallen-away Catholics.

"Although the St. Louis Archdiocese is well covered with Catholic schools," he said, "there are from 2,000 to 3,000 Catholic children attending public schools, for various reasons.

"Added to this fact is the growing birth rate and the prospect that the condition will grow worse before it becomes better."

Says West Must Take Risks To Help Hungarians

Minneapolis, Minn. (RNS)—Australia's Foreign Minister told a Minneapolis pastor that the West must take risks to help the people of Hungary.

In an interview in Vienna with Dr. Reuben K. Youngdahl, pastor of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Dr. Leopold Figl said the East is turning against Communism.

"We must keep things moving in that direction," he added. Dr.

Discover 2nd Oldest Representation Of Menorah

Jerusalem (RNS) — What is claimed to be the second oldest known representation of the Menorah, or seven-branched golden candlestick, in the ancient Jewish Temple of Herod in Jerusalem, has been discovered on a pillar in the Great Mosque at Gaza.

The oldest recorded relief depicting the Menorah was carved on the Arch of Titus, built in Rome by the Emperor Domitian after the Third Temple was despoiled in the Jewish War of 70 B. C.

The column in the mosque was evidently taken from a second century synagogue at Caesarea by the Byzantine Empress Eudoxia for the first Christian church in Gaza. The church later became a Crusaders' church and finally was converted by the Egyptian Sultan Mameluke into a Moslem mosque.

The Menorah is depicted on the pillar as standing on a tripod, thus supporting the theory of Chief Rabbi Isaac H. Herzog of Jerusalem that the Temple Menorah was incorrectly represented on the Arch of Titus as mounted on a monumental base.

Below the Menorah is an inscription which has not yet been deciphered. Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, Israeli Vice Minister of Religious Affairs, visited Gaza to inspect the relief.

Chinese Nationalists Issue Decree On Bowing

Taipei, Formosa (RNS)—The executive branch of the Chinese Nationalist government published a decree authorizing penalties against state employees who refuse to bow to the flag or the portrait of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, the founder of the Chinese Republic.

The decree upholds findings last year by the committees of law and education of the legislature that such salutes are "not acts of religious worship," but merely gestures of respect to the flag and the memory of Dr. Sun.

Issuance of the government decree climaxed a controversy which arose in 1953 when two American Presbyterian missionaries—Egbert W. Andrew and Richard B. Goffin—objected to the practice as "sacreligious."

They sent letters of protest to newspapers here after a group of students had been expelled from a school for refusing to bow to the flag on the grounds that this violated their religious principles.

Youngdahl, who reported the interview in a trans-Atlantic telephone call here, said he was told by Dr. Figl that 90 per cent of the Hungarians are anti-Communists.

Dr. Figl also said that the free world is obligated to help the refugees in Austria "if we are to crush Communism." If the Hungarian refugees are helped to raise their standard of living they will tell their relatives in Hungary and that will give them courage to resist the Kadar regime, he said. The Austrian Foreign Minister called for concrete means to help the Hungarians. Food must be sent into Hungary, and shelter, clothing and medicine provided for those who came out of the country, Dr. Figl said. He emphasized that Austria is too small to handle the job alone.

Dr. Figl said the Hungarian revolution was a direct result of the success of Western policies. The Hungarians have seen the liberty and better standard of living of the West, he said. "What has happened is just the beginning," the Austrian leader declared. Dr. Youngdahl's church here is the largest Lutheran congregation in the United States. The Communist government of East Germany refused him a visa to visit Lutheran centers there.

London (RNS)—Communist jamming of Vatican Radio broadcasts in East European languages is becoming noticeably apparent again after a three months "let up" period, monitors reported here.

They said most of the jamming occurs in broadcasts beamed to Czechoslovakia.

New Orleans District Makes History

THE New Orleans District of the Louisiana Conference has made Methodist history. The announcement was made recently of the successful completion of a campaign to raise in cash and pledges \$300,000 for the purchase of sites for new churches in the New Orleans area. As far as we have been able to determine this is the first time that a program of such magnitude has been undertaken by a single Methodist district and commendations for this achievement are certainly in order.

Much of the credit for this venture of faith must go to the district leader, Dr. Virgil D. Morris, whose vision and industry were such that other leaders in the district came to possess something of his enthusiasm for the cause. Dr. Robert G. French, Methodist layman, served as the general chairman for the campaign, and his leadership proved a valuable asset. However, pastors and local church leaders proved to be the keystones of the success, for success depended upon the degree of their participation and commitment to the program. Other valuable leadership included the services of Rev. Karl Tooke, conference stewardship director.

Anyone who has visited the New Orleans area in recent years is amazed to see the residential expansion mushrooming around the Crescent City. New housing developments seem to spring up overnight. The influx of new industries is bringing a population boom which means new suburbs. New suburbs means new churches, and new churches mean the acquiring of locations, and organizing new congregations. This may be a simple matter some places but real estate prices in the New Orleans area are high and going higher. If one or two locations were needed the problem might not be too difficult, but a dozen or fifteen sites are needed NOW or within the next few months. Some help might be expected from the church at large, but not near the kind of help that would enable Methodism to meet now its responsibility or forfeit its privilege to serve the religious needs of new people, many of them Methodists, who are moving in.

For a rich, populous district this still might not be too much of a problem, but New Orleans Methodism is by no means in such a classification. Long overshadowed by Catholicism, the New Orleans District is outranked membership-wise by six other districts in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, two of these districts being in Louisiana. However, the need was faced up to, the challenge was presented, and New Orleans Methodists responded. History was made and Methodism will continue to go forward in New Orleans.

Race Relations Sunday, February 10

WHATEVER may be the feelings of anyone on the current controversy about integration, we cannot but think that everyone is interested in the matter of better relations between the races. Despite controversy over some features of race, it is our feeling that, regarding the advisability and desirability of better relations between all races, there can surely be no room for controversy.

Next Sunday, throughout our churches in America, is Race Relations Day. It should give special opportunity to reconsider and re-evaluate the importance of allowing our Christian faith to be the motivating power in our relation to people of all races. Any advantage one race may have had over another, in the providence of God, only increases the responsibility of the people of that race to lend a helping hand and show a helpful spirit in their relation to less fortunate people.

A very important feature of the observance of Race Relations Sunday is the offering to be taken. Here we have a concrete way of showing our concern for the welfare of others. The proceeds of the offering will go to aid the educational program in two great Methodist Negro schools in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. The offering in Arkansas will go to Philander Smith Col-

lege in Little Rock; the offering in Louisiana will go to Dillard University in New Orleans.

So far as we know, this is the only general opportunity our people have to make a direct contribution to these schools which are owned and operated by The Methodist Church. Both of these schools are making a tremendous contribution to the cause of education in their respective fields and deserve the liberal support of all Methodists throughout the Arkansas-Louisiana Area.

Problems Confronting A Peace Program

BECAUSE it is a matter concerning the survival of civilization, and possibly the survival of the human race on earth, the question of world peace is a subject in which all people everywhere are interested.

To us it is unthinkable that the people of America would support a war of deliberate aggression. Knowing, as all of us do, something of the spirit of our people, we would all feel that America sincerely desires world peace. Nevertheless, desiring peace as we do, we realize that big obstacles stand in the way.

In the first place, there is the settled conviction in the minds of the leaders of the free world that communism is now engaged in a deliberate, planned campaign to subjugate and dominate the world. There is the feeling, also, that communist leaders will press that purpose by all means possible, including war, if they are ever convinced that war might be waged successfully or if they are convinced that war is the only way to attain their objectives. Such a situation, of course, creates an ever-present threat to world peace.

Without question, there is a revolution now in progress throughout the world among the underprivileged people of earth. Today, as never before, these people are aware of the wide spread that exists between the living standards of the privileged and the underprivileged people of earth. The underprivileged people feel that they have a right to some of the better things of life which they have not enjoyed as yet, and they are determined, if possible, to have them.

There are other problems, like politics in America, which add to the dangers of war. Whatever may be our honest differences in national politics, if there was ever a time when America should have a sensible, considerate, united policy in dealing with world problems it is now. America is the world's "Klondike" so far as the good things of life are concerned. We cannot continue to live as we live, while so much of the world lives as it must today. We could lose it all by trying to keep it all.

Report Number 2, Circulation Campaign

ELSEWHERE in this issue is found the printed report No. 2 of the Area-wide Circulation Campaign for The Louisiana Methodist and the Arkansas Methodist. This report includes all subscriptions reaching our offices through last Saturday noon, and indicate we believe something of the eventual outcome of this year's circulation of the publications.

In Louisiana 262 charges report a total of 9,433 subscriptions, an increase over last year of 246 charges reporting 9,199 subscriptions in Report No. 2. This means that with less than two dozen charges not reporting, there seems to be some indication that this year's circulation in Louisiana will be slightly larger than last year. Our reader's will remember that additional reports from local churches are being received daily, the result of followup work in local churches. The last full printed report next week will include all subscriptions reaching our offices by Saturday noon, this week.

We believe this report is a splendid tribute to district superintendents, district directors, pastors and local church leaders that this many charges have made reports during this two weeks period. Your staff is deeply appreciative of this support, and we pledge our continued efforts to be of the largest service possible to Louisiana Methodists during the year.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. SIDNEY A. SEEGER, pastor of First Methodist Church, Gueydan, suffered a broken leg in an accident recently.

REV. JAMES T. HARRIS, superintendent of the Monroe District, preached at the morning worship service of the Tallulah Methodist Church, Sunday, Jan. 27. Rev. William F. Mayo is pastor of the church.

REV. W. D. BODDIE, pastor of the Rayville Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the morning chapel service at the Holly Ridge High School, Jan. 24. Edgar Upton is principal of the school.

REV. JAS. A. KNIGHT, pastor of the Wisner Methodist Church, addressed the Sicily Island Rotary Club, January 22, on the topic: "Four Types of People Found Everywhere." The Rev. Mr. Knight addressed the Club last fall also.

THE W.S.C.S. of the Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, sponsored a cake and rummage sale Saturday, Jan. 26. The money made will be used to buy furniture for the living room of the new parsonage. Rev. Byrl Moreland is pastor of the church.

DAVID KRUGER, Chief Probation Officer for the Shreveport Juvenile Court, was guest speaker at the evening service of the Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday, Jan. 27, where Rev. Ira W. Flowers is pastor.

REV. W. D. BODDIE, pastor of the Rayville Methodist Church, was devotional speaker at the Holly Ridge Methodist Men's meeting on January 28. Dalton L. Blythe is president of the Methodist Men and Rev. W. L. Strong is pastor of the church.

REV. HENRY BLOUNT, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Monroe, Sunday morning, Jan. 27. The Rev. Mr. Blount is a former associate minister of the church. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is now pastor.

HOLMES MOUSER is the newly elected president of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Oakdale. Other officers are George Dixon, vice-president; and D. F. Burkhalter, secretary. Rev. Sam Holladay is pastor of the church.

DAMAGE was caused by fire, water and smoke at the Franklin parsonage on Jan. 6. Furniture, television set, vacuum cleaner, clothing, etc., were destroyed along with several hundred dollars worth of books. Rev. Albert S. Hurley is pastor at the Franklin church.

REV. J. J. RASMUSSEN, JR., preached at the Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday morning, Jan. 27, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. K. G. Rorie. The evening service was conducted by the Older Youth Department of the church.

REV. W. D. BODDIE, pastor of the Rayville Methodist Church, led the discussion on "Community Climate and Youth" at the study session of the Lake Providence Woman's Society of Christian Service on Jan. 29. Mrs. F. M. Terral was in charge of the study. Rev. C. R. McCammon is pastor of the church.

REV. A. W. TOWNSEND, superintendent of the Alexandria district, will be guest evangelist in a revival meeting scheduled for April 21-28 at the Haynesville Methodist Church. Rev. Richard Jenkins, pastor of the First Methodist Church of San Augustine, Texas, will be the song director. Rev. Jack Midyett is pastor at the Haynesville church.

B. L. STAFFORD, principal of the Lecompte School, was guest speaker at the Jan. 15 meeting of the Lecompte Methodist Men's Club dinner meeting. The meal was served by the ladies of the Lecompte Circle of the church. Baxter Robinson, Sr., and Dave McDermitt were in

charge of the program. Rev. C. H. Giessen is pastor of the church.

A CHURCH RECREATIONAL INSTITUTE will be conducted by the YMCA at the Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, on six consecutive Monday evenings, Feb. 4 through March 18. This institute is open to all men and women over 18 years of age who are interested in church recreation. Registration fee of \$2.50 includes 100-page manual of recreation and social materials.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS for the Fisherman's Club of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, are: Roy Emmons, chairman; Capt. Richard Cody, vice chairman; and Claudius Mayo, secretary. After meeting for supper the third Monday of each month, the members of the club go out by twos and call upon prospects for church membership. Dr. Carl F. Lueg is pastor of the church.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD at Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, has initiated a program of Evangelism which it hopes will be continuous. The training sessions have been conducted by Rev. Woodrow Hearn, pastor of Davidson Memorial Methodist Church, Lafayette; Rev. R. E. Pierson, district secretary of Evangelism; Rev. R. R. Branton, Lafayette district superintendent; and Rev. Fred Flurry, pastor of First Methodist Church, Lafayette. Visitation began the first Monday night in February.

THE PLAQUEMINE PARISH Orange Festival and Fair donated the oranges that were on display to the Trinity Methodist Church for the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home at Ruston for Christmas. Trinity Church donated 15 additional sacks of oranges for the Children's Home and also donated several sacks for the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans. Asbury Church, the new church at Venice, gave oranges for the Dulac Indian Mission for their Christmas. Rev. C. D. Pinckard is pastor of both churches.

THE FIFTY VOICE CHOIR of the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, presented a program of religious music, Sunday evening, Dec. 2, at the Lecompte Methodist Church, to which the entire community was invited. Following the program open house was held in the basement of the church. Refreshments were served at the open house while friends exchanged greetings and expressed appreciation for the inspiration in music. Rev. C. H. Giessen is pastor of the Lecompte church.

THE NEWLY ORGANIZED Children's choir of the Lecompte Methodist Church appeared for the first time in public Sunday evening, Dec. 23, at the church. A candlelighting service in which each member of the large congregation participated was the occasion of the presentation of special music by both the regular church choir and the children's choir. Mrs. Baxter Robison, Jr., is director of the Children's Choir and Mrs. Christine Dowling is the organist and director of the regular church choir. Rev. C. H. Giessen is pastor of the church.

A LOCAL CHURCH School of Missions was held at the Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Jan. 15-18, directed by the pastor, Rev. K. G. Rorie. The study book, "Youth In a Responsible Society," was used, with the W.S.C.S. and Wesleyan Guild participating for Jurisdictional credit. Featured during the study was a session led by Judge Chris Barnette of the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court. A second session featured a panel of adults and youth who discussed the subject, "How Can Our Church Best Serve It's Youth?"

THE CHENEYVILLE Methodist Church recently received a most unusual gift of an engraved brass candlestick secured in a shop in the street called Straight in the city of Damascus. It was bought and sent to the church as a gift from Mrs. W. C. Beckman, whose husband is a representative of F.A.O., the Food and Agriculture Administration of the United Nations Or-

ganization. The church extends an invitation to anyone interested to stop by and see it when near Cheneyville. Mrs. Beckman is a niece of Mrs. J. D. Paine, a member of the church. Rev. C. H. Giessen is pastor.

W. C. BECKMAN, of Opelousas, an employee of F.A.O. of the United Nations, recently returned home from service in the Near East. While visiting in the home of the J. B. Paines' in Cheneyville, Jan. 1, Mr. Beckman showed colored slides of the countries where he has been working, namely, Indonesia, Syria, Jordan, etc., to the regular meeting of the W.S.C.S. His explanation of the people, their customs, and conditions of life was most interesting. Such information always helps in our appreciation of people, their needs, and makes us realize the great work that the United Nations is doing. Rev. Charles Giessen is pastor of the Cheneyville church.

A CHURCH-WIDE mission school was held in the Lecompte Methodist Church during the month of January each Sunday evening, beginning at 6:30 and continuing until 8 o'clock. Classes were arranged for all ages from primaries through adults. Good attendance was reported in spite of the bad weather and sickness in the community. The following persons taught in the school: Mrs. Frances Roby, Mrs. H. G. Hawthorne, Mrs. Charles Giessen, Mrs. Va. Fitzgerald, and the pastor, Rev. Charles Giessen. The school was under the general direction of the local commission on Missions of which Mrs. H. A. White is chairman.

UNDER the leadership of Allen Binkley, the Church School superintendent of the Felicity Methodist Church, New Orleans, the membership and attendance in Sunday School has doubled in the past year, according to a report from the pastor, Rev. S. P. Emanuel. The church is planning to buy a bus so that more people can be brought to Sunday School and Church. More than \$150.00 has been raised for a bus by the sale of papers and rags in the past few months. If anyone should know of a good used bus for sale at a reasonable price, please contact Allen Binkley at 1221 Harmony Street, New Orleans, 15, Louisiana.

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LASTING THINGS

What things do we want to last? Is anyone so happy that he would have his situation remain permanently just as it is right now? Does anyone have a house or apartment which he likes so well that he would sign a contract to live in it forever?



A businessman once told me of a conversation which he had in England with a Britisher who reminded him of the well-known fact that the English do make certain products of extraordinarily good quality. The Englishman said they could make shoes which would last eight years. "Yes," replied the American, "but who wants shoes that last eight years? Make shoes that last a year or two. People want a change." I guess we would not like to wear the same shoes for eight years, and certainly not the same hats.

What do we want to last? Was it now George Bernard Shaw who said that if man were allowed to live 300 years, the dread of death would disappear because we would be longing for a change. There is no physical environment, is there, which we would not tire of in time?

Yet with all our restless desire for change, we have an equally deep-seated longing for permanence. The little child in the nursery takes one toy after another, quickly tiring of any one thrill. And yet among all the playthings there is usually some one thing to which the child comes back—maybe a ragged doll which she hugs to her little body as she slips into slumber.

Let us then look into this art of living with the things that last. First of all, we must try to learn to know the things that last.

Several years ago I was shown through what is probably America's greatest auction gallery. As I gazed at the rare objects of the jeweler's art, the bookbinder's art, the painter's art, I realized how ignorant I was of values and how important it is to have honest and competent appraisers who can guide the untutored buyer.

Then I thought of the time and study it takes to become an appraiser

of values, each sphere of art being a specialty of its own. How much one has to know about the history of an object, about its rarity, about the trends in taste which will make it desirable tomorrow. How foolish it would be to trust one's untrained eye in purchasing what appeals at the moment. When one sets out to procure things that will live, he wisely takes advantage of the experience of trusted specialists.

Now, just as it is foolish for a novice to go into an art gallery without a guide or catalogue, just as it is silly to start into a strange new country without a road map, just as it would be foolish, perhaps even fatal, to test the medicines in a drugstore without the guidance of a druggist or doctor, so it is folly, even tragedy, to handle the precious substance of life, these few short years that are given us, without securing the best guidance available.

This aid is what our religious institutions exist to give; and if the church is not doing a good job as an expert in spiritual values; then come in with us and help us to do it better.

John Morley, the English statesman, once said: "Take those succinct phrases. 'To be'—the full, rich personalities God planned us to be, and our mothers dreamed we would be. 'To do'—the things we are capable of doing, and leaving the world better for our labors. 'To do without'—to be able to lose things without losing heart, to make the most of what we have left. 'And to depart'—leaving the stage of life with grace and dignity, unashamed and unafraid, having learned what we can't take with us and what we can."

Yes, the great business of life is "to be, to do, to do without, and to depart." And if we are to make it great, we must learn to know the things that last.

Also, we must learn to love the things that last. Good tastes do not come easily. We can pick up cheap tastes, cheap tunes, cheap humor on the street, almost anywhere. But to acquire a taste for the masterpieces of art, for the best music, for all things of lasting greatness—all this requires time and cultivation.

And here we see one reason for the worship of God. When we worship, we bring our lives, our longings, our possessions into the presence of the Eternal. Thus we learn with Saint Paul "to look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal but the things which are not seen are eternal."

The Layman's Column

By
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North Arkansas Conference



LONG FACES AND SHORT MEMORIES

Jesus' disciples were just as painfully human as we are. Very shortly after He had charged them with certain Christian responsibilities, He was travelling northward, toward Tyre and Sidon when a heathen woman came to Jesus and begged that He heal her daughter. But heathens were heathens, and hardly worth the trouble it would take to deal with them. The disciples were too busy listening to Jesus to take any time to put Jesus' teachings into action. On another occasion, Jesus was in deep sorrow because of the death of his kinsman, John the Baptist. But even as He withdrew to seek strength from communion with God, a great crowd of needy people followed Him. Thus the needs of the people seemed to interfere with His need for rest and spiritual refreshment. In spite of His great weariness, He ministered to their needs until late in the day. Again, the disciples felt that these poor people were interfering seriously with their worship. On both of these occasions the disciples told Jesus to "Send them away."

Christianity so often seems to be little more than an hour a week on Sunday when we sit or stand in church. To the one who stands in the pulpit at that time, there are dozens—sometimes hundreds—of very sober faces. These people are serious for the moment. They are impressed by the words of the speaker. Some tell the speaker that they "enjoyed" the message. Many of them leave the sanctuary with the feeling that they have been lifted out of themselves and made to stand on high places where they can make a new start in their spiritual lives. But all too often most of us hang the cloak of spirituality on an imaginary nail in the vestibule of the church and let it gather dust for a full week. Christian motives are fine at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, but they don't fit any better than a square hat the rest of the week. We "send them away" when people come to us with a call to service; or a need for a Christian appraisal of our everyday actions;

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

SCOUTS, NATURE, BROTHERHOOD, AND GOD

"I have never known a boy who could name and describe even a dozen wild birds to ever become a delinquent boy," a recent item in The Methodist Layman quotes from a judge "who has made a life study of both birds and boys."

And the reporter who quotes the judge adds: "A boy who learns to understand and call our songbirds by name will have a greater respect not only for birds but also for God, people and himself. . . Not that there is any special virtue in (knowing) birds; but to study and understand birds will inevitably cause a boy to wonder about God. A songbird is too wonderful to just happen."

Now as a "scouter" who has had some interest in boys these many years, and as a bird club member who has gone with boys on many a pre-dawn and all-day hike in "search" of birds, I can say Amen to both judge and reporter. I have never known, nor heard of, a "junior ornithologist" who has been a delinquent, nor one who has not been reverent as he contemplated nature and its God.

But I would like to widen the horizon a bit. The range of possibility of "finding God through nature" is far wider than bird study. There is, of course, the "joy of discovery" that

or a request for a larger portion of the wealth that God has given us.

Christianity has often been described as too "idealistic" for many of us. In fact it is actually too realistic for many weak-stomached Christians. Christian realism sent thousands of persons of all ages to wild beasts and to crosses. It has sent believers to the flames. But it also has carried the light of God's love around the world. Christ dares all of us to be true realists; maybe with long faces some times, but with long memories also; memories that can last until Monday morning when the daily cares demand a practical and down-to-earth application of the idealism that we felt the day before.

comes in bird study in the field, because the objects of the search are seasonal, are often hidden, are in flight, are to be found by both sight and sound—often where and when unexpected. But there are other fields of knowledge, search, and wonderment that yield similar satisfactions to millions of boys: the fields of astronomy, of forestry, of botany, of reptile study, of conservation, of insect life, of rock and mineral collection and study, of fruit, vegetable, or animal raising.

Perhaps no other organization in our nation and in our day has done as much to introduce boys to birds and to all of nature as has the Boy Scouts of America, now not quite fifty years in service. Its insistence on camping, hiking, and an out-of-door program (in contrast to some earlier semi-military barracks groups), has kept hundreds of thousands of youth attuned to nature. Its insistence on some new amount of knowledge of nature at every step in promotion from tenderfoot to eagle has been a boon especially to boys whose lives would otherwise be confined to the canyons, the confining walls, and the slums of great cities. If one were to take a census of the men and women now serving in responsible jobs in conservation, forestry, and in natural history museums, an amazingly large percentage of them would be ex-scouts (who got their incentives through the scouting program), and a surprisingly large percentage of these would be city-born boys.

I am sure that American men and boys are better citizens, better sons of God, better brothers to all the world today because of their training and experiences in scouting. Not only the nature skills, but more than one hundred handicraft and service skills—carpentry to life-saving—are on the scouting program. But, speaking only of its out-of-door training, scouting is making a contribution to young life that neither church nor school seems organized to make. Scouting is an educational program, and at its best it is a religious educational program.

Today, across America, there are 4,500,000 boys enrolled in B. S. A. And there are 1,196,000 adult volunteer leaders, mostly members of local troop committees: 60% of them were once scouts. More than half the troops are sponsored by churches, "manned" by active church members.

If you want to make your personal contribution to the stopping of delinquency in America and to teaching boys reverence for God's creation, get into the volunteer leadership of the B. S. A.—and see that your church sponsors a troop.

W. P. Whaley

From Remarks Made By C. N. Gulco
At Funeral Service For Dr. Whaley, November 17.

William Pearson Whaley was born in Drew County, Arkansas, November 18, 1869, the first son of John William Whaley and his wife Hester Ann Peacock. He joined the Methodist Church at Ebenezer, when he was 14 years old. He was educated in the public school and under a private tutor, and at Hendrix College. He was made superintendent of the Ebenezer Sunday School at 18, and licensed to preach at 19. He served several charges as a supply pastor to enable him to continue his studies at Hendrix. While serving as assistant pastor of Central Avenue Church, Hot Springs, in 1893, he was married to Miss Susie Crawford on October 3. (She was the principal of the South Hot Springs Grammar School.) In December 1893 he was admitted to the Little Rock Conference, where he served until 1925, when he transferred to the North Arkansas Conference. He served with distinction to himself and honor and success to his church in various fields of labor as a pastor, a district superintendent—for 48 years of active service.

Dr. Whaley served in both the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences for more than 50 years. He was educated at Hendrix College. He retired in 1941 and came here to make his home.

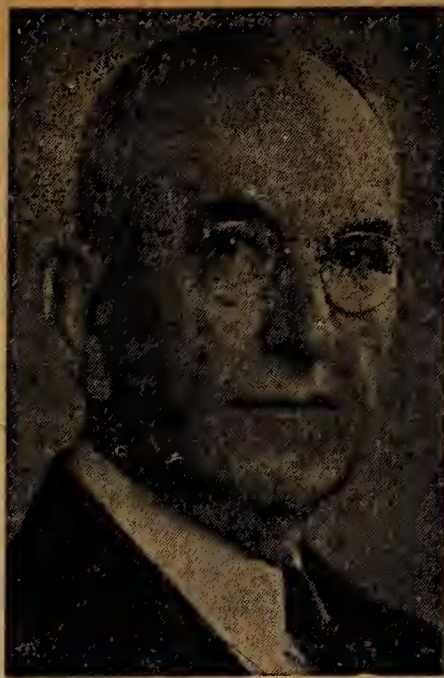
Dr. Whaley served the following

appointments:

Magnolia Circuit, Plumerville Circuit, Central Avenue (Hot Springs), Warren, Amity Circuit, Benton, Stuttgart, Lakeside, (Pine Bluff), Warren, DeQueen, Hope, Magnolia, Camden District (presiding elder), Asbury (Little Rock), Monticello (presiding elder), First Church (Searcy), Paris, Van Buren, Waldron.

He was a delegate to the General Conference in Oklahoma City in 1914. In 1915 he published a book entitled "What Is The Matter With the Church?" In 1916 he was a delegate to the General Council of Churches in St. Louis; in 1917 he published "The Divinity degree from Hendrix," in 1926 he published "Jesus Our Ideal" in six editions. In 1928 he toured Europe, Egypt and Palestine.

For distinguished service and personal achievements Hendrix College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1925. He retired from active work in 1941 and moved to the city of Conway. However, his activities did not cease, for as long as his health permitted he ministered to the shut-ins and was a regular visitor for the Home Department. His wife, who had served so nobly and was such a help-mate in all his active ministry, was an invalid for sever-



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al years and his attention to her and thought for her was a beautiful and inspiring thing to see. The union of this splendid couple was blessed with six children—Jean Winifred Whaley, born August 22, 1894 and died November 30, 1895; Ruth Lois Whaley, born October 22, 1898 and died in her senior year at Galloway College in 1917. The other four children survive—Mrs. H. A. Little of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Miss Elizabeth Whaley of Tulsa, Mrs. W. H. Gentry of Little Rock and William Crawford Whaley of Dallas, Texas.

After the death of his first wife, he was married to Mrs. Belle Sligh of Pine Bluff in 1951, who brought great happiness and loving care to his declining years. Other survivors are a brother, B. M. Whaley of Little Rock, three sisters, Mrs. George Clark and Mrs. Glen Long-

NUMBER OF CHARTERED MEN'S GROUPS INCREASING

Chartered groups of Methodist Men are now appearing not only throughout the United States but also in conferences overseas.

Forging forward toward its goal of 12,500 chartered clubs of Methodist Men by the 1960 General Conference, the General Board of Lay Activities passed 10,000 sometime ago and in a recent week issued seven charters to churches in the Philippine Islands.

The files of the board now show more than 100 chartered groups outside the United States, with the Philippine Islands total of 72 heading the list. There are 20 in Chile, ten in Cuba and one in Liberia.

Chartered groups in possessions of the United States include 10 in Hawaii, eight in Puerto Rico and four in Alaska.

UPPER ROOM IN HUNGARIAN EDITION

Because of requests for the Hungarian edition of *The Upper Room* from many parts of the world to serve Hungarian refugees, *The Upper Room* produced a special printing of the January-February issue and distributed it from headquarters in Nashville.

The Hungarian edition of *The Upper Room* is regularly published by "New Life," Canadian Magyar Presbyterian periodical, and it is printed in Winnipeg.

ley, both of Bernie, and Mrs. Ed Gladden of Prescott, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Third Report

The third report by churches and districts of the results of the Circulation Campaign will be published in next week's issue of THE LOUISIANA METHODIST. This report will include all pastors' reports reaching THE LOUISIANA METHODIST office by Saturday noon, February 9.

Follow-Up Work and Reports

Many churches which have already reported will make additional reports to THE LOUISIANA METHODIST office of follow-up work of securing renewals and new subscriptions which were not obtained during the first week of the campaign, January 13-20. Results of these supplemental reports will be published in the Circulation Campaign reports each week in THE LOUISIANA METHODIST.

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REPORT NO. 2—THROUGH SATURDAY NOON, FEBRUARY 2, 1957

Charge and Pastor New Ren. Due Total

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Quota 1084				
Amity Ct., Bobby Dale Orr	3	18	1	22**
Arkadelphia Ct., W. A. Lea	5	17	1	23
First Church, J. M. Hamilton	26	75	6	107**
St. Andrew, Clint Burleson	10	35	4	49**
Bismarck Ct., Marvin Wilkins	2	13	1	16**
Dalark Ct., Connie Robins	5	16	1	22
Delight Ct., P. D. Alston	1	28	2	29**
Friendship Ct., Robert Irwin	5	16	1	22
Glenwood Ct., J. A. Wade	10	45	5	55**
Gurdon, James A. Simpson	9	52	1	61**
Hot Springs Ct., W. M. Crow	10	8	1	18**

HOT SPRINGS				
First Church, E. D. Galloway	34	105	1	139**
Grand Avenue, Alfred I. Doss	8	61	4	73
Oaklawn, Clyde T. Parsons	10	34	6	50
Pulman Heights-Bethlehem,				
R. A. Teeter	1	31	2	34
Tigert Memorial, Coleman Aklin	1	7	1	8

MAI VERN				
First Church, Rufus Sorrells	16	65	10	91
Keith Memorial, J. C. Van Horn	5	24	1	29**
St. Paul, Harold Davis	22	14	1	36**
Mt. Ida Ct., Phil E. Pierce	8	26	1	34**
Morning Star, John Walker	3	3	1	4
Murfreesboro, Omma L. Daniel	19	45	1	64**
Okolona Ct., W. H. Watson	2	45	1	48**
Oma-Point Cedar, George Leslie	4	4	1	9
Pine Grove-Fountain Lake,				
Russell Brown	6	16	1	23**
Rockport Ct., R. S. Beasley	5	13	1	19*
Shorewood Hills, B. Howard Cox	5	18	2	23*
Sparkman-Sardis, George Kerr	5	37	1	43**

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CAMDEN DISTRICT—Quota 1910				
Bearden, Gerald K. Fincher	10	23	1	34**
Bradley, J. D. Montgomery	4	34	1	39**
Buckner Ct., Joe Arnold	9	34	1	43
Calion-Quinn, Wendall Barbaree	1	29	1	30**
Camden First Ch., Francis A. Buddin	10	73	6	89
Fairview, M. W. Miller	7	178	1	185**
Chidester, C. D. Cade	1	35	2	38

EL DORADO				
Centennial-Bethel, J. T. Bolding	3	15	1	18**
Dumas Mem.-Lisbon, Oscar Haire	1	21	1	22*
First Church, Cecil R. Culver	13	931	1	944**
St. Luke, W. S. Cazort	4	28	1	32**
Vantrease, M. E. Scott	17	97	1	114**
Emerson Ct., C. B. Harris	6	6	1	13
Harmony Grove, Ernest Hays	1	6	1	7
Holly Springs Ct., R. M. Cain	20	32	1	52**
Huttig, Myron C. Pearce	27	20	1	47**
Junction City, D. L. McCauley	4	45	1	49
Lewisville, David M. Hankins, Jr.	5	41	1	47
Liberty-Silver Hill, S. B. Mann	10	10	1	21
Louann-Beuna Vista, Doyne E. Graham	22	22	1	43

Magnolia First Ch., C. Ray	4	133	1	137
Hozendorf				
Magnolia Jackson St., John W. Lindsay	15	47	1	63**
Marysville-Fredonia, C. E. Lawrence	4	29	1	33*
Norphet, Giles B. Pixlev	2	37	1	39**
Smackover, Harold Sadler	10	74	1	85**
Stamps, C. W. Baughman	8	57	2	67**
Stephens, Bryan Stephens	12	39	1	51*
Strong, James Ford	1	15	1	16**
Union Rhodes Chapel, Ralph S. Mann	3	32	1	36**
Village Ct., E. T. McAfee	4	45	1	49
Waldo-Willisville, Raymond L. Diffie	9	57	1	66**
Timothy-Westside, W. Hudnall	11	41	1	52**

TOTALS 220 2286 16 2522

HOPE DISTRICT—Quota 1347				
Ashdown, Harry Weed	12	60	1	72**
Bingen Ct., James Shaddox	6	16	1	22
Blevins Ct., Bruce Bean	5	38	1	43**
Center Point Ct., W. C. Lewis	3	15	1	19
DeQueen, Fred L. Arnold	5	57	2	64**
Dierks-Green's Chapel, W. P. Walker	8	5	1	13
Doddridge Ct., DeWitt Harberson	8	20	2	30**
Emmett Ct., Joe W. Hunter	7	53	1	60**
Foreman, O. W. Hoover	7	24	1	31**
Fouke-Boyd, Bun Gantz	2	9	1	11**
Garland, James W. Riley	2	1	1	3
Hatfield Ct., W. R. Johnson	2	20	1	22
Hope, Virgil D. Keeley	18	125	6	149**
Horatio Ct., Don Smith	2	25	1	27
Locksburg Ct., Eugene Gilliam	7	30	1	37**
Mena, W. D. Golden	17	38	1	55**
Mineral Spgs. Ct., Harold E. Wright	9	21	4	34**
Nashville, J. E. Dunlap	6	63	1	69**
Prescott, Alfred DeBlack	7	62	1	70**
Prescott Ct., L. O. Lee	1	1	1	2
Richmond Ct., Robert Jackson	14	25	1	39
Rondo Ct., Clyde Swift	3	29	1	32
Springhill Ct., H. A. F. Ault	4	32	1	36**

TEXARKANA				
College Hill, Howard Williams	8	27	1	35
Fairview, H. D. Ginther	12	51	1	63**
Few Memorial, C. E. Messer	2	18	1	20**
First Church, Wm. E. Brown	31	110	7	148**
Washington Ct., Zane Williams	8	22	3	33**
Winthrop Ct., S. L. Durham	3	2	1	5

TOTALS 209 1018 27 1254

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Quota 2525				
Austin Ct., L. C. Beasley	4	16	1	21
Bauxite, C. W. Good	1	36	1	37
BENTON—First Ch., J. R. Clayton	8	79	6	93
New Hope, Cecil Gill	6	1	1	7
Parkview, Joe R. Phillips	54	16	1	70**
Bethel-Pride Valley, J. R. Ewbanks	4	11	1	15*
Bethlehem Ct., J. R. Martin	1	11	1	12
Bryant, Kenneth M. Goode	2	9	1	11
Carlisle, O. E. Holmes	7	49	1	57**
Des Arc, J. R. Callicott	24	24	2	50**
Douglasville, John B. Hays	31	17	1	49**
Geyer Springs, Robert W. Trieschmann	12	21	2	35**
Hamilton-Walker's Chapel,				
James Robnolt	3	10	1	13
Hazen, Doyle T. Rowe	3	47	1	51**
Hickory Plains Ct., C. C. Vanzant	34	7	1	42**

LITTLE ROCK				
Asbury, J. C. English	11	40	6	57
Capitol View, Orrie L. Thompson	17	34	1	52**
First Church, Aubrey G. Walton	22	1204	1	1226**

Charge and Pastor New Ren. Due Total

Henderson, H. R. Holland	6	28	1	35
Highland, H. O. Bolin	14	57	2	73
Hunter Memorial, Everett Vinson	1	18	2	19
Oak Forest, George G. Meyer	14	11	1	25
Pulaski Heights, J. K. Shamblin	22	64	4	90
St. Luke, Elbert B. Jean	15	19	1	34
St. Marks, Billy Bargar	4	2	1	6**
St. Paul, C. W. Richards	37	107	1	144**
Twenty-Eighth St., Noel Cross	5	40	1	45**
Winfield, Fred R. Harrison	19	76	8	103
Lonoke-Eagle, W. R. Burks	12	27	1	40
Mabelvale, Charles E. Ramsey	27	39	1	66**
Markham Street, John Williams	3	7	1	10*
Mt. Carmel-Congo, Wm. C. Chenault	22	22	1	44**
Mt. Pleasant, L. R. Sparks	2	5	1	8**
Primrose, James R. Scott	6	30	1	36**
Roland-Martindale, S. T. Hollowell	1	1	1	2
Salem, W. R. Jordan	27	13	1	40**
Sardis, F. W. Reutz	10	25	1	35**

TOTALS 491 2221 41 2753

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Quota 1031				
Crossett, J. B. Hefley	18	78	1	96**
Crossett Ct., Edgar Outlaw, Jr.	5	19	1	24
Drew Ct., Richard Poss	9	20	1	29
Dumas, Harold Scott	14	47	1	62**
Eudora, W. R. Boyd	12	43	1	55**
Fordyce, A. J. Christie	10	67	1	77**
Fountain Hill Ct., R. L. Long	14	35	1	50**
Hamburg, R. O. Beck	6	53	1	60**
Hampton-Harrell, James McCommon	12	36	1	49**
Hermitage Ct., Guy Wilson	2	28	1	28**
Kingsland Ct., James W. Beck	1	16	1	18
Lake Village, Charles Ashcraft	10	33	1	44**
Martin's Chapel, W. C. Onstead	3	13	1	16
Monticello, Roland E. Darrow	43	43	1	86**
McGehee-Arkansas City, D. M. Mann	23	73	3	99**
Montrose-Parkdale, James R. Sewell	9	47	1	56**
Portland, Edward B. Hollenbeck	3	43	1	46**
Star City, Osborne White	8	41	1	49**
Thornton Ct., H. R. Nabors	2	30	1	32**
Tillar-Winchester, Irl Lancaster	30	78	1	108**
Warren, Guy C. Ames	29	99	2	130**
Watson-Kelso, John W. Rushing	2	34	1	36**
Wilmar Ct., W. W. Barron	7	17	1	24

TOTALS 229 991 18 1238**

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Quota 1376				
Almyra, John Tucker	5	19	1	24**
Alzheimer-Wabbaseka, Robt. B. Moore, Jr.	37	47	1	84**
Bayou Meto-Lodge's Corner,				
R. L. Rigglin	4	25	1	29**
Carthage, Claude R. Roy	7	1	1	8
DeWitt, Curtis Williams	11	60	2	73**
England, Kirvin A. Hale	4	68	1	73**
Gillett, C. E. Patton	10	34	1	44**
Glendale-Redfield, Joe Hundley	3	10	1	13
Grady-Gould, G. W. Warren	4	49	1	54**
Humphrey, Hursel Richert	4	14	1	18**
Leola, C. R. Andrews	31	31	1	62**
Little Prairie, Geo. C. Bailey	21	15	1	36**

TOTALS 233 963 19 1215

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 1003				
Batesville-Asbury, Cyril Wilson	7	18	1	23**
Central Avenue, J. M. Barnett	18	78	1	96**
First, Lloyd M. Conyers	48	69	5	120**
Bethesda-Cushman, Mark Wimmer	8	25	1	34**
Cave City-Sidney, O. R. Moncrief	2	17	1	19
Cave City Ct., Ivan R. Wilson	7	19	1	26*
Concord-Wolf Bayou, H. W. Ford	3	11	1	15
Cotter-Bull Shoals	19	31	5	55**
Desha-Salado, John Sandage	1	25	4	30
Evening Shade, A. S. Aist	7	27	1	34
Melbourne, Robert Johnson	4	25	1	29**
Melbourne Ct., Claude Masters	5	15	1	20
Moorefield-McHue, Ray Edwards	9	24	1	33**
Mountain Home Parish,				
Otho Strayhorn	12	9	1	21
Mountain View, Henry W. Jinski	8	26	1	34**
Newark-Oil Trough, Gerald E. Hammett	12	46	1	59**
Newport, First Ch., John Bayliss	9	59	2	70
Umsted Memorial, Pryor Cruce	7	45	1	52**
Pleasant Plains Ct., Burnell Stephens	2	29	1	32**
Salem, B. W. Stallcup	3	37	1	40**
Swift-Alicia, Theron McKisson	6	33	1	39**
Tuckerman, Golder Lawrence	5	41	1	46**
Viola Ct., W. G. Conner	5	11	1	17
Yellville, M. L. Kaylor	10	30	1	41**

TOTALS 215 748 22 985

CONWAY DISTRICT—Quota 1456				
Atkins, Joseph E. Taylor	6	19	2	27*
Belleville-Havana, Fred Thompson	5	14	1	20

CONWAY				
First Church, Joel Cooper	39	68	20	127
Salem-Mayflower, M. B. Short	2	15	1	17
Wesley Memorial, Harold Wilson	2	21	1	24
Danville, Paul Lanier	5	35	1	40**
Dardanelle, William A. Stewart, Jr.	6	42	1	49**
Dardanelle Ct., Buddy Jester	7	12	1	20
Dover-London, Muriel Peters	3	27	1	30**
Fourche Valley Ct., Ralph Evans	2	3	1	5
Greenbrier Ct., Cecil Harrison	2	33	1	35**
Morrilton, First Ch., David Conyers	1	17	1	18
Morrilton Ct. No. 1, Ed Blvthe	9	17	1	26**
Naylor Ct., James K. Cooley	11	2	1	14

NORTH LITTLE ROCK				
Beacon, W. V. Walthal	2	8	1	11**
First Church, W. Henry Goodloe	77	185	4	266**
Gardner, E. B. Williams	7	53	5	65
Lakewood, Worth Gibson	3	10	1	13
Levy, S. O. Patty	17	63	1	80**
Rose City, Dols Kennedy	43	14	1	57**

Charge and Pastor New Ren. Due Total

Washington Ave., Archie N. Boyd	19	54	1	73**
Plainview-Ola, Britt Cordell	16	21	1	37
Plummerville Ct., Harold Bailey	12	25	1	37**
Pottsville, Elsworth Watson	4	36	1	40**
Russellville First Ch., Alf A. Eason	10	334	1	344**
Wesley, Vernon Anderson	1	12	1	13**
Vilonia Ct., Thomas English	1	21	1	22
Waltreak, A. E. McIlveene	4	6	1	10

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Charge and Pastor					Not					Charge and Pastor					Not					Charge and Pastor					Not				
					New	Ren.	Due	Total						New	Ren.	Due	Total						New	Ren.	Due	Total			
Nettleton, Earl D. Carter					6	19	1	26	Ingleside, W. R. Irving, Jr.					6	9	1	16	Lacombe-St. Tammany,											
St. John Circuit, Willis LeGrand					3	7		10	Istrouma, A. Jerome Cain						34		34	W. B. Hollingsworth					1	9		10			
Trumann, Arvill Brannon					18	34	1	53**	North, James L. Stovall					9	11	1	21	NEW ORLEANS											
Wilson, Earle Cravens					10	18		28*	Reily Memorial, Wm. E. Trice					18	12		30	Algiers, J. W. Matthews						27		27			
Weona-Center View, J. L. Weather-									Winburne, A. A. Collins					6	6	1	13	Carrollton Ave., Luman E. Douglas					7	41		48			
ford					2	13		15	Bethel, T. J. Smith					5	15	1	21**	Castle Manor, S. P. Emanuel					15			15*3			
TOTALS					244	912	27	1183	Blackwater, A. G. Taylor					3	23	1	27	Church of Redeemer, H. S. Ensenat					2	3		5			
PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Quota 1138									Bluff Creek, J. N. Lambert					1	5		6	Elysian Fields, Glenden R. Messer					4	9		13			
Beech Grove-Knobel, Charles Reed					5	42		47**	Bogaloussa-E. Sullivan Mem.,									Felicity-Severn, S. P. Emanuel					45	6		51*3			
Biggers-Reyno, Paul Bittick					3	15		18**	W. H. Giles					6	49		55	First Ch., Nathaniel H. Melbert					16	57		67			
Black Rock-Portia, D. Kern Johnson					7	26		33**	Carpenters Chapel, John Keller					1	7		8**	Gentilly, E. P. Drake					11	60		71*			
Boydsville, Gus Evans					3	13	2	18	Clinton-Clear Creek,									Gretna, A. B. Cavanaugh					3	18		21			
Corning, Byron McSpadden					7	41	1	49**	George W. Harkins					1	17	1	19	Jefferson, Ted T. Howes					2	9		11			
Scatter Creek, W. C. Smith					2	3	1	6	Deerford, George M. Horne						12		12	Kenner, M. David Felder					22	26		48**			
Hardy-Willford, Lee Anderson					5	24	1	30**	Denham Spgs., Fred Schwendimann					3	17	6	26	John Wesley, J. C. Rousseaux					4	12		16*			
Hoxie, H. L. Robison					6	32		38**	Fisher, C. J. T. Cotten					30	12		42**	Lake Vista, Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.					5	13		18			
Imboden-Smithville, James Beal					30	43		73*2	Franklin, J. H. Sewell						31		31	Luling, C. W. Bennett					2	8		10*			
Leonard Ct., Alfred Blair					5	16	1	22	Gonzales-Port Allen, David Moore					2	2		4	Metairie, John Winn					13	3		16*			
Lorado Ct., J. T. Holland					3	15		18	Gonzales Ct., J. M. Wilkes					4	14	5	23*	Munholland Mem., D. W. Poole					32	18		50			
Mammoth Spring, Arvest Lawson					5	20		25**	Hammond, E. R. Thomas					13	60		73**	Napoleon Ave., A. S. Hurley					8	24		32			
Marmaduke, John Barrett					4	10		14	Jackson, J. B. Shearer						10		10	Parker Memorial, E. J. Barksdale					5	23		28			
Maynard, Ray McLester					4	7	2	13	Kentwood, G. C. Dean, Jr.					2	18		20	Rayne Memorial, A. M. Serex					6	61		67			
PARAGOULD									Livingston Ct., John C. Bonds					5	13		18	St. Bernard, R. L. Clayton					2	19	2	23			
First Church, S. B. Wilford					13	71	4	88	Live Oak, T. H. Rowden, Jr.					9	13		22	St. Claude Hgts., A. D. St. Amant						1		1			
Griffin Memorial, Clyde Crozier					4	47	3	54**	Loranger-Coopers Chapel,									St. James, T. O. Crosby					2	18		20			
East Parish, Marvin Thompson					3	13	1	17	Walter Hillis					10	2		12	St. John, Clayton W. Bennett					2	7		9**			
West Parish, Elvis Wright					6	33		39	Lottie-Rosedale, L. W. Taylor					4	32	1	37**	St. Luke's, Spencer W. Wren					6	7		13			
Piggott, Floyd Villines, Jr.					4	75	1	80**	Magnolia, Wayne Perrott					3	18	1	22*2	St. Mark's, T. O. Carlstrom					8	20	3	31**			
Pocahontas, Van W. Harrell					7	32	1	40	New Roads, T. D. Lipscomb					5	3	1	9**	St. Paul, R. H. Jamieson					2	5		7			
Ravenden-Ravenden Springs,									Pine Grove, S. E. Sterrett					7	28	1	36**	Second Church					2	9		11			
Maurice Kemp					3	8	1	12	Plaquemine-Grand River,									Pearl River, Frank Lankford					1	14	1	16**			
Rector First Ch., James Chandler					5	58	2	65**	W. P. Fraser					3	35		38**	Slidell, John T. Redmon					10	40		50			
Fourth Street, James Smith					15	30		45**	Ponchatoula, Wilson Watson					61	64	1	12*2	Sun-Bush, Stanley Baker					22			22*3			
Rector Circuit, Leon Gilliam					4	13		17	St. Francisville, E. E. Sylvest					5	21		26*	Trinity, C. D. Pinckard					11	30		41*2			
Sedgwick-Egypt, John Richardson					6	20		26**	St. Helena, Calvin Lapuyade					2	7		9	Venice, C. D. Pinckard					1	3		4*			
St. Francis, Carl Strayhorn					5	21	4	30	Slaughter, G. H. Corry					3	9		12*	TOTALS					280	614	6	900			
Stanford-Warren's Chapel,									Springfield, A. D. George					3	15		18	RUSTON DISTRICT—Quota 1403											
E. W. Bruner					7	10		17	Tangipahoa, A. L. Carruth					2	43		45**	Arcadia, R. L. Peyton					10	57		67**			
Walnut Ridge, Elmo Thomason					4	63	2	69	Tickfaw-Independence, Paul Carroll					2	3		5	Athens, Price Allen					4	18		22			
TOTALS					175	801	27	1003	Walker, P. W. Sibley					8	15		23	Bernice, W. H. Carroll					16	33	1	50*3			
SEARCY DISTRICT—Quota 1123									Wesley Chapel, A. E. Wingfield					4	9		13	Blenville, K. K. Carithers					13	31	3	47**			
Antloch-Stony Point, Oliver Logan					9	22		31**	Zachary, J. W. Ailor					3	18		21	Calhoun-Beulah, Abe Conerly					5	28		33**			
Augusta, O. D. Peters					12	52	3	67**	TOTALS					328	855	30	1213	Cariton-Wilite, R. H. Hearne					5	2	1	8**			
Bald Knob, Dewey Dark					2	20		22	LAFAYETTE DISTRICT—Quota 1060									Chatham, J. T. Garrett					11	23		34*2			
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Bradford-Russell, J. H. Smith					11	10		21**	Church Point, Dan Tholine					9	11		20**	Clay-Ansley, V. Leo Westbrook					6	27	1	34**			
Cabot, John S. Workman					16	29	3	48**	Crowley First Ch., Louis Hoffpauir					39	28	3	70	Downsville, I. A. Patton					11	24		35**			
Clinton, William P. Connell					11	55	2	68**	Crowley, Wesley, Raymond Pierson					8	25		33**	Doyle-McIntyre, L. J. Futch					3	23	1	27**			
DeVillier, C. O. Stahl					14	16		30**	Donaldsonville, G. A. LaGrange					11	24		35*3	Dubach, Byron Crosby					13	32	1	46*3			
Griffithville, W. B. Yount					13	15	1	29*	Ebenezer, Stephen Wendt					2	23		25**	Eros-Antioch, Leon Marsalis					4	12		16**			
Harrison, Horace M. Lewis					38	65		103**	Franklin, Albert S. Hurley					27	41		68	Evergreen, Paul Durbin, Jr.					10			10			
Héber Springs, Arnold Simpson					2	51	1	54**	Golden Meadow, Travis Campbell					38	22		60*2	Farmerville, W. V. Sirman					50	23		73*3			
Jacksonville, N. Lee Cate						27		27	Houma, First Ch., B. A. Galloway					24	57		81**	Gibland, Joe H. Robinson					3	75		78*2			
Judsonia, J. A. Newell					11	14	1	26**	Houma Heights, Howard Ellzey					10	40		50**	Harmony Chapel-Bethlehem-											
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CONCERN REPORTS ON RACE RELATIONS

How Methodist youth are seeking better race relations is the subject of a special report in the February 1 issue of *Concern*, Methodist youth news magazine.

In addition to Editor H. Donald Winkler's five-page report on how MYF's and MSM's across the country are thinking and acting in the area of human relations, the issue contains statements on race relations by The National Conference of Methodist Youth, the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, and the World Council of Churches.

Suggestions are made as to what youth can do, as individuals and through their local groups, to improve inter-race relationships. A bibliography lists materials available free or at nominal cost.

It is anticipated that the issue will have wide use in connection with Race Relations Sunday observances on February 10 and National Brotherhood Week, February 17-24.

Concern, a national news magazine, is published by the National Conference of Methodist Youth, P.O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn. It is issued every two weeks.

Wesley Sub-District Meets At Flora

The Wesley Sub-District held its monthly meeting at Flora Methodist Church, Jan. 21. There was a very interesting program about New Years, given by the Flora MYF.

Preceding the program, the vice president called the meeting to order. There was a discussion about the alcohol speech essay contest. With no further business, the meeting was then adjourned with the MYF Benediction.

The next meeting of the group was scheduled for Feb. 18, at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church.

Montgomery Youth In Worship Service

Youth of the Montgomery Methodist Church participated in the evening worship service, Jan. 27.

Charles Ward directed the singing for the program; and Sandra Hughes gave the prayer. A trumpet solo was given by Billy Giddens, and H. Earl Johnson read the scripture. The Youth Choir offered the special music for the service, and the Rev. James C. Skinner, pastor, delivered the sermon which was followed by an altar service.

Youth participate in the evening services periodically at the Montgomery Church.

RECREATION PERIOD AT BATESVILLE 1ST CHURCH

Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church in Batesville is the scene for afternoon recreation for youth of the church and community. The fellowship and play period is scheduled for each afternoon from 3:30 to 5:00. The committee in direction of this activity is: Mr. Harney Chaney, Hassell Marshall and Craig Johnston.

The Youthful Accent

By Rupert Hoover

NOT ALWAYS YOUTH WHO ARE DELINQUENT

There is so much being said and written these days about the tremendous problems of juvenile delinquency. Hardly a daily paper without some new account of youth involved in criminal delinquency. And certainly it is of no value to deny that, statistically speaking, juvenile crime has been on the increase for several years. But in this as in many things, we often look at the negative side and fail to realize that the bulk of our youths are not delinquent. Parents often are tempted to think of youth as lazy, indulgent, and irresponsible. And to be sure, there is much evidence to support this belief. But, am I far wrong, when I suggest that too tragically often today's youth is but a reflection of today's adults. They mirror our faults, they fail because we have failed them, and in a large percentage of the cases the problem is one of adult—not youth—delinquency. Parental failure, adult examples of playing fast and loose with the moral code, and a general social lethargy—these can account for much of the delinquency which brands youth as criminal.

These past few weeks various congregations have been hosts to representative teen-agers meeting for District Mid-Winter Institutes. They have found them enthusiastic, boisterous, and full of eagerness. But if you dropped into one of their worship services you found reverence that would grace the highest moment of worship. In their discussion groups you found them ready to give and take in argument. And their information on issues of the day would probably shame many adults who fail to keep abreast of what's going on in the world. In your home they were courteous and polite in their own way. Chances are their way would not be too well received in an 18th century drawing room, but is genuine and sincere. To adults who are not used to having teen-agers around, they may seem to be unusually energetic and vocal. Manners will vary with background, but energetic enthusiasm is the common coin of today's youth. And if you don't take them immediately to your heart, you had better have that heart examined!

Perhaps a preacher has more opportunity to see youth at their best than most folks. That doesn't mean he fails to see them at their worst! But opportunities like these Institutes come repeatedly during the year, and one sees youth with all their real possibilities for making good citizens. Or, he may visit a campus as I did recently and there share with university students in discussions of their problems and their ideas on those problems. These youth I talked with in groups and as individuals are having growing pains in their mental and spiritual development. But they surely can put a Michigan preacher on the spot with intelligent questions that demand intelligent and informed answers to be acceptable. You early dispense with any pious platitudes or amiable clichés.

No, I am not ready to consign the younger generation to perpetual delinquency. Some of the best evidence I have for faith in the future comes from today's youth!

Three Areas of MYF Work Discussed By Youth Leaders of La. Conference

(This is a second in a series of communications from officers of the Louisiana Conference MYF on the various areas of the MYF program. Last week letters were directed to MYF presidents, and leaders in the areas of Christian Citizenship and the MY Fund. Next week, on this page, there will appear a letter to adult workers with youth written by Miss Louise Sharp, Conference Director of Youth Work.)

Witness With Me

I would like to extend best wishes for a Happy New Year to each member of the Louisiana Conference MYF. May this year see our Conference working together better than ever to spread the word of God. And what better way is there to start the New Year off right than to make some New Year's resolutions? At the top of my list is a resolution to become a stronger and better witness for Christ. Many of us have the mistaken idea that the only way we can be an effective witness is to become a missionary and go overseas. This is not true. If all the missionaries went overseas, who would be left to witness to the thousands of unsaved people in our own United States? Real witness must begin in our own hearts. First, we must have the love of God so deep within us that we feel we must tell someone about Him.

Some of us find it hard to witness to the gang. We are afraid they might think we are "different." We are different! This difference is something to be proud of, not ashamed of. To witness not only means to tell someone about Jesus, it also means to live a Christian life. We all influence people in our everyday lives. The things we do and say determine whether our influence is good or bad. To be certain, none of us are perfect. We all have our faults. Here is the difference: The person who does not care what kind of example he sets keeps right on doing the same thing, never trying to improve himself. On the other hand, the person who lives a Christian life and really wants to be a good witness, is always trying to correct bad habits and take all the things out of his life that make him less Christ-like.

With the Christmas Season just over, we have realized once more how much God gave us when He sent His Son into the world. This makes us want to give something back to God. We can be a witness for Him, as we serve Him in our vocations. There are countless places ready for us. Many vocations such as missionaries, ministers, youth directors, doctors, teachers, technicians, and many more are just waiting for dedicated Christians to fill them. We, the young people of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, are going to be the religious leaders of tomorrow. Maybe you have not felt God's call to a particular vocation, but when you do, let your answer be, "Here am I, Lord, send me." Let us remember that the love of God in our own hearts leads to witnessing for Him, and witnessing leads us to a Christian vocation.

Caroline Cole, Chairman
Christian Witness,
Louisiana Conference
Box 812, Mansfield, La.

Reach Out

I believe that if each of us sincerely reaches out toward our foreign neighbors who are in need of love and understanding through physical and spiritual help, we will be fulfilling our Christian heritage

and will be richly blessed during the New Year.

The emphasis in January is on Southeast Asia. These sessions are designed to help Methodist youth learn their part in furthering Christian missions in Burma, Malaya, the Philippine Islands, Borneo, and Sumatra. This is indeed a topic which youth should be familiar with. How can one stress this subject in the local church? Folk festivals, attitude tests, comparison of religions, and displays of clothing are but a few ways to emphasize the study. A folk festival might be begun by handing out invitations in the form of passports to members of the MYF. Food served and games played should be typical of the countries of Southeastern Asia. For reference *Fun and Festival from Southeast Asia* may be used. Attitude tests might be given during the course of study. They are explained in *The MYF Handbook* under Christian Outreach. Another interesting study could be made on religions of these countries. Good resource books are *Introducing Buddhism* by Kenneth Latourette, *Introducing Hinduism* by Malcolm Pitt, and *Introducing Islam* by J. Christy Wilson.

Only a few of the projects that may be used to create interest in these far-off lands have been mentioned. There are many more. Let's use a little imagination plus a little work and make the mission study in '57 better than ever.

If you do not have promotion material write your Conference Director of Youth Work, Miss Louise Sharp, P. O. Box 4156, Shreveport, Louisiana.

It is never too late to have a MYFund Pledge Service. This money is used to help in our program of missions, Christian education, and youth work around the world. The MYFund Pledge Service can be found in the MYF Handbook. For other services write Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

Carolyn Woodfin, Chairman
Christian Outreach,
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3065 Conway Drive
Baton Rouge, La.

Happy New Year MYFers

I am Charles Midyett, your conference Christian fellowship chairman. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere wishes for a Happy New Year, and may this be the most prosperous and fulfilling year you have ever had.

As we look over our 1956 New Year's Resolutions, we see just how many of them we have broken, but we say to ourselves, we will do better this year. One of the things you might put in this year's resolution is to be more cooperative, but did you ever think of putting Christ in your resolution? Start this New Year off by resolving to be "More Like the Master."

The Area of Christian Fellowship

What is wrong with your Christian Fellowship? Its common ail-

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**LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE
ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE MEETS**

The Administrative Committee of the Little Rock Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met Jan. 23 at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock.

Mrs. M. E. Scott, president, led the devotional period and gave a brief report of the recent meeting of the Woman's Division at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Reports to be given at the jurisdictional meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Feb. 19-20-21, were discussed.

Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, now a member of the Woman's Division, was presented a gift of luggage in appreciation of her numerous years of service in various offices of the Little Rock Conference.

In addition to the president and Mrs. Henderson, those present were: Mrs. George Meyer, vice president; Mrs. Arthur Terry, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Earl Cotton, jurisdictional secretary of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Fred Harrison, historian; Mrs. J. L. Verhoeff, treasurer; Mrs. Murray McLeod, secretary of literature and publication; all of Little Rock; Mrs. Henry Steveson, Park Hill, chairman of the research committee; Mrs. Ross Helvie, Pine Bluff, secretary of promotion; Mrs. Glen G. Martel, Magnolia, secretary of Missionary Education and Service; and Mrs. Howard M. Elder, El Dorado, secretary of Christian Social Relations.

NEWS IN BRIEF

A Quiet Day will be held at Parker Memorial Church, New Orleans, February 15 from 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m. Mrs. Julia Reed Paxton, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life will speak.

Luncheon will be served at 50¢ per person.

Miss Kathleen McDuffie, a student at Arkansas A&M, spoke to the Monticello Wesleyan Service Guild Tuesday night, January 8, about the trip to the United Nations which she made with a conference group in November. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Duggie of Monticello.

The Wesleyan Service Guild received special notice at the morning worship service of the First Methodist Church, Siloam Springs, Rev. John Bayliss, pastor. The Guild has over 30 members, and was organized in January 1945. Mrs. Roy Umsted is president.

The combined Women's Societies of Christian Service in Sabine Parish sponsored the Mothers' March Against Polio throughout the Parish as a Community Service Project. Churches participating were: First Methodist Church, Many; Mrs. Robert L. Clark, Jr., Chairman; Zwolle Methodist Church, Mrs. H. H. Morris, Chairman; Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, Mrs. M. C. Cady, Chairman; Noble Methodist Church, Mrs. C. L. Foy, Chairman; and Prospect Methodist Church, Florein, Mrs.

**GRETNA ORGANIZES
'GUILD**

The Gretna Wesleyan Service Guild was organized December 5 by Miss Margaret McGowan, District Guild Secretary and Mrs. Opal Looby, District Secretary of Spiritual Life for the District Guild.

The following officers were installed January 27: President, Mrs. Beverly Biehl; Vice-President, Mrs. Sue Arnold; Secretary, Mrs. Lottie Gross; Treasurer, Miss Lorraine Cuny; Promotion, Miss Sally Thibodeaux; Coordinator, Miss Eulah Cato; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Ruth Cavanaugh; and Supply, Mrs. Joyce Guthrie.

Monthly meetings will be held on the first Monday in the Youth Room of the Educational Building at 7:45 p. m.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

Young girls in the Belgian Congo, in Beirut, in Cairo, in Hong Kong, and in Korea, who would never have the opportunity to study on the campus of a college, will enroll this year because of "World Day of Prayer" on March 8, 1957. Women will gather in Peru to study Christian family life—because the 71st observance of "World Day of Prayer" on the first Friday in Lent will be dedicated to world Brotherhood. Needy Eskimos, Arabs, Navajos, American migrants and Asians will receive badly needed help because one day in the year is set aside under the sponsorship of United Church Women in the United States to unite all Christians in a bond of prayer and to present offerings for their many projects. United Church Women, representing some ten million American women, is a general department of the National Council of Churches. Literacy, higher education, day care centers, vacation church schools, scholarships, bookmobiles, teacher training and services—ranging from a model kindergarten in Okinawa to family night programs in a village hut in Angola, West Africa—will be carried out because in more than 60 languages and 1,000 dialects in 145 areas on six continents women "kneel to pray and rise to act."

Dr. Helen Kim, president of Ewha University, Seoul, Korea, was in New York recently as a member of a team of five to present the cause of Korea's membership in the United Nations. The university which she heads was

Jarvis Westbrook, Chairman.

All denominations in the Parish were asked to furnish workers, and the drive was most successfully completed in a spirit of working together for one cause—to help stamp out Polio.

Mrs. Maurice R. Tatum, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations, visited with the First Methodist Church WSCS of Many, on Tuesday, January 22, and gave a review of the book **YOUTH IN A RESPONSIBLE SOCIETY - A CHRISTIAN'S CONCERN**.

SARAH PARROTT JOINS STAFF

New York—Miss Sarah Parrott, New York City and Newnan, Ga., has been elected an associate editor of literature of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions, with headquarters in New York.

Miss Parrott, whose New York address is 50 West Twelfth Street, will edit educational, inspirational and promotional booklets and pamphlets for the Woman's Division, which represents about 1,840,000 Methodist women across the United States. She was elected at the board's annual meeting January 15-18 at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

A native of Newnan, Miss Parrott attended elementary and high school there and studied four years at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va. She received a bachelor of arts degree in English there and did graduate study at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va.

For four years, Miss Parrott was news editor of the Newnan Herald, for three years a writer on the staff of the *North Carolina Municipal News* in Raleigh, N. C., and for three years assistant to the executive secretary of the Board of Women's Work of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., in Atlanta, Ga.

In 1950 Miss Parrott joined the

founded by Methodist missionaries, and is the outgrowth of the first school for girls established in Korea. It is now one of the country's largest and most influential educational institutions, over four thousand students being enrolled at present. It is characterized not only by its deeply religious emphasis, as indicated in a recent revival in which seven hundred were baptized, but also by the interest of the students and faculty in extending their spiritual insights into the life of society outside the campus. Dr. Kim states that in the midst of their studies the students are busy with the problem of understanding some of the historically significant news of the world. When they read in the newspapers the account of the Hungarian struggle for freedom, the entire study body and faculty passed a resolution and despatched a cable of protest to the United Nations.

The members of United Church Women of Belmont and Watertown, Mass., under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Hughes, of Watertown, operate a cooperative "Church World Service Center" at the Belmont Methodist Church. On the last Wednesday of each month from September through April the women gather to sew, mend, sort and pack material for shipment overseas.

A new home for retired deaconesses and missionaries has been purchased by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions, and possession of the property was taken in January, 1957. The new home, located in Asheville, N. C., will be the fourth maintained by the Division, the others being in Pasadena, Cal., Alhambra, Cal., and Ocean Grove, N. J.



Miss Sarah Parrott

staff of the Board of Missions as an editorial assistant in the editorial offices of the Woman's Division. For the last year, she has been a staff writer for the Board's Department of News Service.

Miss Parrott is a member of the New York chapter of the National Religious Publicity Council.

**CAMDEN DISTRICT BOARD
IN MEETING**

The officers of the Camden District Woman's Society of Christian Service met in executive meeting, Friday January 25th at First Methodist Church, El Dorado, Arkansas.

Mrs. Walter Birch presided over the business session at which time reports were given by the following District Officers concerning their line of work: Mrs. Jesse McKinnon, Promotion Secretary; Mrs. J. T. McQuade, Spiritual Life; Mrs. J. M. Curtis, Literature and Publication; Mrs. Laura T. Fook, Children's Work; Mrs. John G. Risky, Youth Work; Mrs. Claude Clark, Missionary Education; Mrs. Joe Gunn, Missionary Personnel; Mrs. W. A. Lewis, Secretary Student Work; and Mrs. C. H. Atkins, Secretary. Also present were Mrs. M. E. Scott, Conference President, who gave some of the high lights of the meeting she attended at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.; Mrs. Glenn Martel, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education; Mrs. Charles Primm, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel.

Mrs. Primm gave the inspirational address at the beginning of the session. At this time she gave some of the highlights of the Mission Tour she made with the group from the Little Rock Conference—this included a trip to the U. N. and various settlement Houses sponsored by the Woman's Society.

Guests for the meeting were the Presidents of the Local Woman's Societies: Mrs. Cliff Wright, First Methodist; Mrs. F. L. Williams, St. Lukes; Mrs. Collie Proffitt, Parkers Chapel; Mrs. Harvey Thompson, Smackover.

Lunch was served in Fellowship Hall. Hostesses were Mrs. Elder, Mrs. McQuade, Mrs. Rickey, Mrs. McKinnon and Mrs. Scott. Mrs. McQuade dismissed the meeting with prayer.—Mrs. J. Rickey, Reporter



IN 1956—

NA Conference Leads Methodism In Number of Training Enterprises

By Ira A. Brumley

The Training Department of the Local Church Division, General Board of Education, has released statistics on training work for 1956.

The North Arkansas Conference led all conferences of Methodism in the number of training enterprises, totaling 126. The North Arkansas Conference led the South Central Jurisdiction in total enrollment in training schools and in total number of course cards issued, with an enrollment of 5,206 and 3,388 course cards being issued. The North Texas Conference was second with 2,796 course cards issued and Texas Conference was third with 2,135.

The fine record of North Arkansas Conference was due in a large measure to the large number of one-unit training schools conducted chiefly by pastors of local churches in their own churches.

We believe that this is one of the finest ways for a local church to train its own leadership through the one-unit training school plan.

New Certifications

The following new certifications have been received in our office:

Paul's Letters to Local Churches, Rev. William M. Wilder, Van Buren, and Rev. Clyde Crozier, Paragould.

Teaching Children and Teaching Children in the Small Church, Mrs. Walter Lindley.

The Life of Jesus, Rev. Byron McSpadden of Corning, Rev. James Fleming of Black Oak, Rev. Charles Lewis of Parkin.

Rev. O. D. Peters of Augusta has been certified as Dean.

Area Training Schools

Five area training schools have been planned for February.

The Poinsett County Area Training School is to be held at Marked Tree, February 11-13, with the following courses being offered:

Our Literature and Its Uses, Rev. A. C. Brannon.

Teaching Children, Mrs. Walter Lindley.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Rev. Ben. F. Jordan.

The Brinkley Area Training School is to be held at Brinkley, February 11, 14, and 15, with the following courses being offered:

Children and the Bible, Mrs. W. F. Bates.

Interpreting the Bible to Youth, Ira A. Brumley.

Helping Adults Learn, Rev. I. L. Claud.

Crawfordsville Area School will be held at Crawfordsville, February 17-21, with the following courses being offered:

Lesson Materials and Their Uses, Rev. Vernon Paysinger.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Rev. Ben F. Jordan.

Teachings of the Prophets, Rev. Ralph Hillis.

The North Little Rock Area School is to be held at Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, February 17-21, with the following courses being offered:

Guiding Nursery Children in Christian Growth, Miss Evelyn Briant.

Guiding Kindergarten Children in Christian Growth, Mrs. J. H. Mondady.

Guiding Primary Children in Christian Growth, Mrs. W. T.

Sanders.

Guiding Junior Boys and Girls in Christian Growth, Miss Elizabeth Workman.

Interpreting the Bible to Youth, Dr. James S. Upton.

Helping Adults Learn, Rev. Archie N. Boyd.

Methodist Christian Beliefs, Rev. N. Lee Cate.

Improving the Church School, Ira A. Brumley.

The Harrison Area School is to be held February 18-20, with the following course being offered:

Teaching Children, Rev. William A. Stewart, Jr.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Rev. Pryor R. Cruce.

Paul's Letters to Local Churches, Rev. Robert Howerton.

Children's Workers' Conference

The Children's Workers' Conference to be held at First Church, Batesville, March 4-6, promises to be equal to any former Children's Workers' Conference. A splendid staff of workers have been secured and plans are completed for the program.

A number of registrations have already reached our office.

Persons planning to attend and desiring to be included in the first hundred, which group will be provided bed and breakfast, should make application at once.

Many One-Unit Schools

Many local churches are now conducting or plan to conduct at an early date one-unit training schools. Churches planning to have such schools who have not already made application should do so at once.

Should application forms be needed, please write Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway, Ark., for these application forms.

ASKS CHECK ON MILITARY BASE LIQUOR SALES

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c. How many servicemen are down-graded each year because of alcohol-caused misconduct?

d. How many auto accidents and crimes are the result of drinking by military personnel?

e. How much money is spent for alcoholic beverages at military bases?

f. How much money could be saved to the nation that is now being lost on personnel made incompetent by heavy drinking?

COACHING SESSION SET FOR DISTRICT LEADERS, LR CONF.

The Vacation Church School Coaching Conference for training district teams in the Little Rock Conference will be held on February 19-20. The meeting will begin at one o'clock on Tuesday, February 19th and will close at noon on February 20th, in First Methodist Church, Little Rock.

Names of the leaders, and texts that will be used, are as follows:

Nursery—Mrs. Frances Winters, Ft. Smith, "Religious Nature In Nursery Class And Home," Lloyd; Kindergarten—Mrs. Herbert Monday, Little Rock, "Friends Near And Far" by Purvis, or "My Home And Family"; Roorback; Primary—Mrs. John Hefley, Crossett, "Our Families," by Taltavall, or "Friends At Home And In The Community," Eddy; and Junior—Mrs. Leslie Thompson, Little Rock, "Meet Your Neighbors," Abernethy.

Mrs. J. C. English and Mrs. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Little Rock, will assist Mrs. Hefley; and Miss Polly Lassister, Arkadelphia, will assist Mrs. Thompson.

Each district in the conference will send a team to participate in the Coaching Conference. These teams will later conduct the Vacation Church School Institutes in their own districts.—Mrs. W. F. Bates

DR. JOHNS ASSIGNED NEW DUTIES WITH MISSION BOARD

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completed. Dr. Johns has been re-assigned in the church extension section. His office is at 1701 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., Dr. and Mrs. Johns home address is No. 5 Edgewood, Media, Pa.

Dr. Johns is a member of the Louisiana Conference.

NEW N. O. CHURCH ACQUIRES BUILDING SITE

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of the required \$2,500 has been

Training Camp To Be Held At Aldersgate

A junior camp leaders training camp will be held at Aldersgate, near Little Rock, March 28-30.

Miss LaDonna Bogardus, Nashville, Tenn., will lead the training camp for the prospective camp leaders. She is in charge of this phase of children's work in the National Board of Education Office, and is a skilled camper.

The camp will be open to all Methodist junior camp leaders in the state, for a nominal cost of only \$5 per person. Training in day camping and in residence camping both will be given. For further information regarding the camp, write to: Mrs. W. F. Bates, 1723 Broadway, Little Rock, Ark.

Children's Workers Meet In Little Rock

The children's workers of greater Little Rock met Feb. 5, at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, where they received instruction for the Easter unit to be taught in Methodist church schools.

Age groups and their leaders were: nursery, Mrs. W. F. Bates; kindergarten group graded, Mrs. Herbert Monday; kindergarten closely graded, Mrs. Cooper Burley; primary group graded, Mrs. J. C. English; primary closely graded, Mrs. Cooper Burley; primary group graded, Mrs. J. C. English; primary closely graded, group one, Mrs. Kenneth Shamblin; group two, Mrs. W. T. Sanders; and group three, Mrs. H. C. Bowser.

Others were: junior group graded, Miss Fay McRae; junior group closely graded, group one, Mrs. Roy Chinn; group two, Mrs. Leslie Thompson; and group three, Miss Ellen Smith.

pledged. This Castle Manor Church leaders pointed out, show a true missionary spirit which makes a fine start for any church and one of which the members can be justly proud.

CARAVAN COUNSELOR NEEDED

In

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

During The

SUMMER OF 1957

For Further Information Please Contact

MISS LOUISE SHARP

Conference Director of Youth Work

P. O. Box 4156

Shreveport, La.

Promises Regular Support For RMH

The Brotherhood Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, La., has officially notified Rev. James B. Grambling, Chairman of the Retired Ministers Homes Board, that they would mail the board a check each month for the amount of \$42.50 for the building of Retired Ministers Homes.

This is the third group to adopt the monthly remittance plan. Cedar Grove Church started the Conference year with \$42.00 per month; Southside Church in Monroe started the year with \$2.50 per month, and have both kept their remittances coming in. Now this group joins in with a \$42.50 per month pledge.

"We hope other churches or groups will follow their good example," said The Rev. J. B. Grambling, chairman of the Conference Board of Managers of Retired Ministers Homes, Inc.

Claiborne Church Reports Progress

The Rev. D. F. Anders, pastor of the Claiborne Methodist Church, West Monroe, reports that the attendance and interest of the Claiborne congregation continue to grow each week.

"The Rev. and Mrs. Falcon Bearne left a lovely parsonage and a well organized church," he said. The young people of Claiborne have won the sub-district banner for the largest attendance for the past three months.

The intermediate choir is singing for the evening services, accompanied by the Rev. Billy Jordan. Pierce Ramsey is directing the group.

The regular choir is under the direction of Charlie Crawford with Miss Margie Norris as organist.

The WSCS, in addition to many other projects, raised several hundred dollars for song books and work on the church and parsonage.

The young people recently raised \$100 to re-upholster the parsonage furniture. The group has an organized recreation program, also.

A committee was appointed by the official board to make plans for re-modeling the church. After meeting, the committee decided on plans for an educational building and hopes are to start on it soon.

"We have just finished getting our subscriptions for *The Louisiana Methodist*," the Rev. Mr. Anders writes. "Our people are enjoying the paper very much," he said.

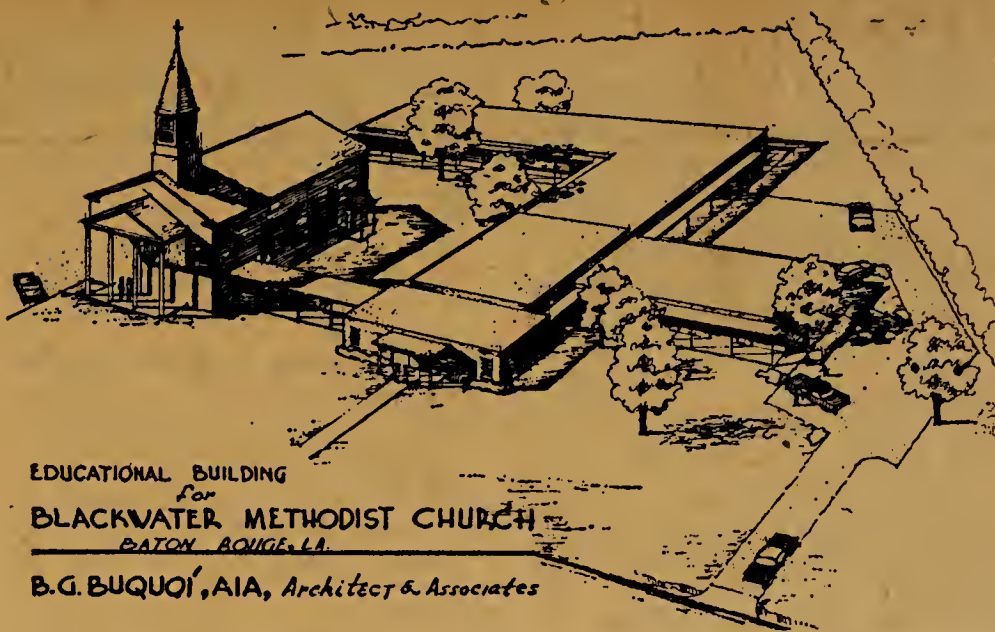
OAK RIDGE LAYMAN NAMED PARISH FARMER OF THE YEAR

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his lifetime served as a faithful steward. Mrs. Pipes, Sr., still sets forth the same fine example of his parental heritage. She served as a key figure on the building and re-decorating committees for the church and parsonage and currently is a member of the parsonage committee and the committee on memorials. She also teaches English and home economics to the junior and senior classes at Oak Ridge High School.

Pipes has one daughter, Melba June, two years old, and one son, Henry III, six months old. His wife, the former Joann Bottcher, is a native of Cullman, Alabama. They met while at college in Auburn, Alabama, where she majored in

Blackwater To Open New Education Building Sunday



The opening service for the new educational building at Blackwater Methodist Church will be held in the sanctuary at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 10. The service will be conducted by Rev. A. G. Taylor, Pastor. Special music will be furnished by the Blackwater Choir, accompanied by Mrs. Leland Stockwell, organist.

Following the service, open house will be held in the new building, with Mrs. V. R. Watts, Chairman of Local Church Activities, in charge of refreshments. Floral arrangements will be done by Mrs. H. M. Hogan, a nationally accredited flower-show judge.

Blackwater Methodist Church has ministered to the people of its community for one hundred years. It is now surrounded by fast-growing subdivisions. The leadership of the church has engaged in thoughtful and courageous planning to meet the future needs of the growing church and community. The present membership is 500.

The sanctuary was built in 1951 during the ministry of Rev. Roy E. Mouser. The present building expansion program was begun by Rev. A. G. Taylor, present pastor, with a financial campaign in the fall of 1955. The ground-breaking was held the last Sunday in May, 1956, with work beginning the following day.

The \$101,300 building has been designed by B. G. Buquoi, architect, to accommodate approximately 400. It has 9,208 square feet of floor space and 3,720 square feet of covered walks connecting the three units of the educational building with the sanctuary. The low, flat-roofed construction emphasizes the design of the colonial style sanctuary and repeats its white columns at the entrance and in the covered walk joining the two buildings. The building provides for adequate classrooms, rest room facilities, a fellowship hall with a stage, two offices, and a modern pickled pine kitchen with a built-in electric oven. Folding doors make it possible for the rooms to be used for dual purposes. Assembly rooms for all departments have been provided. The building has been erected by V. R. Watts, contractor.

The furnishings committee was headed by Mrs. L. L. Burkhalter, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Also on the committee were J. C. Devall, Mrs. H. B. Bliss, Bon Dickey, J. G. Talk, Mrs. Joe B. Carpenter, and Rev. A. G. Taylor.

Mr. Bon Dickey, interior decorator for Kornmeyer's, and Mrs. A. G. Taylor planned the color scheme for the building. Mr. Dickey serves as Chairman of the official board, while Mr. J. C. Talk is superintendent of the church school.

The Pastor, along with the members of the church, invite the public to attend the opening service.

METHODIST LAYMAN NAMED RAYVILLE "YOUNG MAN OF THE YEAR" FOR 1956

Joe Kalil, a Rayville, La., Methodist, was named "Young Man of the Year" for 1956 at a banquet of the Rayville Junior Chamber of Commerce on January 24, 1957, at the Rayville Elementary School Cafeteria.

Kalil's places of responsibility in his own Methodist Church in Rayville include the following: President of The Methodist Men; Teacher of a youth class; Member of the Commissions on Education, Finance, and Membership and Evangelism; Superintendent of the Adult Division of the Church School; usher at the worship services. In addition Joe is recognized as a confidante of the young people; he is instrumental in promoting and participating in the distribution of food, clothing and toys to the needy in the community; in serving as chef at barbecues and other activities of the children, youth and adults; he is one of those who presides at church services in the absence of the pastor; he visits as a member of a team in the church's evangelistic lay visiting programs; and individually he is continually visiting the sick and others in and outside the church. Joe loves his church, backs his pastor in every church undertaking, and is recognized as a true church of the first order.

In the community Kalil for the past year was Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge; President of the Quarterback Club. He served on the Board of Directors of the Red Cross; he worked actively with a committee which has been reorgan-

both commercial education and science and he majored in agricultural administration. She, too, is an active Methodist, serving in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and on the commission on education.

Caleb Pipes, his younger brother, is now a junior at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, where he is studying electrical engineering.

Pipes was selected by the judges as the Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year for his sound agriculture, conservation and business management of his farm as well as his many contributions to the community. His activity in such organizations as the Oak Ridge Lion's Club, the Louisiana Farm Bureau and the Morehouse Parish Cattle-men's Association gives evidence of his interest in both civic and professional affairs.

He has been entered by the Bastrop Jaycees as the local representative in the Louisiana Junior Chamber of Commerce contest at Oak Grove, Louisiana, where state winners will be selected. Should Pipes be chosen as the Outstanding Young Farmer of Louisiana, he will be entered in the national contest by the state Jaycees.

izing the records of the local Masonic Cemetery; he was an active participant in the Band Boosters' Campaign.

He holds a responsible executive position with George B. Franklin and Son of Holly Ridge and is a valued asset to his employers, and the company of which he is an integral part.

The organizations which nominated Joe asserted that he gives unselfishly of himself to every class and cause. He sets a splendid example and makes a fine "Mr. Rayville."

This Distinguished Service Award was presented to Kalil by his pastor, Rev. W. D. Boddie. Principal speaker at the banquet was Rev. R. O. Cawker, Assistant Secretary of Evangelism of The Baptist Church in Louisiana. Toastmaster at the banquet was J. E. Bruce, who was presented by the President of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce, W. Carlton Dopson.

Other nominees for "Young Man of the Year" were another Methodist and Chairman of the Official Board, Marshall Cloud; Dr. John Hooks, Jr., Dentist; and the Reverend Richard W. Wilson, Episcopal Rector.

Rodessa Sponsors Holiday Activities

The Rodessa Methodist Church, Rev. Marvin H. Hockenhull, pastor, observed a very meaningful Christmas season with a Christmas tree party on Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, when Santa Claus brought gifts to the children, who presented the Christmas story in pageant and song. The adults brought gifts for Confederate Memorial Hospital. The membership presented the pastor with a handsome navy blue suit. The WSCS honored the pastor's wife, Mrs. Hockenhull, with a special life membership in the society. On

Sunday morning, Rev. Eddie Morgan of Perkins School of Theology was guest minister. On Sunday evening, December 23, the annual candle-lighting service was held with the entire congregation participating.

White Christmas gifts and a morning Communion offering on Sunday, Dec. 2, were given to the Community-wide Christmas Day Fund. Fifteen families were made happy in this with baskets of food, fruit, candies, toys and needed clothing.

57 Little Rock Conference Churches Observe Veterans Day

By Roland E. Darrow

Veterans Day that was to have been observed in all the churches in the Little Rock Conference on November 25, 1956 was largely observed in the negative. This special observance which is directed by the discipline has not caught the attention and interest of the majority of the ministers in the Conference. The board of Pensions is indeed grateful to the churches that are listed below for their loyalty in this program which gives the Board of Pensions additional income with which to meet the demands of our Claimant for such emergencies as acute illnesses and hospitalizations that their small pension checks will not cover.

As of January 22, 1957 ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT	
Churches	Paid
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Saline	5.00
Glenwood	20.00
Keith Memorial, Malvern	15.00
Fountain Lake	5.26
Sparkman	21.00
Piney Grove	4.00
Total	\$ 75.26
CAMDEN DISTRICT	
Calton	\$ 31.00
Ebenezer	13.00
Timothy	15.00
Westside	10.00
Chidester	22.00
Silver Springs	10.00
McNeil	10.25
Norphlet	10.00
Union	15.00
Rhodes Chapel	12.00
Total	\$148.25
HOPE DISTRICT	
Wickes	\$ 10.00
Springhill	10.00
Oak Grove	2.00
Total	\$ 22.00
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT	
DeVall's Bluff	\$ 7.50
Brasfield	15.00
Pepper's Lake	5.65
Geyer Springs	50.00
Mabelvale	23.78
Total	\$101.93
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Extra	\$ 5.00
Mt. Tabor	10.00
Waller's Chapel	10.00
Dermott	68.00
Dumas	60.70
Eudora	42.70
Ft. Hill Ct.	20.00
Hamburg	23.50
Hampton	5.00
Harrell	10.00
Ingalls	6.00
Kingsland	15.50
Lake Village	31.00
Martin's Chapel	3.00
Palestine	7.00
Monticello	100.00
Montrose	9.00
Portland	22.50
Chambersville	5.00
Temperance Hill	5.00
Star City	19.65
Warren	85.00
Watson	10.00
Mt. Pleasant	4.00
Rock Springs	6.00
Total	\$592.55
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT	
Altheimer	\$ 10.00
Wabbaseka	10.00
Cypress	10.00
Wesley, Pine Bluff	11.50
Tomberlin	12.00
Tucker	15.00
Total	\$ 74.60
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,014.59

OBITUARIES

THOMAS — The Reverend J. W. Thomas was born in Rossville, Tennessee, on November 3, 1877, and died at a nursing home at Knoxville, Tennessee, November 14, 1956.

He attended High School at Macon, Tennessee, was graduated from McTyer College at McKenzie, Tennessee, and received his theological training at Vanderbilt University.

Brother Thomas was licensed to preach in 1899 at Macon, Tennessee. In 1902 he came to the North Arkansas Conference where he served churches at Marvell, Imboden, Mammoth Springs, Pocahontas, Marked Tree and Leslie. On February 22, 1911, he married the daughter of a Methodist minister, Miss Beatrice Cox of Holly Grove. In 1918 they transferred to the Little Rock Conference to serve Grand Avenue, Hot Springs, Lonoke, Texarkana, Horatio, Smackover, Portland-Parkdale, Lake Village, Huttig, 28th Street,

Little Rock, and Wilmot. In 1943 Brother and Mrs. Thomas retired at Portland, Arkansas. After failing health, the Thomases moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in August 1956, to be near their daughter, Mrs. Joseph Greer, Jr.

Brother Thomas is survived by his wife, Beatrice C. Thomas, one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Greer, Jr., of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and three grandsons, William, Glenn and Richard Greer. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Bays and Rev. John Sutton of First Methodist Church, Oak Ridge. Burial at near-by Clinton, Tennessee.

The life and inspiration of Brother Thomas shall continue to bear fruit through those fortunate enough to have known him. In his deep love and great concern for our church he spent many of his last hours sifting, thinking, praying, guiding the dreams and hopes of a young minister in his first charge. No minister was ever more fortunate, for I knew his friendship and enjoyed the harvests of his full experience of life and service for God and his fellowmen. — Robert B. Moore, Jr.

TUBB—Mr. J. W. Tubb was born on December 12, 1873 at Hico, Louisiana. He was the oldest of five children, two boys and three girls. Mr. Tubb passed away at the Dubach Clinic on November 24, 1956 after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were conducted at the Dubach Methodist Church on November 25 with Rev. Troy Garrett, Quitman, La., and Rev. Byron Crosby, Dubach, officiating.

He married the former Sally Winnfield and is survived by her and five children, Beuford of Rayne, William of Monroe, Leland of Baton Rouge, Lewis of Houston, and Lois of Tulsa, Oklahoma; eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Tubb spent his life trying to live it according to the teachings of Christ. His life was built around his family and doing the things that would be for the good and happiness of their lives. Also he gave freely of his time and ability to help make the community in which he lived a better place in which to live. He spent much time helping others in any way that he possibly could.

He was a faithful worker in his church and all that it stood for. When the people of Dubach first met as a group to worship God they met in the old school building with Methodist and Baptist worshiping together. When the Methodist Church was organized he was one of the charter members. His only living sister was also a charter member. He was elected the first Superintendent of Sunday School and served in this capacity as long as his health would permit (which was many years). He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge until they disbanded in Dubach. He put church

work first in his life and would miss attendance only due to illness or other providential hindrances. This also was taught to his children who have continued to take an active part in Christian work.

Mr. Tubb's faithful devotion to his church and community will certainly not be forgotten by those who knew him and loved him.

W. P. WHALEY
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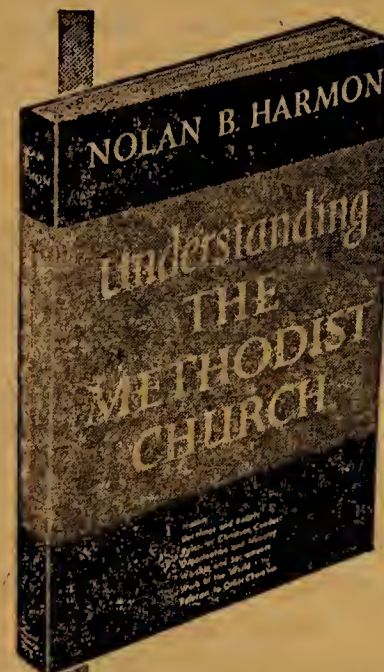
this noble man is a very limited insight into his real character, his genuine worth, the great blessing he brought through his consecrated ministry to untold thousands through many years. His outstanding characteristics to my mind were a passion for his Lord and the work he was called to do, his affection for his family and everything that pertained to their happiness and well-being, the sweetness of his spirit and the graceful way (I should say gallant) that he met retirement and advancing age.

He came to the end of the way in this life with his head up, his face to the future, like a soldier who has conquered his foes.

Since the Annual Conference session we have had five superannuates to enter into their reward and two of the active ministers. This reminds me of the truth of the scripture, "God buries His workmen and carries on His work."

As you know, ministers are not privileged to hear a brother minister preach very often. As I remember I only heard Dr. Whaley on one occasion and that was a few years ago when he preached the sermon at the Service of Commemoration at the Annual Conference. He preached on Heaven, which to him then was a blessed hope, and which now is a glad fulfillment. Already he has received the blessed greeting "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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Mrs. E. A. Battles—musical instruments
Haltom Arch Co.—canned goods and groceries

Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Stuttgart—canned goods

Orlene McKinney Circle, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Little Rock—presents for the Seniors of 1957

Mrs. O. T. Brewster, El Dorado—assorted jewelry

Mr. and Mrs. James Nix, Huttig, Ark.—jig saw puzzles

Miss Ruth Mason, Little Rock—candy Christmas wreaths

Junior Department, First Methodist Ch., Waldron, Ark.—plaques

Home Demonstration Club of Mt. Pleasant, Waldron, Ark.—quilt

Ladies Class, Moorefield Methodist Church—towels and wash cloths

Optimist Club—Christmas trees

Ever Ready Bible Class, Magnolia Jackson St. Methodist Church—towels, wash cloths, tooth brushes, tooth paste, gloves and assorted gifts

Mrs. Ed Tully, Forrest City, Ark.—canned goods

Tupelo Methodist Church—quilt

Mrs. M. R. Springer, Little Rock—clothing

Dardanelle W.S.C.S.—quilt

Mrs. Hazel Byrd, Jerome, Ark.—candy and cookies

Circle No. 6 of Jackson St. Methodist Church, Magnolia, Ark.—towels, wash cloths, tooth paste and brushes, soaps, and other assorted gifts

Mrs. Gus McClendon, Marked Tree, Ark., Junior Dept. of Methodist Church, under supervision of Circle No. 2—assorted gifts

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Isaacson and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Anderson—party and gifts for Cottage No. 6

M.Y.F., Lakewood Methodist Church—party and gifts for Cottage No. 1

M.Y.F., Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock—canned goods

W.S.C.S. and Junior Class boys and girls of Mt. Tabor Methodist Church—gifts, candy, clothes, food

Junior Class, Wesley Memorial Church, Conway, Ark.—food and canned goods

Mothers Round Table, Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock—assorted gifts

Stebbins and Roberts, Inc., Little Rock—assorted gifts for each child in the Home

Bayou Meto Methodist Church W.S.C.S.—assorted gifts and clothing

The Sunshine Class, Glenwood Methodist Church—sheets and pillow slips

Malvern Sub-District M.Y.F. Gifts—gifts for all the children

Rice Belt Sub-District—canned goods

Pleasant Grove M.Y.F.—towels and linens

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Altus Charge—fruit, canned goods, miscellaneous gifts

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St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Arkadelphia—lovely gifts

Stuttgart First Methodist Church, First Year Junior Class—cards

Mr. Walker Matthews, Game Warden—venison

Box 65, Gentry, Ark.—books and cards

The Farmington Methodist Church W.S.C.S.—assorted gifts

Crawfordsville Methodist Church W.S.C.S.—assorted gifts

Pottsville Methodist Sunday School, Children's Department—assorted gifts

Elaine-Wabash M.Y.F.—assorted gifts

Columbus Methodist Church—quilt

Tillar Methodist Church—canned goods

2 cartons of toys from First Methodist Church of Blytheville

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans, Benton—canned goods

Stephens Methodist Church, The 2nd Primary Class, Stephens, Ark.—toys

Fidelis Class and Mrs. Julia Hood, Sparkman—quilts

Mr. J. L. Rosencranz, Jr., Stuttgart—carton of rice

Intermediate Sunday School Class, Glenwood Methodist Church—toys

From Women's Sunday School Class of The Wallers Chapel Methodist Church—3 quilts, 3 blankets, five pair pillow slips

Primary Department, Winfield Methodist Church—mittens and gloves

Park View Church School—food and canned goods

Primary Department, Huntington Methodist Church, Jonesboro—socks, mittens and handkerchiefs and money

First Methodist Church of Clarksville—

gifts
Danville Methodist Church—clothing and games

Traskwood Methodist Church Junior Class—gifts

Primary Department of Dermott Methodist Church—mittens and gloves

Portland Methodist Church, Primary Class—assorted New Year's gifts

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wilson, First Methodist Church, Little Rock—money plus grocery supplies

M.Y.F. of St. Luke's Church of El Dorado—quilts

M.Y.F. of the Alicia Methodist Church—candy and assorted gifts

Hugh Lohman family of Parkin—a lovely doll

St. Francis Sunday School—towels, soap and dish cloths

Harrisburg Methodist Church W.S.C.S.—assorted gifts

First Methodist Church, Blytheville—assorted gifts, gloves and socks

Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock—assorted gifts, food and clothing

Velma Jane Carter, Little Rock—one girl's bicycle

Judy Byrd, Sherry Grant, and Judy Linton, Grand Ave. Methodist Church, Stuttgart—doll and doll clothes

First Methodist Church, El Dorado—two large boxes toys

Poinsett County Teacher's Association—three large boxes of assorted gifts

St. Paul's Church of Jonesboro—food and canned goods

Pine Bluff Sub-District M.Y.F.—canned goods

Marysville Sunday School Junior Class—gloves

Young Ladies Class, Moorefield Methodist Church—dish towels

Minnie Webb Hook Circle of Wiggins Memorial Church, Fayetteville—assorted gifts

Hunter Memorial Methodist Church, Little Rock—fruit and canned goods

Sam Farris, Little Rock—books

Douglassville Senior Class of Methodist Church—food and canned goods

First Methodist Church, El Dorado, 4th and 5th grades of Junior Department—56 pairs of children's socks

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AREA OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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ment is being nonfunctionable. Oh, the Christian fellowship chairman may get up before the group ever so often and read about his area out of a book, but there is much more to it. The purpose of the Christian fellowship is, "To help youth experience in all their relationships the bond of the Christian fellowship that comes from their common faith." I believe that the local MYF can improve this area, if the chairman

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will branch out from the book. By that I mean to take up new activities such as group recreation, fellowship work around the church, to help a needy family, and other such group activities. I would suggest to the chairman of this area to get a calendar and put it on the bulletin board and list the coming activities. This may help to boost the interest and cooperation.

Because the Conference MYF Council is interested in helping the local Christian fellowship, we have planned a Recreation Laboratory. This is to be held at Camp Brewer on May 9-12, 1957, and is open to both leaders of youth and adult groups, who have charge of the

recreation in the church. You will receive more information later on this, but it would be a good idea to put this date on your summer calendar. This is another excellent way to boost your Christian Fellowship.

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 17, 1957

KINGDOM PARABLES FOR TODAY

READ THE 13th CHAPTER OF MATTHEW.

MEMORY SELECTION: *The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value went and sold all that he had and bought it.* —Matthew 13:45-46 (RSV)

The subject for a very interesting lesson this week is "Kingdom Parables For Today." This is the third lesson in the four lesson series of Unit II, with the general subject, "The Church And Its Evangelical Mission." The subjects for the first two lessons of the series were: "Our Mission As Disciples" and "Warning and Invitation."

The 13th chapter of Matthew, from which our lesson text is taken this week, contains seven parables. Five of the seven are contained in our lesson text this week.

Teaching By Parables

Jesus was the greatest teacher the earth has ever known. In three years of His active ministry, by the life He lived and by the truths He taught, Jesus left the impress and imprint of His ministry on the life of the world so indelibly that today, twenty centuries later, the one great power for good in the world is the church established on the truths He taught.

For us, who would teach, we feel that it is very significant that the most impressive, arresting forms of teaching Jesus used is found in the parables He spoke. As a master Teacher, Jesus knew that truth can be made to live in the minds of people most effectively by illustrating the truth with a striking story that is related to everyday life. Jesus is our example in Christian living. We should also make Him our example as a teacher. We too will find that truth may be taught more forcefully, more effectively and more interestingly by illustrating it with some carefully chosen story that relates the truth to life.

There is one thing that we should always keep in mind in studying the parables of Jesus. Each parable has for its purpose the teaching of some one, main, central truth. Usually it is not difficult to discover what that basic truth is. The many details of a parable are of only incidental importance. We will confuse ourselves and probably miss or minimize the principle truth it contains if we try to make each detail of the parable mean something special. It is like trying to make every little country by-road, which branches off from the main highway, help us to reach our destination which is on the main highway. To turn off to explore all of these by-roads only slows down our journey and may cause us to get off the main road entirely. In studying or teaching a parable we had better be content to develop the main truth it holds. We will confuse ourselves and others if we try to find spiritual significance in each detail of the parable.

What Is the Kingdom of Heaven Like?

In a recent lesson we called at-

tention to the difficulties involved in trying to describe heaven with words intended for use only in describing things of earth. We called attention also to the fact that we have no words that can even begin to describe the being of God. When God would tell Moses about Himself, He simply said I AM that I AM. That is not a very good description of God but it was the best God could give with the language He had to use in the description.

We have something of the same situation in the desire of Jesus to tell us what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. Over and over again Matthew records the fact that Jesus said, "The kingdom of Heaven is like." Each time He said that, it was followed with a different picture of what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. Each parable is like a window that gives us a different view of the kingdom, no one of which was supposed to be a complete picture. After we have read all of the parables, in each of which Jesus said there was something like the Kingdom of Heaven, we feel that, even in the combined picture which Jesus gives us of the Kingdom, there is still much that could not be told because of our limited power to understand and also because human language is not sufficient for such an undertaking.

Why did Jesus talk so much about what the Kingdom of Heaven is like? It is our feeling that He had two major reasons for doing so. First, Jesus was teaching, not only for the sake of the people gathered so closely about Him, He was speaking truths that would bless the lives of unborn generations until the end of time. In the second place, Jesus was endeavoring, by every means possible, to correct a pre-conceived notion deeply imbedded in the minds of the Jewish leaders of His day as to what the Kingdom was to be which He had come to establish.

For centuries the Jews had looked forward to the coming of a Messiah who would re-establish the Kingdom of David and eventually make Jerusalem the political and religious capitol of the world. In the multiplicity of views Jesus gave them of what the Kingdom of Heaven is like He is endeavoring to correct this mistaken idea of an earthly kingdom. Nevertheless this idea of an earthly kingdom followed Jesus all the way. It was present in His trial before Pilate where Jesus said to Pilate pointedly, "My kingdom is not of this world." John 18:36.

Inherent Power of the Kingdom

Jesus spoke two parables quite similar in their general purpose which was to teach the marvelous growth of His kingdom. He was saying that this growth was to

come from the small beginning which the disciples were seeing day by day. While these twin parables were quite similar in the general truth they taught—the growth of the kingdom—they described two different phases of that growth.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed described something of the outward, physical growth of the kingdom. While it was to begin in a very small way, like the germinating of a mustard seed, nevertheless, small as it was in the beginning it became the "greatest of herbs, and cometh a tree." The Kingdom of Heaven was to begin its growth on earth in a very small way, but Jesus saw the time when it would become a mighty power.

Jesus talked of having faith "as a grain of mustard seed." We sometimes think that means a weak, scrawny faith, but does it? When we put a tiny mustard seed in the ground and cover it with clods of dirt imagine the faith it takes for such a small seed to push itself up against the weight of the dirt that is pressing it down and continue to grow, after it reaches the light, until it is the big herb it may become. Jesus said that kind of faith in a human life, linked with the power of God, can move "mountains."

In the parable of the mustard seed Jesus was talking about the tremendous power inherent in the Kingdom of Heaven which would inevitably cause it to become the great redemptive power in the world it has been through the last twenty centuries and will continue to be in an ever increasing way.

In the Parable of the Leaven Jesus was describing something of the manner of the growth of the Kingdom. It "is like leaven hidden in three measures of meal." The growth of the kingdom is not dependent on the noisy blast of trumpets or gaudy parades. The Kingdom is to grow as His followers make favorable contacts with others. We hear it said that "Religion is caught not taught." Religion is both caught and taught, but Jesus here indicates that the Kingdom grows quietly as it changes the very character of the lives of the people it touches. That work is to continue, Jesus says, "Till the whole is leavened."

The Inherent Joy of the Kingdom

In verses 44-46 of our lesson text Jesus speaks twin parables which teach something of the inherent joy that comes to those who find the treasure of the Kingdom.

Christianity will never be popular with the masses because of a misunderstanding of the doctrine of self-denial. For too many people self-denial means self-punishment. To them it is giving up the things you desire now for something you are not much interested in now in order that you may be saved in the by-and-by.

These two parables of Jesus, the Treasure in the Field and the Pearl of Great Price, teach that, in a proper understanding of the Kingdom, we give up the less desirable in order that we may have the most desirable. The Treasure in the Field is considered a great bargain although it costs all else the man had. "FOR JOY" he went and sold everything he had in order to have this treasure. The dealer in pearls finally saw a pearl of such beauty that he gladly "sold all that he had" and bought the pearl.

Self-denial is, after all, giving up

our small, selfish, limited plans in order that the plans and purposes of an infinite God for us may possess us and bring us to the largest life possible here and to life eternal in the next world. By removing ourselves from the central place in our lives and placing Christ there, we have a center for life that is worthy of the only life we have to live.

How the Treasure Was Found

One of the men seemed to come on the treasure in the field almost by accident, but seeing its worth, wanted it above all else. Some people become Christian as the result of some unexpected contacts or experiences which led them to see the reality and value of religion. The pearl dealer however, was "seeking goodly pearls" when he found the priceless pearl. So it is that some people become Christian as a result of a definite search for God. Let us keep this in mind, that both of the men in the parables had one common experience. Before either of them could come into possession of the thing they desired, it was necessary for them to be rid of all else in life before they could have the desire of their hearts.

So it is that people come by various routes to the point of wanting to be Christian. And so it is, also, that in order to be genuinely Christian each individual finds it necessary to empty life of self completely before he may possess the consciousness of the presence of God in his life.

Gathering In the Good and Bad

We will remember that Jesus was seated in a boat just off shore in the sea while He was speaking these parables. He came very close to the everyday life of the people to whom He was speaking when He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind."

It would be very unusual indeed if such an organization as the church, which promises so much to faithful followers, did not gather into its membership some who want the advantages which the church offers without giving back into the church of their life the things, Christ desires. There are hypocrites in the church. Some of these hardly realize that they are in the church for motives less than the best; others deliberately try to have the benefits of the church without the service and consecration necessary to vital religion. Jesus seems to recognize this fact in the closing parable of our lesson and seems also to suggest that the church "cast the net" and draw into its membership any who desire to be members.

Jesus seems to indicate that the division of the "good from the bad" requires more than human wisdom. He says in our lesson, and also in the parable of the Wheat, and Tares, that the division will be made by angels at the end of the way.

The Value of Truth Whether Good or Bad

In the closing verse of our lesson Jesus speaks of the scribe who is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old. We should realize that truth is timeless in its value. It is not good simply because it is old; it is not bad simply because it is old. New conceptions of truth should also be accepted on their merits. Newness does not make them either good or bad.

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Conference Essay Contest Begins

Scheduled For Local Churches Feb. 17-24

Feb. 17-24 is the week set aside for the local churches to conduct the annual essay-speech contest for MYF members of high school age, sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Boards of Temperance and Education, the MYF and WSCS, in cooperation with the local church committees and commissions on temperance and education.

"Is Moderation the Answer to the Alcohol Problem?" is the subject for this year's contest.

District and sub-district run-offs are scheduled for Mar. 3-10; and finals will be held at the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Mar. 30.

All district winners must be certified to the secretary of the Conference Board of Temperance, the Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr., Box 46-A, Watson, La., not later than Mar. 20.

Prizes are: for the local church, first—\$5, second—\$3, and third—\$2; district prizes, first—\$13, second—\$7, and third—\$5; and for the conference contest prizes will be, first—\$100, second—\$50, and third—25, and \$10 to each of the others competing in the finals.

The local churches will provide \$10 for the prizes at the local level. The district superintendent and the district secretary of temperance will collaborate in providing \$15 for district prize awards. The \$225 in final awards will be provided by the Conference Board of Temperance.

Stonewall Church Scheduled For Dedication

The Stonewall Methodist Church has undergone extensive repairs, and former pastors and friends are invited to services during the week of Feb. 17-24, which will be climaxed by a dedication service by Dr. B. C. Taylor, Shreveport District Superintendent.

The organization of the church dates back to the Civil War, according to the pastor, the Rev. T. O. Morie, Jr. "A score of the best Louisiana ministers preached here as they attended nearby Centenary College," he said.

Repair work was possible, according to the minister, because of a \$2,000 gift from Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Berry, Shreveport, who also donated \$3,000 electric organ to the church.

The week's program includes: Monday, Feb. 17, at 11 a.m., morning worship, and at 7:30 p.m., a sermon by the Rev. W. V. Sirman, Farmer-ville, with music by Mrs. W. D. McBuff and the Grand Cane Choir; Monday, sermon by the Rev. Marvin Hockenull; Tuesday, the Rev. George Ross of Caddo Heights, Shreveport, will preach; Wednesday,

Meetings Begin Area EMC Program



Shreveport District Leaders, left to right, Rev. Karl Tooke, Shreveport, Conference Director of Stewardship; Robert P. Lay, Gilliam, Conference Lay Leader; Dr. B. C. Taylor, Shreveport, District Superintendent; J. L. Saxon, Shreveport, District Director of the Every-Member Canvass and A. C. Williams, Chicago, General Board of Lay Activities. Not shown in the photograph are Judge R. J. O'Neal, District Lay Leader and Rev. George W. Harbuck, District Director of Stewardship.

The Shreveport District, under the leadership of its District Superintendent, Dr. B. C. Taylor, kicked off its Every-Member Canvass on Friday evening, January 25th, at 6:30 in Broadmoor Methodist Church. One-hundred-four laymen and ministers attended this meeting, and

During this period kick-off dinners are being held in the districts of the Louisiana Conference marking the beginning of the Every-Member-Canvass program in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. Among these district meetings were those in the Shreveport and Ruston Districts.

there was a great deal of interest in the Canvass for the District.

Judge R. J. O'Neal, Shreveport District Lay Leader, presented a resolution to the effect that the churches in the district endorse this Area program. The motion carried without dissent.

Plans were laid for the Every-Member Canvass in each local church. Those appearing on the program were Dr. B. C. Taylor, District Superintendent, who presided; Mr. J. L. Saxon, District Director of the Every-Member Canvass; Mr. Bob

the Stonewall MYF will be in charge of a program, "Viewing the Future," and Mrs. J. C. Gilmer will review the past.

Thursday, the Summer Grove pastor, the Rev. T. M. Lancaster, will preach and the Summer Grove Choir will furnish the music; Friday, the Rev. Wilson Watson, Ponchatoula, will deliver the sermon.

Dr. Taylor will conduct the dedication services at 11 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 24.

Lay, Conference Lay Leader; Rev. Karl Tooke, Conference Director of Stewardship and Mr. R. C. Williams from the General Board of Lay Activities in Chicago.

District Meeting No. 2 is to be held in the Activities Building of the Broadmoor Methodist Church Tuesday, March 5th, at 7:00 o'clock, Dr. B. C. Taylor presiding.

RUSTON DISTRICT

The Ruston District meeting number 1 in the Simultaneous Every-Member Canvass was held at First Methodist Church in Arcadia January 31, at 7:00 p.m. About 150 ministers and laymen attended from every charge in the district.

Mr. Bob Williams of the General Board of Lay Activities and Rev. Karl Tooke, Louisiana Conference Director of Stewardship, led the discussion on the Every-Member Canvass program. Others taking part on program were Dr. Guy M. Hicks, District Superintendent, Mr. Jason Smith, Associate Director of Every-Member Canvass for the Ruston District, Mr. J. Davidson Brown, District Lay Leader and Rev. Robert L. Peyton, District Director of Every-Member Canvass.

The group voted unanimously to enter into this conference and area-wide emphasis on giving. The large attendance at this district meeting was partly attributed to the fact that four preliminary meetings were held for the pastors in various parts of the district. At these conferences Dr. Hicks and Rev. Mr. Peyton stressed the importance of the emphasis and the necessity of the pastor, Chairman of the Official Board, Chairman of the Finance Commission and other laymen being present for the district meeting.

Centenary To Have Five Nat'l Methodist Scholarships

Five National Methodist Scholarships, an increase of two, will be allotted to Centenary College next year due to increased receipts from the observance of Methodist Student Day in the Louisiana Conference.

Notification of the increase came to Dr. Joe J. Mjckle, president of Centenary, from Stanley H. Martin, director of student loans and scholarships for the Division of Educational Institutions, Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.

"As these funds continue to grow, we will be able to set aside additional awards, and we urge you and your colleagues to help promote the full observance of this special day throughout your conference this year," Martin wrote.

The Board of Education also voted at its last annual meeting to increase the value of each scholarship from a maximum of \$400 to a maximum of \$500, effective next September. Recipients are selected on the basis of superior scholarship, active churchmanship, leadership ability and financial need.

Currently holding National Methodist Scholarships at Centenary are Jackie Crain of Mansfield, Sue Thomas of Atlanta, Tex., and Billye Claire Justice of Waterproof. The scholarships are presented each year at the annual Honors Day assembly at the college.

Bishop Decries 'Lust For Unity'

LOS ANGELES (RNS) — Religious liberty in the United States is threatened by a "growing lust for unity at too low a level," Methodist Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of Los Angeles, said here.

Decrying "the popular contemporary idea that all separation is bad," he declared that Protestantism's division into many sects demonstrated its strength rather than its weakness.

Bishop Kennedy spoke at the ninth national conference of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State. His topic was "Separation and Freedom."

"The price of one Church in a society is a bigger one than most of us want to pay," he told the delegates.

The Methodist leader also said that individual liberty was threatened when either Church or State "moves in to take control of the family."

He questioned the "authority" by which a Church "forbids the right of divorce."

"The rising divorce rate is of profound concern to all of us," he said, "but there could be something

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Fayetteville Shares In Fund Raising For Mt. Sequoyah

A drive is now underway in Fayetteville to raise \$10,000 of the \$110,000 to be used for the construction of an educational building at the Western Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah.

The drive was officially opened at a breakfast meeting Jan. 17, at the Mt. Inn. Dr. C. G. Melton is chairman of the committee to raise the money, and the Rev. Elmer Hook, administrator of the Assembly, outlined the program.

A total of \$84,000 of the \$110,000 will come from outside Arkansas, the chairman said. Fayetteville will put in \$10,000 and the rest of Arkansas, \$16,000.

The Rev. Mr. Hook explained that this is the 35th year for the Assembly, which serves the eight states of the South Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church. It attracts as many as 10,000 persons a year he said, as it serves as a training center for the church.

The educational building will be named the Paul E. and Mildred Martin Building in honor the resident bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area of the Methodist Church, and his wife. It will consist of 11 units, with a special chapel in the center given by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Perkins, Wichita Falls, Tex. A visual education room is included under the sponsorship of the T. L. James estate, of Louisiana.

The Assembly will open for its regular summer program about June 5, this year.

Dr. Roy I. Bagley, superintendent of the Fayetteville District, is chairman of the building committee. The contract for the building has been let, and construction is underway.

A recent editorial in the *Northwest Arkansas Times*, Fayetteville daily paper, praised the Fayetteville residents for the response they are showing in the financial drive.

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR CLERGY IS APRIL 15

Adapted From A Recent Associated Press Newsfeature

Most ministers who haven't already chosen to be covered by the social security system have only until April 15 to do so. After that, they lose their right to coverage forever.

This results from a change Congress made in the Social Security law in 1954.

Under it, ministers for the first time could be covered by the law and accumulate retirement, death and disability benefits. But, it was up to each minister to decide, whether he wanted to be covered, unlike most other persons who have no choice.

In making social security coverage optional for ministers, Congress bowed to some religious sects which objected to compulsory coverage.

But, Congress told the ministers they must use their option between Jan. 1, 1955, and April 15, 1957. The only ministers not now faced with the April 15 deadline are those who have become ministers since Jan. 1, 1955. Their deadline is two years from the April 15 which follows the date they became ministers.

If you're a minister and you haven't yet chosen social security coverage, it's a simple matter to do so.

Your first move should be to get a social security number at the nearest social security office. You can find the address of this office in your phone book or through your post office.

Of course, if you already have a number which you used before going into the ministry, that number should be used.

You should also pick up a special application (form 2031) at the social security office which must be used by all ministers, to formally signify their desire to be covered by social security.

This form must be filled out and filed with the nearest district office of the internal revenue service. Failure to file this form until after next April 15 automatically rules you out of social security coverage.

The coverage you'll get will be as a self-employed person even though you may be working for a salary from your congregation.

As a self-employed person, you will be expected to file by April 15 a report of your earnings to the internal revenue service along with your regular income tax form. You'll also be expected to pay the social security tax on your earnings up to \$4200 a year.

By paying your tax by April 15, you'll get coverage for the year 1956. The tax will be three per cent of your earnings. The tax increased to 3% for the year 1957.

Once you elect coverage, you'll have to file a tax return on each April 15 and pay the social security tax in each year you earn \$400 or more.

Your church or institution does not become in any way involved or obligated in this arrangement. But, there's nothing to stop your church from adding the cost of the tax to your salary. Many churches have done this.

Planning Protestant Worship Center For New Orleans

To help fill the "vacuum" in the inner-city left by Protestant churches which have moved to the suburbs, the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches is planning to erect an office building and chapel. When completed, the project will give all Protestants in downtown New Orleans a center for city-wide worship, Dr. George H. Wilson announced. Dr. Wilson is executive secretary of the Federation.

A campaign for funds for the center was given a decided lift by the recent gift of \$100,000 from an anonymous donor. "One by one," Dr. Wilson stated, "the congregations which met in the downtown area have moved to the residential suburbs. Now the dream of thousands of Christian people in the Greater New Orleans area is well on its way to becoming a reality due to this generous gift."

"Up to now, people have been attending worship services in movie theaters and the Masonic Temple," he said. To serve these people the new structure will include a prayer room for people of all faiths. It is hoped to open a religious bookstore and also provide conference rooms where ministers will be able to meet with church committees or where committees can meet during the day to discuss their affairs. Dr. Wilson added that the Federation is also planning to employ a social worker to serve the 200,000 seamen who come to the port annually.

Two of the churches Dr. Wilson referred to were forced to move because of the construction of the new Mississippi River Bridge at New Orleans.

Charges Catholics Attempt To Pressure Methodist Studies

Charges that the Roman Catholic Church is attempting to "pressure" some Methodist colleges to drop Bible studies as required courses were made January 15 in Atlantic City by an official of the Methodist Church's Board of Education.

"Pressure from the Roman Catholic Church to eliminate courses in Bible and the philosophy of religion as requirements in Methodist institutions represents, apparently, a steady but calculated probing for timorous spots among all Protestant schools and colleges," said the Rev. Dr. Myron F. Wicke, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Wicke, director of the Methodist board's Department of Secondary and Higher Education, said "the interference by Catholic officials is centered on Protestant colleges attended by Catholics."

In his report at the annual meeting of the board of education, Dr. Wicke said the trustees of a Methodist college in the Midwest "voted unanimously against any capitulation on the obviously reasonable grounds that no outside body can determine the curriculum of the institution."

splendid evidence of your Christian faith," said the President.

Relaying the presidential message, Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, associate secretary of the National Council of Churches, also commended the

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Labor Joins In Move For Temperance Education

Washington, D. C. (MI)—Labor organizations are making an effective contribution to the educational program of preventive alcoholism, Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord of Boston, president of the Methodist Board of Temperance, said here.

Speaking at the church board's annual meeting Jan. 23-25, Bishop Lord cited a letter from the Labor Research Council, Bridgeport, Conn., stating that "the acute impact of alcoholism in industry has now focused the attention of Labor upon this perplexing problem."

Written by Charles Malley, the letter to Bishop Lord said that though "Labor has heretofore remained aloof from any activities which involved the personal lives of its members," the Council has published the first in a series of four-page bulletins to its membership on "Alcoholism in Industry."

"Alcoholism is rapidly and progressively increasing, particularly among the younger people," Malley wrote Bishop Lord. "The need for an effective program of preventive alcoholism has never been more evident. . . As an authority on the problem, your comments and suggestions will be most valuable and helpful to us."

Explaining why "Labor is waging a campaign for temperance in the use of intoxicating liquor," the *Council Bulletin* in its first issue says:

"We are not preachers. We are 'working stiffs' like you. There is nothing to distinguish us from you, excepting we have learned that alcohol is an injurious, harmful and habit-forming drug. Most of us have been drinkers, some of us heavy drinkers. We therefore speak facts and truths, gained not only from medical science but also from actual experience. Alcoholism is the game of Russian Roulette, played with alcohol rather than a pistol."

In plain, hard-hitting language, the *Bulletin* reviews the "dangers of alcohol" as a problem to both employers and employees, and its effects on the user's health and pay check.

"You will have plenty of encouragement offered to you for drinking. The liquor industry will try to con you into believing that it is smart to drink and that men of 'Distinction' use their poisonous, misery-laden products. For instance, *The Brewers' Journal*, which is a publication devoted to the interests of the brewing industry, has stated:

"We want to get the beer-

drinking habit installed into thousands, almost millions, of young men, who do not at present know the taste of beer."

"Thus, while the insurance companies are constantly striving to prolong human life, the greed for profit on the part of the liquor industry causes it to spend millions of dollars annually on false and fraudulent advertising of its poisonous products, which shortens life."

Bishop Lord commended the Labor Research Council for its temperance campaign and pledged the support of the Methodist Church to it and other groups seeking "to restore discipline in American Life."

President Praises Churches' Relief Work

Church support of the Refugee Relief Program through Church World Service was praised by President Eisenhower in a message presented to the annual meeting of the CWS board of managers, held recently in Atlantic City, N. J.

"Your steady support of the Refugee Relief Program and your constant, imaginative search for new means to help your fellow men are

Great Art Treasure Being Unfolded In St. Louis Cathedral

St. Louis, Mo. (RNS)—One of the world's great art treasures—mosaics that will have a value in excess of \$2,000,000 when completed—is being unfolded within the walls of the Byzantine-styled St. Louis Cathedral.

Begun shortly after the cathedral was constructed in 1908, the mosaics are now being completed, with the present work estimated at some \$800,000.

Included among the new installations will be a design in the dome above the high altar depicting the 12 apostles in golden robes, on a field of blue mosaic—a reversal of the usual manner of casting mosaic figures in color on a golden background.

As authorities regard the St.

Airman Completes Reproduction of "The Creation"

Harlingen, Texas, (RNS) — A wall-size reproduction of Michelangelo's "The Creation" was completed in the chapel of the Air Force Base here by Lt. William A. Riordan of Flushing, N. Y., shortly before he was graduated from navigator training.

Taken from part of a ceiling mural of the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City, the painting shows Adam extending a limp and lifeless hand to meet the finger of God, radiant with creative power. It is open to public view in the Blessed Sacrament Room of the chapel.

Lt. Riordan, a graduate of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., was a free-lance artist before beginning his navigator training here. He worked on the mural during his spare time and took nearly four months to complete it. He put the finishing touches to his work just six hours before his graduation exercises.

The lieutenant, who is now stationed at Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento, Calif., said the Michelangelo masterpiece was his favorite painting and he was readily given permission to copy it for the chapel. He was encouraged in the idea by the Rev. Neil F. Enright, O. M. I., of Buffalo, the Catholic chaplain at the base.

URGES MINISTERS LEARN FROM NEWSPAPERS, TV ON PREPARING SERMONS

Columbus, O. (RNS)—Ministers were urged here to take lessons from newspapers and television in preparing sermons, "to save the living faith of the dead from becoming the dead faith of the living."

Dr. David A. MacLennan, senior minister of Brick Presbyterian church in Rochester, N. Y., told the 38th annual Ohio Pastors' Convention:

"Few congregations are sufficiently long-suffering to endure the leisurely, logical and comprehensive exposition of religious themes allegedly enjoyed by earlier generations."

Dr. MacLennan warned, however, that "we must not dilute the content of the message entrusted to us. We did not invent Biblical truth."

Louis mosaics as distinctive in style and one of the greatest modern examples of the ancient art.

Of the older mosaics, the one in the great arch leading to the high altar is regarded as the "finest to date" by Charles Nagel, director of the St. Louis Art Museum and former curator of the Boston Museum.

Japanese "Suicide Pilot" Tells of Conversion

New York (RNS)—A former Japanese "suicide" pilot, now a Protestant minister, told here how the impact of Christian literature and—a girl—converted him to Christianity.

The Rev. Sakee Kobayashi, a minister of the United Church of Christ in Japan, told his story to the annual meeting of the National on World Literacy and Christian Literature.

He was a suicide pilot at the age of 21. One day in 1945 he was sitting in the cockpit of his plane in Tokyo waiting to take off on a mission from which he knew he would not return. While the propellers were warming up a ground crewman ran to tell him that Japan had surrendered.

"I went home despondent and bitter," he said. "My house had been burned, my mother and grandmother killed. There was no food, no work."

Mr. Kobayashi said the only work he could get was in an oil refinery. There he met a girl who showed him the New Testament she was reading, "the religion of my enemies." She persuaded him to go to church with her. Mr. Kobayashi reported, and out of curiosity he did. The sermon he heard that day dealt with the theme of loving one's enemies.

"Nevertheless," he said, "I went

Benson Reveals Reluctance To Serve Because of Clergy Status

Columbus, O. (RNS)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson disclosed here that he originally felt he should not serve in the cabinet because of his status as a Mormon clergyman.

President Eisenhower overcame his doubts by arguing that a basic task of his administration was spiritual, Mr. Benson said.

He spoke to Ohio State University students during Religion-in-Life Week. Mr. Benson is a member of the Council of Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"A little more than four years ago, he (the President) invited me to serve in his cabinet," he said. "I protested, among other things, that I doubted the wisdom of a clergyman serving in the cabinet."

He said Mr. Eisenhower replied in substance, "The biggest part of our job is spiritual. It is to win back the respect of our own people for the basic concepts of their own government."

Mr. Benson branded as false the idea that man's faith in God can be destroyed by academic knowledge.

"It is not the search for knowledge, nor knowledge itself, that

Budapest Radio Hits Religious Instruction Demands

Vienna (RNS)—Demands by parents for "more religion" in Hungary's state schools were sharply attacked by the Budapest Radio.

Religious instruction is provided in the schools for children upon the written demand of parents. Reports are that these requests have steadily increased since the October revolution.

The Budapest station complained some clergymen in the capital are now demanding that chapels be set up in the schools.

Moreover, the station added, Roman Catholic leaders in Gyor and Sopron have even urged teachers to hold "seminars" on the life of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty.

Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, was liberated during the October revolt, but was forced to seek asylum at the American legation in Budapest when Soviet troops re-entered the city to crush the uprising.

Dr. Blake Asks Rebirth of Christian Scholarship

New York (RNS)—Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches, called here for a re-birth of Christian scholarship in the United States.

In an open letter to heads of Protestant denominations, Dr. Blake declared that the Churches, in their related colleges, are committed to a "continuing alliance of scholarship and faith."

He urged the denominational leaders to "take steps now to see that church members and the general public are made aware of the importance and the needs of Christian higher education."

Yale Divinity School Opens Women's Residence Building

New Haven, Conn. (RNS) — Yale University's first residence for women has been opened on its divinity school campus here.

Thirty-eight women taking graduate courses in theology are housed in Porter Hall, named for the late Frank Porter, professor of biblical theology at Yale from 1889 to 1927, and his wife, Delia Lyman Porter.

Another new building just opened on the divinity school campus houses 30 married students and their families. Dr. Liston Pope, dean of the divinity school, said it was the first time the families of theology students have been housed on the campus.

The two new structures are part of a projected five-building construction project costing \$2,000,000. It was made possible by a gift of \$1,000,000 from the Sealand Fund to which the Yale Corporation added \$500,000.

Dr. Blake referred to a decision of the Advertising Council to use, in 1957 and 58, its resources to enlist support for higher education as "further gratifying evidence of the growing sense of social responsibility to be found in the leadership of American business and industry."

He commended the Ford Foundation, the Council for Financial Aid to Education, and others who "are now bending their efforts to the strengthening of the colleges and universities of the nation."

Such efforts, he said, "challenge the Christian churches to a similar concern and effort."

Dr. Blake reminded the denominational heads that higher education had long been a particular concern of Protestantism. He noted that the first U. S. colleges were church colleges and that until recently the great majority of colleges and universities were church-founded.

"Protestantism was born in an intellectual revival," he stated. "The scholars made the Reformation a true turning point in modern history. Without them the Reformation might have been no more than a rise of nationalism."

Dishwasher Confesses To Wrecking Catholic Church

Dayton, O. (RNS)—A 30-year-old dishwasher has admitted wrecking the interior of Emmanuel Catholic church after the sight of a manger scene reminded him that he had been alone and drunk all the Christmas season.

Robert Dean Suel, who served his first jail term when he was 12 because his parents and police in his home town wanted "to teach him a lesson," gave himself up to Father John Rauscher, S. M., pastor. Suel had taken an ecclesiastical stole out of the church, and he said, "I had to take it to the priest

myself and tell him how sorry I was."

Suel had broken into the church and lain on a rug in the sanctuary where he fell asleep but a dog that he had brought with him kept jumping on him. The Christmas crib, he said, "reminded me that I was alone at Christmas, that I couldn't see my children, that I had tried so many jobs and failed, and that I hated myself for what I had been for the past two months. Everything looked so black, and I

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Need For Every Member Canvass

LAST week at Ministers' Week, Southern Methodist University, Dr. Umphyrey Lee, the 1957 Fondern Lecturer, suggested that if The Methodist Church ever developed a coat of arms it would probably have an adding machine in one corner and a dollar sign in the other. This suggestion, made of course in a lighter vein, was at once understood by the large group of ministers in attendance from over the south and southwest. Methodism, by its very nature, however, does deal extensively in numbers, reports, special emphases, and financial drives for this or that worthy cause.

But with all its complex and comprehensive program, Methodism needs another emphasis now getting attention in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. We refer to the Every Member Canvass program about which local church leaders are being briefed in district meetings. In our judgement, there is no program which holds as much promise of enriching the total life of local churches, and ultimately the whole Church, as the program of stewardship cultivation.

This need has been amply demonstrated in recent years in a number of local churches which have undertaken these programs on their own initiative. We know of a number of such churches; and in every instance pastors and local church leaders report the program has been the means of real spiritual awakening among large numbers of local church members.

Programs of stewardship cultivation have too often been almost wholly thought of as a softening up process for extracting more money from church members, many of whom are already heavily supporting local church programs. Nothing could be further from the true philosophy of Christian stewardship cultivation.

The most helpful stewardship cultivation program aims to bring all local church members into an awareness and experience of life itself as a trust from God, with the subsequent point of view that one's possessions also are an important trust and must be handled as such. Too many of us are quite willing to leave to others the rich experiences to be had in the life of stewardship, overlooking the fact that we ourselves are the losers.

"People Are Funny"

THERE is a very popular television program, "People Are Funny" directed by Art Linklater, which in various ways demonstrates the fact that human conduct and human reactions are often unusual and unpredictable.

Nothing Art Linklater has produced on television demonstrates that "People are funny" more clearly than the reaction by some to the polio vaccine program. No one questions the dangers, especially to children and youth, of the polio threat. Experience has demonstrated that it strikes in unexpected places and in unexpected ways which may prove fatal or leave the victim crippled for life.

For years there has been in progress a constant search for a remedy which will prevent this dread disease. We now have a vaccine which ranks as one of the greatest, recent medical discoveries. Those who best understand its use tell us that it is safe, marvelously effective and that now the supply is sufficient for all who want it.

The strange thing about it is that there are yet so many who, through neglect or distrust, still take a chance on this deadly, crippling disease.

Labor And Temperance

PUBLISHED reports elsewhere in this issue point out that organized labor has more than passing interest in the problem of beverage alcohol and has instituted studies to determine

what if anything can be done to curb the widespread use of beverage alcohol by members of labor unions.

This was reported to the Methodist Board of Temperance in its recent annual meeting. Temperance leaders will take heart in this interest by labor leaders who represent millions of American citizens.

Just what constructive measures organized labor proposes to take are yet to be determined. It is significant, however, that labor leaders are actually aware of the bigness of the problem. They can be sure that they have in the church a sure ally, in any undertaking that seriously attacks those who, for personal gain, sell products which bring harm and sorrow to consumers.

As other large groups of American people awaken to the hold that the liquor traffic has on American life, perhaps something can be done to reduce the shameless record America holds of having the largest per capita consumption of beverage alcohol of any nation in the world.

Circulation Report Number 3

ON pages 8 and 9 of this issue will be found the third and final, complete, charge-by-charge report of the Area-Wide Circulation Campaign. This report shows that a total of 30,966 subscriptions had been received in our office from the Area up to Saturday noon of last week. This number is 1,683 less than the all-time high in our third report of last year.

A total of 278 charges in Louisiana have reported a total of 10,416 subscriptions which is only 130 less than was shown in our third report last year. Since there were six less charges reporting this year than last, that small difference will likely be more than made up when we have heard from six more Louisiana charges. A total of 412 charges in Arkansas have reported a total of 20,550 subscriptions. This is 1,553 less than was shown in our third, Arkansas report last year, with almost exactly the same number of charges reporting.

Eight Districts in Arkansas and four Districts in Louisiana have already exceeded their quotas. In view of the extreme weather conditions that prevailed most of the campaign period and also in view of some new factors in the publication field in Methodism this year, we feel that this is an excellent report. The staff of the publications is sincerely appreciative of the wonderful cooperation which the leadership in our church in both states has given during the period of Campaign Emphasis.

For the next two or three weeks our publications will carry supplementary reports on the Campaign. The reports will show all additional subscriptions received from a charge with new charge totals and also a revised District total. It is our feeling, everything considered, that this will prove to be one of the most successful campaigns we have had when all reports are in.

Protestant Center To Dedicate New TV Studio

ATLANTA, Ga. (RNS) — The Protestant Radio and Television Center here will dedicate its new \$250,000 TV studio Feb. 18-19.

Dr. John M. Alexander, the center's president, said the inaugural will mark the start of "the most important transition in the life of the center."

"Now we shall interpret the Christian message in action and color, as well as in sound," he said.

Founded in 1949, the center produces and distributes radio and TV religious programs for use by commercial stations and church groups.

It is owned jointly by five denominations — Methodist, Episcopal, United Lutheran, Presbyterian U. S. (Southern), and Presbyterian USA.

The center's religious radio shows are now distributed on magnetic tape to some 740 stations in this country and to the Armed Forces radio network.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. KIRBY VINING, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest preacher at the evening service of the First Methodist Church, Sterlington, Sunday, Jan. 27, where Rev. W. M. Allen is pastor.

DR. WEBB D. POMEROY, associate professor of Bible at Centenary College, was guest preacher at First Methodist Church, Minden, Sunday morning, Feb. 3, where Rev. Dan R. Robinson is pastor.

THE MCGUIRE METHODIST CHURCH, West Monroe, will conduct the morning Devotional over Radio Station KUZN, Monday through Friday, Feb. 18-22 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Rev. Ira A. Love is pastor of the church.

REV. GEORGE HARBUCK, pastor of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, was inspirational speaker at the kick-off for the building program of Trinity Methodist Church, Shreveport, where Rev. Tracy Arnold is pastor.

ROBERT MILLER, publisher of the Jennings Daily News, was the guest speaker at the Jennings Methodist Men's Fellowship at the February meeting. Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor of the church.

REV. BRADY B. FORMAN, pastor of the Memorial Methodist Church, Bastrop, was the guest speaker at the Melville Methodist Church, for the evening service on Feb. 3. Rev. Ollie L. Golson, Jr., is pastor of the church.

THE MELVILLE METHODIST CHURCH observed a Roll Call Sunday on Feb. 3. The roll was called and membership cards were presented to every member during the morning worship service. Rev. Ollie L. Golson, Jr., is the pastor of the church.

THE METHODIST CHURCHES of the Lafayette District are participating in a District-wide Simultaneous Church Attendance Crusade, January to Easter. This is a part of the World-wide Church Attendance Crusade and also a part of the Local Church Emphasis program.

MEMBERS OF THE Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, have voted to air-condition the sanctuary of the church at an approximate cost of \$14,000.00 according to a report from the pastor, Rev. W. H. Giles. The work will begin immediately.

REV. HOLLIS HAYWARD, Coordinator of Religious Activities at Louisiana State University was guest speaker at the morning worship service at the First Methodist Church, Amite, Sunday, Feb. 3, where Rev. James E. Christie is pastor.

CENTENARY METHODIST Church of Franklinton presented the Centenary College Choir of Shreveport in a concert on the stage of the Franklinton High School Auditorium Monday night, Jan. 21. The Choir was under the direction of A. C. Voran. Rev. J. H. Sewell is pastor of the Franklinton church.

A CHURCH-WIDE study, "High Hours in Methodism," is being held in the St. James Methodist Church, Marrero, each Wednesday evening. Miss Sheilla Nuttall, Deaconess of St. Tammany Parish, was the guest speaker at the Feb. 3 meeting. The pastor, Rev. Tom O. Crosby, is teaching the course.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the United Council of Church Women of Shreveport include Mrs. V. F. Matthews, who was elected president and Mrs. G. F. Barnes, corresponding secretary. Both are members of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, where Rev. George W. Harbuck is pastor.

DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, executive secretary of Louisiana Conference Board of Education, spoke to a worker's conference of the Officers and Teachers of the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie, at a supper meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 23, where Rev. J. J. Caraway is pastor.

MRS. C. I. JONES, New Orleans, flew to Washington, D. C., to attend President Eisenhower's Annual Prayer Breakfast Feb. 7, and also to attend the International Christian Leadership Conference Feb. 8-10. Mrs. Jones is President of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

THE ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT Parsonette Club met in the Bunkie parsonage for their January meeting with Mrs. Jimmie Caraway, Mrs. Charles Giessen, and Mrs. Clyde Shaw as hostesses. Mrs. A. W. Townsend presided over the luncheon meeting with seventeen in attendance. Mrs. Horace Guiler gave an interesting book review on "Grandma Moses."

THE MISSION STUDY BOOK, "High Hours of Methodism" was studied in four sessions by the members of the McGuire Methodist Church, West Monroe. Those in charge were: Sunday evening, Feb. 3, Rev. Ben Oliphint, pastor of the St. Paul Methodist Church, Monroe; Walter Frank, Monday, Feb. 4; Rev. Ira Love, pastor of the church, Feb. 5; and Horace McCullin, Wednesday, Feb. 6.

THE PROTESTANT MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE of Avoyelles Parish met in Simmesport, Saturday, Jan. 26, for a fish fry. Officers elected for the new year were: Rev. A. B. Barnes, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Marksville, president; Rev. J. J. Caraway, pastor of the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie, vice-president; Rev. W. H. Mott, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bunkie, secretary.

REV. RALPH CAIN, pastor of Memorial Methodist Church of Monroe, is teaching a training course in an Interdenominational Leadership Training School in Pensacola, Florida. The school sponsored by the Methodist, Presbyterian and Disciples of Christ churches in Pensacola is being held February 11-15. Rev. Mr. Cain is teaching a course on "Home and Church Working Together."

A TALBOTT FESTIVAL for all Westminster Choir graduates of the Louisiana-Arkansas Area will be held at the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, in May. The program will feature a seminar, with George Lynn, Professor of Music, University of Denver, as guest conductor (tentative). Climax of the two day festival will be a concert for the city. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor of the church.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of New Iberia met in the Fellowship Hall of the church, Jan. 24, and enjoyed a chicken spaghetti supper, prepared and served by fellow members. Guest speaker was Stanley Pearson, Lay-leader of the Abbeville Methodist Church. Songs were led by John R. Love with John Remy, Jr., at the piano. The club, of about 40 members, led by president Park Druhot has recently completed refinishing the inside of the Sunday School Hall.

DR. L. D. HAUGHTON, superintendent of the Methodist Home and Hospital, New Orleans, spoke to the Methodist Men's Club of the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie, on Monday night, Jan. 28. At the meeting the following new officers were elected Frank Mulhearn, president; Warren Constant, vice-president; J. W. Roberts, secretary; and C. W. Tebow, treasurer. Rev. J. J. Caraway is pastor of the church.

BISHOP FRANCIS G. ENSLEY, Bishop of the Des Moines Area, will be the guest evangelist for revival services to be held in the First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 3-8. Bishop Ensley is the author of the book, "Paul's Letters to Local Churches," which was adopted for this year's study by the W.S.C.S. Glen Johnson, Director of Music of the First Methodist Church, Dallas, will lead the singing for these services. Two services will be held daily at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor of the church.

A SERIES OF FOUR successive Sunday evening fellowship services emphasizing the beliefs and practices of the Methodist Church began the first Sunday in February at the Welsh Methodist Church. A Family Night Supper preceded the first session, after which classes were held for every age group from Beginners through Adults. The series will close with the showing of the full-length film on the life story of John Wesley the last Sunday of the month. Rev. Jack Cooke is pastor of the church.

THE OAK RIDGE METHODIST Church held its open house Sunday afternoon, Jan. 27, to introduce their new minister and his wife, to the community. The Rev. Norman F. Simmons assumed his duties as minister there on Jan. 3. The Rev. James M. Poole, the previous minister, was transferred to Newellton, when Rev. Simmons came to Oak Ridge from Grayson. Rev. and Mrs. Simmons have two children, Lynne, five years old, and Kathy, six months old. The entire family is enjoying a newly remodeled parsonage.

J. L. SAXON, member of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, has been elected chairman of the Board of Missions for the Shreveport District. Mr. Saxon presided over its regular meeting on Jan. 31 at the Captain Shreve Hotel. At this meeting, upon recommendation of the District Superintendent, Dr. B. C. Taylor, \$2,000.00 was granted to the Barksdale Methodist Church and \$1,000.00 was given to Wesley Methodist Church in Shreveport. Discussion was also held concerning an open meeting of the Board of Missions for March.

THE BATON ROUGE DISTRICT has recently given special recognition to two of the outstanding laywomen of First Methodist Church for their years of service in the District and in the church. The District Woman's Society has placed a fireplace set with andirons and screen in the District parsonage, in honor of Mrs. Sidney Fairchild, for twenty years a member of the District Parsonage Committee. Mrs. Fairchild was the first president of the W.S.C.S. in the church, and has served as a member of the Official Board for a number of years. A Louisiana live-oak was planted on the District Parsonage lawn in honor of Miss Stella Murphy for her long years of service in the District and in the church. For twenty-five years she has served as treasurer of the District, and she has the distinction of being the first woman in the Baton Rouge District elected to an Official Board. Her services at the church include teaching the Mizpah Bible Class for twelve years.

CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

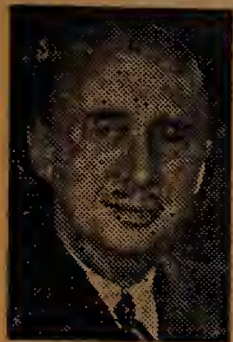
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Keatchie, Leonard Cooke		2	1	3*
Logansport, J. B. Grambling	5	38		43**
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Many, John B. Koelemay	3	16	2	21
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Oil City, Robert DeBusk	2	12	1	15*
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Morningside, Eldred Blakely	24	18		42
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Summer Grove, T. M. Lancaster	12	9		21
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Wynn Memorial, K. G. Rorie	7	35	1	43
Vivian, Kenneth G. McDowell	13	19		32
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TOTALS	449	1018	40	1507
LOUISIANA METHODIST DISTRICT SUMMARY				
Report No. 3				
District	Quota	New	Re-	Not
Monroe	1599	334	1406	35
Ruston	1403	401	1286	27
Shreveport	2527	449	1018	40
Baton Rouge	2124	364	873	30
Alexandria	1099	317	808	31
Lafayette	1060	337	722	5
Iake Charles	1207	265	684	15
New Orleans	1513	291	621	7
TOTALS	2808	7418	190	10416
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BUILDERS OF ROADS

One mark which distinguishes a savage from a civilized man is that the former is merely a trail finder while the latter is a road builder. The savage builds no roads. He simply picks his own way through the thicket. All he is concerned about is getting to the place himself. And he takes the way easiest for that one trip. He follows the winding ravine rather than take the trouble to bridge it. He goes around the hill rather than tunnel through it. When one is concerned only for the immediate journey, it is easier to go around than to go through.



But as man becomes civilized, he begins to think not only of himself but of those who come after. He therefore builds roads. It takes him longer to tunnel through a mountain than to go around it, but thinking of future generations, he realizes he is saving time. It is harder for him to bridge a stream than to ford it, but it will be easier for the loads of tomorrow.

It is said that Henry Clay, when crossing the Appalachian Mountains, once put his ear to the ground and exclaimed, "I hear the tramp of coming millions." It was because frontiersmen like Henry Clay did hear the footsteps of following generations and did prepare the way for them that they became the pioneers and builders of America.

Do we care what happens to those who come after us? Do we fathers direct our footsteps with the thought that our sons will follow in them? "Prepare ye the way of the Lord" is the clear call of duty.

And in this work of preparing the way for the Lord, John the Baptist gave a prescription. It was this: "Make his path straight."

Straightness is as essential in charting a spiritual or social course as in laying a transcontinental highway. To see straight, to think straight, to

live straight—these are requisites in our personal careers and in our public concerns.

And yet how difficult to keep a direct line in our thinking and living. Shakespeare makes one of his characters say: "I am a plain blunt man and speak straight on." But that is just what so many of us plain blunt men do not do. We speak on and on, but not straight on. Our minds run off on tangents, and ramble around with irrelevancies until we lose sight of the original point.

In a novel by Mrs. Humphry Ward one woman said to another, "I thought, Elizabeth, you would have tried to understand me." The other replied, "There's only your Maker could do that, Lucy, and He must be pretty puzzled to account for you sometimes."

We ordinary men may not be able to see all the way out of our great social problems. But we can at least think straight as far as we can see. Every one of us could stop each morning, call the meeting of his life to order in a few moments of meditation; and ask his God what is the main motion before him that day. And every one of us could stop each night, turn off the light of his reading lamp, turn on the light of prayer and ask his God whether the main motion before his life had been voted on that day. Yes, we could all do that. And no one could estimate what a help that would be to straight thinking.

Would we prepare the way of the Lord through our wilderness of today? Then make His paths straight by straight thinking and straight living.

And if we are true social road builders, we will prepare our youth to follow the straight path. When the great state of Oklahoma planned to erect a statue to memorialize the pioneer woman, it considered many proposals. But the one chosen was that of a mother with a Bible under one arm and the hand of the other arm leading a bright-eyed boy as they walk briskly and buoyantly forward. Magnificently does this memorial symbolize America's pioneer woman, who transmuted the Word of God through her own body and blood and passed it on to her children, with whom she walked confidently into the future.

As we approach the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington, we may well thank God for our road builders.

The Layman's Column

By
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Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



THE "WET EDGE"

The Building Business, which I followed for so much of my life, has a large number of colorful and descriptive expressions. The workman "tops out" a flue; he "roughs in" the plumbing pipes; he "rabbets" a "jamb" so that the door will fit; a wooden plug in a piece of woodwork is a "dutchman." Much of the modern, quick-drying paint used inside the house is said to "hold a wet edge". This simply means that it does not dry at the edge where it is spread thinly. If it should dry before the workman can start again from that point, it will show "lap" marks, and walls or ceilings of a room will be spotted with these laps everywhere. It may be a fairly good quality of paint, but if it can't be spread slowly in difficult places and still remain workable, then it makes for a lot of extra work by the painter, and often dissatisfaction for the customer.

When life flows on smoothly in large areas of our lives, all seems well with most of us. If there are no delays with rough spots; or extra work required when the Christian must decide difficult question; then the finish seems to go on well, and to cover our needs. But any one of us knows that life does not have all smooth surfaces. Jealousy; desire for revenge; strong desires for "success;" any sort of mal-adjustment in the home; these and many more experiences seem to plague us a large part of the time. And if we have a spiritual shallowness, or if our Christian intentions dry up too quickly, our lives develop a "dry edge." This in turn makes our lives too brittle for easy adjustment. The result is "lap marks," and at times the whole surface of life becomes pretty spotted. If parents set up their income as a more important matter than the careful rearing of their children, they are spreading themselves too thin to maintain the "wet edge" of Christian guidance. Decisions seem to become related entirely to a matter of how well they shall live socially or financially. The edges of their experiences become dry and brittle and when troubles or sorrows come, it's next to impossible to keep from showing lap marks in their lives.

A well-nurtured Christian faith can be deep enough to furnish us with a "wet edge" for such occasions. What is more, it will cause

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

IS YOUR ENGLISH "EXECUTIVE"?

There is a growing "executive English" (or patois) that beclouds "communication" (or transfer of ideas) between minds. It is composed of circumlocution of phrase, verbosity, off-center meanings of words, and slovenly grammar. **And it is especially deadly when used by the preacher in speaking to his people. . . .**

I would have been happy to have been left to my own thoughts in the restaurant the other noon—but I could not avoid snatches of conversation from two self-entered diners in an adjoining booth. I recognized neither by voice, but it was not long before I concluded they were busy executives of some religious organization. You know the patter: "workshops in key cities," "the frame of reference," "a co-ordinated approach to the problem," "continuing concern and research into the causation of —," "mobilize a trans-divisional assembly," "create a climate of acceptance," "the sense of Christian vocation," "the creation of a sense of community," "fragmented churches," "the younger churches in the ecumenical framework," "a strategic adjustment."

Now I know that every profession — and many a trade, nowadays — has a lingo peculiar to the initiated. The lawyer has a language that must give the uninitiated something of a feeling of "guilty by ignorance." The newspaper man talks of "beats," "leads," "heads," "bleeds," "copy," "morgue," "galley," "deadline" and other jargon that, though perfectly simple to the printer, leaves the layman bewildered. And once, when I was having a physical checkup,

us to have fewer edges to worry about. The words of Jesus will furnish us with the answers to many edges of our experiences before they become so dry that we can't rework them. The love of Jesus will temper our thinking so that there will be no brittle, hard-to-match areas in our thoughts and lives. Life somehow will go much more smoothly when we use the formula of Christ instead of the formulas of man. Sometimes it's a good deal harder to mix the formula of Christ into our everyday lives, but the results will be so much more beautiful that we finally come to realize that the "wet edge" is much happier to live with than is the quick-drying, drizzle "dry edge."

by spirits were sinking lower and lower as the M.D. muttered Latin-rooted polysyllables with each poke and pummel — only to sum them all up in an old-fashioned English, "Perfect!"

Since the whole purpose of language is the transfer of thought from one mind to another, it is perhaps not too important what words or phrases doctors ((or lawyers, or journalists) use in **talking to each other**: let it be Latin or slang if they desire. Even clergymen and seminarians may find useful a peculiar diction **as they converse with each other**. But when their job is **to communicate with the public**, then it becomes imperative that they employ a language that is easily understood by those to whom they are ministering. It is important that the doctor be able to communicate, simply and directly, with his patient in matters of personal health, and with the general public in matters of public health, sanitation, and disease control: he needs to be able to present cause, effect, cure, and prevention in graphic word pictures. The task of the clergyman is more difficult and requires even more simple and sharp pictures, because he deals largely in abstract subjects. He needs to be a better word-artist to make sin, salvation, love, God, forgiveness, mercy, obedience, and hope take on "flesh" and bring vividness and conviction to the hearer.

I think if you will read again the 23rd Psalm, or the Sermon on the Mount, or most of the Parables of Jesus, you will find that — despite metaphor and simile — they communicate their message through a minimum of simple words. There is no circumlocution, no verbal involvements, no straining of thought. In more recent writing we have "communication" in the poetic simplicity of Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address." And, the other day, whole sections of Eisenhower's "Second Inaugural" were in such "simple and straight prose" that his political opponents were dumb-founded for days before they could find passages to "attack."

A British M.P. recently complained of the "corruption" of the language that seems as prevalent in England as in the U.S.A. He asked what would have been the result if Sir Winston Churchill instead of saying, "Give us the tools and we will finish the job," had said, "Give us the implements and we shall finalize the solution of the matter."

So far as the "corruption" of the English language is found in church circles in America, I believe it comes from a conscious or unconscious copying of the methods of writing and speaking employed by big business. This may not harm commerce and industry; but the minister must constantly be on his language-guard if he is to "communicate" with his people — and thus teach and lead them.

Stewardship Changes Churchman To Full Time Job

You can safely say that B. Gene Williams, 29-year-old Methodist layman from Andalusia, Alabama, is "the only one of his kind in captivity." But that remark requires a bit of explanation.

That he is "the only one of his kind" seems very certain. Authorities on laymen's work point out that he has the distinction of being the first full-time executive secretary of an annual conference board of lay activities anywhere in Methodism.

After you've talked with Gene for only a few minutes, you can see that the other part of that statement is true too. At least figuratively, Gene is very much "in captivity." He has been taken captive by a great idea and is throwing the full strength of his dedicated life into it. To use his own words, "I want to help persons to grow spiritually by giving . . . I want to help them to turn their whole lives over to God."

Up until a year and a half ago, Gene was simply a nominal churchman. He had been baptized as a baby in his native Alabama and had joined the church in full membership when only 11, but it wasn't until July, 1955, that he really began playing a vital role in his local church.

What was the turning point that made the difference? According to Gene, it was when he decided to try tithing. Somehow the spiritual discipline of giving ten per cent of his income to the church seemed to set his whole life in a higher, holier perspective. It was not long after that until he "felt the call" to full-time Christian service.

To leave his business career and study for the ministry was Gene's first thought when he heard the call. But further prayer, reflection and the counsel of others convinced him that his call was to full-time Christian service as a layman.

A concrete opportunity to test the call came recently when laymen from the Alabama-West Florida Conference offered him the about-to-be-created position as their executive secretary of stewardship and tithing.

In his new job, Gene will be working closely with Conference Lay Leader Charles Walker of Pensacola, Florida, but the work he is undertaking has the blessing of not only the conference board of lay activities but Bishop Bachman G. Hodge of the Birmingham Area and his nine-man cabinet of district superintendents.

The newly-created post is the result of a lot of spade work by men like Ralph Paul of Geneva, Alabama, former conference lay leader. Paul spent so much time away from his law practice in carrying out his lay-leader responsibilities that he came to feel that the conference should have a full-time person to promote lay activities and to concentrate on Christian stewardship.

This will be the chief task of the new executive secretary to promote the simultaneous every-member canvass, tithing and the whole area of Christian stew-

ardship. Having started his new work in mid-November, young Williams spent the week before Christmas in Chicago in orientation and briefing sessions with staff members of the General Board of Lay Activities.

Gene brings to his new job the training he received at Huntingdon College and the University of Alabama and his experience as a salesman, office manager and proprietor of his own business. During World War II he served 16 months in the Pacific with the Navy.

In his local church, his activities have included being vice president and program chairman of Methodist Men. On the Andalusia district he has been director of lay speaking.

One bad feature of his new job he plainly sees. Mrs. Williams, who is a registered nurse on regular duty at a local hospital, and 3-year-old Cheryl and baby Frank DeKalb ("Dee" for short) will be seeing a lot less of "their daddy" from now on.

For the time being, at least, his office will be located in his home at The Gables in Andalusia, but he doesn't expect to be in the office very much. He will be out working in the seven districts in southern Alabama and the two in western Florida which comprise the annual conference he serves. He will be speaking to lay groups and training them in the spirit and techniques of better Christian stewardship.

The sparkle of enthusiasm in his blue eyes, the quiet earnestness on his handsome face and the obvious sincerity of this Southern gentleman would have carried him far in a movie career or as a television personality. But he has felt a higher call, and one feels confident that he will make a great success of it too.

He hasn't worked out pat solutions to all the problems relative to tithing and lay activities in general, but he has some good foundations to build on. Besides the insights that have come to him from his study of the scriptures and specific stewardship materials, he has found great help and inspiration in reading Clinton M. Cherry's "The Beliefs of a Methodist Christian." He recommends it as good reading for laymen.

"Too many times," he believes, "those who have advocated tithing have left the impression that they have become rich or successful because of it." He sees the great reason for tithing as a spiritual one. He thinks of his new job in the same terms—not as a professional money-raiser to "whoop it up" for some conference campaign but as a teacher of tithing and an advocate of the rich spiritual values in Christian stewardship.

Not many laymen will be able to follow literally his example of giving up his secular employment to work full-time for the church, but all of us will salute his courage in heeding what is to him a "personal call."

And he has a tingling testimony to challenge even the most casual layman: "Getting active in the church has changed my whole life!"

Area To Be Represented At Evangelism Meeting

Nashville, Tenn. — The General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church will hold its annual meeting February 26-28 in San Diego, Calif.

It will be the first time the board has met on the West Coast, said Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the board.

The meeting, at the El Cortez Hotel, will begin at 10 am. Tuesday, February 26, and close at noon Thursday, the 28th.

Dr. Cecil R. Culver, pastor of the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, is a board member and will attend its sessions.

The board promotes Methodism's evangelistic work internationally (in cooperation with the Methodist Board of Missions), nationally, regionally, and in the denomination's approximately 40,000 churches.

The board's 47 members include seven bishops, other ministers, and laymen. Meeting with the group will be about 20 staff members from the board's headquarters in Nashville.

Three Methodist bishops will be among the principal speakers—Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla., president of the board; Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y., president of the Methodist Council of Bishops and vice-president of the board; and Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, secretary of the Council of Bishops and a board member.

The board will review its work of the last 12 months and plan church-wide and regional evangelistic programs and church attendance campaigns. It also will consider ways in which to coordinate its work with Methodism's "Quadrennial Emphasis" for the church's 1956-60 quadrennium.



Dr. Cecil R. Culver

New Executive For Peace Board



REV. DANIEL E. TAYLOR

Rev. Daniel E. Taylor of Wenatchee, Washington, has been elected Executive Secretary for Administration and Promotion of the Board of World Peace of The Methodist Church. He will begin work in March at the board's offices at 740 Rush

Says Church Groups Can Help Traffic Problem

Washington, D. C.—Church groups can help combat the nation's rising toll of traffic accidents through educational efforts and by demanding stricter law enforcement, U. S. Representative Kenneth A. Roberts (D.-Ala.) told a Methodist group here.

Congressman Roberts, chairman of the special House Subcommittee to Investigate Traffic Accidents, and Rep. John V. Beamer (R.-Ind.), also on the committee, were on a panel discussing traffic safety at the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Temperance, Jan. 23-25.

Other panelists were Raymond Hill of the National Safety Council, Chicago, and George E. Keneipp, director of the district's Department of Vehicles and Traffic.

Rep. Roberts said his committee has not had a chance to investigate the "human element" in the growing traffic death rate, but has already urged auto manufacturers to "help lower the toll through a wider use of safety devices instead of competing in a horsepower race."

Street, Chicago. He is now superintendent of the Columbia River District in the Pacific Northwest Conference.

Congress can legislate, he said, "but voluntary safety practices by drivers are more effective than legal restrictions." He recommended that churches and other agencies join in sponsoring safety campaigns through public education and emphasis on a sense of personal responsibility among drivers.

Rep. Beamer listed "education, engineering and enforcement" as three keys to traffic safety. He suggested that churches, clubs and safety organizations coordinate their efforts at the local and state levels.

The panel agreed that speed and alcohol are "twin killers" on the nation's streets and highways.

Hill reported that of the 40,200 traffic fatalities last year—one every 13 minutes—one-fourth involved drinking drivers, and 37 per cent was due to excessive speed. The percentages are even higher, 50 per cent or more, during holiday periods, Hill said.

He proposed that the public be educated to "a new concept that drinking-driving is as socially unacceptable as robbery or murder."

Keneipp called on churches to back efforts to levy stiffer penalties against convicted drunk and drinking drivers. He also advocated a

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felt so bad, and the dog wouldn't let me alone."

An acquaintance said Suel has had a "guilt complex" since he was about 12, when his only playmate, a boy named Woody, was found impaled on a wooden fence. Though accidental, the lad's death apparently occurred when he and Suel were playing together. The incident was not directly connected with Suel's first jail term, which followed his being involved in minor brushes with the law.

MOSCOW REPORTS CHURCH MURALS TO BE RESTORED

London (RNS) — The Moscow Radio reported that work has begun on the restoration of murals in the famous church of St. Basil in Moscow's Red Square, which dates back to the 17th century.

drive for local and state laws to certify the use of "alcohol tests" on drivers suspected of drinking, the results to be acceptable as evidence in courts.

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Quota 1084				
Amity Ct., Bobby Dale Orr	3	18	1	22**
Arkadelphia Ct., W. A. Lea	6	17	1	24
ARKADELPHIA				
First Church, J. M. Hamilton	26	76	6	108**
St. Andrew, Clint Burleson	10	35	...	45*3
Bismarck Ct., Marvin Wilkins	2	15	...	17*2
Dalark Ct., Connie Robins	5	18	1	24
Delight Ct., P. D. Alston	1	28	2	29**
Friendship Ct., Robert Irwin	5	16	...	21
Glenwood Ct., J. A. Wade	10	45	...	55*2
Gurdon, James A. Simpson	10	52	...	62**
Hot Springs Ct., W. M. Crow	10	8	...	18**
HOT SPRINGS				
First Church, E. D. Galloway	43	90	6	139**
Grand Avenue, Alfred I. Doss	8	61	4	73
Oaklawn, Clyde T. Parsons	15	39	6	60
Pulman Heights-Bethlehem,				
R. A. Teeter	1	31	2	34
Tiger Memorial, Coleman Aklin	1	7	...	8
MALVERN				
First Church, Rufus Sorrells	16	71	10	97
Keith Memorial, J. C. Van Horn	5	36	...	41**
St. Paul, Harold Davis	22	14	...	36*3
Mt. Ida Ct., Phil E. Pierce	8	26	...	34**
Morning Star, John Walker	3	...	...	3*
Murfreesboro, Omma L. Daniel	19	45	...	64**
Okolona Ct., W. H. Watson	2	45	1	48**
Oma-Point Cedar, George Leslie	4	4	...	8
Piney Grove-Fountain Lake,				
Russell Brown	6	16	1	23**
Rockport Ct., R. S. Beasley	5	13	1	19*
Shorewood Hills, B. Howard Cox	5	18	...	23*
Sparkman-Sardis, George Kerr	5	37	1	43**
Princeton	1	4	...	5
TOTALS	257	883	43	1183

CAMDEN DISTRICT—Quota 1910				
Bearden, Gerald K. Fincher	10	23	1	34**
Bradley, J. D. Montgomery	4	34	1	39**
Buckner Ct., Joe Arnold	9	34	...	43
Calion-Quinn, Wendall Barbaree	1	29	...	30**
Camden First Ch., Francis A. Buddin	20	73	6	99
Fairview, M. W. Miller	7	179	...	186*2
Chidester, C. D. Cade	1	35	2	38
Columbia Ct., Claude Clark	4	38	...	42
EL DORADO				
Centennial-Bethel, J. T. Bolding	3	15	...	18**
Dumas Mem.-Lisbon, Oscar Haile	1	21	...	22*
First Church, Cecil R. Culver	13	931	...	944*3
St. Luke, W. S. Cazort	4	28	...	32*4
Vantrease, M. E. Scott	18	97	...	115**
Emerson Ct., C. B. Harris	...	6	...	6
Harmony Grove, Ernest Hays	1	6	...	7
Holly Springs Ct., R. M. Cain	20	32	...	52**
Huttig, Myron C. Pearce	27	20	...	47*3
Junction C'ty, D. L. McCauley	6	45	...	51**
Lewisville, David M. Hankins, Jr.	6	42	1	49
Liberty-Silver Hill, S. B. Mann	4	10	...	14*
Louann-Beuna Vista, Doyle E.	...	22	...	22
Graham	...	...	...	...
Magnolia First Ch., C. Ray	4	133	...	137
Hozendorf	15	47	1	63**
Marysville-Fredonia, C. E. Lawrence	4	29	...	33**
Norphet, Giles B. Pixley	3	39	...	42**
Parker's Chapel-Pleasant Grove,				
W. H. Sanders	...	23	...	23
Smackover, Harold Sadler	10	74	1	85**
Stamps, C. W. Baughman	8	57	2	67**
Stebens, Bryan Stephens	12	42	...	54**
Strong, James Ford	1	15	...	16**
Union Rhodes Chapel, Ralph S. Mann	3	32	1	36**
Village Ct., E. T. McAfee	4	45	...	49
Waldo-Willisville, Raymond L. Diffie	9	57	...	66**
Timothy-Westside, Winston Hudnall	11	41	...	52*2
TOTALS	243	2354	16	2613

HOPE DISTRICT—Quota 1347				
Ashdown, Harry Weed	12	60	...	72**
Bingen Ct., James Shaddox	6	16	...	22
Blevins Ct., Bruce Bean	5	38	...	43**
Center Point Ct., W. C. Lewis	3	15	1	19
DeQueen, Fred L. Arnold	5	57	2	64*
Dierks-Green's Chapel, W. P.				
Walker	1	31	...	32**
Dodridge Ct., DeWitt Harberson	8	20	2	30**
Emmett Ct., Joe W. Hunter	7	53	...	60**
Foreman, O. W. Hoover	7	24	...	31**
Fouke-Boyd, Bun Gantz	3	11	...	14*2
Garland, James W. Riley	...	1	...	1
Hatfield Ct., W. R. Johnson	2	20	...	22
Hope, Virgil D. Keeley	20	134	6	160**
Horatio Ct., Don Smith	2	25	...	27
Lockesburg Ct., Eugene Gilliam	7	30	...	37**
Mena, W. D. Golden	17	58	1	76**
Mineral Springs Ct., Harold E.				
Wright	11	23	4	38*2
Nashville, J. E. Dunlap	6	63	...	69**
Prescott, Alfred DeBlack	7	62	1	70**
Prescott Ct., L. O. Lee	7	18	1	26
Richmond Ct., Robert Jackson	14	25	...	39
Rondo Ct., Clyde Swift	3	29	...	32
Springside Ct., H. A. F. Ault	5	36	...	41**
TEXARKANA				
College Hill, Howard Williams	8	27	...	35
Fairview, H. D. Ginther	13	52	...	65**
Few Memorial, C. E. Messer	2	18	...	20**
First Church, Wm. E. Brown	31	110	7	148**
Washington Ct., Zane Williams	8	22	3	33**
Winthrop Ct., S. L. Durham	4	2	...	6
TOTALS	224	1080	28	1332

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Quota 2525				
Austin Ct., L. C. Beasley	4	16	1	21
Bauxite, C. W. Good	3	43	...	46**
BENTON				
First Church, J. R. Clayton	8	80	6	94
New Hope, Cecil Gill	6	1	...	7
Parkview, Joe R. Phillips	54	16	...	70*2
Bethel-Pride Valley, J. R. Ewbanks	4	11	...	15*
Bethlehem Ct., J. R. Martin	3	15	...	18
Bryant, Kenneth M. Goode	2	9	...	11
Carlisle, O. E. Holmes	9	49	...	58**
Des Arc, J. R. Callicott	24	24	2	50**
DeValls Bluff Ct., Albert Elder	...	1	...	1
Douglasville, John B. Hays	31	17	1	49**
Geyer Springs, Robert W.				
Trieschmann	12	21	2	35**
Hamilton-Walker's Chapel,				

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James Robnolt	3	10	...	13
Hazen, Doyle T. Rowe	3	47	1	51**
Hickory Plains Ct., C. C. Vanzant	34	7	1	42**
LITTLE ROCK				
Asbury, J. C. English	12	40	6	58
Capitol View, Orrie L. Thompson	17	34	1	52**
First Church, Andrew G. Walton	22	1204	...	1226*3
Henderson, H. R. Holland	8	38	1	47
Highland, H. O. Bolin	15	67	2	84
Hunter Memorial, Everett Vinson	3	22	2	27
Oak Forest, George G. Meyer	14	11	...	25
Pulaski Heights, J. K. Shamblin	22	64	4	90
St. Luke, Elbert B. Jean	15	19	...	34
St. Marks, Billy Bargar	4	2	...	6**
St. Paul, C. W. Richards	37	107	...	144**
Twenty-Eighth St., Noel Cross	5	40	...	45**
Winfield, Fred R. Harrison	19	76	8	103
Lonoke-Eagle, W. R. Burks	15	29	1	45
Mabelvale, Charles E. Ramsey	28	39	...	67**
Markham Street, John Williams	3	7	...	10*
Mt. Carmel-Congo, Wm. C. Chenault	22	22	...	44*2
Mt. Pleasant, L. R. Sparks	2	5	1	8*2
Primrose, James R. Scott	7	31	...	38**
Roland-Martindale, S. T. Hollowell	1	1	...	2
Salem, W. R. Jordan	27	13	...	40**
Sardis, F. W. Reutz	10	25	...	35**
Traskwood Ct., Joe H. Stroud	1	12	2	15
TOTALS	509	2275	42	2820

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Quota 1031				
Crossett, J. B. Hefley	20	78	...	98**
Crossett Ct., Edgar Outlaw, Jr.	7	28	...	35**
Dermott, A. C. Carraway	3	40	1	44*
Drew Ct., Richard Poss	9	20	...	29
Dumas, Harold Scott	15	50	1	66**
Eudora, W. R. Boyd	12	43	...	55*2
Fordyce, A. J. Christie	10	67	...	77**
Fountain Hill Ct., R. L. Long	14	35	1	50*3
Hamburg, R. O. Beck	6	53	1	60**
Hampton-Harrell, Jas. McCammon	12	36	1	39**
Hermitage Ct., Guy Wilson	2	26	...	28**
Kingsland Ct., James W. Beck	1	16	1	18
Lake Village, Charles Ashcraft	10	33	1	44**
Martin's Chapel, W. C. Onstead	3	13	...	16
Monticello, Roland E. Darrow	...	43	...	43
McGehee-Arkansas City, D. M. Mann	23	73	3	99**
Montrose-Parkdale, James R. Sewell	8	47	...	56*3
Portland, Edward B. Hollenbeck	3	43	...	46*3
Star City, Osborne White	8	41	...	49**
Thornton Ct., H. R. Nabors	2	30	...	32**
Tillar-Winchester, Irl Lancaster	30	78	...	108*3
Warren, Guy C. Ames	29	99	2	130**
Watson-Kelso, John W. Rushing	2	34	...	36**
Wilmar Ct., W. W. Barron	7	17	7	31
TOTALS	239	1044	19	1302

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Quota 1376				
Almyra, John Tucker	5	19	...	24**
Althimer-Wabbaseka,				
Robert B. Moore, Jr.	37	47	...	84*2
Bayou Meto-Lodge's Corner,				
R. L. Riggins	4	31	...	35**
Carthage, Claude R. Roy	...	9	1	10
DeWitt, Curtis Williams	11	63	2	76**
England, Kirvin A. Hale	5	66	...	71**
Gillett, C. E. Patton	10	34	...	44*
Glendale-Redfield, Joe Hundley	3	10	...	13
Grady-Gould, G. W. Warren	4	50	1	55**
Humphrey, Hursel Richert	4	14	...	18**
Keo-Humnoke, John L. Hoover	1	31	...	32
Leola, C. R. Andrews	3	31	...	31*
Little Prairie, Geo. C. Bailey	22	17	...	39**
PINE BLUFF				
Carr Memorial, Cagle Fair	5	45	...	50
First Church, William O. Byrd	37	113	2	152
Good Faith, Horace M. Grogan	1	20	1	22**
Hawley Mem., George W. Reutz	5	33	...	41
Lakeside, John M. McCormack	23	53	2	78
Wesley, Winslow Brown	11	36	...	47*2
Whitehall, C. E. Monroe	11	12	...	23**
Rison, Allan E. Hilliard	3	27	1	31
Roe Ct., W. D. Bone	11	33	1	45*2
Rowell Ct., Elam Turner	6	46	1	53**
St. Charles, A. C. Rogers	14	22	2	38**
Sheridan, W. B. Savage	...	51	5	56
Sherrill-Tombertlin, W. T. Bone	7	35	...	42**
Stuttgart First Ch., C. M. Atchley	7	94	...	101
TOTALS	247	1045	19	1311

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 1003				
Batesville-Asbury, Cyril Wilson	7	16	...	23**
Central Avenue, J. M. Barnett	19	79	...	98**
First, Lloyd M. Conyers	46	70	5	121**
Bethesda-Cushman, Mark Wimmer	8	25	1	34**
Calico Rock, Charles Casteel	10	35	1	46**
Cave City-Sidney, O. R. Moncrief	3	19	...	22**
Cave City Ct., Ivan R. Wilson	7	19	...	26*
Concord-Wolf Bayou, H. W. Ford	3	11	1	15
Cotter-Bull Shoals	19	31	5	55**
Desha-Salado, John Sandage	1	25	4	30
Evening Shade, A. S. Aist	7	27	...	34
Melbourne, Robert Johnson	4	25	...	29*2
Melbourne Ct., Claude Masters	5	15	...	20
Moorefield-McHue, Ray Edwards	9	24	...	33**
Mountain Home Parish, Otho				
Strayhorn	12	9	...	21
Mountain View, Henry W. Jinski	8	26	...	34**
Newark-Oil Trough, Gerald E.				
Hammett	12	46	1	59**
Newport, First Ch., John Bayliss	9	59	2	70
Unstet Memorial, Pryor Cruce	7	45	...	52**
Pleasant Plains Ct., Burnell Stephens	2	29	1	32**
Salem, B. W. Stallcup	3	37	...	40**
Swift-Alicia, Theron McKisson	7	33	...	40**
Tuckerman, W. M. Womack	5	41	...	46**
Viola Ct., W. G. Conner	5	11	1	17
Yellville, M. L. Kaylor	10	30	1	41**
TOTALS	228	787	23	1038

CONWAY DISTRICT—Quota 1456				
Atkins, Joseph E. Taylor	6	19	2	27*
Belleville-Havana, Fred Thompson	5	14	1	20
Bothel-Cato, Harold Wells	7	7	...	14
CONWAY				
First Church, Joel Cooper	44	74	20	138**
Salem-Mayflower, M. B. Short	2	15	...	17
Wesley Memorial, Harold Wilson	2	22	1	25
Danville, Paul Lanier	5	35	...	40**
Dardanelle, William A. Stewart, Jr.	6	42	1	49**
Dardanelle Ct., Buddy Jester	7	12	1	20
Dover-London, Muriel Peters	3	27	...	30**
Fourche Valley Ct., Ralph Evans	2	3	...	5
Greenbrier Ct., Cecil Harrison	3	33	...	35**

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Wesley Ct., Laymon Bounds				1	14		15	Glenmora, D. R. Deen				9	27		36*2	Columbia Heights, G. B. Watson				5			5
Bono Ct., B. J. Vancleave				5	26	2	33*	Hollins Chapel, Ed Pickens				3	7		10	Crowville, S. B. Dampier				3	37		40*2
Brookland Ct., W. W. Peterson				8	21	1	30**	Jena, W. O. Lynch				68	51	1	120*3	Delhi, Don E. Wineinger				1	33		34
Caraway, J. M. Harrison				22	22	1	23**	Jonesville, L. Gray Wilson				6	19	2	27**	Epps-Floyd, J. B. McCann				2	45	2	49**
Deil, E. H. Hall				6	31		37**	Lecompte-Cheneyville, C. H. Glessen				7	33	5	48**	Fairbanks, David Corley				5	19		24**
Dyess-Whitten, Y. D. Whitehurst				5	19		24**	Marksville-Simsport, M. S. Robertson				2	21		23**	Ferriday-Clayton, J. P. McKeithen				5	28		33
Harrisburg, J. T. Byrd				13	64	1	78**	Marthaville, Robert Tatum				14	10	1	25	Grayson-Kelley-Shilo, Ed Henkel				4	30	1	35
Hickory Ridge-Fisher, Jack Glass				4	23	1	28	Melder, Henry O. Pinckard				4	15	6	25**	Gilbert-Beout Prairie, J. W. Boyd Sr.				30	70		100*2
Joiner, E. E. Stevenson				5	36		41**	Montgomery, J. C. Skinner				2	31	1	34**	Harrisonburg, E. H. House, Jr.				2	6		8**
Jonesboro Ct., J. D. Lawrence				7	13		20	Mt. Zion, Del S. Durand				2	3		5	Holly Ridge, W. L. Strong				1	12		13**
JONESBORO								NATCHITOCHES								Kilbourne Ct., John D. Bell				12	15		27*
First Ch., J. Wm. Watson				28	85	8	121	Natchitoches, First Church,								Lake Providence, C. R. McCammon				12	47		59*
Fisher Street, W. T. Ingo				2	22		24	Geo. F. Pearce				47	38		85	Little Creek-Union, E. W. Corley				2	13		15**
Huntington Ave., Ben F. Jordan				19	56	5	80**	Faith Church, J. W. Lee				4	8		12**	Mangham, J. C. Wallace				2	43		45*3
St. Paul, Lamar Davis				6	12		18*2	Oakdale, S. S. Holladay				3	34		37**	Mer Rouge, Lael S. Jones				6	33	1	40*2
Kelser-Riverside, E. C. Hance				4	23		27**	Oak Grove, Claude Hall				1	5		6	MONROE							
Lake View-Lake City, Leon Wilson				9	36	1	46**	Olla, J. A. Jones				10	43		53*2	First Church, G. W. Pomeroy				55	146	3	204**
Leachville, J. E. Linam				4	30	2	36**	Palestine, E. W. Sandel				15	25		40**	Gordon Avenue, T. A. Brown				2	15	23	40**
Lepanto-Garden Point, C. H. Farmer				6	37		43**	Pineville, John F. Kilpatrick				15	51	1	67**	Memorial, W. Ralph Cain				8	107		115**
Luxora, C. C. Burton				1	19		20	Pollock, E. L. McKay				7	10		17*	St. Paul, B. R. Oliphint				6	8		14
Manila, Harold Spence				4	38		42	Urania, W. T. Hall				11	14	1	26*2	Stone Avenue, I. L. Yeager				8	25		33**
Marked Tree, H. J. Couchman				19	47	1	67**	Whites Chapel, H. D. Fisher				5	42		47*2	Oak Grove-Kilbourne, E. L. Tatum				1	1		2
Monette, Pharis Holmfield				5	45	2	52*2	Weaver-Provençal, W. R. Akin				4	20		24*3	Oak R.dge-Crew Lake,							
Mt. Carmel, Fletcher Dodson				1	11		12	Winnfield, Luther L. Booth				9	40	1	50**	Norman Simmons				5	24		29
Nettleton, Earl D. Carter				6	19	1	26	TOTALS				317	808	31	1156	Pioneer Ct., Cecil Mims				1	13		14
Osceola, W. O. Scroggin, Jr.				7	98		105**	BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—Quota 2124								Rayville, W. D. Boddie				18	40		58**
St. John Circuit, Willis LeGrand				3	7		10	Amite, James E. Christie				6	29		35	Sicily Island, J. J. Davis				2	32		34**
Trumann, Arvill Brannon				18	34	1	53**	Angle-Varnado, A. N. Baum				10	10		20	Sterlington, W. M. Allen				3	23	1	27**
Tyronza, Thurston Masters				25	25		50	Baker, Marvin H. Corley				2	11		13	St. Joseph-Wesley, A. M. Baker				1	22		23**
Wilson, Earle Cravens				10	18		28*	BATOR ROUGE								Tallulah, Wm. F. Mayo				17	24		41
Weiner, Ray Burrow				24	40		64*3	First Church, D. Dawson, Jr.				48	54	6	108	Vidalia, H. R. Hine				1	13		14
Weona-Center View, J. L. Weather-								Broadmoor, J. P. Woodland				17	17	2	36**	WEST MONROE							
Yarbro, Harvey Hazelwood				3	9		12*	Ingleside, W. R. Irving, Jr.				6	9	1	16	Brownsville, B. P. Durbin				4	24		28**
TOTALS				304	1175	28	1507	Istrouma, A. Jerome Cain				34	34		68	Claiborne, D. F. Anders				6	25		31*
PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Quota 1138								North, James L. Stovall				9	11	1	21	First Church, W. D. Milton				27	89	2	118
Beech Grove-Knobel, Charles Reed				5	42		47**	Reily Memorial, Wm. E. Trice				18	12		30	McGuire, I. A. Love				7	25		32**
Biggers-Reyno, Paul Bittick				3	16		19**	Winburne, A. A. Collins				6	6	1	13	Winnboro, W. H. Bengtson				8	36		44**
Black Rock-Portia, D. Kern Johnson				7	26		33**	Bethel, T. J. Smith				5	15	1	21**	Wisner, J. A. Knight				11	16		27
Boydsville, Gus Evans				3	13	2	18	Blackwater, A. G. Taylor				3	23	1	27	Newellton, James M. Poole				3	8		11
Corning, Byron McSpadden				7	41	1	49**	Bluff Creek, J. N. Lambert				1	5		6	TOTALS				334	1406	35	1775
Scatter Creek, W. C. Smith				2	3	1	6	Bogaloussa-E. Sullivan Mem.,								NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—Quota 1513							
Hardy-Willford, Lee Anderson				5	24	1	30**	W. H. Giles				6	49		55	Covington, Robert C. Carter				3	38		41*
Hoxie, H. L. Robinson				6	32		38**	Carpenters Chapel, John Keller				1	7		8**	Lacombe-St. Tammany,							
Imboden-Smithville, James Beal				30	44	1	75**	Clinton-Clear Creek, George W.								W. B. Hollingsworth				1	9		10
Leonard Ct., Alfred Blair				5	16	1	22	Harkins				1	18	1	20	NEW ORLEANS							
Lorado Ct., J. T. Holland				3	15		18	Deerford, George M. Horne				12	12		24	Algiers, J. W. Matthews				3	9		12
Mammoth Spring, Arvest Lawson				5	20		25**	Denham Spgs., Fred Schwendimann				3	17	6	26	Carrollton Ave., Luman E. Douglas				7	41		48
Marmaduke, John Barrett				4	10		14	Fisher, C. J. T. Cotten				30	12		42**	Castle Manor, S. P. Emanuel				15	2		15*3
Maynard, Charles Crossno				4	7	2	13	Franklinton, J. H. Sewell				13	37		50**	Church of Redeemer, H. S. Ensenat				2	3		5
PARAGOULD								Gonzales-Port Allen, David Moore				22	3		25*3	Elysian Fields, Glendon R. Messer				4	9		13
First Church, S. B. Wilford				13	71	4	88	Gonzales Ct., J. M. Wilkes				4	14	5	23*	Felicity-Severn, S. P. Emanuel				45	6		51*3
Griffin Memorial, Clyde Crozier				4	47	3	54**	Greenburg, J. R. Woodward				6	22		28**	First Ch., Nathaniel H. Melbert				16	51		67
East Parish, Marvin Thompson				3	15	1	19	Hammond, E. R. Thomas				13	60		73**	Gentilly, E. P. Drake				11	60		71*
West Parish, Elvis Wright				6	34		40	Jackson, J. B. Shearer				1	15		16	Gretna, A. B. Cavanaugh				3	18		21
Piggott, Floyd Villines, Jr.				5	77	1	83**	Kentwood, G. C. Dean, Jr.				2	18		20	Jefferson, Ted T. Howes				2	9		11
Pocahontas, Van W. Harrell				7	32	1	40	Livingston Ct., John C. Bonds				5	13		18	Kenner, M. David Felder				23	26		49**
Ravenden-Ravenden Springs,								Live Oak, J. H. Bowdon, Jr.				9	13		22	John Wesley, J. C. Rousseaux				4	12		16**
Maurice Kemp				3	8	1	12	Loranger-Coopers Chapel,								Lake Vista, Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.				5	13		18
Rector First Ch., James Chandler				5	58	2	65**	Walter Hillis				10	2		12	Luling, C. W. Bennett				2	8		10*
Fourth Street, James Smith				15	30		45**	Lottie-Rosedale, L. W. Taylor				4	32	1	37**	Metairie, John Winn				13	3		16*
Rector Circuit, Leon Gilliam				4	13		17	Magnolia, Wayne Perrott				3	18	1	22*2	Munichland Mem., D. W. Poole				32	18		50

La. Conference Director of Youth Work Urges Organization of Fellowships

Reports Need For Caravan Counselor

ADULT WORKERS WITH YOUTH, have you organized a FELLOWSHIP in your local church, charge or sub-district? You have! How wonderful! Then you have found your task in The Methodist Church as both challenging and difficult. I venture to say the difficult phase of your task has faded in your fellowship with each other as you have shared your problems and success in working with youth. You have a clearer vision of your task as you have long range plans and coordinated the program of the entire youth division. You have adequate tools as you have learned better ways of utilizing and understanding the curriculum for youth. You must have plans for a continuous program of training; personal enrichment; worship; understanding better the Methodist Youth Fellowship, its members and resources. You are growing in effectiveness as adult workers as you follow the example of the Master Teacher.

If this has not or is not happening in your group, perhaps you have not seen the leaflet No. 2456-B (free from Service Department). A continuing source of help is the new page, "Shop Talk," each month in the magazine, *Workers With Youth*.

Wanted—Methodist Youth Caravan

Have you ever had Methodist Youth Caravan come to your church? If you have, then you know how the Caravan can help revitalize and strengthen the youth program of the local church and community, and can give a clearer vision of the Christian's responsibility in every area of life.

A number of requests have come from local churches in Louisiana to the Conference Board of Education for a Methodist Youth Caravan to come to their church for a week this summer. We have applied to the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church for a Caravan and could apply for the second one. We can get the first one and the second one IF we send in a counselor application which is accepted by April, 1957.

You who have direct contact in the local church and community can help to find the right person. "To a large degree the Counselor is the key to the success of the team. Therefore, these suggestions of qualifications growing out of experiences, are very important.

1. A consecrated Christian and a member of The Methodist Church.
2. Unusual maturity: poise, emotional stability, adult in mannerisms and attitudes.
3. A minimum of 24 years of age, preferably 26 years or older.
4. Experience, as an adult worker as well as a young person, in the program and organization of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.
5. An understanding and appreciation of young people.
6. A personality that invites friendship and respect—friendly, patient, courteous, sincere; has good sense of humor.
7. Initiative and ability to see and accept responsibility.
8. Ease in meeting people easily

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Capital

The Capital Sub-District held its regular monthly meeting on January 23 at the Live Oak Methodist Church in Live Oak. Rev. Ed Thomas, pastor of the Hammond Methodist Church, spoke to the group of 134 youth and youth workers on evangelism.

"What is an evangelist?" he asked. As he talked, Rev. Thomas answered his question. An evangelist is someone who helps someone else from where they are to where they ought to be." He went on to name and explain the three things necessary to becoming an evangelist—courage, belief, and action, saying "it takes a man to be a Christian."

Also on the program were a hymn sung by the combined men's and girl's quartet of the Live Oak Church and the solo singing of "The Lord's Prayer" by Jeanenne Jácundus at the close of the program. Preceding the solo was a period of silent prayer.

Before Rev. Thomas spoke, Margie Reynard, District Secretary, explained the new district Newsletter. All news of the local church is too be sent to the secretary of the Sub-District who will in turn send it to Margie. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide aid wherever possible and to keep the churches of the district informed of one another.

After the meeting, the group went to the Live Oak High gym for recreation and refreshments.—Jean Stephens, Reporter

W. F. Cooley

The W. F. Cooley Sub-District met Monday night, Jan. 7, at 7:30 p. m., at the First Methodist Church, Russellville.

Dover was in charge of the program, which was on vocations. The program consisted of a series of short talks given by a doctor, a nurse, a minister, a school teacher, and a business man, on each of those professions.

Folk games directed by Mrs. W. F. Cooley were the recreation.

Refreshments, which were enjoyed by all, were served by the Russellville MYF.—Glenna Elliott, Reporter.

and in establishing rapport with them.

9. Ability to work with others on the church's program, especially with adults interested in the youth program.
10. Good health.

This person is a member of your church. Perhaps he or she is a former youth Caravaner, a public school or college teacher, a local church worker with youth, a member or leader of young adults, or a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. If you know of such a person who would be willing to travel with a team into the Churches in the Louisiana Conference where help is really needed in the Youth program, please write to Miss Louise Sharp, Conference Director of Youth, P. O. Box 4156, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Louise Sharp
Conference Director of Youth Work

The Youthful Accent

By Hoover, Rupert

SPORTSMANSHIP

The fact that the years are catching up with yours truly was made even more vivid a few days ago when Bob Feller announced his retirement from baseball only to be followed in a few days by Jackie Robinson's startling announcement of his retirement coincidentally with his trade to the New York Giants. These fellows have both passed their 38th birthdays and feel it is time to let up on the purely physical vocation and use their living-making energies in some more conventional form of employment.

Jackie Robinson is well known as the pioneer Negro player in the major leagues. He not only is a good baseball player, but he has made a rich and unique contribution to race relations in a time that needs all the constructive contributions it can get.

Jackie Robinson Was In MYF

And I well recall the late Karl Downs tell of his experience as a young pastor in Pasadena, California, in helping Jackie Robinson find his place in life as he shared the life of the MYF of Scott Methodist Church. What a fine contribution for an MYF to have produced the young man who was to make possible such progress in easing racial tension and in giving opportunity to members of his race!

Bob Feller entered the major leagues while I was in college. We followed avidly the exploits of the young farm boy from Van Meter, Iowa, who set so many records that still stand in baseball. Three no-hit games. Strike-out records that are fabulous. Sportsmanship that stood the test of close competition. Nearly 20 years he has played with the Cleveland Indians and now he has left organized baseball to enter business in his adopted home city.

A Stellar Citizen

It so happens that Bob Feller is a stellar citizen in his community. He takes a responsible part in its leadership. Often he is called on to speak to youth groups, to father and son dinners, and to civic organizations. Recently he spoke to a Methodist Men's Club and their youthful guests. Each of the youngsters present received from him the Bob Feller key chain. Attached is a good luck piece which on one side has his picture and on the other this motto, "Play Fair, Strive to Win, Be A Good Sport."

That seems to me to be a good trinity of sportsmanship. And from all I have observed as a close follower of Feller's career, he has practiced what he preaches. He has been a hustling ball-player in there to win—but not at the costs of fair play. He exemplifies sportsmanship and fair play, as indeed did Jackie Robinson under conditions considerably more trying than those Feller had to face when broke into the major leagues.

You may not recall Feller's earned run average. You may forget Robinson's lifetime batting average. But baseball will not soon forget the contribution made by these two retiring players—each in his own way. And we can learn from them the importance in life's daily pattern of playing fair, of striving to win, and of being a good sport.

Benton First Church Conducts Study On Youth

A study on "Youth in a Responsible Society" was held recently at the First Methodist Church, Benton.

Mrs. Joe Purcell was the leader of the Jan. 22nd, night program on "Community Climate and Youth" and "Young People in an International World." Special guest was Carl Settle, Douglassville, a senior high school student who is studying for the ministry, and who recently went on a tour of the UN with the group of young people from the Little Rock Conference.

The final night's session was directed by Miss Beryl Henry on "Youth's Education in a Changing World." Guest for the evening was Ed McCuiston, assistant commissioner of education for the state of Arkansas.

The program was in the form of a news conference with questions being directed to McCuiston by a panel.

Panel members were Mrs. Henry Caldwell, a member of the school board; Tom Hardin, teacher and coach; and the following representing the senior youth: Joyce White, Carolyn Searcy, Mike Clayton, John Charles Carrick, Neal Beauchem, and John Hutchinson.

Wakefield MYF Holds Meeting

The MYF of the Wakefield Methodist Church met Sunday night, Feb. 3, and a discussion was conducted on the duties of MYF officers in relation to the MYF program.

Devotionals were led by Ray Fatheree and Majorie Tinkes, and Mrs. Dale Chatham was director of the program. Mrs. W. C. Lewis gave the closing prayer.

The Wakefield group meets each Sunday night. Talton Rutledge is president; Mrs. Bessie Whitmore, sponsor; and Mrs. Dale Chatham, assistant sponsor.

Those attending the Feb. 3 meeting included: Vivian Joe Goodrum, Bobby Tinkes, Ray Fatheree, Philip Tinkes, Gennie Sue Criss, Marjorie Tinkes, Mrs. Bowden, Linda Tinkes, Mrs. Dale Chatham, Mrs. Lewis, and the Rev. W. C. Lewis.

A period of recreation followed the session's program.—Vivian Joe Goodrum, Reporter

CHURCH POINT MYF ELECTS OFFICERS

Miss Linda Williams was elected president of the MYF of the First Methodist Church, Church Point, at the group's meeting, Jan. 21.

Other officers named include: Russell Harmon, vice president; Wayne Brasseaux, secretary; Ronald Brasseaux, treasurer; Culum Young, program chairman; and Oris Young, recreation chairman.

In addition to the business session, a worship service and recreation period were conducted. Following the meeting, the MYF members were treated to a hamburger supper by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Williams at their home. The Rev. Dan Tohline, Church Point pastor, was a special guest.



Zone 4, Monroe District Meets At Lake Providence

Zone four of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met in Lake Providence on Jan. 31 under the leadership of Mrs. C. R. Brown, zone leader.

Program of the day opened with prayer by the Rev. C. R. McCammon, pastor of the host church. Mrs. Wyne Baker, president of the local society, gave the welcome to which Mrs. T. J. Wren of Delhi responded.

Theme of the meeting was "A Christian Concern For All of Life," and principal speaker of the morning, Mrs. Dewitt Henry, Monroe, district secretary of Christian Social Relations, highlighted that theme in her talk on "Walking the road to Jerico all learn what Jesus expects of a Christian." Mrs. W. T. Renfro of Tallulah based her meditation on the scripture reading, "In As much as ye have done it unto the least of these" with recitation of two poems, "The Master Is Coming Today," and "When The Guest Came To Conrad."

For the afternoon the speakers were Mrs. D. C. Metcalfe, Monroe, district president, who gave the goals for 1956-1960 with points on how to live up to the chosen goals. Mrs. A. H. Harper, secretary of a promotion, listed the duties of a promotion secretary, informed on the new way of reporting, and gave a stimulus for creating interest in inactive societies.

The Oak Grove Woman's Society of Christian Service invited the group to meet with them on Aug. 29.

At noon the Lake Providence members served an enjoyable luncheon to members from Delhi, Epps, Oak Grove, Tallulah, Monroe, West Monroe, and Collinston.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church of Jonesboro had a recognition day for the new members Wednesday, January 23. After a pot luck luncheon, Mrs. Leon Eason led the group in a special service honoring ten new members.

Mrs. Curtis McKinney, president, conducted the business session during which a Life Membership was given to Mrs. Mozelle Farrar, and a Baby Membership to Steven Ben Jordan, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ben Jordan.

Larry-Hardcastle Guild of the Levy Methodist Church, celebrated its second anniversary February 5 with a dinner in the home of Mrs. Annie Bentley with Mrs. Judy Counts co-hostess.

Nineteen members and one visitor attended. Following a short business meeting, a program was given by Mrs. Annie Mae Hudson, Mrs. Betty Reed and Mrs. Mary Lou Palmer.

Area Delegates To Attend Jurisdiction Meeting

The Arkansas-Louisiana Area will have full representation at the Annual Meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service at Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 19-22.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Ruston, Louisiana, and Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Little Rock, Arkansas, will attend as members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Jurisdiction officers from this area are: Mrs. Sam Dunbar, New Orleans; Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Ruston; Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Little Rock; Mrs. W. Neill Hart, Camden; Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Russellville.

Conference Delegates who will attend are: LOUISIANA: Mrs. C. I. Jones, New Orleans; Mrs. J. H. McSween, Alexandria; Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Shreveport; Mrs. Maurice Tatum, Shreveport; Mrs. James T.

Harris, Monroe; and Mrs. W. D. Poole, Metairie.

NORTH ARKANSAS: Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, Bentonville; Mrs. James Upton, Conway; Mrs. J. H. Vogel, West Memphis; Mrs. William Hall, Widener; Mrs. S. B. Wilford, Paragould; Mrs. L. W. Blakey, Fort Smith.

LITTLE ROCK: Mrs. M. E. Scott, El Dorado; Mrs. George Meyer, Little Rock; Mrs. Ross Helvie, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Murray McLeod, Little Rock; Mrs. Charles Ashcraft, Lake Village; and Mrs. Howard Elder, El Dorado.

In addition to reports and messages, election will be held for the following Jurisdiction offices: vice-president, recording secretary, secretaries of: foreign work, promotion, missionary education, youth, children and status of women.

Broadcast From Southeast Asia

At the Gretna Methodist Church on the evening of January 20, the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Commission on Missions presented a program entitled "Broadcast from Southeast Asia," a topic decided upon as a result of the Society's study of that country.

The participants were adorned in Asiatic-type apparel made from American-type bed linen.

The Social Hall was filled with sovenirs borrowed from members of the church who had opportunity to collect them during military service spent in the Orient. Among these samples of Asian art and culture were a small book written completely in Chinese, a hand-carved, ivory rickshaw, many symbolic flags and a hand-made fishing boat.

The pianist's music was lighted by a Chinese lantern. Two Chinese figurines stood on one side of the lantern and an arrangement of yellow feathers resembling exotic flowers stood on the other.

Behind the speakers was a wall covered with maps and colorful scenes depicting different phases of Asiatic life.

Miss Eulah Cato, the president, announced the program during which reporters represented by Mr. August Cuny, Miss Beverly Biehler, Grace Entwisle, Mrs. A. B. Cavanaugh and Mrs. T. A. Hotard, spoke to us from Burma, Singapore, Sumatra, Malaya, and Borneo.

An evangelistic missionary, Mrs. George Lee; a Chinese missionary, Mrs. E. J. Boudreaux; a Batak missionary, Mrs. Don Gross; and an agricultural missionary, Mr. Jack Womack, brought their message to the group.

Two of the younger members, Donna and Beth Gross, danced as the Khin Sone sisters. The choreography was their own.

Lotus Blossom, in the person of Miss Linda Pitre, and Mr. Ralph Loy, more commonly known as Tuck-wai, sang, accompanied by Ai-ling, Mrs. R. A. Grabowski.

Mrs. Beulah Cato led three of her Sunday School Class, Misses Phy-

North Arkansas Conf. Registration Announced

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at the Forrest City Methodist Church March 12-14.

Registration is \$3.00 and should be sent to:

Mrs. V. O. Turner
Rt. 1
Forrest City, Arkansas

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

"The fulfillment of a long-cherished dream" of Miss Clara Howard, of Kathleen, Georgia, missionary of the Methodist Church in Taejon, Korea, was the establishment of the Kindergarten Training School of her church in Taejon's hillside. Miss Howard has been a kindergarten teacher and administrator in Korea since 1923. The school will train Korean young women to teach kindergarten.

Says Mrs. Theodore O. Wedel, of Washington, D. C., president, United Church Women: "The new figures on church membership indicate not only a growing spiritual hunger on the part of our people but also that all the religious bodies in the U. S. A. are doing an increasingly good job of winning people to the church, and of making religion relevant to modern life."

lis Cavanaugh, Ellen Loy, and Joyce Lewis, in "Koltak, Koltak," the Southeast Asian version of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

Messrs. Don Gross and Don Aswell brought us a medical viewpoint of the situation in the Land of Antiquity.

The Reverend M. A. B. Cavanaugh, the pastor of the Gretna church, closed the program with a benediction.—Rose Marie Rhymes, Secretary

Longstreet Entertains Shreveport District

The Longstreet Woman's Society invited district members, and societies in their area for a visit of district officers recently. On Monday, January 21, at 2:00 P. M. a group met in the lovely church sanctuary. Mrs. W. M. Corrett presided and presented the program. After a hymn and prayer, Mrs. J. L. Saxon, spiritual life secretary for Shreveport District, led in a period of devotion and worship which centered around the new year beginning now, with a setting of a floral cross flanked by tall candles on the altar table.

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., District President, spoke on "The Work of the WSCS" depicting the Widening Way ending with the symbol of the society. Mrs. J. T. Dunn, District Secretary of CSR presented the work in that area giving specific things to be done.

Mrs. W. C. McDonald, District Secretary of Promotion closed with an informal question and answer period with group participation, showing and using the new seventeenth annual report.

Mrs. Lon Abney of Shreveport, a native of Longstreet, and Mrs. W. D. Snelling of Shreveport, were guests. Logansport WSCS, Mrs. John R. Nash, president, with ten members were guests.

Eight members and one visitor of the local society made up the lovely gathering of 25. Rev. Harold McClung is the very efficient pastor. Great improvements have been made by the congregation under his pastorate in the beauty of the sanctuary and rooms, as well as increase in interest and attendance. Mrs. Reeves furnished music and Mrs. Moncrief led the closing prayer.

Delicious refreshments of coffee, punch and homemade delicacies were served by the hostesses in the social room.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Lafayette Society had a study of "Youth In a Responsible Society," February 4-8. Mrs. R. R. Branton was the leader. Mrs. Georgia Peterson, house-mother from Southwestern, spoke one night about the problems that young people have. On Thursday evening, the women had charge of a Youth Emphasis program at the Church Family Night Supper. Miss Susan Chandler, Miss Mary Lou Peck and Miss Ann Love presented musical numbers. Mr. Douglas Williams told about Youth Fellowship; Miss Anne Harris told her experiences at summer camp; and Miss Jackie Duncan helped the adults understand the purpose of MY Fund.

One night during the study, the women went to the Student Center at SLI for a program there. They hope to learn something about the services which the Methodist church renders to students on a college campus. Johnnie Dennison and Gloria Flurry discussed their experiences on a Youth Caravan during the summer.

Grateful For Being Resettled

By Jeanne Mason
Methodist Information

"Thank you—I'm rich." These words signify the deep appreciation of 23-year-old Naoum Nechovski, refugee from Yugoslavia who arrived in Conway Jan. 21 to make his home. He is sponsored by the First Methodist Church of Conway.

Naoum (pronounced almost like "now home") is familiar with approximately 100 English words, primarily nouns, is learning rapidly and understands others well. He has had the equivalent of two years of high school. Plans are being made by Arkansas State Teachers College to give Naoum some special instruction in English.

The U. S. Relief Act of 1953 requires that all refugees over 21 years of age be employed, so Naoum is working at Foster Oar Company in Conway. He was very anxious to start to work upon his arrival and seems to be pleased with his job. He runs a sanding machine. Plans are to allow him to remain in employment there until sponsors are able to communicate with him and learn what he would like to do.

Naoum enjoys television, is very good at ping pong and likes football. His favorite expression in English is, "I think I'll go take an aspirin."

It is believed that his father, a farmer, was killed by the Bulgarians about ten years ago. His mother, two brothers and a sister are still living in Yugoslavia.

The Rev. Joel Cooper, pastor of First Methodist in Conway, says, "The coming of Naoum Nechovski into our community has stirred the generosity of our people in a wonderful way. Although this fine young man arrived in our country with little more than the clothes upon his back, he has now been outfitted with suits (at least 3), overcoats (2), shirts (a dozen or so), jackets, sweaters, work pants, handkerchiefs, socks, ties, underclothing, pajamas, etc. He is living in Wesley Hall in a room which has been furnished by some of our church people. He has been given sheets, pillow slips, towels, wash cloths, scarfs, dish towels, razor, clock, and a great deal of food.

"Naoum served two years in the Yugoslavian army. He escaped by row boat to Greece where he lived for 18 months in a refugee camp near Athens.

"The Commission on Missions of our local church, under the leadership of the chairman, Mrs. M. D. Johnson, made the plans for the resettling of this young man. Mason Mitchell, a member of the commission, is acting as the sponsor which the government requires. The Methodist Commission on Overseas Relief, a general agency of The Methodist Church, cooperated with the Church World Service, an interdenominational agency, in bringing Naoum to America. MCOR pays the costs to the port of entry and the sponsoring organization (in this instance, our church) pays the costs from that point on. Some of our Communion Sunday Offerings have been reserved for this resettling program.

"Naoum flew from Athens, Greece, to Hamburg, Germany. He boarded ship in Hamburg and docked in New York 13 days later. (He didn't have a change of clothes for the entire



Here Naoum Nechovski is shown as he is interviewed at Conway by Miss Jeanne Mason, Director of Methodist Information in Arkansas and Louisiana.

journey.) He was put on a train in New York and arrived in Little Rock on Jan. 21. Mr. Mitchell, Robert Francis and I met him at the station and brought him to Conway.

"To illustrate how quickly this boy is catching on: A couple of days

ago, he was having lunch with us. After the telephone had called me away from the table for the third time, he said, 'Telephone—right here.' As he spoke he pointed to a place right beside my chair at the table."

20 Complete Degree Requirements At Centenary College

Requirements for bachelor's degrees were completed during the fall semester just concluded by 20 Centenary College students. Eight of this number also completed requirements for teacher certification in the state.

Centenary College holds only one commencement ceremony during the year, and these students will participate in the exercises to be held in May, when degrees also will be awarded to those who complete degree requirements during the spring semester now in progress.

Other Centenary News

Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary College, spent several days last week in Alexandria working on behalf of the Louisiana Foundation of Privately Supported Colleges and Universities, of which he is president. He contacted business and industrial leaders to enlist support for the Foundation.

The Centenary College Choir presented three concerts Tuesday in the course of a one-day road trip. Director A. C. Voran and his 49-voice troupe presented concerts at the high schools in Rayville, Delhi and Tallulah. They were accompanied by Mrs. Sue Boydston, enrollment counselor at Centenary.

Three members of the department of mathematics at Centenary College will attend the annual meeting of the Louisiana-Mississippi Assn. of America in Biloxi, Miss., tomorrow and Saturday. Miss Betty McKnight, assistant professor of mathematics, will speak at the meeting. Also attending will be Wallace Griffiths, associate professor, and A. C. Maddox, part-time instructor of mathematics.

Dotty Slider of Marshall, Tex.,

Hendrix Enrollment Increases to 446

At the closing date of registration for the second semester the enrollment at Hendrix College showed an increase over the number enrolled at the closing date of registration last year for the same period. The total enrollment has now reached 446 students with a few more enrollees expected. Last year the enrollment for the second semester was 411 students.

Part of the expected higher enrollment for the second semester is due to the larger number of students which were registered for the first semester. The total enrollment for the first semester of this school term was 446 while the total of the first semester a year ago was 417. Also in keeping with the trend of increasing enrollment is the number of students who are registered for the semester beginning this fall, which is still above the pre-registered students for the 1956 fall semester.

Other Hendrix News

Dean's List Announced

John Pike, junior pre-medical student from DeWitt, and Doug Smith, freshman pre-medical student from Little Rock, made all A's, or a 3.00 grade average, for the semester's work. They were among the forty-four students named to the Dean's List for the

is the recipient of the Joseph Homer and Julia Bourquin Scholarship to Centenary College for the spring semester. The scholarship carries a valuation of \$225 for the semester and was established in January, 1955, by Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Jackson in honor of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Jordan. Miss Slider is active in the Methodist Student Movement at Centenary and a member of the Centenary College Choir.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Haas Memorial Groups Conduct Missionary Studies

The children in the primary and junior departments of the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie, Louisiana, are in the midst of their additional sessions. The title of the missionary unit for juniors is "Methodists in Southeast Asia." The primary children are studying "Finding Christian Friends in the Philippines."

Both groups meet at the church on Monday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30. They are excused from school for this study. These studies began on January 7th and will continue through February 25th.

Teachers for the juniors are: Mrs. C. W. Tebow, Mrs. Byrns Eves, Mrs. Jack Cochran. The Primary Teachers are: Mrs. Elbert Aymond, Mrs. E. D. Sarver, Mrs. Belmont Townsend, Mrs. T. E. Cranford.

Interest in this study is evidenced by a record attendance of 98 per cent of the enrollment of the children in these departments of our church.

The Rev. Jimmy J. Caraway is pastor of the church.

List of Available Filmstrips, Materials May Be Secured

Now available at the Little Rock Conference Board of Education Office is a list of the filmstrips and visual aids material which may be ordered. Anyone desiring a copy of the list, may order it from the Board of Education, 1723 Broadway, Little Rock, Arkansas.

In addition to those indicated in this list, the Board has just received new materials which the office will be glad to send on request. They are as follows: A series of three filmstrips, "Adult Workers in the Methodist Youth Fellowship." The filmstrips are:

"Winning the Confidence of Youth"
"Co-operation Among Adult Workers"

"Toward Better Teaching."

Filmstrips in the area of children's work:

"When Jesus Kept the Passover"
"Providence Bible Slides on Bible Customs"

"Our Family"

"Sing O Sing" (records for children)

Filmstrip: "Our Commission on Education."

first semester of the 1956-57 school year.

Requirements for the Dean's List include the necessity of a student to make a 2.25 grade average, or a B plus average, for the semester.

Jewish Rabbi on Campus

Rabbi Alexander S. Kline of Temple Beth Israel in Clarksdale, Mississippi, represented the Jewish Chautauqua Society as lecturer at Hendrix February 12th and 13th.

Rabbi Kline spoke on the subjects: "What Christians Should Know About Judaism," "Universalism—the Basis of Brotherhood," and "Christianity and Judaism—What They Have in Common."

The National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods sponsors the Jewish Chautauqua Society, an organization disseminating authentic information concerning Judaism as part of an educational program.

N. O. District To Observe Centenary Day

Centenary College Day will be observed Sunday in Methodist churches of the New Orleans district under the general supervision of Dr. Virgil D. Morris, district superintendent.

Six representatives from Centenary College will speak at Methodist churches in the New Orleans district on that day to keep members of the congregations abreast of developments at their church-sponsored institution in Shreveport.

Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of the college, will speak at both the morning services at the Munholland Methodist Church. Others who will make formal addresses are the following: Dr. W. W. Pate, head of the department of commerce and economics; Dr. John B. Entrikin, head of the chemistry department; Dr. W. F. Pledger, professor of Bible and sociology; Bryant Davidson, head of the history department; and the Rev. Jim McLean, director of religious activities. All are active in Methodist church work in Shreveport.

Dr. Entrikin will speak at 10 a.m. at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church School and at 11 a.m. at the First Methodist Church; the Rev. Mr. McLean will speak at 8:30 a.m. at St. Luke's Methodist Church and at 11 a.m. at the Lake Vista church; Dr. Pate will speak at the 8:30 a.m. services at the Second Methodist Church and at the 11 a.m. services at the St. Claude Heights Methodist Church.

Davidson is slated to speak at 8:30 a.m. at the Castle Manor Church and at 11 a.m. at the Slidell Methodist Church, and Dr. Pledger will speak at 8:30 a.m. at the Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church and at 11:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Methodist Church.

The observance is designed to stimulate interest in Centenary College, which is sponsored by the Methodist Church.

BISHOP DECRIES "LUST FOR UNITY"

(Continued from page 1)

worse and that would be men and women forced through religious pressure to remain together when their marriage has proved to be incompatible. This is the kind of unwarranted interference into the private affairs of people that is destructive of all that family life ought to stand for."

Bishop Kennedy asserted that "no one profits more from the free Church than the State itself."

WEST CALCASIEU LAYMEN ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The West Calcasieu Methodist Laymen's group celebrated its first anniversary with a supper at the First Methodist Church, Vinton, Thursday, January 10.

The following new officers were elected: Morris Wiley, Sulphur, president; Jim Boatman, DeQuincy, vice president; Earl Schexnaider, Maplewood, secretary; and Laufence Cashen, Westlake, treasurer.

Dr. Carl Lueg, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was the principal speaker.

Methodist men from Maplewood, Sulphur, Westlake, DeQuincy, and Vinton were present. The supper was served by the Vinton WSCS.

Nolley Memorial Begins Expansion Project



A ground-breaking service for the expansion of the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church, Jena, was held Sunday morning, Jan. 13, at the 11 o'clock worship hour, with the Rev. A. W. Townsend, Superintendent of the Alexandria District, conducting the service.

The expansion of the present educational building will provide some 3800 additional square feet of floor space and will be built at an estimated cost of \$30,000, according to Rev. W. O. Lynch, pastor of the church.

Shown left to right are: Mrs. W. P. Fort, chairman of the commission on missions; Dr. E. L. Miller, steward; Mrs. B. T. Gallaher, district steward; C. A. McCartney, Sunday School superintendent; W. M. Baker,

chairman of the official board; the Rev. W. O. Lynch, pastor; and the Rev. A. W. Townsend, Alexandria District Superintendent.

RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Gail Thornton of Little Rock, Ark., has been awarded the Peggy Rountree Memorial Scholarship at Centenary College for the spring semester. The scholarship, which carries a valuation of about \$100, was established by friends of the late Miss Rountree, who was killed in an automobile crash near Cookville, Tenn., in June, 1954. Miss Rountree was a 1953 graduate of Centenary.

Grace Church, Ruston, Plans New Sanctuary

Construction is planned to begin immediately on a new sanctuary and three additional Sunday school rooms at Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, according to the Rev. Henry Blount, pastor.

The church's quarterly conference meeting Jan. 24, empowered the board of trustees to accept a bid from Lincoln Builders for \$81,000, it was reported.

The new sanctuary will have a seating capacity of 385 and will be connected to the east side of the present building, facing Highway 80. The educational building, built in 1950, has been used for all church purposes.

The building committee is composed of Robert Wynn, Mrs. J. C. Howard, Jim Hinton, Dr. D. L. Coffman, U. S. Roane, and W. H. Henderickson. Ragan Madden, Clyde Taylor, and T. E. Raley are honorary members of the building committee, having been on the committee which supervised construction of the present church structure.

Grace Methodist Church has a resident membership of 380 built up within the past six years. The new sanctuary and Sunday school classrooms will give the church a physical evaluation of about \$160,000, church leaders estimate.

Greenwood Completes Extensive Building Project

More than one hundred years ago, in the little town of Greenwood, situated in the north-western section of Louisiana, a Methodist Church was founded—being among the first in north Louisiana. Since its beginning it has been an active factor in the growth of the town and community. It has served as a spiritual monitor to the youth of its membership, and has seen go from its door several prominent ministers, many outstanding teachers, as well as other successful professional men and women.

About the year 1916 the church that had served for generations, located on Magnolia Street, became too small for its congregation and the site was transferred to its present location on the corner of Church and Magnolia Streets. A new building was completed and paid for with much sacrifice by its members, only to be destroyed by fire soon after its dedication. The present building was erected with still greater hardships during the depression years.

The present buildings are paid for and in addition a modern recreation room, with modern kitchen, fully equipped Sunday School rooms have been provided. Last summer, there was installed an air-conditioning unit at a cost of more than \$7,000.00, of which more than \$5,000.00 has been paid.

There is also a Hammond organ which affords music for a very efficient choir. Other improvements and additions are contemplated for the church and parsonage.

When the present building was constructed, a regulation belfry was installed, but in conformity to modern trends the old bell that had served so faithfully for generations was not put back in its old place, but in recent years the members, missing its old familiar chimes, which had become a part of the town and community, had it reinstalled. Today, as of old, it regularly calls the congregation to assemble for worship.

semble for worship.

In addition to the goals set forth by the Rev. Woodrow A. Geier, Director of Information on Christian Education, as published in the January 24th issue of *The Louisiana Methodist* we hope to emphasize the need for greater spiritual growth and Christian conduct during the next quadrennium.

Mrs. James L. Trosper
E. S. Moncrief



NEW BOOKS REVIEWED

By Harold L. Fair

Evangelism Through The Local Church

By Roy H. Short

Abingdon Press, 128 pages, \$2

The Methodist Church as well as all other Protestant denominations in America today is having increased emphasis on evangelism. This new book on the motivation and practice of evangelism in the local church was written by the bishop of the Nashville Area, who has had wide experience in leading evangelistic crusades.

Bishop Short believes that the local church is the key-stone in any evangelistic movement, and he begins this little book by discussing the place of the local church in the evangelistic mission. He turns then to the evangelistic pastor and his preaching, evangelism through the church school, and the pastor's regular membership class.

His chapter on the preaching mission of revival is filled with insights. This discussion should be of especial interest to readers in the South, for some have said special evangelistic services no longer fulfilled a useful purpose in the life of the local church. Bishop Short feels, however, that this type of service still has tremendous advantages. For one thing, they recognize the necessity for periodic renewal that applies through all of life. Special evangelistic services further recognize the necessity for spiritual concentration. Bishop Short believes that any church will gain by setting aside a scheduled period of concentration when the whole congregation will turn its attention primarily to spiritual things and untie its efforts to win new disciples for Christ. Special evangelistic services also recognize the value in group experience. Whether new persons are reached for church membership or not, this book will show how the average local church can get the most benefits from its revival meetings.

The book further goes on to discuss laymen and evangelism, youth, family, and personal evangelism, the local church and community evangelism, prayer evangelism, and finally, the responsibility all Christians face to continually be messengers for Christ. This is the area in which every one of us is to be held accountable.

If you want to gain the most out of the time and effort put into the



evangelistic program in your church, read this book by Bishop Short. Every Commission on Membership and Evangelism should make this required reading for all its members. The whole church can be enriched by a proper study and application of the principles and inspiration of this book by one of the great evangelistic leaders of our time.

Come See A Man

By Grace Noll Crowell

Abingdon Press, 128 pages, \$1.50

Here is another of those wonderful devotional books by a well-known author who now lives in Dallas, Texas.

In her new book she has given us meditations and poems on the life of Jesus. The title comes from the passage John 4:29: "Come, see a man, which told me all things ever I did: is not this the Christ?" This was the statement of the Woman of Samaria to the Man she met at the well. These poems and meditations show today's Christian how he may come see the man Jesus who can save, who knows all about our lives, who can by his touch bring healing for the body and salvation to the soul.

The 21 meditations in this book begin with scripture quotations, each of which reveals some particular phase in the life of Jesus. Then follows Mrs. Crowell's simple but deeply spiritual comments on the scripture passage. The meditations, which are only three or four pages in length, are just the thing for the opening of a family school class meeting, or business session, or a circle meeting. Each devotional closes with a simple, devout prayer.

Included in the book are many of the poems of the type that have made Mrs. Crowell one of America's most loved poets. This little book will be especially helpful for your use during the Lenten season, for either private or family devotions, or for use in group meetings.

(Copies of these books, or any books published by the Abingdon Press, may be obtained from any branch of the Methodist Publishing House, three of which are located as follows: 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tenn.; 1910 Main St., Dallas 1, Tex.; and 1021 McGee St., Kansas City 6, Mo.)

Alaskan College Plans Academic Program

Chancellor Chester M. Alter, of the University of Denver, chairman of the Academic Advisory Council of the Alaska Methodist College, recently spent several days in Anchorage, conferring with educational leaders about the academic plans for the college.

Dr. Alter met with the Anchorage school board and with leaders of the Anchorage Community College. He spoke to the high school

student body, met with civic leaders of Anchorage and appeared on two television programs.

The visit was authorized by the national Alaska Methodist College Committee at a meeting November 9 as a means of integrating the academic program planned for the college into the over-all educational needs of Alaska. Dr. Alter's six-member council proposed a program including the humanities, the social sciences and the natural sciences. The program was approved by the Alaska College committee.

Secular Press Notes Impact of Religion Through TV

The nation's secular press is taking increasing notice of the impact of religious faith in today's living as expressed in the relatively new massmedium of television. Although basically an entertainment and advertising medium, television necessarily reflects public interests in programming.

As a part of "show business," television activity is news to the lay press and readers. And when the nation's upsurging desire for spiritual guidance finds expression in growing popularity of religious television, a significant news story is in the making.

Latest outstanding example of national reporting on the "religious

resurgence shown in television programming" is the fascinating story of the widely-known series "This Is The Life." It is featured in a major picture-article in the February 19th issue of LOOK magazine, on the newsstand February 5th, which demonstrates the powerful appeal of fusing Christian faith with "show business" in good taste via television.

Now into its 5th year, on the nation's TV airwaves, "This Is The Life" has long amazed television professionals by being literally the "world's most televised program," its coverage surpassing even the most popular network programs. The LOOK article is titled "The Lutheran's Big TV Hit" and points out that it is available to almost 98% of the country's TV homes on more than 270 U. S. stations, plus 20 in Canada, and 20 overseas.

A Letter From The Waddell's In Chile

(The following letter is from the Rev. Don Waddell, and his wife, Martha, missionaries in Chile. Mrs. Waddell is the daughter of the late Rev. Allen D. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart of Little Rock, and the sister of the Rev. George Stewart, associate minister, at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock. The Rev. and Mrs. Waddell are supported in part as an advance special by the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock.)

El Vergel
Casilla 2-D,
Angol, Chile
December 8, 1956

Dear Friends:

Christmas Greetings are once again in season. With them we convey to you our abundant joy and desires for good will on Earth among men.

Our Chilean newspapers and the short wave radio, bring us news of unrest among nations. As in the time of the Christ Child the world is looking for the answer to its problems. If only with this Christmas men would realize that no longer must we search, for the answer is with us.

Here in this "utmost part of the Earth," no hint is to be had of man's unrest. New spring flowers, the first fruit, and clear sunny days tell us that Christmas is near. Children, laughing and singing are concerned only that school is soon to be turned out. We too feel that release as we finish the school year here at El Vergel.

Graduation; it means just as much here in this part of rural Chile to this group of Indian and farm boys, as to young people every where. And this year we have a group of twelve young men, anxiously awaiting the moment to try their wings at farming. We pray that the Lord may bless them and bring forth fruits in their lives, as they produce fruits of His Creation.

Martha's work with the Girl's Vocational School Choir, has proven its worth once again. At present they are in preparation for the closing program at the School. Six young women will finish this year, prepared to form their homes and Christian families. This work of the Woman's Division is proving to be one of our most valuable contributions to the community. The possibility that this school will be provided with a new building during the coming year has given room for new and grander ideas for this project.

This has been a year filled with great joys and accomplishments. Our Chilean Annual Conference has had an awakening of evangelistic fervor such as has been the prayers of many for years. Our Bishop Julio Sabanes has been the answer to those prayers, being the spark that has ignited our ministers and laymen.

The recent Central Conference re-elected Bishop Sabanes and we are looking forward to four years of advance in our Chilean Church. Surely this will take place with the fine Laymen's Movement that is working to stir up our Church to Self Support.

Just prior to the Central Conference, there was held in Cochabamba, Bolivia, a conference of Directors of Methodist Schools in Latin America. Don was privileged to attend and testifies to the wonderful experience that was his. This was an inspiring meeting more than thirty delegates from nine nations, sharing their experiences and planning for the steps ahead in making our schools witness for Christ. At the same time Don was able to see first hand the situation in Bolivia. His impressions, upon seeing the poverty and unrest, have made us realize more than ever the urgency of preaching the Gospel to meet the needs of man. Bolivia too needs your prayers.

As we come to this Christmas time we recognize our debt of gratitude to all of you. With your prayers and support we have been able to meet the needs as we find them here. Through us you are testifying to these people that Christ did come, the Son of God, to save Man (every one, every where) and to bring him the abundant and eternal Life.

We rejoice with you as you gather together in your families for Christmas and place our prayer with yours for peace in the coming New Year.

Yours,
Don and Martha Waddell

Methodist CHILDREN'S Home

REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1956 (Continued from last week)

North Arkansas Conference	\$331.54	Little Rock	2.50
The Yancey S. S. Class,		Lodges Corner Meth. Church	20.00
Marianna Methodist Church	10.00	Mrs. Esther Crain,	
Harmony Class, Little Rock		Springfield, Ark.	10.00
First Methodist Church	10.00	Bob Finley	5.00
Marion Methodist Church	11.00	Mary Martha Bible Class,	
W. H. Sturgis, Texarkana		Smackover Meth. Church	10.00
First Methodist Church	50.00	Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Sanders,	
Friendship Class, Mena		Hot Springs	2.00
First Methodist Church	10.00	Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wilson	1.00
Lexa-Tolefree S. S. Class,		Mrs. Pat Persons	10.00
Fordyce Methodist Church	10.00	Perry-Conway Sub-District	25.00
Grand Avenue Methodist Church,		Mr. H. B. Price	5.00
Stuttgart	11.36	Mrs. O. M. Lewis, Mena	1.00
The Esthers S. S. Class,		Methodist Men's Class,	
Siloam Springs Methodist Ch.	10.00	Dumas Methodist Church	30.00
Class of the Open Door,		Mr. Jack Stiel Dante, Dumas	20.00
Sheridan Methodist Church	5.00	Second Mile Class,	
Mrs. Lenna Webb,		First Methodist Church, Jonesboro	25.00
Independence, Kansas	15.00	The W. P. Sturgis Foundation	
Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Alvarez,		Income Acct., Arkadelphia	702.18
Greenwood Methodist Church	10.00	Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson	20.00
Prairie Grove Wesleyan		Wesleyan Service Guild,	
Service Guild	10.00	Rector First Church	50.00
Miss Rema Hutchinson,		Dr. R. E. Glasscock	2.00
Camden First Methodist Ch.	20.00	Couples Class, El Dorado	
Cabot Methodist W.S.C.S.	10.00	First Methodist Church	25.00
Torch Bearers Class,		Mr. C. A. Shumaker	25.00
Dardanelle Methodist Ch.	15.00	Mrs. Blanche Burk,	
Mrs. Lennie A. Cavener,		Camp W.S.C.S.	10.00
Winfield Methodist Church	15.00	Mrs. Alpha Hudson, Van Buren	5.00
Madonna Bible Class,		Amy Stubblefield and	
Newport Methodist Ch.	40.00	Clarence M. Justice	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Tucker		Fred Beckwith, Benton	3.00
for Tucker Methodist Church	5.00	Wallis E. Ott	2.00
Delta Beta Sigma, Forrest City	60.00	Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Collins,	
Almyra Methodist Ch. W.S.C.S.	10.00	Pensacola, Florida	20.00
Frost Bible Class,		Wright & Company, Inc.	25.00
Texarkana First Methodist Ch.	10.00	Miscellaneous collections	683.65
Wesley Berean S. S. Class,		Memorial Collections	888.50
El Dorado First Meth. Church	28.00		
Rebecca S. S. Class,		TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$5,701.78
Vanrease Meth. Ch., El Dorado	5.00	CONNOR MOREHEAD	
Susannah Wesley Class,		Superintendent	
Texarkana First Methodist Ch.	5.00		
Mr. Richard Hill,			
Corning Methodist Church	10.00		
Willing Workers Class,			
Rogers Central Meth. Ch.	10.00		
Gillett Methodist Church	10.00		
Men's Class, Bauxite Meth. Ch.	150.00		
Second Mile Class,			
Jonesboro First Meth. Ch.	30.00		
Progressive S. S. Class,			
El Dorado First Meth. Ch.	10.00		
Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Simpson,			
for Rose City Meth. Ch., N. L. R.	10.00		
Hanks Wesley Bible Class,			
Helena First Methodist Ch.	10.00		
Class of the Open Door,			
First Methodist, El Dorado	10.00		
Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Collins, Jr.,			
Pensacola, Florida	20.00		
Anonymous	10.00		
The Ladies Bible Class,			
Lonoke Meth. Church	50.00		
Men's Bible Class,			
Nashville Methodist Ch.	10.00		
Mr. and Mrs. Everett J. Foster,			
First Methodist, El Dorado	10.00		
Service Class, First			
Methodist, El Dorado	10.00		
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Price,			
Smackover Methodist Church	25.00		
Wesleyan Service Guild,			
Perryville Methodist Church	10.00		
Builders Class, First			
Methodist, Little Rock	20.00		
Young Adult Class, Washington			
Ave. Meth. Ch., N. L. R.	5.00		
The Fellowship Class, Henderson			
Methodist Ch., Little Rock	10.00		
Irene Hunt Class, Ft. Smith			
St. Paul Methodist Ch.	10.00		
Evelyn Allan Jones,			
Batesville First Meth. Ch.	10.00		
Young Adult S. S. Class,			
Rector Methodist Church	10.00		
Jett B. Graves S. S. Class,			
Hope First Methodist Church	10.00		
Ethel and Maggie Hayes,			
Monticello	5.00		
Little Rock Conference	504.05		
Mt. Magazine Sub-District M.Y.F.	10.00		
Mrs. Johnie Daniels, Dalark,			
Arkadelphia District	1.00		
Mrs. W. O. Baker,			
Pottsville Methodist Church	5.00		
Nela Turner, Arkadelphia, Ark.	1.00		
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baer,			
Little Rock, Ark.	10.00		
Grace Rackley, Pine Bluff, Ark.	1.00		
Couples Class, First Meth. Ch.	20.00		
Riggs Family, Charitable Trust	1000.00		
Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Whitten,			
Little Rock	10.00		
Grace Curtis Sub-District,			
Rector, Ark.	40.00		
Helen Smith Class and Young			
Adult Class, Stephens Meth. Ch.	30.00		
Clyde H. Whaley, Pulaski Meth. Ch.	25.00		
Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Wood,			
Jasper, Texas	100.00		
Sam and Gertrude Thompson,			
Houston, Tex.	10.00		
Estate of Grace P. Schoen	100.00		
Mrs. Lloyd Ivan, Star Route	10.00		
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wilson			

PRESIDENT PRAISES CHURCHES' RELIEF WORK (Continued from page 2)

Council's global relief arm for its successful "crash" program in finding homes and jobs in this country for about 3,000 of the almost 4,000 Hungarian escapees it is sponsoring.

Against this background Roland Elliott, CWS director of immigration services, emphasized the continuing needs of the more than 200,000 people still languishing in German and Austrian camps alone. In his report on 1956, "a year of fulfillment," Mr. Elliott presented figures showing that 30,544 assurances were obtained in the 12-month period to cover 61,186 persons.

The agency's year-end report, presented to the meeting, pointed out that American Protestant churches have assumed responsibility for the welfare of 120,000 Arab refugees from Port Said and adjacent areas. The report also showed that CWS made more than 145 shipments overseas a month of government surplus foods, clothing, medicines and hospital supplies during 1956 for a total value of more than \$35,000,000.

Churches Co-operate On Parking Problem

In the Riverside-Columbia section of uptown Manhattan, New York City, parking space in the streets is extremely scarce—and police regulations are strictly enforced. The noted Riverside Church (Baptist) has a church garage; the equally notable Jewish Theological Seminary, three blocks away, has none. So when there are special events taking place at the Seminary and things are "quiet" at Riverside Church, the Church permits Seminary guests to use the Riverside garage for the accommodation of their guests' cars.

OBITUARIES

BOYER — William Edwin Boyer, Beebe, aged 82, passed away at his home Friday morning, November 2, after an extended illness.

Mr. Boyer was a retired farmer, and one of Beebe's two Spanish-American War veterans. He was a native of Illinois but had been a resident of Arkansas for about 60 years.

An active member of the Methodist Church, the deceased was the teacher of the Adult Sunday School Class for over 28 years. It was known as the Boyer Class, and was composed of young married couples.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Clarence Boyer of Port St. Joe, Fla., Paul Boyer of Fayetteville, and Dick Boyer of Long Beach, Calif.; two daughters, Miss Gertrude Boyer of Indianapolis, Ind., and Mrs. Edwin D. Ramsey of Port St. Joe; two brothers, Harry and Fred Boyer of Champaign, Ill.; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Beebe Methodist Church by Dr. James W. Workman. Burial was in the Beebe Cemetery with the W. L. Westbrook Funeral Home in charge.

Pallbearers were Raymond Cook, Amos Scroggs, Burton Ham, Carl Burkhardt, Marcus Fecher, and Edwin Fecher.

BRINT — Robbie Brint was born June 21, 1882 in McNary County, State of Tennessee. His father and mother moved to Spring Hill near Hope, Arkansas, in February, 1889, where they lived.

Since he was blind from birth, he was confined at home his entire life time. Robbie Brint put his trust in God and affiliation with the Methodist Church in Spring Hill, Arkansas. He was also known for the music he played on his violin. He loved the Church, the pastor and wife, and as far as he was known he was loved by all.

On Monday, January 28, 1957, he was run over by his brother's car. Mrs. O. O. Brint, driving, backed out not knowing he was there and brought his life to the end of the way at 74 years.

He was the son of R. L. and Anette Louis Brint. Robbie was one of twelve children and his brother, Oscar Brint, survives along with several nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Rev. Claud Clark and Rev. Lafferty assisted the pastor in the funeral at Spring Hill Methodist Church at 2:30 P.M., January 30. Burial in Evening Shade Cemetery.



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INTERPRETING SIGNS OF THE TIMES

READ-MATTHEW 14:1 THROUGH 16:12.

MEMORY SELECTION: You know how to interpret the appearances of the sky but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. Matthew 16:3 (RSV)

This week we study the last of the four lessons of Unit II, "The Church And Its Evangelistic Mission." The subject of today's lesson is "Interpreting Signs Of The Times." The phrase, "Signs of the Times," which occurs at the end of verse three in our lesson text, is found nowhere else in the Bible. Nevertheless, this phrase has been the subject of numberless sermons, countless pamphlets and numerous books.

It is a catchy phrase that seems to lend itself to many interpretations and theories about religion that, at times, are about as confusing as they are enlightening.

The Pharisees and Sadducees Tempt Jesus

The Pharisees and Sadducees were two of the three major parties or sects among the Jews. They were bitter enemies, continuously at odds with each other. The only time the New Testament pictures them as cooperating in anything was in their efforts to trap and, if possible, destroy Jesus. On two occasions, at least, they are found uniting in this common purpose.

The Pharisees were orthodox in their views. Their religion consisted largely in a strict obedience, in a literal way, to the many Jewish laws, the observance of certain rites and ceremonies precisely performed. They were strangers to vital religion of the heart that would produce sincere goodness.

The Sadducees were the liberals of the day. They were more interested in a welfare state than in the kingdom of God. They disbelieved in spirits of all kinds, including angels. They disbelieved in the resurrection and immortality. They were ready to cooperate with the Roman government in an effort to promote security. It was these widely contrasting elements, which commonly despised each other, which joined hands in the common purpose to discredit and destroy the Master.

Shew Us A Sign

Jesus never performed a miracle, either for the devil on the mount of temptation or for people anywhere about Him, simply to prove His divine power. He did perform many miracles but they were to relieve human suffering and were the result of a spirit of love and compassion in the heart of Jesus rather than to prove to doubters that He was the Son of God.

There are all about us a multiplicity of signs and wonders that speak in thunder tones of the fact of God. If we become so accustomed to the sunrise and sunset that they mean no more to us than the coming of another day or the return of darkness, then we would soon be unaffected by any other wonder

wrought by the power of God. If we can look at the rebirth of nature in the coming of springtime, with its birds and flowers and fields of grain and look on that transformed world without feeling a sense of the presence of God all about us, why would we be impressed with some other isolated miracle insignificant in comparison? God gives us so many signs of His presence in the world without our asking, that it is plain evidence of the hardness of our hearts and the blindness of our spiritual eyes when we ask for further signs.

Miracles Alone Are Not Convincing

The Pharisees and Sadducees seemed to indicate that they would be convinced if Jesus would just give them one sign of His divine power. The fact is that these Jewish leaders must have deliberately shut their eyes to the many marvelous things that Jesus was doing all about them or they would have known that He was more than a mere man.

Our lesson today begins with the first verse of chapter 16. The two preceding chapters 14 and 15 contain the record of some of the most amazing miracles Jesus performed while He was here. These chapters tell of the feeding, by Jesus, of five thousand on one occasion and four thousand on another occasion by a miraculous power which multiplied food, scarcely enough for one, into an abundance for thousands. There is also the record of a mass healing in Gennesaret and again on a mountain beside the sea of Galilee when people in large numbers came to Him or were brought to Him and were healed. These things had been going on all around them and must have been the "talk of the town" when these hypocritical leaders came to Jesus and said, "shew us a sign."

These enemies of Jesus did not need "signs" as much as they needed sincerity of heart. They did not need "wonders" so much as they needed a spirit of worship. They had looked, with prejudiced minds, into the blazing light of Christ's revelation of God until they were so blind spiritually that nothing Christ had done impressed them and nothing He might have done in their presence would have convinced them. "None are so blind as they who will not see."

Nevertheless, if we condemn these people who lived two thousand years ago, in the beginning of Christianity, for asking for further proof, must it not be akin to blasphemy for us today to ask for additional "signs" amid the infinite number of evidences of the fact of God and evidences of His presence in the world.

Signs of The Times

The Pharisees and Sadducees could read the signs of the heaven concerning the weather, but they could not interpret the signs of the life of their day which had to do with character and destiny.

We are sometimes so amazed at the blindness of these enemies of Jesus that we forget to be alarmed at our own short-sightedness. There are many signs, plainly evident in our day, that should cause us to feel that Paul had a message for us when he wrote, as Moffat translates Romans 13:11, "You know what this crisis means, you know it is high time to wake up."

We mention a few "signs of OUR times" that should help us to know that "it is high time to wake up."

(1) Across America there are multiplied thousands of homes of church people where there is little or no recognition of the fact of God in the home life. Visitors might spend days in these homes without ever seeing or hearing anything that would indicate that it is a professed Christian home. Children go out from such homes with no more religious training than those from homes of non-believers. Such a situation, to a degree, compromises the whole religious program in America.

(2) In America today, for the first time, church membership exceeds the 100,000,000 mark. That would be very encouraging but for the fact that, along with this record number of church members, we have the greatest crime wave in the history of our nation. At the same time our most common form of entertainment on television and radio is the gangster picture with its lurid presentation of various forms of crime which, incidentally, is a right good training school for future criminals. We really need to be interpreting some "signs" to find an answer to that one.

(3) There is another "sign" we need to give some serious thought. While schools and churches are often handicapped for lack of financial means to carry forward their work, America is spending almost \$10,000,000,000 annually for various forms of intoxicating drinks, which is almost twice as much as America spends for both schools and churches. Unless the citizenship of our nation grasps the significance of that fact soon, our future as a nation will be very uncertain.

(4) Another "sign of our times" which casts a dark shadow over the future is the fact that America, with an all-time high in tax collections, spends the major portion of that income on the development of war potential.

(5) There is an unprecedented threat to the foundation and sanctity of the American home when movie stars can marry and divorce any number of times, almost at will, and still be the idols of millions of American people. We cannot pay such homage to such loose living without endangering the very corner-stone on which our home-life rests.

(6) The sluce of putrid literature, found on many of our newsstands, which in pictures and content appeal to the basest in human nature, it a "sign" of a degraded literary taste in some which followed through cannot but end in moral bankruptcy but for the grace of God.

(7) It is a disturbing thing to find so many of the underprivileged nations, in the present world-awakening, turning to communism for help instead of Christian nations. These are "signs of the times" that should cause Christian nations to re-evaluate their relations with and attitudes toward these rapidly awakening people.

There are many encouraging "signs of the times" in our day which we will not be able to discuss because of limited space. If we must choose, perhaps it is better for us to face realistically some of the problems before us rather than to spend our time patting ourselves on the back for the gains we have made. The world has become a community without becoming a brotherhood and the problems this situation has produced must be solved if our civilization, is to survive to say nothing of our religion.

Beware of Leaven of Pharisees and Sadducees

Jesus warned His disciples, in verse 6 of our lesson text, to "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Since leaven, in that day, was so often connected with bread, the disciples thought Jesus was indirectly rebuking them because they had failed to bring bread with them as they crossed the sea.

Knowing their thoughts, Jesus explained that it was not concerning the food of the Pharisees and Sadducees, but their influence, their teachings, their spirit that He was warning them about.

We as individuals and the church as an organization need to watch even in our day against the influence, the teachings and the spirit of the world. Without positive, definite, well-founded convictions it is easy to compromise with influences about us and lose the power of our testimony for Christ.

Do Ye Not Remember?

Jesus seemed to feel a keen disappointment when He sensed that the disciples were worried because they had failed to bring along food for the journey. In words that must have had a tone of pathos in them Jesus asked, "Do ye not remember?" When great spiritual problems were pressing in upon them from every side, Jesus seemed to be disappointed that they were worried about bread. He tried to impress upon them how foolish it was to worry about such matters when only a few days before He had fed five thousand people and again four thousand people, beginning with scarcely enough food for one person. The thing that touched the heart of the Master was their lack of faith in Him.

It is not uncommon for Christian people today to worry about secondary matters when, if they would but remember experiences of other days, they would know that Christ has met needs in their lives infinitely greater than the problems confronting them. Any real Christian should be able to dismiss the bothersome worries of an everyday life if he would only remember that God's ultimate purpose for all of His children is good and that there can come no permanent harm to any Christian whose faith in God holds through life and death. Let us not disappoint Christ by our failure to remember.

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Area Gives \$24,000 To Hungarian Relief

Methodists of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area have contributed approximately \$24,000 for Hungarian relief according to first reports reaching the office of Bishop Paul E. Martin. Offerings were received in local churches of the area for this purpose in late December and early January after a church wide appeal from Methodism's Council of Bishops for the offering.

It was announced last week at the National District Superintendents Conference that more than a million dollars has been contributed to this cause in response to the Bishops' appeal. Of this amount \$193,245 was reported by the South Central Jurisdiction including the Arkansas-Louisiana Area.

By Conferences: the Louisiana Conference reported \$10,725.84, the Little Rock Conference \$6,654.69 and the North Arkansas Conference \$6,399.65.

Bishop Martin pointed out that additional reports are being received by conference treasurers which will increase this amount by several thousand dollars.

St. Luke, Lake Charles, Opens First Unit

Sunday, February 17, marked the completion of construction of the first unit of St. Luke Methodist Church in Lake Charles. This building was the first project of the One Thousand Club in the new quadrennium. The occasion was observed by formal opening services at 11:15 a.m. at which time the Rev. Sam Nader, Lake Charles district superintendent, delivered the message. The congregation participated in Open House in the afternoon from three to five and to which the general public was invited.

St. Luke is located on West Jefferson Drive in the new University Place Subdivision, which subdivision begins immediately south of the campus of McNeese State College. St. Luke owns an entire block comprising 3.9 acres in the center of this new development. The new structure is to be used to house

Methodists Give Million For Hungarian Relief



Chicago (MI)—Methodists pass the million-dollar mark in a special offering for the relief of Hungarians and other sufferers from oppression. Bishop Frederick B. Newell, of New York City (right), reports a total of \$1,000,222 received (as of Feb. 12) to the Rev. Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, general secretary of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, at a national conference of Methodist bishops and district superintendents at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. Bishop Newell is chairman of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, with headquarters at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Contributions still are coming in from the 40,000 Methodist churches in America, the Bishop said. He expressed gratitude for "the generous response" in the special free-will offering and for "the excellent way" Methodist congregations across the country are responding to the appeal to furnish homes for refugees.

both the educational and worship facilities of the church for the present and will become an educational building only upon the construction of a permanent sanctuary. It follows the modern trend of architecture, was designed by Johns and Neil of Monroe, and built by Western Construction Company of Lake Charles.

The St. Luke congregation was organized last summer after the appointment of the Rev. J. Taylor Wall at the 1956 Louisiana Annual Conference Session. Steady growth has marked its progress and the congregation has been holding

services in the McNeese Wesley Foundation building since July. The number of prospects for membership is steadily increasing and the new church is attempting to meet and answer the need of the persons in its area. The surrounding area is still under construction and the potential of the church is expanding.

The pastor and congregation of St. Luke express their gratitude to the members of the One Thousand Club, to the McNeese Wesley Foundation and to all the many others to whom they are so greatly indebted.

District Supt's. Hold 4 Day Nat'l Meeting

32 Area Leaders Attend Chicago Conference

Bishop Paul E. Martin headed a delegation of 32 leaders of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area who attended the National District Superintendents Conference in Chicago, February 10-13.

The Areas delegation included the 22 district superintendents, the chairman of the annual conferences commissions on World Service, Finance; Promotion and Cultivation; and representatives from Methodist Information, the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist.

The purpose of the Conference was to explain to the leaders from throughout Methodism the Methodist program and inspire the churches leadership to lead the 40,000 Methodist congregation to carry out this program successfully. The conference theme was "Strengthening the Local Church and Building the World Parish." Special attention was given to emphasizing the benevolence program and quadrennium emphases on Christian Higher Education and the local church. It was estimated that more than 1,000 Methodist leaders were in attendance at the 4 day session.

One of the features of the conference were discussion groups to which those attending the conference were assigned. These groups were organized around the quadrennial emphases and several areas of work including Missions, Evangelism, Education, Stewardship and Social Concerns. Another highlight of the conference was the banquet Monday evening which featured an address by Dr. Wm. P. Tolley, Syracuse University, New York on the higher education emphasis, and the report on the recent offering by Methodists for Hungarian relief.

Tuesday evening's program presented in a nearby theater featured a report on the Advance program of Methodism as well as a presentation of the Methodist Missionary program under the directorship of Dr. Eugene L. Smith, Missions Board Executive.

On Wednesday morning the various episcopal areas and plans were made for implementing work of the conference in districts and local churches.



Meth. Families Have Opportunity For Student Exchange

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—At least 20 Methodist families in the United States are expected to have teen-age "sons or daughters from Europe" for a year under a new program of the Methodist Board of Education.

The project, which will bring European high school youth for a year of study in United States schools and homes, is scheduled to begin in the summer of 1957.

"The host family is expected to maintain the student like a son or daughter," said the Rev. Joseph W. Bell, Nashville, "furnishing food and lodging and assuming responsibility for social and physical welfare."

Mr. Bell is a staff member of the Methodist board's youth department, which is sponsoring the program as a part of the International Christian Youth Exchange, a new interdenominational project.

Purpose of the program is to promote good will, understanding, and peace among nations, said Mr. Bell.

Under the plan, at least five Methodist youth of the United States will have the opportunity to live for a year with families in other countries. This phase of the project—teen-agers spending an entire year in a foreign community—is thought to be a new feature in youth exchange programs.

"Wherever possible, a direct exchange between an American home and a European home will be encouraged," said Mr. Bell.

The European countries participating in the 1957 program of the International Christian Youth Exchange are Germany, France, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, The Netherlands, Switzerland, England, and Austria.

One Half WS Paid At Two-Thirds Mark

Two-thirds of the way through the current fiscal year, Methodists had given about half of their annual apportionment for World Service, the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, announced as the books for January were closed in the church's central treasury.

The report of Dr. Lugg as treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance for the eight-month period from June, 1956, through January, 1957, showed World Service receipts of \$6,054,982.12, a gain of 15.99 per cent over a similar period a year ago. Goal for the year is \$12,200,000.

Combine Both Pension Offices In Chicago

Taking steps authorized by the 1956 General Conference, the General Board of Pensions is transferring most of the business operations of its Missouri Corporation office from St. Louis and combining with the main headquarters office at 740 Rush Street, Chicago.

In announcing the change, the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Calkins of Chicago, general secretary of the board, said that in mid-February the service records of ministers and correspondence files concerned with annuities, annuity rates, claims of Conference Claimants and other related matters would be combined in the board's main office at Chicago.

The Rev. Dr. J. Wilson Crichlow, an assistant secretary of the Missouri Corporation operating out of the St. Louis office since 1947, will transfer to the main office in Chicago, as will two other office secretaries.

An investment office for the General Endowment Fund held and administered by the Missouri Corporation of the board will continue to be maintained at 506 Olive Street, St. Louis, Dr. Calkins announced.

Benjamin F. Frick, Jr., treasurer of the Missouri Corporation, will be in charge of the investment office in St. Louis.

An investment office for the Illinois Corporation will be maintained in Chicago as part of the board's headquarters office.

Head Nat'l Assoc. Meth. Schools, Colleges



New officers of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church are (left to right), secretary, Dr. Myron F. Wicke, Nashville, staff member of the Methodist Board of Education; president, Dr. Hubert Searcy, president of Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Ala.; vice-president, Dr. Robert E. Burns, president of College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif.; and treasurer, Dr. A. Leland Forrest, chancellor of Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb. They were elected recently in Philadelphia by the association, which represents 118 institutions.

AUSTRIAN METHODISTS AID REFUGEES

"All the Methodist preachers in Austria are helping in bringing relief to the refugees from Hungary who have come into our country in recent weeks," reports Superintendent Ferdinand Mayr, administrative head of the Methodist Church in Austria, from Vienna to the Board of Missions. "More than 130,000 refugees have come into our country from Hungary, and the conditions and needs are indescribable. In Vienna, Linz, Bregenz and in some other centers we have opened our small church rooms for these poor people—and I find both pastors and laymen overworking themselves in an effort to serve the needs of the people."

"For instance, in my own church building and young people's home we have sixty to seventy refugees at all times—and we furnish them places to sleep, meals, and pastoral care. Among them are about ten Methodists from Hungary. Some of these people will later be going to the United States, to Sweden, to Norway, to Switzerland or elsewhere. But meanwhile the Lord has filled our hands and we have been able to help many of them. We are working closely with the relief agency of the World Council of Churches."

"From inside Hungary we have word that all the Methodists are well, but that there is great need for food and for clothing there. We hope soon to have opportunity to send such assistance for them into

Hungary: indeed, we are already storing goods for the time this may be possible."

Methodists Lead In Congressional Church Affiliation

Washington, D. C. — Methodists lead all religious affiliations in the 85th Congress with 18 Senators and 85 Representatives.

Roman Catholics are second with 11 Senators and 75 Representatives.

Others in the top six are Baptists, 14 Senators and 69 Representatives; Presbyterians, 13 and 52; Episcopalians, 12 and 45; and Congregationalists, 8 and 19.

Two Senators and 18 Representatives designated their affiliation only as "Protestant."

Results of a survey made by Methodist Information show the following 18 Methodists among the 96 Senators

Alan Bible, Nevada; John M. Butler, Maryland; Francis Case, South Dakota; Henry C. Dworshak, Idaho; James O. Eastland, Mississippi; Bourke B. Hickenlooper, Iowa; Lister Hill, Alabama; Spessard L. Holland, Florida; William E. Jenner, Indiana; William F. Knowland, California; Karl E. Mundt, South Dakota; Charles E. Potter, Michigan; Richard B. Russell, Georgia; Andrew F. Schoepel, Kansas; George A. Smathers, Florida; Margaret Chase Smith, Maine; John J. Sparkman, Alabama, and John J. Williams, Delaware.

Madrid Seminary Still Closed

Awaits Written Word To Reopen

Geneva, Switzerland (WC)—The Executive Committee of The World Council of Churches was told recently that the Spanish government still refuses to give officials of the Protestant Union Theological Seminary in Madrid, Spain, written permission to reopen the school, closed a year ago.

The government, according to Dr. Visser 't Hooft, lets it be known that the seals have been removed from the seminary property and classes can start again. But, he pointed out, seminary officials do not want to resume classes without some kind of written approval from the government. Without it, Dr. Visser 't Hooft said, the school could be closed again any day at the whim of a government official.

The committee authorized one of its presidents, Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri of South America, to continue "consultations" for the WCC on the seminary during a visit to Spain he is planning later in the month.

Both the WCC's Executive Committee, at its meeting last February in Australia, and the Central Committee, meeting in Hungary last August, protested against the Spanish government's action in closing the school.

Flemming Returns To College Presidency

Washington, D. C. (MI)—Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, prominent Methodist layman and educator, has resigned his government position as director of Defense Mobilization to return to the presidency of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

His resignation was announced "regretfully" Feb. 6 by President Eisenhower. He said Gordon Gray, assistant secretary of defense, would succeed Dr. Flemming.

President Eisenhower seemed to attach noticeable importance to Dr. Flemming's departure from his official family—the first major resignation of the President's second term. Another eminent Methodist Layman, Bradshaw Mintener, resigned last October as assistant secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to resume the practice of law.

Area Leaders To Attend National Hospital-Home Meet

Key persons representing the 200 hospitals and homes of The Methodist Church will meet in the Palmer House, Chicago, Feb. 26-28.

Expected to attend from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area are Dr. Connor Morehead, Little Rock, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas, Dr. C. B. White, Ruston, superintendent of the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home, and Dr. L. D. Haughton, New Orleans, superintendent of the Methodist Home Hospital, New Orleans.

The annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes will bring together

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Dr. Jones In Japan For Preaching Mission

Tokyo (RNS)—Dr. E. Stanley Jones, veteran American evangelist, arrived here for a three months' preaching mission. He also will hold a series of Ashrams—special retreats for study, meditation and prayer.

"We can't go any further unless we go deeper," the 73-year-old missionary said. "The Ashram strengthens faith, deepens understanding and inspires service."

Japan Christian University Gets Grant For Chapel

New York (RNS)—The International Christian University in Japan has received a grant of \$50,000 from the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, Mo., to erect a chapel on its campus at Mitawashi, Tokyo.

Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, president of the Japan International Christian University Foundation, Inc., here, said the project will be known as the "Ruth Seabury Memorial Chapel" after the late Christian educator.

Dr. Seabury, who died in 1955, was a member of the foundation's Women's Planning Committee and a leading advocate of interdenominational cooperation within American Protestantism.

The foundation also announced plans for the first Commencement Exercises to be held on March 21 for 178 students of the university's College of Liberal Arts.

Dr. Georgia Harkness, Professor of Applied Theology at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif., is expected to speak at the graduation.

The Japan International Christian University Foundation, Inc., which is supported by 14 major denominations in the United States and Canada, has raised about \$5,000,000 for the establishment and support of the university since 1949.

Kentucky Floods Damage Church Property

Lexington, Ky. (RNS) — Church leaders from throughout the state met to survey damage done to church properties by one of the most devastating floods ever to hit eastern Kentucky.

The flood waters inflicted an estimated one billion dollars worth of damage to business houses, homes and churches.

One of the first groups to survey damage to its buildings was The Methodist Church. The state's seven district superintendents met here.

The Ashland district reported more than \$40,000 damage to church buildings, with 2,190 of the district's 2,960 Methodist families affected in their homes and business. The Barbourville District reported \$6,512 damage to churches and parsonages, with 188 Methodist families affected.

The superintendents set Feb. 17 as a special "Flood Relief Offering Sunday." The offering will go to rebuild damaged churches.

Other clergymen in parts of the state not hit by flood waters formed minister-laymen teams to seek out isolated areas in the flooded sections where relief may not have

Dr. Jones' mission is a feature of a program in preparation for celebrations in 1959 marking the 100th anniversary of the first Protestant missionary effort in Japan. The program is sponsored by the National Christian Council. Cooperating are the United, Evangelical Lutheran, Episcopal and Baptist Churches in Japan.

Addressing a welcome meeting at the Ginza Christian Center here Dr. Jones predicted that Japan, as a member of the United Nations, would be a "force for peace."

He also predicted that if Japan accepted Christianity East Asia would become Christian.

This is Dr. Jones' fifth post-war visit to Japan.

World Council Gets \$800,000 In Refugee Aid Appeal

Geneva (RNS)—More than \$800,000 has been received or pledged as a result of a refugee relief appeal made last November by the World Council of Churches.

Dr. Edgar Chandler, associate director of the council's Division of Interchurch Aid and Service to Refugees, made this report at a meeting of his group's administrative committee.

He said the world council moved 28,459 refugees last year, in addition to obtaining visas or parole assurances for 4,777 Hungarians.

Dr. Chandler predicted a "substantial movement of refugees from all over Europe" during the next few years.

Dr. R. Norris Wilson of New York, executive director of Church World Service relief agency of the National Council of Churches, said the main flow of refugees from Hungary has switched from Austria to Yugoslavia.

He reported that through Church World Service, United States churches had provided a total of 60,000 assurances for refugees since

been received.

This project was started after a group of Latter-day Saints ministers located a flood-stricken community which had received no relief during the week-long flood siege.

The Kentucky Council of Churches has been acting as a clearing house for donations of cash for rebuilding churches. It has been channeling donations to designated churches or denominations, regardless of whether the recipient is a council member.

Colorado Methodists Approve Retirement Home

Boulder, Colo. (RNS)—Plans for a \$1,771,640 home for retired persons, sponsored by the Colorado Methodist Conference, were approved here by Rocky Mountain Homes, Inc. The non-profit corporation was set up to carry through the building and financing program of the institution.

The Rev. Ben H. Christner, executive secretary, said construction will start by March 1958.

The building program calls for

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Chief Justice Earl Warren, and members of the House and Senate attended a prayer breakfast here that highlighted the annual conference of International Christian Leadership, Inc.

The non-denominational group that sponsors prayer breakfast and luncheon groups throughout the United States and a number of foreign countries, devoted its three-day meeting to the theme "Christian Responsibility in Man's Affairs."

Delegates from more than 20 countries heard Mr. Nixon read a message of greeting from President Eisenhower, who was unable to at-

tend because of the pressure of duties in connection with the visit of King Saud of Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Nixon said that America is moving to new spiritual frontiers. He praised evangelist Billy Graham for "one of the most courageous spiritual ventures in our generation" in carrying his forthcoming spring crusade into Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Rep. James B. Utt (R. Calif.) chairman of the House prayer group, said that an average of 50 members attended the breakfast meeting each Thursday morning. There are no guests and outside speakers, he said. Senator John S. Stennis (D. Miss.), chairman of the Senate prayer group, said that attendance at their Wednesday morning meetings numbers from 12 to 20 members.

Conrad N. Hilton, hotel executive who was host to the breakfast for the fifth consecutive year, said "the Prayer Breakfast has quietly grown into a national event."

"In these past five years I think we have come to realize more deeply that we had better do more than just talk about religion if we want to survive," he said.

Reports New World Christian Interest In Latin America

Geneva (RNS)—A "new interest in worldwide Christianity" has been created in Latin America, Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri of Buenos Aires, Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church in Argentina, Uruguay and Bolivia, reported here.

One of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches, he was in Geneva for a meeting of the council's executive committee.

Bishop Barbieri said the increase in Christianity as a world force had developed from the visit of an ecumenical team which had "shown a new way for Latin America to encounter Christianity."

The team was made up of young people from five countries, including the United States, who began a three-month tour of 12 Latin American nations last November. The group was sponsored by the World Council of Christian Education in cooperation with the youth department of the World Council of Churches.

"Until now," Bishop Barbieri said, "the influence of Protestant theology and worship has been mostly from North America. But the ecumenical team has stirred a new interest in universal Chris-

tianity." "Though the Latin American churches are so denominationally-minded," he added, "there is a desire among the young people to come together, and the younger Methodist ministers of Argentina have insisted on the formation of a church union committee."

The bishop made a plea for more literature in Spanish and Portuguese dealing with the work of the World Council.

Arkansas Senate Approves Tax Deduction Bill

Little Rock, Ark. (RNS) — The Arkansas Senate approved a bill to permit corporations to deduct from their state income tax contributions to religious, scientific, literary or educational organizations.

Methodist Center Gets Gift of Land

Atlanta, Ga. (RNS)—A \$50,000 tract of land has been donated to the Methodist Center at Epworth-by-the-Sea on St. Simons Island, Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta disclosed. He declined to name the donor at this time.

The 54-acre tract is located just north of the present property fronting on the Frederica River.

Bishop Moore said Methodist officials are considering dividing 25 or 30 acres into small lots to be sold to individuals for the erection of cottages. The rest of the land, he said, would be included in the Methodist center itself.

65 years old and able to meet the financial obligations, which include payment for the construction cost of the residential unit they occupy, plus \$125 monthly for food and services.

New Term Used In Our Economic Life

AN Associated Press report out of Washington last week stated that the United States Chamber of Commerce estimates that the public and private debt in the United States is now almost a TRILLION dollars.

So far as this editor recalls, this is the first time he has ever used the word "trillion" in years of writing for our publications. Neither does he recall having ever seen the word used in the press in describing the indebtedness of any group anywhere in the world. It seems, however, that we are coming on a period when the word billion or even billions is not quite sufficient to describe our total indebtedness in America.

A generation ago our economists spoke in terms of millions as applied to financial situations. To the average man even that word did not say anything very definite. After World War I we began cautiously, to speak of billions. After World War II, the term came to be used quite commonly. Little as we understand what we are saying, we have for some years now been talking quite glibly of a national debt of around \$275,000,000,000.

Now the United States Chamber of Commerce projects the word trillion into our economic picture. In an effort to help us get some small idea of what a trillion dollars means they tell us that it represents an indebtedness of more than \$16,000 for every family in America or \$4,650 for every man, woman and child in the nation.

The United States Chamber of Commerce inspires us with the statement that it thinks America can carry this staggering indebtedness, "If prosperity lasts." It makes no suggestion as to what will happen if prosperity does not last.

It is quite common to think of these days as days of prosperity—and so they seem to be. One thing we sometimes seem to forget is the fact that, in a comparatively few years, according to the estimate of the United States Chamber of Commerce, we have spent almost a trillion dollars above our total income to produce this appearance of prosperity.

The writer of this article would not be so foolishly presumptive as to make suggestions as to how the economic life of our nation should be ordered. However, he would like, modestly, to suggest than an indebtedness of a trillion dollars adds up to a lot of money.

Goddard Lectures This Week

THIS week is the time for the Goddard Lectures which are being delivered at Goddard Memorial Methodist Church in Ft. Smith by Bishop Martin. The lectures began last Sunday and continued through Thursday of this week.

We feel that it is a special tribute to a Bishop to be invited to deliver such a course of lectures within his own area. It is our feeling, also, that Goddard Memorial is to be congratulated on being able to secure the services of Bishop Martin for the lecture course this year.

Our Episcopal Area, at this time, has six lecture courses, two in Louisiana and four in Arkansas. These lecture courses are proving very popular in the areas they serve. Since these lectures are delivered by ministers of national reputation, all of them draw from quite a distance about them. The lecture course at Goddard Memorial is the only one of the six where the costs of the lectures are underwritten entirely by the local church.

Area Well Represented At Chicago Meeting

THE Arkansas-Louisiana Area was ably represented last week at the National District Superintendents Conference in Chicago with every scheduled representative from the Area in attendance. This full delegation joined with others from throughout Methodism in one of the richest program experiences that Methodism has to offer.

The primary purpose of the Conference was to acquaint these conference and Area leaders with Methodism's program for the 1956-60 quadrennium with special reference to the emphases on the local church and higher education. However, the skillfully presented, informative program was not confined to these areas of work but lifted up the whole program of the church.

Local church leaders will be hearing references to this Conference from their district superintendents for sometime. One could wish that every pastor and commission leader of every local church could have had the opportunity of witnessing some of the presentations. Plans are underway to have some of these impressive presentations available for use by annual conferences, districts, and local churches.

Sunday School Not A Wasted Hour

CERTAIN to be the topic of many conversations is the article by Dr. Wesley Shrader in last week's issue of Life magazine which asserts that the most wasted hour in the week is the Sunday School session. The author, a Baptist minister and presently on the staff of Yale Divinity School, is the same writer who through the columns of the same magazine several weeks ago would have all church members believe that their pastor is on the verge of "cracking up" from the pressure to which he is subjected in his pastoral administration.

If Dr. Shrader's current writing on the present church scene is intended to point out a weakness by exaggerating, he certainly makes his point, but the trouble with his approach is that his thesis in both articles is out of keeping with the actual situation.

Both articles are worth reading but only after the reader has loaded himself with the knowledge that the articles exaggerate situations, and proceed as if these situations were general rather than exceptional, which we believe they are.

Dr. Shrader would have parents believe that little is being done for their children during the one hour of the Sunday School period when the church's Christian education program is in full sway. He cites illustrations to support his point, but again we cannot believe that his observations are typical of the average Sunday School, at least not Methodist schools in Arkansas and Louisiana.

We frequently speak from pulpits on Sunday mornings in these two states, and oftentimes arrive at these churches early enough to look in on the Sunday school programs. Scarcely ever do we find anything which would approach Dr. Shrader's descriptions, which by implication would have you think are typical.

Pastors and local church leaders in Methodist churches of these two states are taking their responsibility seriously in these matters. The North Arkansas Conference leads all of Methodism in the number of training credits in leadership training, this being some indication of how seriously Sunday school teachers take their responsibility of being trained for their tasks.

We cannot believe that when church school enrollment and attendance is at such a high level that much is not being made of the available time. The biggest trouble, as we see it, is that one hour is simply not enough; however, one hour is better than no time at all.

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Two MSM Members Win Awards

Two active members of the Methodist Student Movement at Centenary College have earned achievement awards in the national Leadership Award program of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Jack Mac Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Webb of Vidor, Tex., won the senior achievement award, which carries a prize of \$100. Young Webb, who serves as treasurer of the MSM at Centenary, also won the junior achievement award of Kappa Sigma last year. He is a member of the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra, student Senate, cheerleading corps and Omicron Delta Kappa, men's honorary organization.

Winner of the junior achievement award, which carries a prize of \$50, is Ted Pettit Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Hughes of Benton. A pre-medical student, young Benton is past treasurer of the sophomore class and active in the Centenary Methodist group.

The two are among 254 winners for 1956 among members of the 128 active chapters of Kappa Sigma fraternity in the United States and Canada.

New Sign For Asbury Methodists



Methodists of the Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette were recently the recipients of a church sign presented by two of its members, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Reber. The sign, pictured above has the silhouette of Francis Asbury at its top; Asbury as a circuit rider was one of Methodism's early Methodist leaders and was instrumental in the early spread of Methodism in America. The new Lafayette church has been named in honor of this early Methodist leader.

According to Asbury leaders, the sign reminds them of the principles and spirit of Methodism that Bishop Asbury loved and for which he worked so diligently, and which are still preserved and felt by

Monroe Board Chairman Named Man of Year

Haynes L. Harkey, Jr., versatile Monroe attorney was named Ouachita Parish's 1956 "Young Man of the Year." The award for outstanding leadership contributions to the community during the past year was presented to Mr. Harkey by Shreveport Mayor James C. Gardner, featured speaker at the banquet. Mr. Harkey's selection for the distinguished award was based on six major points, overall leadership, ability, contribution to community or state welfare work, participation in all round community or state activities, evidence of lasting contributions, evidence of personal and business progress, and cooperation with individuals and civic organizations.

The Louisiana known lawyer was one of the organizers of the Monroe Area Industrial Development Committee and is presently serving on its board of directors. He is an executive board member of the Ouachita Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America, is also a member of the board of directors of the YMCA. A past President of the Y's Men's Club of Monroe, and a past district governor of the Y's Men, the award winner is also chairman of the official board of the First Methodist Church and a past President of the Couples' Club of that church.

Harkey was cited for his church work, Jaycee activities, Blue Goose International activities, and Boy Scout work.

As for evidence of lasting con-



DR. LEON M. ADKINS

tribution to community and state activities, it was pointed out that Harkey was a member of the legislative committee of MAIDCO, which aided in the successful negotiation with the U. S. Corps of Engineers for the establishment of a nine-foot channel in the Ouachita River to allow free interchange of towboats and loaded barges.

In addition to serving the city of Monroe as attorney, he is counsel to the city school board. At the present time he is also vice-president of the Fourth Judicial Bar Association.

Report On Cuban Evangelistic Mission

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Ruston, and the Rev. Dan R. Robinson, Minden, were among the group of 120 Methodist ministers and laymen from the United States who participated in the Cuban Evangelistic Mission, Jan. 29-Feb. 7.

The following two articles are personal accounts of the experiences of these two Louisiana pastors while in Cuba.

As Reported by Jolly B. Harper

Under the leadership of Bishop John Brandscomb, Superintendent of the Florida and the Cuban Conferences, and Dr. Harry Denman, General Board of Evangelism Chairman; one hundred and eighteen Methodist Ministers from the United States conducted eight days of Evangelistic effort on the Island of Cuba. The visitors came chiefly from the Southeastern Jurisdiction, but several came from other parts of the country, and two were from Louisiana; Revs. Dan Robinson and Jolly B. Harper. Rev. Robinson's Church, The First Methodist Church, Minden, supports a Cuban Missionary as an Advance

Methodists of today.

At its services on last Sunday the Asbury choir sang a special composition of the twenty-third Psalm, written by Dr. R. E. Chandler, director of the choir.

The choir used regularly two of Dr. Chandler's compositions in the regular worship services, and introit and a choral amen. Plans call for the using of another of his compositions on the Psalms at a later date.

Special.

On January 28th at 9:00 p.m., two special planes took off from the Miami International Airport and one hour later landed in Havana. The rest of the day was spent in preparation and instructions. Help in the use of an Interpreter, and how to present a Sermon to the Cuban people was given. Dr. Denman preached through an Interpreter to the assembled group. Help on the matter of food and water care to be taken was also given the ministers. At the close, the men received their assignments, and on the 29th, most went again by plane, to their places of labor.

I can best describe the area in which I worked from here on. I was sent to the Central District, one of the five Cuban Districts. My town was Cienfuegos, a city on the south coast with a population of approximately one hundred thousand. From that center, Rev. and Mrs. John Stroud, Missionaries, have organized twelve churches in the city, and with the help of leadership in the Eliza Bowman School, a project of the Women's Society of Christian Service. A dozen American ministers went daily, accompanied by a young person for an interpreter to visit the homes, preach, and invite people to Christ. My Church was the Colin Kelley Memorial Church in the small town of Abreus, six thousand population. The response was most wonderful, and the people as eager as I ever saw. We went to our places on a school bus, and worked from two-thirty in the afternoon until approximately

Meeting At First Church Baton Rouge

The Louisiana Conference Directors of Christian Education and Educational Assistants are sponsoring a Seminar on Staff Relations for all Directors or part-time Directors of Christian Education, Educational Assistants, Pastors, Associate Pastors, Ministers of Music and other staff persons. The Seminar will be February 21-22, 1957, at the First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Directing this Seminar will be Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church, of the General Board of Education, The Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Adkins assumed his duties as General Secretary on November 1, 1955. He has served in the capacity as an Executive Secretary, President of his Conference Board of Education, president of the national Methodist Conference on Christian Education, and a member of the General Board of Education. He has served in many other capacities for the Methodist Church and the National Council of Churches. He has been a writer for church school publications and is a frequent lecturer at pastors' schools throughout the nation.

The seminar will open at 10 a.m. on Thursday and close at 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon. There will be five sessions during the seminar which Dr. Adkins will conduct. He has listed as the tentative procedure for these five sessions: Our Philosophy, Our Program and Personnel, Our Procedures, Our Product, and Our Perspective.

Serving as Devotional Leaders for the seminar will be Miss Barbara Terry, Director of Christian Education, at First Methodist Church in Lake Charles and Rev. Ben Youngblood, Director of Christian Education, Mangham Memorial Church in Shreveport, Louisiana.

eleven at night.

This was the seventh such campaign, and was the most successful in results. Approximately 2600 persons made a decision for Christ, and will be instructed for Church membership in the Church. When the Missionaries and leaders are satisfied with their lives and their knowledge, they will be baptised. Approximately six thousand visits were made into homes of the people, and an aggregate Church attendance approximated 64,000 persons. These results in the light of the present total membership of the Methodist Churches on the Island of 10,000, makes the results even more startling. Our Church there, however, as in many Mission fields, cannot be measured by numbers. Its influence through schools and other institutions plus the great lives of the Missionaries, make Methodism one of the chief factors for good in the life of Cuba. Our own Pat Alexander from Monroe, Louisiana is doing an important work in Eldura, not far from Havana.

This was the most wonderful experience I have ever had. No one can be a part of a program like that and be the same. No minister can experience this and preach the same. I am deeply grateful for my Church encouraging me to go, (Continued on page 9)

THE GROWING YEARS

Still under the shadow of two global conflicts, many have surrendered to the idea that man is by nature a fighting animal, and hence wars are inevitable. We yield assent to the doleful doctrine that human nature cannot be changed any more than a leopard can change its spots. Therefore, we think our security lies only in strengthening the cages to contain our increasing powers of bestiality.



To be sure, the roots of human nature are unchanged by time. The child of 1957 is born with the same impulses and emotional drives as the child of 2,000 B. C. But the roots of human nature can be trained to grow up in ways that transcend the old Adam in us and can control the released atom around us.

Christ believed in the possibilities for good in man. Aye, He died for that belief, saying, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." When we look at Christ on the cross, we see our own sinfulness and realize that without divine strength we can do little, but also that with Christ there is no limit to what we can do. We catch the expectancy and strength which surged through Saint Paul and caused him to say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Christ not only heightens our expectations of future growth, but also elevates our standards of measuring our growth. The trouble with so many of us is that we think we are growing up when we are only getting ahead. We are such go-getters that we struggle feverishly to get ahead of others instead of trying to surpass ourselves.

The result is that we remain spiritually smug and complacent while we are socially ambitious and restless. We comfort our consciences by thinking we are as good as our neighbors while we spur our energies to get more of their goods. We measure our rise in the world by our goods rather than by our goodness.

If we gave ourselves to developing our own minds and spirits and possessions instead of looking enviously over the fence at our neighbors whom we are trying to outdo, we would lessen the mad race which spoils our peace of mind and destroys the peace of the world. We Americans may soothe our consciences by feeling how much more humane and decent our governmental policies are than those of the Soviet Union. And to be sure, they are. But we must measure our ways not by the Kremlin but by the Christ.

Yes, and Christ not only lifts our expectations and measurement of growth but He also imparts the power to keep growing. Just try to imagine what magnificent personalities we would become if we could keep up the rate of mental growth at 40 which we had at 4, when our emerging minds reached out with eager exhilaration to take in new sights and experiences.

But somewhere along the years our mental and emotional growing slowed down until we are like one of Robert Frost's adult characters, whom he described as "a decent product of life's ironing out."

That is a vivid figure, isn't it? The pressures of life iron out those spontaneities and enthusiasms which are the charm of youth. The formalities of life starch us into glazed stiffness. Then the pretenses of polite society stuff us like those lifeless figures we see in store windows. And what was meant to be a man becomes a manikin.

Recently I sat at luncheon between Mr. Charles Kettering, the famous inventor, and Dr. Frank L. Meleney, a distinguished surgeon. As I listened to the former talking about some of the new inventions which he foresees just around the corner and the latter predicting that the life span would soon be lengthened to 125 years, my spirits began to lift and my horizons also. I began to feel with Browning's Rabbi Ezra: "The best is yet to be. The last of life for which the first was made."

When the Pilgrim Fathers were about to leave Holland for the New World, their pastor, John Robinson, held a farewell service in which he told them that the Lord had more light to break forth from His Holy Word. Little did Robinson know of what the United States and Canada were to become, but he did know that "with God all things are possible."

Let this be still our faith. Let the free countries of this Western World bank on the best in human nature until we bring it forth.

The Layman's Column

By
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North Arkansas Conference



"I SEE THE HEAVENS OPENED"

Stephen had been soundly converted to the Way of Jesus. He had accepted, as a good layman, the job of watching after the poor of the Christian community. His name was the first one mentioned when they thought of persons to assist in this needed service. But as valuable as this ministry was to the poor, Stephen could not pass up the temptation to do a little preaching "on the side." And there were plenty to be preached to, these many heathen who were as hungry for spiritual food as they were for physical food. Some of the Jewish leaders took an unholy delight in trying to trip him up in his public witnessing, but Stephen continued to serve God as he felt called to do. They finally trumped up a charge by which they could accuse him of "blasphemy," so that they had cause at last to stone him.

The stoning of Stephen is not a pretty sight. Yonder he stands alone before a cursing and accusing mob, preaching the love of Christ to them and to the bystanders who have gathered to see the results. He has spoken bravely of the ancient Jewish heritage and of how these accusers are refusing to accept the promised Saviour. Finally he accuses them of murdering the one who had come to bring salvation. This is the last straw. The crowd has held itself back long enough. Some seize him and drag him outside the city. Others pick up stones along the way; nice, large, jagged stones. What a wonderful time they are going to have, stoning this blasphemer! Stephen looks toward the crowd but actually does not see them. He turns his eyes heavenward and exclaims in ecstatic joy, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God"... This darkest moment of Stephen's earthly life was lighted with the joy and assurance of Christ's presence at the time when he needed Him the most.

The Christian faith is a wonderful faith to live by. It is an even more wonderful faith to die by. The mysterious experience of death is feared by many, but as the true Christian ap-

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

THE TESTIMONIAL SHOULD BE BELIEVABLE

I have a friend who—long years ago now—went to China for six months to hunt big game—especially the rather fabled blue tiger. Since defective eyesight had kept him out of military service, we had laughed together about his ability to put a bead on some of these wily and elusive beasts of the mountains. And I never did hear of the trophies of his gun—nor did I ever see his wife wearing that rare fur coat.

But my friend had really gone to China to have a base for photo-testimonials advertising (back home in America) certain commercial products. And there began appearing in American newspapers and magazines photographs of this "mighty hunter" at his campfire and in "action"—and beside him one or more indispensable items of equipment—it might be a certain maker's gun or shells, or some canned food (label readable), or a bar of soap, and always a pack or box of a popular brand of cigarettes. One trouble was that I—and all his other friends—knew that he never smoked, and that he never used alcoholic beverages in any form. However, on his return, he did some lecturing, always showing his pictures. (In some more intimate groups, he "broke down" and confessed he didn't use most of these products).

Now I like to believe that, as modern advertisers tell us, the whole *testimonial* business has become more honest in the last couple of decades. One leader in this stresses to his as-

proaches it, the heavens are opened and the life that he sees ahead is infinitely more beautiful than anything that we know on this earth. None of us may be called upon to stand where Stephen stood, but there will be times when we need his faith and courage. Isn't it right to say that this great faith of Stephen's was largely a result of his loving ministry to God's needy children? This combination of deep faith and loving kindness, then, must be the successful formula for the triumphant Christian.

sociates that "the greatest thing to be achieved in advertising, especially in testimonial advertising, is *believability*." While another suggests that the "old motive" of keeping up with the Joneses, standing higher socially than the Joneses, is now being replaced by a real desire to know (before investing in a product) that it works, is the best, or is socially acceptable. This can be accomplished most effectively, they say, by the testimony of a reliable and trustworthy user. In some cases the user may be a "big name"—though sometimes the simpler testimony of an "unknown" may appear the more credible. The "big name" may endorse too much and too often!...

As I listened to discussion on "this business of testimonials," my mind kept turning to thoughts of the "testimony" that each of us is giving day by day, in every path and avenue of our doing, to the Christian faith that we profess. People read us as living letters, or recommendations, or "advertisements" for or against the Way taught and demonstrated by Jesus. The bishop and the archbishop may be the "big names" in giving "endorsement" to the Christian attitude or point of view. The business-suited pastor or the robed cleric may be the "celebrities and stars" that attract attention and induce people to listen and read. But the "believability" (or the unbelieveability), the effectiveness of the churchman's preaching, and the change in human conduct, the gathering of the sheep into the fold—these must come from your everyday living "testimony," and from mine. The layman—not only in his pew but at his lathe or desk—is the ultimate "proof" of whether or not Christianity works, is worth seeking, is of use and value to society.

Years ago a missionary to China told me that he asked a wise old Chinese to join the Christian church. And the wise one's answer was like this: "You are a Christian and you are good. But you are paid to be good. If you are bad, you will lose your job. But these other Christians here—the white merchants, the traders the government people—they drink, they cheat, they deal unjustly, they beat their Chinese servants, they try to steal our land. They don't lose their jobs because of it. I don't want my children to grow up to be Christians like that!" More recently I have heard that tale paralleled from several areas of the world where American GI's have given the only witness to Christianity that men found themselves able to believe...

Is my testimonial to Christianity believable, worthy, drawing others to desire "the product"?

John Wesley Film Now Available



JOHN WESLEY, the motion picture the Protestant Motion Picture Council called "... one of the most valuable religious films of our time," is available now on a rental basis, in both a black and white and color version.

The 77-minute film, based on incidents from the life of the great 18th Century religious leader and founder of Methodism, may be obtained from branch film libraries of The Methodist Publishing House. The rental price is \$20.00 for black and white and \$35.00 for color. Prints will sell for \$400.00 for black and white and \$750.00 for color.

JOHN WESLEY was filmed in England by the Television, Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church in cooperation with J. Arthur Rank. It was originally available only to Methodist congregations on an offering basis.

The film tells the story of a heart-warming personal experience of God which grew into the Wesley movement in England and then into a world church.

Critics have acclaimed the film as "one of the most inspiring, heart-warming films ever produced in the interests of a church" and said that

it "sparkles with excellent portrayals." Methodist pastors have called it "a wonderful contribution to Methodism" that "every Methodist should see."

The outstanding English actor Leonard Sachs plays the title role. His portrayal of John Wesley shows the warm religious experience and enthusiastic preaching of the man, which were coupled with a thorough education, methodical practices and discipline and an uncompromising passion for righteousness.

The film also brings to life other great religious figures of the 18th Century. There is Charles Wesley, whose more than 6000 hymns played a large part in the spread of the evangelical movement which transformed England. There is the Moravian Peter Bohler who stood by Wesley in his time of self-doubt and anguish over a lack of a satisfying religious experience.

In the film, the viewer sees the new Wesley movement grow rapidly fostered by its founder's tireless travels, preaching, organization of classes and societies, use of lay preaching, and establishment of schools, orphanages and clinics. Eng-

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CHURCH'S MINISTRY TO THE MIGRANTS



In 1956 migratory farm workers and their children moved by the tens of thousands from crop area to crop area in the United States. The only national private agency serving migrants directly in a nationwide program is the Migrant Ministry, a partnership of the National Migrant Committee of the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches and state migrant committees of state and local councils of churches and councils of church women.

During 1956, 133,130 men, women and children were reached by the Migrant Ministry in the 30 states cooperating, in a program designed not only to meet day-by-day needs of migrants but also to help them become more able to take their rightful places in community life.

Among the 1956 activities of the program, in various areas of the United States, were: more health services, summer schools under state departments of education, pressure for better housing, Red Cross classes in migrant camps, vacation church schools, Boy and Girls Scout troops.

"Community attitudes in migrant areas ranged all the way from antagonism and resentment to compassion and active concern, with far more indicating friendliness," states the report of the Migrant Ministry. "There seems to be definite improvement in attitudes where the Migrant Ministry is active. Undoubtedly, the increase of 42 per cent in volunteers from communities working in the program is an important factor."

The Vivian Hill Memorial

A college is a unique institution. It is a place in which two groups of people, one older and one younger, associate and work together for a purpose quite unusual. The college does not exist primarily to increase material wealth or to enhance social prestige or to show the way to political power. If these things do come about, they are incidentals. Basically a college is an establishment to assist in human growth—growth of the body, growth of the mind, growth of the spirit. Laboratories, libraries, gymnasiums, and class rooms are justified only as they contribute to the one fundamental purpose. Likewise the Faculty—that older group mentioned earlier—has no legitimate claim to existence apart from the help it can give to the younger group—the students—in their progress toward the full stature of manhood and womanhood.

Now and then one finds on a college faculty a person with a more

than usual insight into the functions of his calling and with a remarkable capability for carrying out his duties and obligations. When this is the case, the whole school takes on something of the quality and temper of that instructor's personality. We and sweeter in tone as, generation are told that a violin grows richer after generation, it is touched by the fingers of master musicians. Just so a college never attains its full degree of strength until, through the years, it catches and unconsciously mirrors the character of its strong students and its strong teachers.

Those of us, young or old, who worked with Miss Vivian Hill during any part of her long tenure at Hendrix realize that the subtle but powerful thing we call the Hendrix Spirit is in part her spirit, and we well know that the college as a whole would be something less fine and less noble than it is if Miss Hill had not given it her lifetime of

bright and kindly service.

Although what one was likely to notice first about Miss Hill was her gentleness and quiet dignity, even more characteristic was her responsiveness to all that can bring joy to the human soul. Hers was a keenly sensitive nature. Life was no more a blot nor a blank for her than it was for Lippo, Browning's painter monk. Like him she had learned its intensity of meaning and its goodness. Her range of appreciation was wide. All growing and blooming things were an endless delight to her. Pictures and music and books she loved deeply and unaffectedly. Above all she loved her students and yearned to show them how they, too, might possess wealth of the mind and heart.

To some of her friends it has seemed fitting that we have here on the campus a memorial that would symbolize and embody in material shape something of Miss

Hill's beauty-loving spirit. Appropriately enough the memorial has taken the form of a cabinet—in which may be placed on display the sort of objects that she would have enjoyed. Almost a hundred people have collaborated to provide the cabinet and the articles that it will contain. Many of the letters that accompanied the contributions to the memorial fund are eloquent in their expressions of appreciation for Miss Hill as a teacher and as a friend.

The cabinet has been placed in the lobby of the Library. We think you will find its contents interesting. Exhibits will be changed from time to time, and typed descriptive statements will explain the things you see.

If you are one of those who knew Miss Hill, we think the little cabinet will help keep her memory green for you. If you did not know her, we hope that it may remind you of some teacher you may have had who, as Miss Vivian did for her students, drew you to think on those things that are true and honest and just and pure and lovely and of good report.

By
Dr. Robert L. Campbell
Remarks At Hendrix College Assembly
January 8, 1957

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BOB LAY was guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the Farmerville Methodist Church on Feb. 20, where Rev. W. V. Sirman is pastor.

DR. AND MRS. LEWIS GANNAWAY presented a silver Baptismal Fount to the Sterlington Methodist Church in memory of Mrs. Gannaway's mother, Mrs. A. W. Riggs. Rev. W. M. Allen is pastor of the Church.

REV. LEONARD COOKE, vice-president of Centenary College, Shreveport, will be the guest speaker at the Gilbert Methodist Church, Sunday, March 17, where Rev. J. W. Boyd is pastor.

DR. R. E. CHANDLER, Professor of Foreign Languages at Southwestern Louisiana Institute, was guest speaker at the February meeting of the Asbury Methodist Men's Club, Lafayette, where Rev. Byrl Moreland is pastor.

DR. WEBB D. POMEROY, Associate Professor of Bible at Centenary College, Shreveport, was guest speaker at the First Methodist Church, Minden, Sunday morning, Feb. 3. Rev. Dan R. Robinson is pastor of the church.

A NEW ALTAR CURTAIN and kneeling pads on the altar in matching color have been placed in the Cheneyville Methodist Church by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Rev. C. H. Giessen is pastor of the church.

REV. EARL HOTALEN, Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, was guest speaker at the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, Sunday morning, Feb. 17. Rev. James C. Whitaker is pastor of the church.

REV. G. W. POMEROY, pastor of First Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest evangelist in revival services at the First Methodist Church, Lake Providence, Feb. 11-17. Rev. C. R. McCammon is pastor of the church.

THE NOLLEY MEMORIAL Methodist Church Choir, Jena, presented special music at the Vesper Service of the State Industrial School for Girls in Alexandria, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 10. The pastor of the church, Rev. W. O. Lynch, gave the devotional.

REV. AND MRS. GEORGE W. ROSS were honored recently at an open house in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Young. Guests included Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Taylor and members of the Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport, where the Rev. Mr. Ross is pastor.

BISHOP GERALD ENSLEY, of the Des Moines Area, will bring the messages during a series of Revival Services at the First Methodist Church, Monroe, beginning March 3. Glen Johnson, of Dallas will lead the singing. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor of the church.

NEW LIGHTS have been installed on the pulpit and lectern in the Lecompte Methodist Church, a gift of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Church, and is being enjoyed in conducting the worship services, according to the pastor, Rev. C. H. Giessen.

DR. RUSSELL, a member of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, is conducting a course on "Understanding the Methodist Church" during the month of February, for the Adult Fellowship of the Morningside Church in Shreveport, where Rev. Eldred Blakely is pastor.

I. L. FLOWERS, father of Rev. Ira W. Flowers, pastor of the Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, passed away on January 27, at the age of 80. Mr. Flowers had been very active as a layman in the First Methodist Church of Laurel, Mississippi, for many years.

DR. W. M. CAUSEY, Sr., of Caldwell Hospital in Columbia, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, West Monroe. Monday night, Feb. 11. Dr. Causey is an outstanding Gideon and

Layman. Rev. W. D. Milton is pastor of the church.

REV. HOLLIS HAYWARD, Baton Rouge, coordinator of Religious Activities and general secretary of the YMCA-YWCA at Louisiana State University, was guest speaker at the Sunday morning worship service of the First Methodist Church, Amite, Feb. 3. Rev. James E. Christie is pastor of the church.

REV. JAMES T. HARRIS, Superintendent of the Monroe District, will be the guest evangelist in a revival meeting scheduled for Feb. 25-March 3, at the Lecompte Methodist Church. Baxter Robison, lay leader of the church, will lead the singing for the revival. Rev. C. H. Giessen is pastor.

DR. PIERCE HARRIS, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Atlanta, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport, Feb. 7. This was the first meeting since the formation of the club. A charter meeting will be held March 12. Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor of the church.

REV. KIRBY VINING, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, was the speaker at a Valentine Banquet held in the Fellowship Hall of the Sterlington Methodist Church, Feb. 13. The W.S.C.S. of the Church were sponsors. Miss Sarah Jordan was the "Toast Mistress." Rev. W. M. Allen is pastor of the church.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Baton Rouge, will present a television program on Feb. 28, at the invitation of Station WAFB-TV, Channel 28, as a part of the series "Baton Rouge Sings" being conducted by that station. The program will consist of music by the choirs under the direction of Marvin Genuchi. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor of the church.

DR. A. E. STANTON was appointed chairman of a Building Committee at the regular monthly meeting of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church, Crowley. The committee was authorized to study plans and decide definitely on the type of Educational Building needed by the church. Rev. Louis Hoffpauir is pastor of the church.

DR. RODNEY CLINE, Professor at L.S.U., gave a review of his recently published book, "Asbury Wilkinson, Pioneer Preacher," Sunday evening, Feb. 17, at the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. Dr. Cline's book describes the life and time of this early Methodist Circuit Rider. Rev. J. P. Woodland is pastor of the Broadmoor church.

ON JANUARY 30 the Centenary Choir appeared in Crowley under the auspices of the Frances McLean Circle of the First Methodist Church. The program was very well received and special mention was made of the fact that two Crowley girls, Margaret Ann Cowen and Mona Dell Holloway, are members of the choir. Rev. Louis Hoffpauir is pastor of the Crowley Church.

REV. JOHN KILPATRICK, pastor of the Pineville Methodist Church, was guest speaker at a Family Night Service held at the Palestine Methodist Church in January. He showed colored slides of the Holy Land, beginning with Rome, then Egypt, Lebanon and Palestine. The Men's Club of the church were host for the event and served supper to all attending. Rev. E. W. Sandel is pastor of the Palestine Church.

REV. W. O. TISDALE, retired member of the Louisiana Conference, preached at the morning service of the First Methodist Church of Springhill, Jan. 6. The pastor, Rev. Frank C. Tucker, Jr., was in attendance at an Area-wide meeting held at Little Rock, Ark. The Rev. Mr. Tisdale filled the pulpits of the Taylor, Ark., and Welcome Methodist Churches, Jan. 13 and 27 respectively.

REV. EDGAR C. DUFRESNE, pastor of the Haughton Methodist Church, was guest preacher at the Gueydan Methodist Church, Sunday, Feb. 3. While in Gueydan, he officiated at the wedding of his wife's niece, Miss Elizabeth Ann Linscombe of Gueydan, to Mr. Billy Joe Blanton of Gurdon, Arkansas. In his absence, Rev. P. M. Caraway, chaplain at the Confederate Memorial Hospital preached at the Haughton Church.

JAMES D. SAYERS of Summerhill, and New York City, an author and newspaper man, spoke recently to the Methodist Men's Club of the Springhill First Methodist Church, where Rev. Frank C. Tucker, Jr., is pastor. Mr. Sayers also spoke from the studios of Springhill's local broadcasting KBSF, on "Esperanto, The Universal Language". Mr. Sayers and his wife were guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Tisdale.

MID COLE, Scoutmaster of Troop 54, sponsored by the Wesley Methodist Church of DeRidder, has been selected as the Jamboree Leader for the Scout group of Calcasieu Council. He will take the group to Valley Forge, Penn., where 50,000 scouts from all over America will attend the National Jamboree July 12-18. Mr. Cole is a charter member of Wesley Church, a Sunday School teacher and a member of the Official Board of the church. Rev. Alvin P. Smith is pastor of the church.

MRS. ERNESTINE BOOTH, superintendent of the Children's Department of the Farmerville Methodist Church is directing a Children's Mission Study in a special six weeks course during January and February. Assisting her are: Mrs. Jim Grier, Mrs. S. P. Guier, Mrs. D. C. Morgan, Mrs. H. G. Odom, Jr., Mrs. J. C. Tinsley, and Mrs. Ray Webb. Attendance has been an average of 31 in spite of inclement weather. Rev. W. V. Sirman is pastor of the Farmerville Church.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of the New Iberia Church served a chicken spaghetti dinner to 34 members at their January meeting. Stanley Pierson of Abbeville, was the inspirational speaker for the occasion. The club had earlier in the year taken the project of completely renovating the educational building of the church, including plastic tile on the floor of the Fellowship Hall. It was reported at this meeting that the work was completed, a large portion being done by members of the club. Rev. W. R. Wendt is pastor of the church.

AN INCREASE in receipts from Methodist Student Day has resulted in the announcement that Centenary College henceforth will be allotted five National Methodist Scholarships rather than the previous three. Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, has been informed by officials of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee, that the Board, at its last annual meeting, also voted to increase the value of each scholarship from a maximum of \$400 to a maximum of \$500 effective next September. Selection of recipients for the scholarships is based on superior scholarship, active churchmanship, leadership ability and need, and are presented at Centenary each year during the annual Honors Day assembly.

A CHRISTIAN WORKERS' SCHOOL, for the Lake Charles Area, was held at the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Feb. 18, 19 and 20. Courses and teachers were as follows: Working with Children in the Small Church, for Nursery and Kindergarten ages, Mrs. Darwin Andrus; Working with Children in the Small Church, for Primary and Junior ages, Mrs. Charles Learner; Guiding Intermediates, Rev. Ed Haug; Teaching Youth in the Church, Rev. Don Barnes; and Adult Work in the Church School, Miss Elizabeth Thompson. Rev. Earl Emmerich, pastor of the University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was dean of the school. Rev. C. W. Quaid, pastor of the Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was chairman of the Board of Managers. Dr. Carl Lueg is pastor of the host church.

REPORT ON CUBAN EVANGELISTIC MISSION

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and for providing the funds by which I could go.

As Reported by
Dan R. Robinson

"Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?" This verse of Scripture kept running through my mind during the days just prior to my first attempt to preach through an interpreter. It is hard to interest men in Christ when they can understand every word you say. What could I hope to do when about all the Spanish I knew was "Thanks" and "What time is it?"

It was clear that my fears were groundless soon after I arrived in Cuba. The lethargy and indifference so frequently found in our churches in America was not to be found in the congregations that I faced in Cuba. Their eagerness was at times almost disconcerting. They waited for the invitation to come to the altar and give their lives to Christ and to enroll in classes for instruction for Church Membership as much as I used to wait for the call to come to the table when I was a boy and there was to be fried chicken with all the trimmings.

I was especially fortunate in being able to come to Cuba, along with Mr. Thomas Hunter of California, one week before the Crusade started. We were entertained by Dr. Carl D. Stewart, District Superintendent of the Oriente District, and taken to see our work in Pinson College, the Church and school at Boguanos, the church and clinic at Holguin and at Mayari,

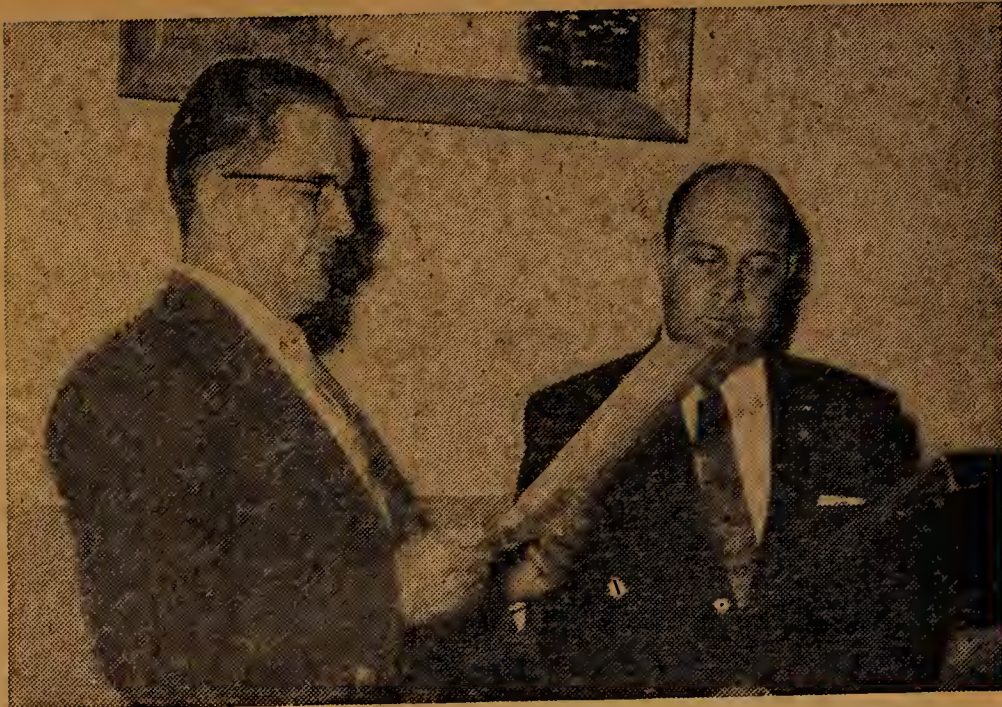
the Agricultural School at Preston and we visited a dozen more churches besides.

My assignment was to Central Church in Holguin, but I preached to several other congregations. Everywhere the response was the same. Senora Jean del Valle Isse was my most efficient and inspiring interpreter, and we had the great joy of seeing her husband come to the altar and give himself to Christ. I baptized him and Bishop Branscomb received him into the church. At times Dr. Stewart acted as interpreter, especially when we had to go far into the country or when I spoke on the radio.

Space will not permit a full report and cold figures cannot begin to tell the story. I cannot even claim credit for the conversions reported. Perhaps the interpreters worked my sermons over before giving them to the people. They surely did not get a similar response when I used them in the States. But, for what it is worth, here are the figures: I preached to eight different congregations besides doing my radio work. We received 10 members into the church. There were 105 who accepted Christ and enrolled in classes of instruction. Of this number I baptized 49. The total number in attendance upon the services was 1701. I thank God for the privilege of going to Cuba to preach Christ.

The totals for all the 118 Crusaders was: total attendance 66,934, accessions 417, number admitted to classes for membership 2,623, and number preaching services held 1,125.

Named Rayville's Young Man of The Year



Joe Kalil, a Rayville native who has devoted much of his life toward the betterment of his community, was chosen as the 1956 Outstanding Young Man of the Year of Rayville. He received a plaque and citation to this effect as the primary event of the annual Distinguished Service Awards Banquet sponsored by the Rayville Junior Chamber of Commerce on January 24. The award announcement and presentation of the plaque were made by the Rev. W. D. Boddie, pastor of the Rayville Methodist Church, who was himself selected Young Man of the Year for 1950 in Springhill, Louisiana.

During 1956, Joe Kalil president of the Methodist Men, teacher of a youth class in his church, member of numerous church committees, superintendent of the adult Division of the Church School, was Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge, president of the Rayville Quarterback Club, a board member of the local American Red Cross chapter, vice-president of the North Louisiana Shrine Club. He is a valued employee of the George B. Franklin and Son Company of Holly Ridge.

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Rufus Sorrells 4 101

CAMDEN DISTRICT—District Totals 2632**
El Dorado, Dumas Memorial-Lisbon,
Oscar Haire 1 23**
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Magnolia First Church,
C. Ray Hozendorf 1 148
Marysville-Fredonia, C. E. Lawrence 1 34**
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HOPE DISTRICT—District Totals 1339
Emmett Ct., Joe W. Hunter 2 65**
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Austin Ct., L. C. Beasley 2 23
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LITTLE ROCK
Asbury, J. C. English 6 80
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MONTICELLO DISTRICT—District Totals 1324**
Hampton-Harrell, James McCommon 1 50**
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Carthage, Claude R. Roy 4 14
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PINE BLUFF
Carr Memorial, Cagle Fair 2 55
Hawley Memorial, Geo. E. Reutz 12 53**
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Roe Ct., W. D. Bone 1 47*2
Sheridan, W. B. Savage 10 66
Stuttgart, Grand Ave., Vernon
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BATESVILLE DISTRICT—District Totals 1047**
Calico Rock, Charles Casteel 1 47**
Desha-Salado, John Sandage 4 34

Newport-First Church, John Bayliss 1 71
Salem, B. W. Stallcup 1 43**

CONWAY DISTRICT—District Totals 1697**
Conway, First Ch., Joel Cooper 3 141**
NORTH LITTLE ROCK
Amboy, Maurice Burroughs 10 12*3
Sylvan Hills, Norris Steele 5 17
Plummerville Ct., Harold Bailey 1 41**

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—District Totals 1016
Decatur, Woodrow Woods 1 14**
Elm-Springs-Harmon,
Virgil Hainsey 2 43**
Huntsville-Presley, J. J. Clark 1 28**
Pea Ridge-Tuck's Chapel,
Aubra Hays 1 26*
Rogers, Harold Womack 1 53
Springdale, Wesley, Sam Auslam 9 24*
Viney Grove-Cincinnati,
E. F. Flowers 2 19

FORREST CITY DISTRICT—District Totals 1256**
Helena, Irl Bridenthal 14 83 6 103**
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Turrell-Gilmore, Frank Shell 5 24**
Wheatley-Moro, Gail Anderson 3 52**

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—District Totals 1574
Booneville, Robert Paul Sessions 5 86 7 98**
Charleston, W. J. Spieer 1 53*2
FT. SMITH
Massard, Earl Hughes 3 15 1 19**
Midland Heights, W. A. Downum 1 38
Greenwood, Brady Cook 2 2 70**
Kibler-Dyer, J. E. Thomas 1 18
Van Buren, First Church,
Jesse L. Johnson 10 70 1 81**

JONESBORO DISTRICT—District Totals 1518**
Blytheville, First Church,
H. Eggensperger 25 140 5 170
Hickory Ridge-Fisher, Jack Glass 1 1 30
Osecola, W. O. Scroggin, Jr. 1 106**
Weiner, Ray Burrow 1 65*3

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—District Totals 1045
Corning, Byron McSpadden 1 50**
Hardy-Willford, Lee Anderson 1 31**
Marmaduke, John Barrett 3 17
PARAGOULD
First Church, S. B. Wilford 1 89
Griffin Memorial, Clyde Crozier 1 55**
Ravenden, Ravenden Springs
Maurice Kemp 1 1 14
RECTOR
First Church, James Chandler 1 66**
Fourth Street, James Smith 1 46**

SEARCY DISTRICT—District Totals 1087
Bald Knob, Dewey Dark 1 23
Harrison, Horace M. Lewis 1 104**
Jacksonville, N. Lee Cate 1 28
Rosebud Ct., Tom Cowan 2 1 23

Louisiana Conference

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—District Totals 1212**
ALEXANDRIA
Trinity, O. W. Spinks 5 43 48
Lecompte, Cheneyville, C. H. Giessen 1 49**
Mt. Zion, Dell S. Durand 1 7
Natchitoches, First Church,
George F. Pearce 1 2 88
Weaver, Provencal, W. R. Akin 1 1 26*3

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—District Totals 1279
Baker, Marvin H. Corley 1 14
BATON ROUGE
First Church, D. Dawson, Jr. 1 109
Istrouma, A. Jerome Cain 7 35 42
Bogaloussa, E. Sullivan Mem.,
W. H. Giles 1 56
Hammond, E. R. Thomas 1 74**
Jackson, J. B. Shearer 1 35 36
Live Oak, J. H. Bowdon, Jr. 9 13 22

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT—District Totals 1121**
Abbeville, R. M. Bentley 2 80**
Crowley, Wesley, Raymond Pierson 2 2 37**
Opelousas, R. E. Walton 1 50

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—District Totals 973
DeRidder, Wesley, Alvin P. Smith 1 1 11**
Lake Charles, University,
E. B. Emmerich 5 1 62
Raymond, Clarence B. Krumnow 1 18

MONROE DISTRICT—District Totals 1802**
Little Creek, Union, E. W. Corley 1 16**
Newellton, James M. Poole 9 8 17**
Oak Grove, Kilbourne, E. L. Tatum 2 18 20
Tallulah, Wm. F. Mayo 1 42

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—District Totals 952
NEW ORLEANS
First Church, Nathaniel H. Melbert 4 71
Gentilly, E. P. Drake 7 66 1 74**
John Wesley, J. C. Rousseaux 1 2 19**
Lake Vista, Clyde C. Frazier, Jr. 1 19
Luling, C. W. Bennett 1 10 11**
Rayne Memorial, A. M. Serex 19 63 1 83
Slidell, John T. Redmon 21 34 55**

RUSTON DISTRICT—District Totals 1721**
Bienville, K. K. Carithers 1 51**
Clay, Ansley, V. Leo Westbrook 1 35**
Farmerville, W. V. Sirman 1 74*3
Springhill, Frank Tucker 1 3 50

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—District Totals 1539
Haughton, E. C. Dufresne 7 45**
Longstreet, Shiloh, Harold McClung 1 4 5
Many, John B. Koelmay 1 22
Mooringsport, Rupert D. Coles 1 1 25**

SHREVEPORT
Cedar Grove, Roy E. Mouser 4 56
First Church, D. L. Dykes, Jr. 2 2 119
Morningside, Eldred Blakely 1 43
Wynne Memorial, K. G. Rorie 1 5 49
North Highland, B. E. Bond 1 21
Vivian, Kenneth G. McDowell 2 34

Monroe Youth Participate In Community Service

A community youth worship service was held Sunday, Feb. 3, at the First Methodist Church, Monroe, with Miss Peggy Hines, Memorial Methodist Church, presiding.

George Rise, First Methodist, gave the call to worship. Following a hymn, the invocation was by Alice Smith, First Christian Church.

The scripture was read by Beverly McNeil, Southside Methodist, and the offering was received by ushers of St. John's Christian Church. Jimmy Godfrey, St. Paul's Methodist, led the doxology and offertory prayer. Neville High School Glee Club furnished the special music.

The address for the occasion was by the Rev. John M. Allin, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, on "Consider Your Call."

"The Ceremony of Christian Calling" was led by John Magruder of the First Presbyterian Church. The prayer of dedication was by Emily Ensminger. Benediction was by Betty Hemphill, Grace Episcopal Church.

Others on the program were: Dr. Roy Ledbetter, physician; Mrs. Koontz, nurse; Mark Ringheim, businessman; Jack Howard, city official; J. S. Worley, social worker; Fred Huenefeld, Jr., farmer; Dr. Clyde Stuntz, missionary; and the Rev. Lea Joyner and the Rev. Kirby Vining, ministers.

MYF NEWS

Timothy Completes Study

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Timothy Methodist Church, Camden, finished a study on Southeast Asia, recently.

The study was completed with a dinner centered around the study theme. A period of entertainment and a worship service completed the program.—Cephas Stinnett, Reporter

Intermediates Organize

The newly organized intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship of Rayne, met Feb. 1. The meeting was a combination of fellowship and worship activities. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Baptist are counselors for the group which organized in January.

CHALLENGE TO YOUTH WORKERS

Here is one of the ways the Youth Department, General Board of Education, contributes toward a unified program of Christian education in The Methodist Church.

The Rev. Lewis E. Durham, Jr., of the Youth Department staff writes to each person who has been invited to teach one of the Leadership Education courses in the youth field, and sends the prospective teacher a packet of materials.

Says Mr. Durham in his letter, "This is a wonderful opportunity and challenge for you to render a vital service to the church. To aid you in preparation we are sending some of the resources available."

There are 29 First Series courses in the youth field and 15 Second Series courses. First Series courses may be completed in a short time. They are for persons who are just beginning to serve as leaders.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Grand Prairie

The MYF of the Lonoke First Methodist Church was host to the Grand Prairie Sub-District at a meeting Jan. 28.

The host group presented the program on Southeast Asia and also won the attendance banner. George Bailey was program leader for the meeting, and others participating were: Susie Anderson, Stella Hall, Jane Percefull, Pat Glover, and Glyndia Sue Bailey. Beth Highfill and Henrietta Bailey presented an instrumental duet. Jab Ketchum, Lonoke MYF counselor, spoke on the importance of MYF attendance.

Visitors who spoke were: J. R. Henderson, Little Rock District director of youth work; George Jernigan, Ann Hansen, Reynolds Griffith, and Lynnette Cook, all of Little Rock; and Rebecca Plumlee of Hope. Miss Cook led the recreation.

The Sub-District is composed of MYF groups from churches in Carlisle, Hazen, DeValls Bluff, Des Arc, Hamilton, and Lonoke. Some 91 attended the meeting.

Riceland

The Riceland Sub-District held its 1957 banquet at Stuttgart, Feb. 11, centered around the theme, Christian Vocations. The Rev. John Hassler, director of youth work in the Little Rock Conference, spoke on "Make Every Vocation Christian."

Guests were introduced at the special event by Ken Shireman, and the Rev. Mr. Hassler conducted the recreation period. The prelude was given by Sue Berryman; and Richard Mustin, president of the group, conducted the business session. Linda Minton led the singing; Eric LeBrock, the call to worship; and the scripture and prayer were given by Bill Smith. G. W. Sorrels and Jerry Atchley had charge of the offertory.

At the business session, the group voted to raise \$200 for construction of a class port at Camp Tanako. Some 85 youth attended the meeting.

Arcadia-Land

Plans for a hay ride and nominations for sweetheart and beau of the Arcadia-Land Sub-District highlighted a meeting of the group at Melville, Sunday afternoon, Jan. 27, at the Methodist Church.

The Melville MYF was host. The hayride was scheduled for the near future, according to Cullam Young, president, and Earl Taylor, reporter.

Paragould

The Paragould District MYF met Monday night, Feb. 11 at the First Methodist Church, Paragould, and some 150 attended.

Rosemary Jones, president of Grace Curtis, introduced the visiting president and conducted the business meeting. The Rev. S. B. Wilford, Paragould First Church pastor, showed slides and talked on his tour of the South American countries. The meeting was closed with the MYF benediction, following refreshments.

A Challenge to MYFers—

Youth Work In Mission Field: U.S.A.

By Harold W. Ewing
of the Methodist Board of Education

One of the greatest potentials in missionary work is right here at home! Within the borders of the United States there is a "mission field" of tremendous need which should challenge all of the 1,341,455 members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship to dedicated action.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert
GRUDGE — ITIS

Awhile back a pastor conducted funeral services for a prosperous and successful business man who had died suddenly. Discussing the man with the doctor in the case the minister inquired as to the cause of death. He reports he was startled by the physician's reply, "I'd say he died of a severe case of grudge-itis. I can't write that on the death certificate, but you know what I mean. He has been a patient of mine for years and I have told him many times he was killing himself with hatred. He felt his brother had cheated him when his father's estate was distributed. He developed a consuming hatred for his brother. And of course, it was consuming him and not the brother." Then the doctor concluded, "If he could only have learned to forgive his brother, he would be alive today. People had better learn forgiveness for their health's sake even if they can't learn it for Christ's sake."

Adults, Too

Now I know that this problem may affect adults more than it does young people. Yet, I know of many folks whose adult resentment and hatred dates back to experiences during the years of their youth. It can get a start in one's personality almost any time and anywhere. It is a perennial problem which faces every one of us in days like these. The tensions of our time give rise to many antagonisms and conflicts which would hardly occur in times of peace and tranquility. This makes it more essential that young and old alike take a look at anger and resentment and hatred with an understanding that will enable them to avoid the attending perils and pitfalls.

Use Anger Constructively

Anger is the instinct of self-protection and it can be used constructively to fight against harmful enemies of human personality. Trouble is that often our anger is the result merely of wounded pride, or hurt ego's, or unfounded fears! And we go out to fly back in outraged reaction. This may result in actual fighting. It may send us on flight away from the situation or person who causes our reaction. Or it may encourage us to show off our superiority by taking it out on someone who can't fight back. Too often this is the case and we justify our feelings by some halo of righteousness indignation.

Who do we hurt most? You know the answer—ourselves! We poison our personalities with lingering resentment and resident hostility, and this keeps us in a rage because we project our resentment on others and the vicious cycle begins.

What Can We Do?

What can we do about it? For one thing a self-analysis proves helpful in seeing ourselves as others see us, and in discovering why we act the way we do. A spirit of understanding toward

No, we are not saying, "Let's forget the rest of the world and let them take care of themselves." But while we are bending every effort to help those beyond our shores we must not overlook the needs of the rest of the thirty million young people who live right here in the United States, especially when we know that only one in four attends any church—Catholic, Jewish or Protestant!

Yes, for the MYF, there is a real mission here in the U. S. A.

Let's look more closely at the facts.

America has a bumper crop of young people. By 1960, there will be more young people in America than in any previous time in history. In 1960, three and a half million children will turn twelve years of age and, officially, become youth. This represents an increase of 1,100,000 more children turning twelve years of age than the census showed in 1950. We have a mission to help this growing group of new youth keep Christ above all.

Three out of four young people are outside the church. The National Council of Churches reports that out of 26,610,000 young people in America in 1950 fewer than eight million are related to the program of any church. The church has a responsibility to reach these unreached youth of America.

In today work tomorrow. Tomorrow's church—yes, tomorrow's world—is being decided today. The youth of this generation are making a significant contribution to the scientific and social development of America. Within a few short years, the diplomats and statesmen, the teachers and lawyers, the doctors and scientists, the business and military leaders, the missionaries and preachers will be those who are today in the MYF age range.

Through contributions to the Methodist Youth Fund, Methodist youth have a share in helping to establish and continue this mission to the United States of America. Last year out of Youth Fund giving, \$94,528.31 was checked back to support the youth program in 103 annual conferences. In addition, 23,879 of Methodist Youth Fund giving made possible the continuing work of the National Conference of Methodist Youth. Another \$75,255.09 of the MYF was contributed to the budget of the General Board of Education for the support of the work of the Youth Department. Through this central office of the MYF, general guidance is given to the ongoing program of youth work in 39,845 Methodist churches.

those we dislike may help us see why they act as we think they do. The will to overcome our attitudes of hostility can be effectively empowered only by religious convictions. For the Christian person—youth and adult—this calls for reading I Corinthians 13 again and again and noting especially Paul's words in verse 6, "Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful." That's the prescription when the diagnosis is grudge-itis. Try it. It has worked with others. It might work for you!



SOCIETIES CONCLUDE STUDIES

Vantrease

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Vantrease Methodist Church concluded the study, Mission Field—U.S.A. at a meeting in Fellowship Hall Thursday. The average attendance for the four sessions was twenty persons.

The study was directed by Mrs. John G. Rickey. Mrs. W. B. Self is Secretary of Missionary Education. All attending participated in the study with planned devotionals, songs, prayers and open discussions.

On Tuesday Mr. Bill Prewitt, prosecuting attorney, spoke on "Divorce," "Teen-age Delinquency" and "The Problems of the Aged."

On Thursday Mrs. M. E. Scott told what the Methodist Church is doing to help solve the many problems of delinquents and the programs designed to prevent delinquency. She also gave highlights from the annual meeting of the Board of Missions, which she attended in Buck Hill Falls, Pa. January 15-18. Mrs. Charles Hassen gave the highlights from the supplementary book, "There Is No End."

A covered dish luncheon Thursday climaxed the study. The meal was served from a table decorated with replicas in miniature of a "Town" with its schools, churches, hospitals, crowded housing areas

and trailer camps at the suburbs extending into a rural village with its small church and farm activities, then across the seas to the armed services and peoples of other lands, with Christ at the head working through church people to spread His word. Mrs. Chester Davidson was in charge of decorations.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Perry Bolding, society president, a love offering was taken at the close of the meeting for the Vashti School for Girls, sponsored by the Methodist Church and located in Thomasville, Ga.

New Orleans, First Church

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of New Orleans completed their study on "The Church in Southeast Asia" in January, under the leadership of Mrs. Ivan Edwards. The class met the requirements for Jurisdictional recognition. The meetings featured Southeast Asian food and Oriental table setting was used by the Society at the monthly business meeting.

An offering was sent for Christian Education in Hongkong and plans are being made in cooperation with the Commissions to invite Mrs. C. I. Jones to show the films she made on her trip to the far east, and to tell of her visit there.

First Church, Lafayette,
Holds Annual
Luncheon

The Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist church, held its annual luncheon meeting yesterday with 76 members and 24 guests registering.

Among the guests were the following district officers: Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Crowley, president; Mrs. Paul Lasseigne, Rayne, treasurer; Mrs. Kenneth Trumps, Crowley, secretary of missionary education; Mrs. Martin Welch Jr., secretary of children's work, and Mrs. Willard Barnhill, Church Point, Secretary of literature and publications.

The social room and sanctuary were decorated with 600 red and white camellias given by Mr. and Mrs. Eloi Girard. Mrs. Clyde Edleman and Mrs. Tom Clark assisted in the decorative arrangements depicting the Valentine theme throughout the social room.

The Rev. Ted Tether, director of the Wesleyan Foundation, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, led the invocation, after being introduced by the president, Mrs. T. A. Cochran. Mrs. O. L. Bassham presented a gift to Miss Ann Morgan who has been selected as one of two students from the state of Louisiana as a delegate to attend the Student Citizen conference to be held in Washington, D. C., and New York City this month.

Following the luncheon, the meeting adjourned to the sanctuary where red and white camellias had been placed on the altar railing

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Monroe Guild
Observes Anniversary

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, La., observed its tenth anniversary with a special program at the church on Tuesday, January 29, at 7:30 in the evening. Honored guests for the occasion included Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary, Mrs. James T. Harris, many former members of the Guild, and members of the Memorial Woman's Society of Christian Service.

A brief outline of the ten years' activities was given by Mrs. Inas Gwin.

Mrs. James T. Harris brought a message on missions to the group. She told of wonderful experiences at the Lake Junaluska Conference which she attended this past summer.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of two life memberships, one to Mrs. Ralph Cain from the Woman's Society, and one to Mrs. Irene Nelson from the Guild.

After the program, guests were ushered into the church parlor for an hour of fellowship.

Covering the refreshment table was a gold linen tablecloth centered with a lovely arrangement of blue and gold spring flowers, flanked by gold tapers. Especially attractive was a tiered birthday cake in Guild colors, complete with ten lighted candles. Mrs. E. C. Whatley and Mrs. Arnold Kilpatrick poured tea while other courtesies were extended by the remaining members of the Guild,

Mrs. Gilstrap To Preside at Annual Meeting



MRS. JESSIE GILSTRAP

Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, president of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, will preside at the Annual Meeting to be held March 12-14 at the First Methodist Church, Forrest City. The meeting will con-

Edith Martin's Visit
in Paragould
District

The Woman Society of Christian Service of the Paragould District had the pleasure of being hostess and itinerating the visit of Miss Edith Martin on January 21st, 22nd and 23d. Miss Martin was the special guest and speaker at the all day District meeting held at the First Methodist Church in Corning on the 22nd. In spite of the continuous downfall of rain, over one hundred women from over the District attended the meeting. The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the New Home Church and the First Methodist Church of Corning were co-hostesses and served a delicious luncheon.

That evening Miss Martin spoke to the District Guilds at the First Methodist Church in Paragould. On the evening of the 21st she was in Walnut Ridge to speak on a District Mission and Methodist Youth Fellowship program, and on Wednesday the 23d spoke in Lynn. The offering at each meeting went to

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Lafayette District
Executive
Committee Meets

The Executive Committee of the Lafayette District Woman's Society of Christian Service met February 5 at the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, with the following officers present: Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Mrs. Eloi Girard, Mrs. M. A. Reber, Mrs. Paul Lasseigne, Mrs. Kenneth Trumps, Mrs. Martin Welch and Mrs. Willard Barnhill.

Reports were discussed. Twenty-two societies held Week of Prayer observances. Announcements were made of future meetings.

vene at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, and will adjourn with lunch Thursday, March 14.

"The Spirit of Christ For All of Life" is the theme of the program, of which Miss Mildred Osment, vice-president, is the Program Chairman.

Mrs. Gilstrap will deliver the President's Message, "The Spirit of Christ, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," at the Wednesday morning session of the meeting.

Officers of the Conference are: president, Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, Bentonville; vice-president, Miss Mildred Osment, Jonesboro; Recording secretary, Mrs. Bessie Andrew, Bentonville; Treasurer, Mrs. William Hall, Widener; secretaries of lines of work: promotion, Mrs. James Upton, Conway; missionary education, Mrs. Elmus Brown, Hughes; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Jeff Brown, Springdale; Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. J. H. Vogel, West Memphis; missionary projects, Mrs. E. H. Hook, Fayetteville; spiritual life, Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Searcy; Literature and publications, Mrs. S. B. Wilford, Paragould; children's work, Mrs. M. L. Kaylor, Yellville; youth, Mrs. A. J. Mitchell, Paris; student, Mrs. Olin Shockley; supply, Mrs. Don Richardson, Piggott; missionary personnel, Mrs. L. W. Blakely, Ft. Smith, and status of women, Mrs. J. K. Fraser, Ft. Smith.

Delegates to the annual meeting are the president of the local society, or her alternate; district officers, conference officers; and officers of the jurisdiction and Woman's Division within the bounds of the conference.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Gladys Hasler Guild of the Goddard Memorial Church, Fort Smith, met in the home of Mrs. Gus Degan Tuesday night, February 5 with Mrs. Frank Degan as co-hostess. Twenty-six members and three visitors were present; the visitors being, Mrs. Alfred Knox, pastor's wife; Mrs. Ben Watkins, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and Mrs. Gaylen Gossett, district Guild Secretary.

A Memorial Service was held for Mrs. Ada Echols, who passed away January 15, 1957 led by Mrs. M. L. Goldsworthy, president, with all the Guild joining hands and singing "Blest Be The Tide."

Mrs. Phillip Cornelius gave the devotional assisted by Miss Gertrude Soule.

Following the business session, refreshments were served by the hostesses.

St. Luke's Woman's Society of Christian Service, El Dorado, held a quilting party and covered dish luncheon in Fellowship Hall January 30 and January 31. Mrs. F. L. Williams, president, presided at the business session.

Mrs. Roy Murphy conducted the final session of the study "Youth in a Responsible Society—A Christian's Concern." Mrs. O. C. Stiles presented the playlet "Stolen Goods." There was an average attendance of 90% at the study.

Service To Church, Community, Business

A tree now grows in Baton Rouge, a stately, beautiful live oak, as a living testimony to one of its lifetime citizens, Miss Stella Murphey, 1223 Convention, to remind future generations of more than half a century of service to the church, business, and social life of this city and area.

The tree was planted Saturday afternoon, January 25, on the lawn of the new Baton Rouge District Parsonage of The Methodist Church, 4044 South Ramsey, in Walnut Hills. The planting was preceded by a simple ceremony of worship and testimony, conducted by the Rev. Edward W. Harris, District Superintendent of the Baton Rouge District. The invocation was given by the Rev. Jerome Cain, son of a former District Superintendent and pastor of Istrouma Methodist Church.

Words of Appreciation

Words of appreciation were spoken by Mr. Euberne Eckert, who gave the tree and planted it in honor of his boyhood Sunday School teacher who, through the years, has always been his "unforgettable character" and inspiration; by Mr. Frank Fleming Jr., and Mr. L. A. Himes, representing the Baton Rouge District Board of Trustees, recognizing her twenty five years as treasurer of the Board; by Dr. Dana Dawson, pastor of First Methodist Church, in recognition of her seventy-one years as member, teacher, steward, treasurer, missionary leader, teacher and worker with children and youth; by Mr. Hubert Brennan, vice-president of the Louisiana National Bank, where Miss Murphey served for thirty-five of her fifty-four years in the business life of the city; and by the Rev. Mr. Harris, recognizing her leadership in the local and district church life of the Methodist Church.

Assisting in the planting of the tree was one of Miss Murphey's fifteen great great grand nieces and nephews, Miss Kathy Schwab, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schwab, 3412 Belmont Ave. Kathy wore her Girl Scout uniform.

Following the tree planting, refreshments were served in the District Parsonage to the assembled guests. Mrs. Edward W. Harris served as hostess. A guest book containing the signatures of all present was presented to Miss Murphey by Mrs. L. C. Rushworth.

Tribute to "Miss Stella"

In his remarks, the Rev. Mr. Harris said of Miss Murphey: "The Live Oak tree is the best symbol that could have been selected to remind us of the life of 'Miss Stella,' as she is known to her friends. As the roots of the tree are set deeply in the soil, so are the physical and spiritual roots of her life set in the life of the city of Baton Rouge and the state of Louisiana. As the straight, upright shaft of the tree towers against the sky in stately beauty for all to see, so has her life stood before her friends and neighbors and fellow workers, a testimony to uprightness and beauty of character and life. As the branches spread above the earth, giving shade and comfort to many, so has her life extended its comfort, protection, and strength to countless friends, neighbors, children, youth, as well as the members of her family. As the Live Oak speaks to us of enduring and lasting growth and development, so her life ever reminds us that it is builded upon the Rock of Ages, and that it possesses an inner quality of spiritual life that is eternal in nature. As one cannot think of the Oak apart from the earth, from which it draws its life and strength, so we cannot think of Miss Stella's life apart from the Church or apart from God, for, from these sources, love and service have flowed through her life to others."

Born In Illinois

The story of Miss Stella Murphey's life begins in Shawneetown, Illinois, near Cairo, where the Ohio and Mississippi rivers flow together. Her twin baby sister died in infancy. She was one of nine children. At the age of three months, her family moved to Baton Rouge, and she has spent all of her seventy-eight years in this city. Although never married, she has been "aunt and mother" to nieces and nephews and to the fifteen great great grand nieces and nephews that "belong to her." She lives today in her own home, at 1223 Convention St. Living with her are Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Selser. She and Mrs. Selser are the only surviving members of her immediate family.

Unique Record in Business

Miss Murphey possesses a unique record in the business life of the city, having a service record of fifty-four years of continuous employment and numbering only three positions during that span of time. Her longest period of employment was with the Louisiana National Bank, where she spent thirty-five years, most of that time in charge of the Loan Department. For nine years she was connected with the old Capital City and Mercantile Bank. The other nine years were spent with Armours. She is now retired from the business world, but she still has a special place in her affections for each member of the official "family" of the Louisiana National Bank, where she ended her active business career. Thus, she was one of the first "career girls" and probably holds the longest record of service that is possible.

Best Understood in Relationship to Church

Although the business world commanded enough time and energy from her to fill the average life, Miss Stella is best understood in her



Pictured at the planting ceremony of the live oak tree at the Baton Rouge District parsonage in honor of Miss Stella Murphey are, left to right: L. A. Himes, Frank Fleming, Jr., Euberne Eckert, Miss Kathy Schwab, and Miss Murphey.

relationship with the church. For her, that has meant The Methodist Church, although she is no narrow sectarian in any sense of the word. Her mother who lived to the ripe age of ninety-one, raised her in the traditions of worship and practice of early Methodism. She remembers her mother as "the most faithful church member imaginable." Her father's family was Presbyterian in background. Joining the Methodist Church at the early age of seven, Miss Stella has been an active member for more than seventy-one years. She first joined old First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, when it was located on Church Street. Later she attended a small Mission Sunday School, conducted by the late Mr. Will Holmes. Mr. Holmes' father was teaching her class at First Church, and asked her to assist with the struggling Mission. The Mission resulted in the organization of Second Methodist Church, later called Keener Memorial Methodist Church, located on Government Street. She was a charter member of this church, and remained a member until the church was disbanded and the membership transferred back to First Church.

First Woman In District Elected to Board of Stewards

While a member of Keener Memorial Church, laity rights were granted to women by the General Conference of The Methodist Church, and she became the first woman to be elected to a Board of Stewards in the Baton Rouge District. She served continuously for thirty-five years. In the Keener church, she served as Treasurer. At First Church, she taught the Mizpah Bible Class for twelve years, a group of adult ladies. She also worked in the church office, taught children, youth, worked in Womans' Missionary Society, Epworth League, Junior League. According to the records, she served in almost every capacity, with one exception. She smilingly admits that they did not allow her to sing in the choir. When you ask Miss Stella how she managed to do so much church work, she tells you very simply: "I never thought of it as church 'work.' It was such a pleasure and privilege to serve that I never thought of it as work."

Treasurer of District Board of Trustees

In addition to her work in the local church, Miss Murphey has found time to serve for twenty-five years as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Baton Rouge District of The Methodist Church. In this capacity, she receives and disburses all District Funds received from seventy-three churches, forty-four charges, approximately twenty thousand laymen. Many thousands of dollars pass through her dedicated hands, are recorded accurately in her books, and then find their way to the proper channel of service to the Lord's work, either in the Baton Rouge District, The Louisiana Conference, or the General Program of Methodism at home and abroad. This work is a service of love, for which she will not allow any remuneration. Although retired from the professional career in the business world, she gives almost full time to the work of the church she has loved since childhood.

She admits, shyly, to other interests that border on hobbies, like reading and the growing of flowers, but she insists that she has difficulty finding "enough idle time to enjoy them."

Has Watched Church Grow

During the three score years and ten that she has observed the city, in its church and business life, she has watched the phenomenal growth in population in the city from village to the second city of the state. In church life, she has seen the church grow from small, struggling beginnings, until today it is "big business." She has been close to the life of parsonages and preachers, and has watched the days of physical hardship and privation develop into days of increased comfort and concern on the part of laymen for preacher and church. She has watched the deep hunger for God turn people more and more toward the church. Hers is a hopeful and optimistic spirit, as she envisions the future of the church. One has the feeling that she would like to begin all over again with a class of children or youth to teach them.

One Of World's Largest Religious Missions

Office of Information Services
Headquarters Air Force ROTC

MAXWELL AFB, Ala.—Visualize a parish extending from the rocky coasts of Maine to the far-distant island of Puerto Rico, from the Pacific possession of Hawaii to sun-swept Florida and you have what is perhaps one of the most geographically extensive religious missions in the world.

And it's all directed from a small office in an Air Force headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.—the Chaplain's office of Headquarters, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, a part of the Air University.

Surprisingly, this huge area of religious work is performed by two Air Force chaplains who make regularly scheduled visits to the 186 Air Force ROTC units throughout the United States, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

They are Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Vernon O. Rogers of Martinsburg, W. Va., and Chaplain (Maj.) Carl W. McGeehon of East Palestine, Ohio.

Their responsibility is to supervise that area of the Air Force ROTC training, which emphasizes character development as the basis for sound leadership.

Proof of the contribution made by Air Force ROTC to the nation's defense effort is the fact that 80 per cent of all Air Force officer requirements are met by graduating cadets who enter the Air Force for active duty—more than 7,000 each year.

The majority of tomorrow's pilots, navigators and scientific and technically trained officers will be products of the nation's Air Force ROTC program.

Brig. Gen. T. C. Rogers, AFROTC Commandant, recently outlined the area of chaplain responsibility as "development within the AFROTC curriculum and program an emphasis upon integrity of character in leadership."

General Rogers pointed out that since the Air Force is vitally concerned with the moral and ethical standards of its officers, he is stressing a high personal code in cadet training.

The chaplain's activity in General Rogers' headquarters seeks to further the high personal code policy by strengthening concepts of responsibility, loyalty, self-discipline and devotion to duty, particularly by stressing the moral and ethical requirements for leadership.

In other words, the quality of future Air Force officers will be vitally affected by the training these young men receive in terms of basic honesty, decency, trustworthiness, and grasp of moral and spiritual values.

This nation-wide program is affected through preparation of curriculum material by the two chaplains which is used in student addresses.

During their academic course in college, Air Force ROTC students receive a block of instruction on such subjects as: "Moral and Spiritual Foundations for Leadership," "The Moral Responsibility of Air Force Officers," and "The USAF Chaplain Program."

These lectures are presented by active duty chaplains from air bases near the campuses or by reserve chaplains in the area of the school. When neither is available, local clergymen, preferably with military experience, or faculty members with a concern for this matter are utilized.

By means of staff visits the two chaplains monitor and coordinate this mammoth activity. Traveling with every means of transportation at their disposal, the chaplains visit all colleges and universities where AFROTC detachments are located.

This means that normally each chaplain visits eight or nine schools during a two week period, after which he returns to his headquarters for briefings and to catch up on administrative work. Then the process is repeated.

During a staff visit the chaplain usually speaks to a cadet assembly on topics relating but not overlapping the curriculum material. Interviews are arranged with key personnel of the faculty and administrative staffs.

Every effort is made to acquaint all concerned with the emphasis which the Air Force is placing on the moral character of its future officers.

Another function of the AFROTC chaplain's office is the Chaplain Trainee Candidate program. A cadet who is committed to the ministry may apply for advanced AFROTC training, and upon graduation receives a commission. He is deferred from active duty until he completes seminary, after which he enters the Air Force for a three-year duty period as a chaplain.

The visiting Chaplains advise and assist the young ministerial participants in this program.



CHAPLAINS VIEW NATION'S MAP AS THEIR PARISH—Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Vernon O. Rogers (right) discusses a visit schedule to the nation's colleges and universities with his assistant Chaplain (Maj.) Carl W. McGeehon. Their job is to help develop the moral character of more than 100,000 college cadets in the United States who become 80 per cent of tomorrow's Air Force leaders.

Promotional Magazine "The Methodist Story" Begins Publication

Chicago (MI)—First issue of THE METHODIST STORY, new monthly program journal of The Methodist Church published here, will go in the mails this week.

Dated for March, the first number of THE METHODIST STORY will go to 200,000 key leaders of the church. It was authorized by the 1956 General Conference as a means of presenting to the local churches of Methodism the program and promotional materials of the church's general agencies.

THE METHODIST STORY is edited by Edwin H. Maynard and published by the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, with the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn as general secretary and publisher. Editorial offices are at 740 Rush street, Chicago.

While the new magazine replaces five other publications whose pages were closed by the General Conference, it will not only represent the interests served by those magazines but all causes in the church's regular program. The five magazines whose services are continued in THE METHODIST STORY are: CHURCH AND CAMPUS, THE PASTOR'S JOURNAL, SHEPHERDS, THE STORY and THE VOICE.

The 32-page program journal contains several major articles on various activities of the church. A "Looking Ahead" page lists special observances during coming months and ties them in to the local church's program.

A four-page program planning section on "Your Church" sets the tone for the entire magazine and makes it clear that material used anywhere in the publication is

beamed to the local church, its pastor, commission chairmen and key lay officials. In the same slant toward effective work in the local church, the magazine carries a column featuring new publications—books and pamphlets useful at the local level.

Two widely-known Methodist journalists will contribute regular columns: the Rev. Dr. Roy L. Smith, writing "Bulletin Liners" and W. W. Reid with his "On A Wide Circuit."

in part: "Many generations of faithful Christians have added their pages to the story. In the measure that Christ comes alive in us, the gospel according to you and me begins." The meditation is concluded with a prayer and a thought for the day.

Because of the wide readership and popularity of *The Upper Room*, it is considered a high honor to have a meditation selected and published in the world's most widely used devotional guide. Dr. Potts, the editor, points out that each meditation appears not only in English, but each of the other language editions including: Arabic, Italian, Armenian, Japanese, Hindi, Thai, Korean, Greek, Spanish, Swedish, Urdu, Portuguese, Tagalog, Ilocano, Telugu, Norwegian, Tamil, Turkish, Hungarian, Chinese, Persian, Finnish, Russian, Gujarati, Cebuano, and French.

Dr. Lueg's meditation, with the others in the March-April issue, is a part of the ministry of 70,000 churches in the United States and Canada. These churches represent every Protestant denomination.

LA. PASTOR WRITES FOR UPPER ROOM

Dr. Carl F. Lueg, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana, is the author of the meditation being used on Sunday, April 28, by an estimated eleven million people around the world who are readers of *The Upper Room*. The *Upper Room*, a devotional guide under the editorship of Dr. J. Manning Potts, has a world circulation of more than three million copies. It is published in 34 editions including 28 languages, English Braille, and English Talking Book.

Dr. Lueg based his meditation on Mark 16:6: "Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him." He says

When J. R. Mathews Declined India Episcopacy

Friends of Dr. James R. Mathews—and Methodists generally—now known that the Executive Secretary of the Division of World Missions, Board of Missions, was elected a bishop of Southern Asia when the Central Conference met in India some weeks ago. It knows, too, that he declined to accept the post because he felt that India and Pakistan were ready for national leadership. Twenty ballots later two Indian ministers were elected to the office.

A copy of the *Daily Indian Witness* just received in this country gives the statement of declination that Dr. Mathews made to the Conference:

"Yesterday this Central Conference expressed its confidence in me by electing me as one of its bishops. I am indeed grateful for this high honor and for the courtesy shown me in allowing me time to consider the invitation prayerfully and to consult with my wife and friends. Since that time I believe I can say that I have continued in a spirit of prayer.

"Such are present-day marvels that I was early this morning able to speak with my wife. I am pleased to report that her attitude was entirely in accord with that of Ruth of old, 'Whither thou goest, I will go.' Likewise, I have consulted with other trusted friends. My decision is my own.

"After the most mature reflection of which I am capable, I have concluded that it is not God's will for me at this time to serve the Methodist Church in Southern Asia as bishop. Therefore, I feel compelled to ask you to relieve me from this office to which you have so kindly elected me.

"In making this decision, I pledge an even greater interest in the Church here than I have shown before. It will be my purpose to serve you and your bishops more than ever. More than that, as long as memory serves me I shall be grateful second to none other on earth.—Jai Krist."

JOHN WESLEY FILM NOW AVAILABLE

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land is transformed by this wide application of the Gospel.

Three of the most famous Wesley hymns are sung in the picture: "Jesus, the Name of Sinners Dear," in the Foundry chapel; "Welcome to the Faithful Soul," with the Bristol miners at Hannam Mount; and "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," at the close of the film.

John Wesley's life spanned the 18th Century, when an unconcerned Church of England bowed to the influence of the wealth and sought not the good of the common people but the social position of the clergy.

From the climactic moment of the Aldersgate Street experience, John Wesley's enthusiastic new faith challenges many social evils such as extreme poverty, child labor, drunkenness, lack of medical care and education, and the indifference of the clergy.

New materials are available for the local promotion of the film. These include a 17x22-inch poster for display on church bulletin boards or in public places, and a small leaflet for distribution to the prospective audience, alerting them to the scope of the film. A new leader's guide has been prepared also, and contains an order blank for the promotional materials.

The poster and leaflet, available at nominal cost for printing and handling, may be ordered from the

METHODIST CHURCH GROWS IN PERU

The 48th session of the Peru Provisional Annual Conference met January 22nd to 27th in the LaVictoria Methodist Church at School, Lima, Peru, Bishop Julio M. Sabanes presiding. Highlights of the conference included reports from the home mission project among the indigenous people of the eastern interior, plans for an institute for preparation of Christian workers, and the appointments for work another year.

Reports from the home missions project on the Rio Negra near Satipo indicated that the work is progressing and that there is now the basis for a permanent church and school among the Campa Tribe. Their interest had never been known before the work began four years ago. A delegation of three Campas attended the Conference and took part in its activities.

To Establish Institute

Plans were formulated and approved for the establishment of a permanent institute for the preparation of Christian workers to be located in Lima. The institute will work on a secondary school level, and will begin its program in April of this year.

Among the appointments of general interest were the assignment of Miss Dorothy Sandfort, a missionary of the Woman's Division, to work in Colegio Andino which has hitherto been a World Division project. The new high school section there urgently needed a woman for director of the girls' section. The Rev. Luis J. Jack was appointed Superintendent of the Central District; the Rev. Hector La Porta was appointed to direct the Student Work; and the Rev. Elton Watlington to direct the Institute.

Changes in conference relations included the following: Transfers in: the Rev. Hector La Porta, from Uruguay Prov. Annual Conference; the Rev. Elton Watlington, from Memphis Annual Conference. Received from American Baptist Convention in Argentina: the Rev. Carlos A. Guevara. Removed by withdrawal: the Rev. Natalio Gary.

Six Percent Increase

The statistician reported a net increase of six percent in members in full communion during the year and an increase of twenty percent in the general finances of the local churches. Another item of general interest was the announcement of the purchase of three properties during the year and the completion of the church building at Chincha Alta. The new properties are all in the Lima area: a lot for the church in Magdalena Nueva; a house and large lot for the church in Miraflores; and a lot and house near First Methodist Church for use as a Student Center.

Television, Radio and Film Commission.

OBITUARIES

LEACHMAN — Mr. Claude Lee Leachman, of Douglas Community, passed into the "Great Beyond," January 13th, 1957. He was born near Ruston, Louisiana, May 7, 1901; lived in that section all of his life; was married to Miss Birdell Green, October 3rd, 1925; and expired January 13, 1957.

The funeral service was conducted in the Douglas Methodist Church, 2:00 p. m., Tuesday, January 15, by Rev. George P. Goodwin, pastor, and Rev. J. O. Payne, pastor, New Hope Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Birdell Green Leachman; one son, Mr. Laster Leachman, Ruston, Louisiana; four daughters, Miss Julia Faye Leachman, Douglas, La.; Mrs. Raymond E. Murphy, Choudrant, La.; Mrs. David F. Owen, Douglas, La.; Miss Dola Leachman, Douglas, La.; six brothers, L. L. Leachman, Downsville, La.; Rev. T. W. Leachman, Minden, La.; S. W. Leachman, Douglas, La.; J. C. Leachman, Alexandria, La.; Vernon J. Leachman, Ruston, Louisiana; S. H. Leachman, Bastrop, La.; two sisters, Mrs. D. M. Holtzclaw, Douglas, La.; Mrs. E. J. Hines, Choudrant, La.; nine grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Leachman was more than an ordinary man. He was a devoted husband and father; a friend to all with whom he was associated; a Christian gentleman; and for many years, a faithful member of the Douglas Methodist Church.

To know Claude, was to love him, and his exemplary life, was truly an inspiration, to all who knew him.

Claude will be greatly missed by his many friends and acquaintances. We are comforted by the assurance that he is waiting for us in that Heavenly home, where the roses never wither, and the rainbow never fades; where sickness, sorrow, pain and death, will be felt and feared no more. Signed: A Friend

WALDRON—Wood W. Waldron, a faithful servant of God and a beloved citizen of Ruston and Lincoln Parish, entered the Great Life Beyond August 25, 1956. Mr. Waldron had been in failing health for a long time, but in spite of this, he kept in touch with his church and his pastor, and was keenly interested in the work of the Methodist Church throughout Louisiana. He was a charter member of the Grace Church in Ruston, after having been a member of the Antioch Church on the Simsboro Charge for many years.

Born in 1876, Mr. "Wood," as he was called by his friends, lived most of his life in the Ruston area. He married Miss Delia Norris in 1901 and to this union was born three

sons, C. H., A. W., and J. M. Waldron, and one daughter, Mrs. W. H. Moring.

Mr. Waldron was held in highest esteem by those who knew him. His ready wit and outgoing and friendly personality won him many friends during his lifetime.

Though it is always difficult to be separated from those we love, we are greatly comforted by the noble character of this man, who remained true to God, to his home, to his beloved companion, and to his community.

A memorial service was conducted for him August 26, 1956, by the pastor of Grace Church, Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr.

FIRE DESTROYS PENNA. METHODIST CHURCH

Kingston, Pa. (RNS)—Fire gutted an 80-year-old Methodist church here while more than 100 firemen fought to control the blaze. Only the walls and steeple of the edifice are standing. Damage is estimated at more than \$500,000.

Two firemen were injured and two others overcome by smoke battling the fire which authorities said started in the boiler room of the church.

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Superintendent

Four Ordained In New Chinese Conference

When the Taiwan-Hongkon Provisional Annual Conference was organized recently by Bishop Ralph A. Ward—under authority of the 1956 General Conference—a woman missionary and three young Chinese men were received as ministers-on-trial.

They are: Miss Ortha M. Lane, Ph. D., of Lone Tree Iowa; Lincoln Leung, Moses Lee, and William Peng. Each of these new pastors has an interesting story of preparation, consecration, and service.

Dr. Lane served, beginning in 1919, in the North China Annual Conference as a missionary of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions. Subsequently, she served for a term as a missionary of the Woman's Division in the Philippines. More recently she has been a missionary of that Division for work in Taiwan, stationed in the city of Tainan. Dr. Lane has long been a fully-ordained Local Preacher of exceptional academic preparation and useful missionary experience. Her work will be primarily in the Methodist Church in Tainan and for specialized service in other churches in Taiwan.

Lincoln Leung graduated from Trinity Theological College, Singapore, in 1956. Meanwhile he has served as pastor's assistant at the North Point Methodist Church, Hongkong. Mr. Leung's grandfather, the Rev. Yui Sze Tsa, was long one of the leading ministers of the East China Conference, for several years pastor of Moore Memorial Church, Shanghai, and more recently for a similar period was pastor of the Young Allen Methodist Church in that same city.

Moses Lee has practically completed the course in a Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hongkong. Concurrently with his studies there, and for a year afterwards, he served as pastor's assistant at the North Methodist Church. More recently and for the ensuing year he is immediately in charge of Methodist church work in Wesley Village.

William Peng's secondary education was in the William Nast Academy (Methodist), first in West China during the war years and later in Kiukiang. He is a graduate of Bethel Bible School, Honkong, and of Chung Chi College (interdenominational) in Hongkong. Mr. Peng has been pastor's assistant for the development of work for refugees on one of the roof-tops of

AREA LEADERS TO ATTEND NATIONAL HOSPITAL HOME MEET

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more than 500 delegates from all sections of the nation. They will include administrators of hospitals, homes for children and homes for the aged; board members; auxiliary presidents; chairmen of annual conference boards of hospitals and homes; chaplains, and others.

The convention will open Tuesday evening, Feb. 26, with a reception in honor of the new general secretary of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes, Olin E. Oeschger of Chicago.

FIRST CHURCH LAFAYETTE, HOLDS ANNUAL LUNCHEON

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and red camellias formed a question mark above the pulpit, emphasizing the theme of the program,

the thickly-populated high re-settlement buildings erected by the Hongkong government.

"Whom Shall I Send?" Mrs. John C. Palmer opened the program with prayer and Mrs. Wm. Wood sang, "Awake, Awake" accompanied by Mrs. V. L. Wharton at the piano. Scripture was read by Mrs. W. A. Curley.

The program brought out the fact that where a person's talent meets the need, there is his call and was presented by Mrs. Tom Clark as program leader with Mesdames John Mouton, Charles Wilbanks, T. F. Wilbanks, Tony Houston and Cora Wilcox. The script was written by Betty Ruth Goula, niece of Mrs. Gee Thomas.

EDITH MARTIN'S VISIT IN PARAGOULD DISTRICT

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the Edith Martin Fund. Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service attended all meetings getting inspiration and learning of the splendid missionary work Miss Martin is doing in the Belgian Congo of Africa.

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LESSON FOR MARCH 3, 1957 CONFESSING CHRIST TODAY

READ MATTHEW 16:13-28.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Who do you say that I am?
... You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

—Matthew 16:25-16 (RSV)

With our lesson today, we begin a new unit of study which contains five lessons. The general theme of the study is "Human Destiny and Man's Relation to Jesus the Christ." The subject of the first of these lessons is "Confessing Christ Today."

Although this is a new unit of study, our lesson text for today follows immediately the lesson of last week. Our lesson text last week closed with the 12th verse of the 16th chapter of Matthew. Our lesson text today begins with the 13th verse of the same chapter.

Jesus, with His disciples, had gone north from the location of our last lesson and had come into the district where Caesarea Philippi was located. They were in the extreme northern end of Palestine, almost on the border of Syria.

For almost two years and a half Jesus had been training His disciples in the work of the kingdom. It would appear that He had come to a turning point in His ministry and wanted to know what the people in general thought about Him and also He wanted to know how well the disciples had learned a truth He was so anxious for them to see. It was a kind of examination period, with Jesus asking the questions and the disciples giving the answers.

Public Opinion About Jesus

The first question Jesus asked His disciples here was, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" Jesus wanted to know from His disciples just what opinion the public in general held about Him. It appears that different ones of the disciples gave answers to this question since the record says, "they said." There were various answers to this question. They were, "Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some Elias, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." The disciples were here reporting on public opinion as they had heard it expressed.

It is significant, we think, to note that all of these opinions about Jesus were very complimentary. Unless the Jews had thought Jesus to be a very unusual person, they would have never have thought of giving Him a place along side of Elijah, Jeremiah or John the Baptist or any of the earlier prophets, all of whom they held in the highest regard. Nevertheless, as complimentary as were these opinions about Jesus, they were in no sense satisfactory to Him since they did not reach up to the high level of recognizing Him for what He really was, the Christ. Consequently He turned to His disciples with a very pointed question.

What The Disciples Thought About Jesus

After hearing from His disciples

the recital of the various opinions about Him, as held by the public, Jesus turned to His disciples with the pointed question, "Whom do you say that I the Son of man am?" This time it was Peter who gave the answer, as he often did as spokesman for the group. His reply was, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

This was the answer Jesus wanted to hear and it seemed to touch something deep in the heart of the Master and He envisioned a church that could now be built, indestructible and eternal, a church with such strength that no power on earth or beneath the earth could prevail against it. This feeling He expressed.

Jesus recognized, also, that this faith in Him as the Christ was a revelation of God to the disciples. They certainly did not get it from the world about them, since nowhere about them was reported faith in Him as Christ. Jesus said, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." This declaration of faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah was the result of a divine revelation from God the Father. Left to themselves and to the influence of public opinion about them, it is unlikely that they would have ever come to this high and holy faith which led them to make the "Great Confession."

Unless we listen to something besides public opinion in our day, we will never arrive at the clear-cut faith in Christ so necessary to our salvation. The Spirit of God is at work in the world today as it was in the days of the disciples and will help us to see Christ as God's Son and our Saviour, if we leave the door of our hearts ajar to the Holy Spirit and are sensitive to His leadership.

On This Rock I Will Build

After the Great Confession, Jesus, in a spirit of exaltation said to Peter, who had spoken for the group of disciples, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

One of the great religious controversies that has rocked the religious world since the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, had its origin in the difference of interpretation of the statement Jesus made at this time. The Roman Catholic Church interprets the statement of Jesus to mean that Christ purposed to build His church on Peter the Apostle and that He delivered to Peter the "keys of the kingdom" and made Peter and his successors, the Popes, the Vicars of Christ, the direct representatives of Christ in the world.

The position of the Protestant

world is that Christ was saying that this faith of the disciples in Him as the Christ and a similar faith in Him as Christ by 'people of succeeding generations would make possible the building of the church eternal. The Protestant world feels that Peter, impulsive as he was and at time as faulty as he was, would have been a very insecure foundation on which to build the church of Christ on earth. Faith in Christ is a foundation which is sure and secure. On such a foundation a church can be built that is as eternal as God Himself is eternal.

Jesus Foretells of His Suffering and Death

Matthew tells us, immediately following the record of the Great Confession, that "From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples how that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things . . . and be killed, and be raised again the third day."

We think it is not difficult to understand why Jesus waited until after the Great Confession before He began to stress His coming suffering and death at the hands of His enemies. Before His disciples were ready to hear such talk from Jesus, they must first be well grounded in their faith in Him as the Messiah. Even so, the first reaction of Peter to these words of Jesus was to say, "This shall not be unto thee."

While the disciples' conception of Jesus as the Christ was far beyond that of the masses who believed Him to be only a prophet, nevertheless, their conception of His Messiahship was still deeply colored by the general conception the Jews had of the character of Messiah which they felt would come to redeem Israel. That Messiah, so the Jews thought, would re-establish the Kingdom of David and by the power of His might make Jerusalem the center of the religious and political life of the world.

Hence it was, after Jesus had led them to believe in Him as the promised Christ or Messiah, that He then found it necessary to emphasize teachings that would enable them to understand the character of the kingdom He had come to establish. While they possibly expected that Jesus would bring in His kingdom by military might, Jesus began to teach them that He would willingly be made to suffer and die at the hands of His enemies.

Jesus added some words to these warnings of His coming suffering and death, the meaning of which His disciples apparently could not grasp and did not understand until after His resurrection. The words were "And be raised again the third day." Such words would have led them to believe in Him more firmly as the Messiah if they had understood them.

What It Means To Deny Self

In the 24th verse of our lesson Jesus begins to emphasize for His disciples the fact that suffering and sacrifice must be the lot of all who would reach the high plane of Christian service. He said to His disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me."

The doctrine of self-denial has been so misunderstood that it has

caused many to reject the Christian way of living because of what it might cost to be a Christian. After all, self-denial is the dethroning of self and the enthroning of Christ in our lives. We make Christ and His way of life central in life's purposes in exchange for the little selfish, and often sordid plans of our own. For the disciples self-denial was the throwing aside of their plans as fishermen, tax collectors and other kindred plans of life to become leaders in a movement that was to turn the world "upside down." For the prodigal son it was quitting the stench and filth of a hog pen for the warmth and fellowship of his father's house.

Spiritual Mathematics

In verse 25 Jesus makes a paradoxical statement which again teaches the necessity of emptying self of self in order to attain the larger life. Perhaps Christ's statement about cross-bearing and self-denial left His hearers, even His disciples, somewhat cold to the idea. Why deny self in order to follow Christ? Let Him go his way, some probably thought, and we will go ours.

For the benefit of any in that day, or in our day, who may think it is merely a matter of personal preference as to whether they live the Christian life or not, Jesus added these words, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." Jesus is saying that if we try to save our lives to ourselves by turning away from Him, we but guarantee the loss of the finer and better things of life here and lose our souls in the world to come. If we lose our lives in the service of Christ and our fellow man, by that character of life we guarantee for ourselves the best life holds for anyone here and everlasting life in the world to come.

The thing that has caused more people to lose the way in life than any other is the mistaken idea that they know better how to plan their lives than the God who made them. They reject Christ's plan for life and strike out to make a way of their own only to find that they have lost the life they thought they were saving. It has been said of some that "They forgot themselves into immortality." That is to say that in forgetting themselves, in a life of devotion and service, they have found the larger life of which Christ was speaking here. According to Jesus, we lose what we selfishly attempt to save, and save what we unselfishly give in Christ's service.

Verse 26 states the other problem in spiritual mathematics and leaves us to supply the inevitable answer. It reads, "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall he give in exchange for his soul. Only an understanding glance at these two problems is needed for one to come up with the correct answer for both. The answer is, in one short word, "Nothing." Many have worked at the problem for a lifetime to find at the end that the answer is the same, "Nothing." It is spiritual tragedy indeed to find the answer to this question the hard way at the end of a useless, wasted life.

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March 3-10 Is Week of Dedication

Methodist Churches throughout the nation will observe the Week of Dedication, Mar. 3-10, according to a joint announcement made by Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburgh, chairman of the Week of Dedication Committee, and Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Columbus, O., chairman of the church's Advance Committee.

In announcing the church-wide observance, they called the denomination's nine million members to make the week "a time to come to a deeper understanding of your role in the missionary life of your church."

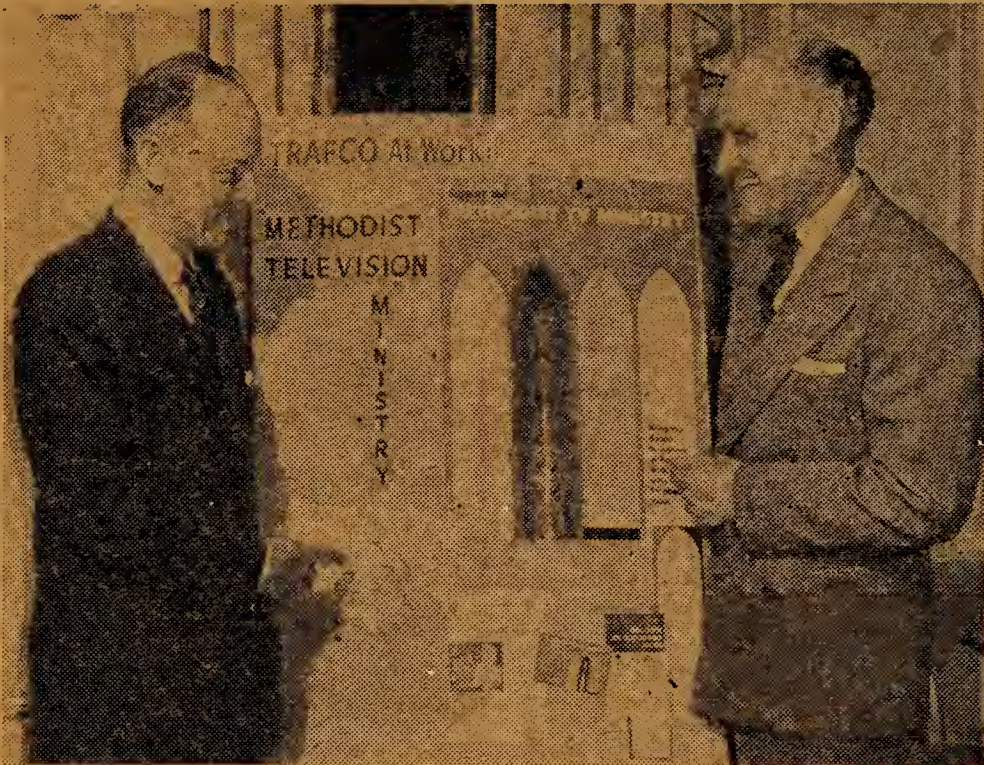
The Week of Dedication is set aside by action of the church's General Conference as a period for

See page 2 for list of 1957 Week of Dedication Projects.

special services, prayers for those in the mission fields, and the receiving of an offering for special missionary projects.

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Ruston Layman Attends TRAFCO Meeting



Recent advances in the Methodist Television Ministry and future local church support for it are discussed by two members of the Television, Radio and Film Commission during the annual meeting February 14 in Chicago. At left is J. C. Love of Ruston, Louisiana, a member-at-large and a member of both the Television Ministry and the Executive Committees of the Commission, with Dr. Edwin E. Reeves of Riverside, California, the Western Jurisdiction representative and a member of the Executive Committee.

Statistics Show Gains In Eight Year Period

There was a gain of 9.17 percent in church membership of the Methodist Church during the period 1948-1956 according to a survey of some of the statistics of Methodism, the reports of which were distributed to those attending the National District Superintendents Conference, February 11-13, in Chicago.

During the same period there was a 19.14% gain in church school enrollment, from 5,838,615 to 6,956,576. The Women's Society reported 23.04% gain during the same period, 1,455,086 to 1,790,441.

Total giving during this period for Methodists increased 110.7%, from \$196,435,163 to \$413,893,955. This represents a per capita gain in giving for all purposes from \$22.71 to \$43.82.

Statistics for Arkansas-Louisiana Area

During this same period of eight years there was an increase of 3.1% in membership in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, from 287,123 to 296,821. However, there was a 10.8% gain in church school enrollment as shown in the gain from 185,083 to 205,539.

Membership gain in the Women's Society membership was 43.7%. This was an increase from 29,038 to 41,741.

Total giving during this period was increased in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area from \$5,651,557 to \$13,639,586 or a 141.3% gain.

The per capita for Methodists in Arkansas and Louisiana was increased from \$19.63 in 1948 to \$45.95 in 1956.

South Central Jurisdiction Figures
There was a 12.2% increase in church membership in the eight states comprising the South Central Jurisdiction and a 25.8% increase in church school enrollment in the 1948-56 period. The same period also saw a 34.4% gain in Women's Society membership.

Total giving during this period increased 118.1% or from \$39,130,302 to \$85,372,334. This survey was prepared by Phillip T. Bohi, director of Stewardship Cultivation, Missouri Area.

has its headquarters here.

The Discipline is the official statement of the constitution and laws of The Methodist Church. It includes actions of the 1956 Methodist General Conference, rules of organization and procedure, and a description of the church's administrative agencies and their functions.

The 1956 Discipline is 890 pages in length, 122 pages larger than the 1952 edition. The price remains at \$1.50.

Much of the increased length resulted from presenting the entire "Quadrennial Emphasis" of the church for the 1956-60 quadrennium.

Area Reports 10,312 Subscribers To Magazine

The Arkansas-Louisiana Area has more than 10,312 subscribers to Methodism's new mid-monthly family magazine, *Together*, according to a report distributed at the National District Superintendents Conference in Chicago, February 11-13.

This report was made up as of Dec. 15 and included all subscriptions having been received by that date. According to officials of the publications the total circulation for the magazine February 1 was 850,000.

The Louisiana Conference leads other conferences in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area with a report of 5,758 subscriptions. The North Arkansas Conference reports 2,401 and the Little Rock Conference 2,153 subscriptions.

The Shreveport District leads other districts of the area with a total of 1,301 subscriptions, with the New Orleans District a close second with 1,212. The other districts included: the Jonesboro, 775; the Baton Rouge, 745; the Lafayette, 730; the Monticello, 679; the Pine Bluff, 666; and the Monroe, 609.

The Monticello, New Orleans, and Paragould districts each have 12 churches with every family lists. The Shreveport District has nine churches with every family lists, and the Lafayette and Pine Bluff Districts for six churches with every family lists.

Nashville, Tenn. (M.I.)—The nation's approximately 27,000 Methodist ministers will help select subject areas for future programs of Methodism's "The Way" television series.

The ministers' counsel will be sought through correspondence, said Bishop Donald H. Tippet, San Francisco, president of the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO).

The announcement was made at the annual meeting of the national commission February 14 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

The commission is seeking ways to increase local participation in the nationally produced "Methodist Television Ministry" programs, said the Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer, Nashville, TRAFCO general secretary. It is hoped that future programs of "The Way" can have a format that will enable local religious leaders to introduce and discuss the filmed dramatic parts of the programs.

TRAFCO's 30 members include two bishops, other ministers, and laymen. J. C. Love, Ruston, is a member of the group.

1956 "Discipline" Available Soon

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—Copies of the 1956 *Discipline of The Methodist Church*, cloth edition, are expected to be available by March 4 from all regional houses of the Methodist Publishing House.

The announcement was made by Cecil D. Jones, Nashville, vice-president in charge of publishing for the Methodist Publishing House, which

The Revs. James Major, A. N. Storey, and Karl Tooke, directors of the Area-wide Every Member Canvass program in the Little Rock, North Arkansas, and Louisiana Conferences, respectively, suggest a

TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. By this time the Pastor and Chairman of the Official Board should have chosen the General Chairman for the Every Member Canvass.
2. The General Chairman and Pastor should now complete the EMC organization, choosing the sub-committee Chairmen as outlined on the Organization Chart in the Manual.
3. The General Committee meets prior to March 10 to discuss plans and clear the responsibilities of each Committee Chairman.
4. Prospects Committee should begin immediately preparing a Master List of prospective givers, including every church member — man, woman, boy and girl as well as non-members who are users of the church. Leave no one out. Remember you perform a spiritual service when you see his need to give.
5. The General Committee holds its second meeting on March 11 to complete plans and select material from the Order Form.
6. On March 12, the Materials Chairman will order the material that has been selected.

NOTE: Watch for suggestions from the conference directors in this space each week during the EMC program.

Family Life Conf. Set For Next Year, Chicago

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — The third National Conference on Family Life for The Methodist Church will be held October 17-19, 1958, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

The announcement was made by Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, chairman of the General Committee on Family Life of The Methodist Church.

About 3,000 parents and church workers especially concerned with serving the needs of families are expected to attend the meeting.

The conference is being sponsored by 12 Methodist agencies working together through the General Committee on Family Life, which was established by the 1956 Methodist General Conference.

The program committee for the conference consists of Bishop Werner, Methodist Bishop Eugene M. Frank, St. Louis; Methodist Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y.; Dr. Joy Bayless, Nashville, editor of *The Christian Home*, a Methodist magazine for parents; the Rev. G. L. Hergesheimer, Philadelphia, a staff member of the Methodist Board of Missions; the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Chicago, general secretary of the Methodist Commission on Promotion and Cultivation; the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, editor of *The Upper Room*, devotional guide published by the Methodist Board of Evangelism; Miss Thelma Stevens, New York City, executive secretary, Department of Christian Social Relations, Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service; and the Rev. Dr. Edward D. Staples, Nashville, director, Department of the Christian Family, Methodist Board of Education.

RIVERSIDE CHURCH PLANS FM STATION

NEW YORK (RNS) — Riverside church here has filed application with the Federal Communications Commission to set up a standard, 10,000-watt FM broadcasting station.

It seeks to operate the station on FM channel 294 on a 35-hour-a-week, non-profit basis. The station would have a range of 25 miles or more.

Plans call for broadcasting music and education as well as religious programs. The religious programs would include a daily devotional period. The station's facilities would be available to other institutions in the area.

Temperance Board Calls For More Discipline In Life

Washington, D. C. (MI) — Two leaders of the Methodist Board of Temperance are urging the church to lead a nation-wide crusade "to restore discipline in American life."

Bishop John Wesley Lord of Boston, president, and the Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton of Washington, general secretary, issued the appeal at the board's annual meeting here Jan. 23-25.

"We call our people to a new crusade in which self-imposed moral discipline will replace the present moral and social irresponsibility that is the root reason for much of our drinking, infidelity, crime and political corruption," Bishop Lord said.

"America cannot be strong or secure in this unstable world unless and until she strengthens the moral and spiritual foundations of her own home," he added.

Dr. Hooton said "We feel there is a looseness in certain phases of American life which can only be overcome by a moral discipline by people of the churches. . . We are challenging Christians to set up high standards of living and discipline."

Bishop Lord noted that "a moral revolution must precede all further social and political activity if we are to remain a nation under God and be governed by just and righteous laws - only good men can create and maintain good laws."

He urged church members to "oppose every popular pressure and advertising effort to undermine the moral life of our nation, and to support every law and agency that serve to strengthen family life and moral principles."

Missionary Doctor TV Show Rescheduled

Overwhelming response from physicians, churchmen, television writers and viewers has prompted March of Medicine to repeat its hour-long documentary on missionary medicine Tuesday, March 5, at 9:30 p.m. EST over the NBC-TV network.

This latest in the prize-winning TV series, produced and sponsored by Smith, Kline & French Laboratories in cooperation with the American Medical Association, is called "Mongana", tribal dialect for "White Doctor." Originally televised November 27, it brought a heavy flow of enthusiastic letters, telegrams, phone calls and personal

messages—many asking to see the program again.

Among the nation's television critics, Jack Gould of the New York Times called Mongana "an absorbing hour-long documentary on the work of a missionary doctor in a remote village of the Belgian Congo." Jay Nelson Tuck of the New York Post felt that "beautiful photography, skillful editing and a script of simple directness combined to tell an inspiring story."

The show chronicles the daily labors of one missionary, Dr. John Ross, as an "illustration of the work American doctors are doing for sick people all over the world."

In Doctor Ross' clinic, surgery is always preceded by a prayer. He is shown at his 14-hour day—overseeing a nearby leprosarium, conducting a weekly pre-natal clinic, traveling to distant "bush clinics."

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Week of Dedication Projects, 1957

The Week of Dedication is held each year during the week preceding the first Sunday in Lent. The dates this year are March 3-10. The main purposes of the observance is spiritual. A voluntary offering is taken to support special missionary projects not otherwise provided for. The Crusade Scholarship program of the church is supported by the Week of Dedication. Below are the projects for 1957: they will be built in the order indicated under each section, and as far down the list as the offering makes possible.

DIVISION OF NATIONAL MISSIONS (Receives 30 per cent of the offering)

1. Crusade Scholarships	\$ 50,000
2. Parker Memorial, Kaneohe, Hawaii	35,000
3. Oklahoma Indian Mission Buildings	35,000
4. Educational Building, Ketchikan, Alaska	35,000
5. Mobile Units	20,000
6. La Trinidad Church, El Paso, Texas	15,000
7. Moderno Church, San Juan, Puerto Rico	35,000
8. Korean Church, Los Angeles, California	25,000
9. Hughes Memorial Church, Washington, D. C.	20,000
10. Latin Church, Bishop, Texas	10,000

DIVISION OF WORLD MISSIONS (Receives 50 per cent of the offering)

1. Crusade Scholarships	\$100,000
2. Building for Goodwill Industries, Uruguay	50,000
3. Okinawa Student Center	15,000
4. Philippines Headquarters for Federation of Christian Churches (D.W.M. Share)	20,000
5. Christian Center, Gikuki, Southeast Africa Church	\$10,000
Social Center	15,000
School	35,000
6. Lucknow Christian College Dormitory	40,000
Staff housing	55,000
7. Sarawak (Borneo) Hospital	60,000
8. Severance Union Medical College and Hospital	50,000

METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF

(Receives 20 per cent of the offering)

1. Korean Orphans	\$ 24,000
2. Interdenominational Relief and Rehabilitation Projects	46,000
3. Tuberculosis Control in India and other countries	30,000
4. For victims of floods, fires, earthquakes or war	55,000

Protestant Radio And TV Center Dedicates New Facilities

The new quarter million dollar television facilities of The Protestant Radio and Television Center, Atlanta, have been completed and were dedicated February 18 and 19.

"This step opens wider vistas of service and begins the most important transition in the life of the Center," declares Dr. John M. Alexander, the Center's president. "Now we shall interpret the Christian message in action and color, as well as in sound."

First event of the two-day dedication schedule was a dinner on the television sound stage at 6:30 p.m., Monday, February 18. Leaders of the five denomination TV campaign committee were hosts to representatives of the radio and television industry. Purpose of the dinner was to recognize the contribution of the radio and television industry to the religious life of American.

Dedication activities continued the following day with the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:30 a.m. and formal dedication of the new facilities at 4 p.m. The public was invited to visit the Center and view its newest additions during Open House, from 5 to 9 p.m.

The television sound stage, two stories high and covering 4,216 square feet of floor space, is the major part of the newly constructed area of the building. The Center claims this is the largest sound production stage south of New York and east of Denver. It can accommodate at least six different sets and still leave ample operating space for cameras, lights, sound equipment, staff and cast.

Ohio Methodists Making Plans For New Theology School

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—More than \$2,500,000 has been pledged toward the establishment of a Methodist theological school in Ohio.

The announcement was made February 6 by Methodist Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, general chairman of the provisional organization for the school.

Ohio Methodist churches have oversubscribed their goal of \$1,500,000. And more than \$1,000,000 has been pledged in a special-gifts campaign which has a goal of \$2,500,000.

It is expected that \$4,000,000 will be needed to establish the school.

Tentative plans call for the school to open no later than 1960, when the first unit of the proposed physical plant is expected to be completed.

No decision has been made about the location of

Says Eastern Faiths Look On U.S. As Missionary Target

CHICAGO (RNS) — The Hindu, Buddhist and Islamic faiths are experiencing a dramatic resurgence and look upon the United States as a primary target for missionary and evangelistic work, a Methodist foreign missions executive declared here.

"We were born into a world where Christianity moved out to challenge rival faiths," said the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith of New York, "but today those rival faiths are moving into the heartlands of Christianity."

Dr. Smith, who is general secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions, spoke at the quadrennial

Methodist District Superintendents Conference.

He said the three ancient faiths, dormant for centuries, are now experiencing a dynamic revival, the significance of which should not be underestimated.

"Asia is determined to win not only political but also religious initiative away from the West," Dr. Smith said.

"In every country today people are caught in cyclonic uncertainties and are seeking religious rootage. Spiritual vacuums are found in every city, every countryside. Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam, faiths long considered dying, are seeking to fill these empty hearts. Nationalistic passions fan into flames ancient religious loyalties."

The Methodist official said the major ideological conflicts of the decade ahead will not take place "between sets of Western ideas, as before, but between fundamental suppositions of East and West."

Methodists Plan Hearings On Future Setup of Church

DENVER, Colo. (RNS) — A nationwide series of public hearings to determine the future setup of The Methodist Church was authorized at a meeting here of the special commission created by the denomination's General Conference last May to study the Church's jurisdictional system.

Fifty-three clergy and lay leaders of the 70-member commission attended the sessions which were called to carry out the mandates of the General Conference. The commission carries instructions from the General Conference to study the philosophy, effectiveness and weaknesses of the jurisdictional system and its relationship to the Church's future—with special attention to the problem of existing racial segregation.

Another mandate specifies that the group shall seek "to develop courses of action directed toward greater interracial brotherhood and the spirit of Christian love."

Dr. C. C. Bell of Lynchburg, Va., commission chairman, said six panels consisting of ten to twelve commission members each will hold four open hearings in as many principal cities of each of the Church's six jurisdictions.

The hearings by the panels will begin here in September. Most will be held in October and a few in November. They will be publicized and open to all persons — laymen and ministers alike.

Facts gathered and testimony taken, Dr. Bell said, will be assembled by the commission which will then hold a second series of hearings to get comment before writing recommendations for the 1960 General Conference.

British Bible Society In Record Output

LONDON (RNS) — A record total of over 5,200,000 Bibles and Scripture portions was printed by the British and Foreign Bible Society during 1956, according to a report here. This compared with just under 3,000,000 volumes in 1955.

The society publishes its books not only in England but in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Burma, Africa and other parts of the world. London is responsible for roughly half the annual output.

International Youth Exchange Program

CINCINNATI, O. (RNS) — An international exchange of high school students on an interdenominational basis will begin this summer, it was announced at the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches, here.

Five Protestant denominations have joined in the project, known as the International Christian Youth Exchange. They are the Church of the Brethren, The Methodist Church, the Disciples of Christ, the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

The Rev. Joseph W. Bell of Nashville, Tenn., director of voluntary service for The Methodist Church, announced the exchange plan.

Each of the five American denominations, he said, will bring 20 students from Europe and send five Americans to study abroad for a year.

Survey Shows Many British Clergymen Poor

LONDON (RNS) — Many of Britain's clergymen are so poor they cannot buy new clothes for their families or provide them with enough food, a survey disclosed.

It was made by the Rev. Nathaniel Micklem, former principal of Mansfield College, Oxford. His investigations embraced ministers of the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches as well as clergymen of the Church of England.

He reported that one minister had not been able to buy his wife a winter coat for 12 years. Another said his teenage boys have gone without coats since they were little more than babies.

A third clergyman informed Dr. Micklem that "our children are not adequately fed, and often rise from the table actually hungry."

According to the Poor Clergy Relief Corporation, a Church of England organization, 6,763 of the 11,387 Anglican clergymen in Britain get less than \$1,820 a year, and only 401 have salaries above \$2,800. From these salaries they must meet such personal expenses as telephone calls and bus fares to visit parishioners. Some even have to pay rent.

The Anglican organization last year distributed 270 parcels of clothing and doled out \$80,000 to 1,112 clergymen in financial distress.

Dr. Micklem's survey showed that the condition of some Free Church clergy is even worse. His

inquiries revealed that they are obliged to get along on salaries averaging from \$1,453 to \$1,764 a year.

Unveil Model of "Peace Pillar" For Holy Land

NEW YORK (RNS) — A model of a "Pillar of Peace," to be erected where the River Jordan meets the Sea of Galilee, was unveiled in the Presbyterian Labor Temple here by the Interfaith Committee for Peace in the Holy Land.

The Pillar is intended to symbolize brotherhood among Christians, Jews and Moslems.

The five-foot plywood model was dedicated in the "Church of the Crossroads" at the Temple, a cultural and religious landmark on New York's East Side, operated by the board of national missions, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Dr. Richard E. Evans is minister of the Temple, where ten congregations of different faiths worship. The center ministers each month to thousands of persons of all races, colors and creeds.

Dr. Evans said that a symbol of brotherhood, such as the projected Pillar of Peace, would in itself be a deterrent to war in the Holy Land.

Although Christians, Jews and Moslems desire peace, he said, confusion and bitterness of politics had left little hope.

The idea for the Pillar of Peace

Methodists Name "Miss Student Nurse"

CHICAGO (RNS) — Marjorie Brasfield of Birmingham, Ala., was chosen "Miss Methodist Student Nurse" in a nationwide contest, officials of the denomination's Board of Hospitals and Homes announced here.

The 20-year-old nurse is a senior in the Carraway Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Birmingham. She was selected from a field of candidates from the 52 schools of nursing affiliated with Methodist hospitals throughout the United States.

Purpose of the contest, officials said, was "to select a student nurse who will be representative of the calibre of young persons who follow a Christian vocation in a church-related institution."

Candidates were judged on the basis of personality, appearance, character, scholastic ability, professional skills, and a written statement of 200 words on "Why I Chose the Nursing Profession."

Miss Brasfield will be the guest of the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes here Feb. 26-28.

grew out of a 20-day pilgrimage of the Middle East made last year by a Mission of Friendship, comprising church leaders. The tour was sponsored by the World Parliament of Religions, of which Dr. Evans is chairman.

During the tour the churchmen visited Greek Orthodox, Baha'i, Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Christian and Moslem leaders.

Plan Museum At Valley Forge Chapel

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (RNS) — A \$1,000,000 Revolutionary War museum is planned at the Washington Memorial Chapel here.

The plans, announced by the Episcopal rector, Dr. John R. Hart, provide for a division of the funds into 200 parts, each to be a memorial by various patriotic and historical societies and other interested organizations and individuals.

The first memorial gift will be presented by the Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America at a Washington's Birthday service.

The chapel is Episcopal but has non-sectarian "state" services each Sunday afternoon. Other services are conducted by groups making pilgrimages to the Revolutionary War shrine.

Adjoining the chapel is a 112-foot, \$750,000 Memorial Carillon, representing gifts from all 48 states and the U. S. territories. It was completed three years ago along with a "Porch of the Allies."

The museum will fulfill the plans of the chapel's founder, the late Rev. Dr. W. Herbert Burk, who raised \$500,000 by nationwide subscription to build the chapel in 1915. He started with a little frame chapel on the site in 1903. Dr. Burk died in 1933.

Stassen Asks For 100,000 Sunday School Workers

CINCINNATI, O. (RNS)—Harold E. Stassen, special assistant to President Eisenhower for disarmament problems, asked here for 100,000 "qualified" Sunday school teachers to volunteer in the next year.

He issued the call at the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education. Mr. Stassen is a former president of the International Council of Religious Education, which became a part of the division in 1950.

By implication, Mr. Stassen took issue with Dr. Wesley Shrader, Yale Divinity School professor, who recently described the average Protestant Sunday school as "the most wasted hour in the week." Mr. Stassen referred to it as "the child's best hour."

"With the great expansion of the child population of America, religious education takes on ever greater importance," he said. "As the nation moves toward tomorrow it will be directed by the religious and moral education of today."

The Basic Foundation For Christian Living

WE have many ideas and ideals advanced as necessary requirements for Christian living. There are many contributing factors to a well-rounded Christian life. We have the organized church, the creeds of Christendom and the New Testament which help us to an understanding of Christ and the Christian way of living.

Nevertheless, it is our feeling that the basic foundation for Christian living rests on a personal experience of Christ in our own lives. All of these great agencies for good, which we think are so essential to Christian living, are products of a personal experience of Christ in human life rather than the agencies through which that personal experience originally came.

There was this dynamic personal experience of Christ in human life before there was a Christian church and, led by the Spirit of Christ, it produced the Christian Church. The creeds of Christendom did not produce Christianity, they are the products of Christianity. There was a personal experience of Christ in human life that set souls afire before there was a New Testament, and out of that experience the New Testament was born. The church, the creeds and the New Testament are all vital aids to Christian living but they are no substitute for a personal experience of Christ in our lives.

Today Small Nations Speak Their Piece

WE have come on a new day in the life of small nations of the world. There was a time when they spoke softly, if at all. Usually they tried to discover the will of larger nations and were careful not to cross them too far.

As a result of the ideals and sense of justice written into the charter of the United Nations, small countries now feel that they have a right to speak and they are speaking somewhat to the embarrassment of larger nations at times.

A half century ago it would have been unthinkable for Egypt to have seized the Suez Canal with claims of absolute ownership. If they had done so their actions and their claims would have been short-lived. The stronger nations of earth would have "put Egypt in its place" in short order. Since we are not an expert on international law, we are not commenting on the propriety of Egypt's actions in the present crisis regarding Suez; we are saying that what Egypt has done in the past few months would not have been possible in the world of yesterday.

A combination of the most powerful nations on earth, through the United Nations, has, in effect, six times ordered Israel to remove her troops from Egyptian soil. Each order has been met with open defiance by the Israelian government and no one, at the present writing, is able to predict what the final results will be.

This freedom of small nations to defy the sentiment and pronouncements of the strong nations of earth is evidence of a new day in the world's life. Small, independent nations are growing in importance and in their right to speak their minds as a result of the respect nations have for each other in the United Nations.

When the world starts growing, even toward a more wholesome, world situation, there may be "growing pains" but we cannot but believe that the pathway will lead toward a community of nations which will have a more wholesome respect for the rights of each other, whether large or small.

It is something like a community life that begins to feel a sense of freedom from bossism and begins to exercise its own judgment and claim its own rights as it has not been able to do before.

Cost Of Living And Pastors' Salaries

BETWEEN now and the next session of the annual conference, finance committees of local churches will be meeting to make recommendations concerning the various budget items for next year's local church budgets. When these committees consider their pastor's salary for another year it will be well to remember several things. First, between 1924 and 1954, the cost of consumer items has increased more than 53%, while at the same time ministerial salaries have gone up only 41%. This was reported recently by an insurance company that specializes in life and casualty insurance for ministers. The company also reports that during the same period salaries for public school teachers, which everyone acknowledges are too low, increased 102%.

Second, this company also reports that many ministers are running over \$500 in the red each year. After making allowances for the mismanagement of income, there is still the fact to face that many ministers are having a most difficult time stretching their incomes over the necessary living expenses they must meet for themselves and their families.

Third, many of our churches are facing this question squarely and are making adjustments that are in keeping with the high cost of living. However, many of our churches have not faced up to this matter and are striving to get by as cheaply as possible. It might help to remember that the real loser in paying a low salary is the church itself, since churches usually receive the quality of leadership they pay for.

Finance committees might well remember also that their pastors are in a weak position to do anything personally to correct an inadequate salary situation. This is a matter which is within the responsibility of others and any committee would think less of their minister if he should himself raise the question.

When your committee meets, Mr. Layman, take a long look at the pastor's salary to determine its adequacy or inadequacy, and if it is the latter, take the necessary steps to bring it in line with present living costs. Ministers must live too!

77 Per Cent For Military Security

IF there is any question in your mind as to whether the United States is spending enough money for military security, consider the fact that during this government's fiscal year more than 75c out of each \$1.00 the federal government receives is going for military preparedness and the cost of past wars, not including an additional seven billion dollars for interest on the national war debt.

The next time you hear your friend lamenting the vast sums that Uncle Sam is squandering in foreign aid programs (non-military), gently remind him only 1.33% or less than 1½c of each dollar is being used for these purposes, including what the United States contributes to the U.N. program.

Some other interesting percentages of the national budget include agriculture, 2.88%; social welfare, 4.22%; law enforcement, .51%; and general government expense, 2.46%. These figures, listing appropriations according to their function rather than to particular department of government which handles them, have been supplied by the Friends Committee on National Legislation newsletter.

A further breakdown in the military security expenses indicates that we are presently spending 8½ times more for present and future security than for past wars, not including debt interest. This undoubtedly raises some interesting questions in the minds of peoples of other nations about our intentions.

We are not herein questioning the right or wrong of such budget divisions, but it is fair to point out that if high military spending will insure the world's security we are on the right track.

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S. C. Woman's Society Holds Annual Session

Albuquerque, N. M.—Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., of Houston, was re-elected president of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service at its sixteenth annual meeting held at First Methodist church here. Mrs. Horton, a member of St. Luke's Methodist church in Houston, Texas, is a former Texas Conference WSCS president and vice-president.

Other officers include: vice president, Mrs. W. D. Ford, Lawton, Okla.; recording secretary, Elizabeth Klingner, Springfield, Mo.; treasurer, Mrs. Wayne Harrington, York, Neb.; secretary of foreign work, Mrs. A. R. Marquardt, Lincoln, Neb.; secretary of home work, Mrs. M. L. Norris, Clovis, N. M.; Christian social relations secretary, Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Little Rock, Ark.; promotion secretary, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Shreveport, La.; missionary education secretary, Mrs. E. L. Reid, Cleburne, Tex.; youth work secretary, Mrs. Gordon Bennett, Abilene, Tex.; student work, Mrs. Forrest Fields, Oklahoma City, Okla.; children's work, Mrs. W. F. Bates, Little Rock, Ark.; literature and publications, Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Russellville, Ark.; supply work, Mrs. Sam Dunbar, New Orleans, La.; spiritual life work, Mrs. Forest E. Dudley, Pittsburg, Tex.; status of women, Mrs. Jack Simms, Dallas, Tex.; missionary personnel, Mrs. Kenneth McGill, Canton, Kans.

New officers named as delegates to the WSCS Assembly scheduled for May 6-9, 1958, were: Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Cotton, Mrs. Tidwell, Mrs. Reid, and Mrs. H. C. Pletz of San Antonio, Tex., jurisdiction Wesleyan service guild secretary. Mrs. McGill and Mrs. Cooley were named as alternates.

Betty Letzig of Liberty, Tex., was re-elected to head the jurisdiction deaconess association. Miss Letzig is director of education at First Methodist Church in Liberty. Mary Bope, director of Wesley Community center in Dallas, Tex., was named treasurer.

Total pledge to missions made at the closing session on Thursday, Feb. 21, was \$1,677,652.50. Conference pledges included: Central Kansas, \$175,000; Central Texas, \$93,000; Indiana Mission, \$1,360; Kansas, \$101,500; Little Rock, \$77,400; Louisiana, \$99,000; Missouri, \$48,000; Nebraska, \$177,035; New Mexico, \$27,500; North Arkansas, \$58,000; North Texas, \$111,352.50; Northwest Texas, \$77,000; Oklahoma, \$169,265; Rio Grande, \$1,250; St. Louis, \$82,000; Southwest Missouri, \$90,000; Southwest Texas, \$116,000; and Texas conference, \$173,000.

Latest reports show 5,703 societies, 1,374 guilds, a total membership of 315,330, including 33,363 guilders. In 1940, the pledge to missions was \$468,000 while the more recent figure was \$1,750,390.35. Per capita giving is now \$5.55 plus.

Program activities got under way on Monday, Feb. 18. Featured speakers included: Lillian Johnson, Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, Woman's Division of Christian Service, New York City; Dr.

Tracy Jones, Executive Secretary, Division of World Missions, Board of Missions, New York City; Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, Director, Department of Theological Schools for Division of Educational Institutions, Board of Education; Bishop W. Angie Smith of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area; and Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, President of the Woman's Division.



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Commission Honors Editor



Pictured are Dr. E. T. Wayland, left and Dr. Aubrey G. Walton.

Dr. E. T. Wayland, editor of the Arkansas Methodist since 1941 and editor of The Louisiana Methodist since 1951, was honored at the annual meeting of The Joint Commission of the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist which met at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, February 15.

Dr. Wayland who will retire at the June session of the North Arkansas Annual Conference was presented by the commission with an engraved copper plaque, as a token of appreciation by the commission for his services.

The occasion was the annual business session of the commission at which time reports of the editors of the Arkansas Methodist and The

Louisiana Methodist are received as well as the report of the Methodist Information program for which the commission has responsibility.

Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, Little Rock, is president of the commission which has seven representatives from each of the three annual conferences in the Area: Judge J. G. Moore, Morrilton, and Dr. Virgil D. Morris are vice chairmen of the commission and Rev. Joel Cooper, Conway, is the commission secretary. Among actions taken by the commission was the election of Rev. Ewing T. Wayland as editor of the publications, and Miss Jeanne Mason as director of the Area Methodist Information program.

TRAFICO Considering Film Production On Francis Asbury

NASHVILLE, TENN. (MI)—The Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission is considering the possibility of producing a major film on Francis Asbury and the early circuit-rider movement of American Methodism.

Asbury was the first Methodist bishop ordained in America. He came to this country from England in 1771 and had the major share in

the creation of an American Methodist Church, independent of England.

The national commission voted at its annual meeting, February 14 in Chicago, to set up a committee to study the need and possibilities for such a film.

"Ever since the John Wesley film was released, we have had suggestions calling for the production of a film on Asbury and the circuit-rider movement," said the Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer, Nashville, general secretary of the commission.

REVERENCE

Goethe once said, "There is one thing no one brings with him into the world, and it is a thing on which everything else depends, that thing by means of which every man that is born into the world becomes truly manly. That thing is reverence."



What is reverence? Well, it is hard to define. But it is not so difficult to recognize. Consider an example or two.

A traveler enters Westminster Abbey. As he walks down the dim aisles, he finds himself surrounded by the tombs of England's heroes. The greatness and dignity of man grip his imagination. From the shadowy vaulted arches he feels the centuries looking down upon him. A sense of something greater than man begins to cast its spell over his spirit. Things invisible and eternal engulf things seen and temporal. The dead seem linked to the living. God seems very near to man. The visitor's voice sinks to a whisper. His spirit is

hushed with awe. That is reverence.

Or turn to another situation. Some time ago a party of us had been riding through the country. Our host asked his driver to detour through a cemetery. At a certain point the car came to a stop. He excused himself, went back and stood for a few minutes alone in silence beside a grave. His wife explained during his absence that at frequent intervals this man of large business affairs drove out the 75 miles from the city and thus halted at the grave of his mother. That spot was to him where heaven and God seemed very near. That place was sacred. That attitude of his was reverence.

Or yonder is a man whose life seems secularized to the point of irreligion. He may not feel the urge to seek the shrine of any church. Outwardly he never appears moved by sentiment. He is what some would call "hard-boiled." Yet in the innermost recesses of his heart is a spot he keeps fenced off with a "no trespass" sign. It may be a principle he regards as

sacred. It may be an area of his life sanctified by association with a dead wife or a dead child. It is something he keeps inviolate. When a man stands before a place or experience in his own life which he holds sacred, his attitude is reverence.

Reverence, then, if we make bold to define it, is the profound feeling of loving awe in the presence of something regarded as sacred. And this, we maintain, is what our age needs to recover.

Why do we need to recover reverence? Look around you. The person who reveres nothing is a person whose life lacks high incentives. Cease looking up to something higher than yourself, something you count sacred, and you begin to go downward, you may not feel the slipping at first, but if you doubt it read again your *Adam Bede*. Hetty Sorel first lost her reverence, then her self-respect, then her purity.

Lack of reverence is at the root of so many contemporary social ills. When people hold nothing sacred, there is nothing in them to which we can tie. To keep such persons straight by appeals and laws and oaths is like trying to hold loose soil on a steep hillside when the trees and the turf have been removed. Take the matter of laws. We may keep on turning out laws by the ton. We may multiply judges, policemen and G-men. But all these legal aids will not guarantee a law-abiding people. Dwight L. Moody once said: "Character is what a man is in the dark." And unless men have some inner sanctions and sanctities which keep them upright when no one is looking, laws can never be made tight enough to hold them.

The same is true in the taking of oaths. It is vain to think that men can be held loyal to truth in courts or loyal to their country in time of crisis by the taking of oaths, unless they have an underlying reverence for the sanctity of honesty and honor.

Hence religion is essential to the foundation of free and enduring governments. Hence the bonds between Christian countries like Britain and America have a strength and stability not attainable in alliances among godless communistic governments. We of the United States and Canada should keep thanking God we have leaders who look up to a Power higher than their own.

The month of February with its historic birthdays revives our regard for heroes who had reverence for God.

The Layman's Column

By Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Last summer when our daughter and her family moved into their new home, their boys had the happy children's privilege of learning new friends. Our oldest grandchild, Danny, who does not know any strangers, therefore proceeded at once to learn about his neighbors. The family next door had several small children, so Danny and his younger brother, Michael, were happy from the start with their newly-found acquaintances. It was on a bright summer's day that I went over to visit our family. Danny came running to greet me, bringing along a strange little boy. Danny's first words were, "Papa, this is James. He is my new friend." My little grandson, having found a playmate whose company he enjoyed, was anxious to commend him to me and to give his approval of him as proof that I would also find him to be a friend.

Everyone of us at one time or other needs a kind word of recommendation from a friend. Paul the apostle; he who faced all sorts of situations in his colorful life; needed it several times. There was Barnabas who had taken him by the arm and had brought the newly-found convert to the Christian community. This same Paul had been persecuting and saying all manner of evil words about the followers of the Way. It was Barnabas who had the courage and kindness to commend Paul to the Christians, and to encourage them to believe his sincere professions of faith in Christ. But after a time, even Paul and Barnabas separated, and the apostle was alone, except for some loyal followers. We can see him on his second journey as he crosses over into what is now the European mainland, and begins to preach to the people at Corinth. A few months later he goes down to Athens to preach but is nearly laughed out of town by the philosophers.

While Paul was recovering in spirit from the embarrassment of the Athens experience, he had time to realize that the church at Corinth was making itself felt all over that part of Macedonia, in spite of their shortcomings. Then it was that he wrote in his second letter to them that, "You yourselves are my letter of recom-

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

BISHOP DODGE DISCUSSES STEWARDSHIP

A brief treatise on Christian stewardship, from the pen of Bishop Ralph E. Dodge, of Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, has recently come to my attention. Some parts of it I want to share with readers of this column:

"Until we firmly establish the fact that 'man does not live unto himself alone,' stewardship has no meaning. Acknowledging God as the First Cause, whose creativity continues until this day, and upon whom we are dependent for life itself, is the logical basis for stewardship....

"In the New Testament (as in the O. T.) the word *stewardship* is used to signify a trust for which one is responsible. It is often suggested that the Christian is a *steward* of the Divine Grace, which has been imparted to him through Christ. Jesus uses the term *steward* in a number of his parables, indicating that the one so designated has an accounting to give to his Master.

"However, it is significant that nowhere in the Gospel does Jesus excuse his followers from acknowledging the goodness of God through the giving of a tithe. In fact (Matt. 23:23), he seemed to take it for granted that those who were in a right relationship with God the Creator would acknowledge that relationship through the giving of the tithe. For Jesus, and for those who immediately followed him, the tithe was not the crucial test of discipleship, as it seems to have been by some of the Old Testament writers. Rather, Jesus lifted up a more challenging test of discip-

mentation." The church at Corinth had thus become one of the strongest arguments for those who were considering the Christian way of life. It has been the job of the Church ever since then to interpret to the world the principles of Jesus. But we can't do it nearly as effectively by high-sounding words as we can do it with joyous, consistent Christian living on a seven-day-a-week basis. If laymen really want to help bring in the Kingdom, their daily lives are still the best letter of recommendation that Christianity can have.

ship, namely, the giving of life itself, and all that one possesses in recognition of God's goodness...

"The *Methodist Discipline* says to Methodist people: 'Stewardship of possessions should be interpreted to mean that the tithe is the minimum standard of giving for the Methodist people...God is the owner of all things—man is a steward; God's ownership and man's stewardship ought to be acknowledged. Stewardship is the practical expression of one's experience of God. Therefore, all one's life, all personal abilities, and all material resources constitute a gift from God, which should be used for His glory and for the welfare of mankind. This is central in Christian faith and should control and direct all one's being...Stewardship involves both motives and methods in the production and acquisition of wealth, the service ideal in vocation and avocation, and the conversion of natural resources. It also governs motives and methods in the investment and expenditure of one's total material gains...Christian experience demonstrates that the acknowledgement of God's ownership and man's stewardship should result in systematic, proportionate and abundant giving...Christian stewardship inevitably expresses itself in one's daily economic experiences and in all life and service.'

"According to the National Council of the Churches of Christ, the average per capita income in the United States during 1952 was \$1,698. Assuming that the Methodist average income is equal to that of the national average, the Methodists in the United States paid into their churches for all purposes one and eight-tenths percent of their income—or little more than a tithe of a tithe. The Free Methodists stand highest among the Protestant churches in the United States, with a per capita giving of \$194.79; with the Wesleyan Methodists taking third place with \$149.56, the average contribution a year to their church, following the Seventh Day Adventist with \$165.26. The Methodist Church average for total contributions to the church for local and foreign benevolent purposes is only \$31.57 per member, making it 45th among 47 churches reporting to the National Council.

"It is rather interesting and significant that most missionaries are tithers. In many instances there were indications that their spiritual growth began when they recognized their stewardship responsibility to Almighty God. Would it be too much to suggest that there is a very close correlation between stewardship practices and the number of missionary candidates available for assignment on the foreign fields?"



Nashville (MI)—Eight selected programs from THE WAY series, so widely acclaimed on television by a general viewing audience, are available now for showings in local churches and with community groups.

Each picture, 30 minutes long and filmed in black and white, will rent for \$8.00 from branch libraries of the Methodist Publishing House. A 10 per cent reduction will be allowed when all eight titles are booked together.

The programs cover a wide variety of everyday problems and needs. They show, in an interdenominational manner, the application of the Christian Gospel of Love to such areas of human concern as forgiveness, brotherhood, vocational choice and death. The eight titles: "An Eye For An Eye", from which the above picture was taken, "The Tourist," "Give Us Tomorrow," "Homecoming," "The Better Lot," "Ceiling 5000," "Labor of Love," and "Immortal Love."

Hungarian People Request Scriptures

There has probably never been a greater evidence of the power and need for the Bible than has been shown by the thousands of requests for Scriptures received by the American Bible Society from the desperate and homeless Hungarian people.

"The very first convoy of trucks driving into Budapest found terrible depredation—absence of bread, loss of great stocks of clothing—but the cry was for an adequate supply of Scriptures," according to a report made to the Bible Society by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, well-known churchman whose information came from an authenticated source.

Immediately after the refugees began crossing into Austria, all available supplies of Hungarian Scriptures in Western Europe were rushed to Vienna for free distribution. But the several thousand available volumes were not enough for the one hundred thousand refugees. More Bibles were needed. Arrangements were quickly made to ship 60,000 Hungarian Gospels of John from American Bible Society stocks in the United States. Through the cooperation of the Federation of Swiss Bible Societies 100,000 copies each of Luke and John were to be printed in Zurich for delivery by December 15. Before Christmas the Society planned that there would be enough Gospels on hand for free distribution to every refugee so that he could read the Christmas story himself.

Presses in England were already printing 10,000 Hungarian Testaments for the British and Foreign Bible Society and authorization was given to increase the edition to 20,000 volumes. These Testaments will be ready by March 15. And what about whole Bibles? The Bible Society learned that printers

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Lists Opportunities For Service Overseas

International Voluntary Services, 1930 Columbia Road, N. W., Washington 9, D. C., announces that prior to June 1957 it will have twenty additional openings for men and women (preferably unmarried, or if married, with no children, so the wife can also serve as a team member), with farm experience, willing to serve for a two-year period under experienced leaders overseas in the Near and Far East. Applicants should have a competence in one of the following fields: agriculture, dairying, poultry, horticulture, nursing, public health, home economics, 4-H clubs, recreation, building or carpentry. Preference will be given to college graduates, those who are twenty-two years of age or older and to those who are members of some church

Wherever churches are open in Russia they are packed even though belief in God is contrary to Communist doctrine and, according to organization rules, party members cannot go to church, report two American editors who recently returned from a four-weeks' tour of the U.S.S.R.

Bruce and Beatrice Gould, Editors of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, give a first-hand account of the ordinary people in Russia—revealing facts that officials try to hide—in their special report which appears in the February magazine.

On their trip they frequently managed to shake off their Intourist guide. Unattended they visited housewives in their homes. With the assistance of a young American graduate student who spoke fluent and colloquial Russian, they also talked with workers, students, and teachers in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and Odessa.

"Some of the most beautiful, old, golden-domed churches in the world are in Russia," report the Goulds. "A dozen Greek Orthodox churches are kept open in Moscow for the faithful. They are packed every Sunday, mostly by middle-aged or elderly people (who no longer hope for advancement from the regime), or by families baptizing young babies. Anti-religious museums devised to show the faults of organized religion attract few visitors, despite their central location."

The Goulds' young American interpreter observed

in good standing. IVS represents eleven different Christian church denominations, (Protestant and Catholic), and works under contract with ICA, (Point Four).

Team members receive air transportation from home to station in foreign countries and return, complete necessary living expenses

during the two years, paid up life, health and accident insurance—in short all necessary expenses, plus a reasonable salary.

Those interested should write at once for an application blank to International Voluntary Services, 1930 Columbia Road, N. W., Washington 9, D. C.

Report On Russia Given By Two Editors In Magazine This Month

a Sunday morning service in Nicolskaya Tserkov: "... where perhaps 2000 people crowded the church. The weekly religious ceremony was being held upstairs while downstairs, on one side of the entrance, a funeral was in progress. On the other side I saw thirty or more young mothers holding their babies in their arms and waiting to have them baptized ... An old woman spoke to me and said that this happens four times every Sunday and on weekdays too. Usually, she said, there are more babies than I saw today."

"The only way to get ahead in Russia is by education," observes Bruce Gould. "And one of the results of education, even under the Soviet system, is that your mind begins to work. If you begin to learn something and come to a dead-end street, you wonder why the street is blocked," he says. The downgrading of Stalin is responsible for a cynicism among young people because it illustrates so clearly that they are told only what the leaders want them to hear.

The young American interpreter during night walks on the streets talked with many Russian students in groups of not more than two or three to avoid police attention. Russian boys asked, "If we should defect, what would life be like for us outside? How could we live? Could we get a job?" And many of them said, "Don't think that the Russian people are behind the system. Don't make that mistake."

THE BELGIAN CONGO



The Christian church confronts in Africa what may be the greatest single opportunity or the greatest single defeat it has ever faced. Probably the strongest one reason why communism has not made significant gains in Central Africa is the fact that most Africans still believe that Christianity is their best hope. They are clamoring for Christian baptism and a Christian education. It is a Christian community. Meanwhile, Islam and communism are pressing with increased strength. The power of Islam particularly is ominous. Many are becoming receptive to these rival ideologies because they have sought admission to the Church and been refused for lack of facilities in the hands of Christians. Part of the expense of our work in the Belgian Congo needs to be in rural areas, particularly among the Batetela in the Central Congo, and part of it for urban work, particularly in the vast new industrialized areas being developed in the Southern Congo.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. JOHN KILPATRICK, pastor of the Pineville Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the Winnfield Rotary Club's Valentine Day banquet, Feb. 14.

DR. GUY HICKS, Superintendent of the Ruston District, preached at the Haynesville Methodist Church, Sunday, Feb. 24, where Rev. Jack H. Midyett is pastor.

THE SIMPSON METHODIST CHURCH, Lake Charles, held "open house" Sunday, Feb. 17 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 o'clock at the new educational building. Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid is pastor of the church.

REV. A. T. LAW, pastor of the Greenwood Methodist Church, had one of his paintings chosen for exhibition at the annual Tri-States Artists, at the State Exhibit Building in Shreveport recently.

CHARLES FLURRY, of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, was guest speaker at the morning worship service of the Montgomery Methodist Church, Sunday, Feb. 24, where Rev. James C. Skinner is pastor.

REV. J. W. BOYD, pastor of the Gilbert Methodist Church, will begin Pre-Easter classes for children at the church Sunday, March 3. Classes will be held each Sunday afternoon through April 7.

REV. GEORGE W. ROSS, pastor of the Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport, will be guest evangelist in a revival meeting to be held at the Portland Methodist Church, March 17-22, where Rev. Edward Hollenbeck is pastor.

REV. JAMES A. McLEAN, instructor in Bible and director of religious activities at Centenary College, Shreveport, was guest speaker at the morning worship service Sunday, Feb. 17. Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr., is pastor of the church.

DR. BEN OLIPHINT, pastor of the St. Paul Methodist Church, Monroe, was the principal speaker, Friday night, Feb. 15, in connection with Brotherhood Week, being observed by churches in the Twin Cities. The service was held at the Temple B'Nai Israel.

THE STUDY, "High Hours of Methodism in Town-Country Communities" was presented at the Jefferson Methodist Church, New Orleans, by the pastor, Rev. Ted T. Howes, Feb. 10-13. Miss Sheila Nuttall, Rural Deaconess from the St. Tammany Parish was guest speaker.

SCOUT DAY was observed at the Jefferson Methodist Church, New Orleans, Sunday morning, Feb. 10. Eagle Scout Charles Anderson was awarded the "God and Country" award. All scouts and their leaders were recognized. Rev. Ted T. Howes is pastor of the church.

A JUNIOR CHOIR has been organized at the Greenwood Methodist Church by Mrs. B. J. Johnson. The group has sung for the assembly of the Church School and also at the Christmas meeting of the W.S.C.S. Rev. A. T. Law is pastor of the church.

REV. EARL HOTALEN, Director of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, Baton Rouge, was guest speaker at the Sunday morning worship service of the First Methodist Church of DeRidder, Feb. 17, where Rev. James C. Whittaker is pastor.

REV. DOUGLAS L. McGUIRE, pastor of the Park Avenue Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the guest minister in Revival Services of the Mer Rouge Methodist Church, Feb. 10-15. The pastor, Rev. Lael S. Jones, conducted the singing.

THE 50-50 CLASS and the "Singing Men" of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, sponsored a concert by the Centenary Choir in the High School Auditorium, Feb. 1. The choir was under the direction of A. C. Voran. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor of the Baton Rouge church.

DR. CAMERON P. HALL, Head of the Department of Economics of the National Council of Churches in America, was guest speaker at the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Sunday evening, Feb. 17. Dr. Hall was in Ruston attending Religious Emphasis Week at Louisiana Tech. Rev. Jolly B. Harper is pastor of the church.

REV. JACK COOKE, pastor of the Welsh Methodist Church, was in charge of the devotional at the meeting of the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Feb. 20. The Men's Chorus from the Welsh Methodist Men's Club presented a program of "Gospel Hymns." Dr. Carl F. Lueg is pastor of the church.

W. M. BAKER, civil engineer and architect, and an active lay leader in the First Methodist Church, Winnsboro, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, Friday, Feb. 22, for their regular monthly meeting. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor of the church.

DR. BRYANT DAVIDSON, a professor at Centenary College, Shreveport, and a leading Methodist layman, was the speaker for the Methodist Men's meeting at the Haynesville Methodist Church, Jan. 24. G. R. Higginbotham is president of the Club, and Rev. Jack H. Midyett is pastor of the church.

W. A. OPPOLD, Wyandotte Chemical Corporation, discussed the Industrial Growth of Baton Rouge at the February meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Monday night, Feb. 25. Supper for the meeting was served by members of the W.S.C.S. of the church, where Rev. J. P. Woodland is pastor.

A VALENTINE COFFEE was given Tuesday, Feb. 12, honoring mothers of the Children's Division of the Zachary Methodist, and all newcomers in the church. The event was held at the home of Mrs. A. D. Kendrick. Hostesses for the affair were a group of teachers in the Children's Division. Rev. J. W. Ailor is pastor of the Zachary church.

REV. B. A. GALLOWAY, pastor of First Methodist Church, Houma, was the main speaker at the "kick-off" dinner of the Stewardship Campaign of the Gretna Methodist Church, Wednesday, Feb. 13. Others on the program were Rev. Karl Tooke, Conference Director of Stewardship Activities; Don Gross, General Chairman of the Campaign, and the pastor, Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh.

BOY SCOUTS of Troop No. 340 of Amite were honored Sunday evening, Feb. 10, in a special service at the First Methodist Church. Lawrence Catha, Scoutmaster of the Troop and a member of the church, was recently chosen by the Amite Junior Chamber of Commerce as the outstanding citizen of the year. Rev. James E. Christie is pastor of the church.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of the Columbia Methodist Church were host at a shrimp supper held in the recreation hall of the church, Monday, Jan. 21. Dr. John E. Hearn, president of the club, and Mike John of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, were the speakers for the occasion. Guests included the wives of the members and Mrs. Mike John, of Monroe. Rev. W. C. Barham is pastor of the church.

BORN to the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Ed Taylor, a son, Robert Marshall, Feb. 4. Mrs. Taylor is the former Norma Sue Shackelford of Montague, Texas, and the Rev. Mr. Taylor is a native of West Monroe. The Taylors reside at 315 West Parker Boulevard in Baton Rouge, where Mr. Taylor is the associate minister of First Methodist Church.

BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN, Bishop of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, was the principal speaker at the 11th annual meeting of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches, Friday, Feb. 22. Bishop Martin is a former president of the National Council of Churches, USA. Dr. A. M. Serex, pastor of Rayne Memorial Meth-

odist Church, and president of the federation, presided over the business meeting.

THE "SINGING MEN" of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, will present a television program on February 28, at the invitation of Station WAFB-TV, Channel 28, as a part of the series "Baton Rouge Sings" being conducted by that station. The program will consist of music by the choirs of the First Methodist Church, under the direction of Marvin Genuchi, minister of music. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor of the church.

GUEST SPEAKERS at the two morning worship services of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Sunday, Feb. 17, were, Dr. H. P. Depree, who with Mrs. Depree, is now in his 50th year as a missionary to China, and Bishop Dana Dawson, Bishop of the Kansas Area. Dr. and Mrs. Depree are visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Depree, members of the church, and Bishop Dawson was visiting his son, Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., pastor of the church.

THE OAK PARK Methodist Church in Lake Charles, will observe its fifth anniversary on March 3. A special program has been planned for the occasion. One of the church's former ministers, Rev. Robert L. Peyton, who is now pastor of the Arcadia Methodist Church, will conduct the morning service, and Rev. Sam Nader, Superintendent of the Lake Charles District, will conduct the evening service. Following the morning service, dinner will be served on the grounds. Rev. H. A. Gibbs is pastor of the church.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL of the Greenwood Methodist Church is sponsoring a contest between the Reds and the Blues for the purpose of increasing the attendance. Buttons have been distributed to all members, both adult and children. According to report, much enthusiasm is being manifested and already the attendance is up 10%. The contest began January 1 and will close Easter Sunday. Eugene W. Bryson is Church School Superintendent, and Rev. A. T. Law is pastor of the church.

MRS. KATE JOHNSON of the First Methodist Church, Amite, was honored Feb. 10, in recognition of her fifty years of devoted service to the causes of music and Christian education at the church. New Hymnals were presented by members of the Susannah Wesley Class, which she taught for many years, to be used by the choir, which she served many years as organist. Mrs. George Harpole, president of the class, made the presentation. Rev. James E. Christie is the pastor of the church.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS of the Jefferson Methodist Church, New Orleans, sponsored a family night, covered dish supper at the church on Jan. 25 with 85 in attendance. The guest speakers were Rev. and Mrs. A. Jernigan and Teck Lian, who used as their subjects, "Southeast Asia." Rev. and Mrs. Jernigan were missionaries to China and Mr. Lian was born in China. Occasion for the supper was the result of the study "Southeast Asia" which was held in the church in October with Mrs. Ivan Edwards in charge. Rev. Ted T. Howes is pastor of the church.

METHODIST CHURCHES in the New Orleans area observed Centenary College Day, Sunday, Feb. 17, with six representatives from the college speaking at eleven churches in the city. Leading the group was Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president, who spoke at the two morning services at the Munholland Memorial Church. Professor Charles Bryant Davidson, head of the Centenary department of history spoke at Castle Manor church at the 8:30 a.m. service and at the Slidell church at 11 a.m. Dr. John B. Entrikin, head of the chemistry department, was at Rayne Memorial Church at 10 a.m. and spoke at the First Methodist Church at 11 a.m. Dr. W. F. Pledger, professor in Bible and sociology, spoke at the Napoleon Avenue Church at the morning service and at St. Paul Methodist church in the evening. Rev. James A. McLean, director of religious activities and instructor in Bible, spoke at the Elsyian Fields church at the 8:30 a.m. service and at the Lake Vista church at 11 a.m. Dr. W. W. Pate, head of the commerce and economic department was at Second church at 8:30 a.m. and at St. Claude Heights church at 11 a.m.

Speakers Inaugurate Centenary Day In New Orleans District

New Orleans Methodists marked their inaugural Centenary College Day on Sunday (Feb. 17), when six educators from the Shreveport campus spoke in 11 churches in the district.

Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary since 1945, headed the delegation from the college. He spoke at Munholland Methodist Church at the morning services, scheduled at 8:30 and 11 o'clock.

Dr. John B. Entriakin, head of the chemistry department at the college, addressed the adult class at Rayne Memorial Methodist at 10 a.m. He spoke at the First Methodist Church at 11 a.m.

Dr. W. W. Pate, head of the department of commerce and economics, was the speaker at the 8:30 a.m. service at the Second Methodist

Church and the 11 a.m. service at St. Claude Heights Methodist.

A former missionary to India, Dr. W. F. Pledger, now professor of Bible and sociology, talked at Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. and at St. Paul's, Harahan, at 11 a.m.

Professor Charles Bryant Davidson, head of the department of history, was heard at Castle Manor Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. and at Slidell Methodist Church at 11 a.m.

The Rev. James A. McLean, director of religious activities and instructor in Bible, addressed the 8:30 a.m. service at Elysian Fields Methodist and the 11 a.m. service at Lake Vista Methodist Church.

In a statement to The Louisiana Methodist, Dr. Mickle expressed

sincere appreciation on behalf of Centenary to Dr. Virgil D. Morris, New Orleans District Superintendent, for arranging a Centenary College Day in the district. He said the reception of the speakers was wonderfully fine and that the speakers were able to implement the work of the General Commission on Higher Education. This, he explained, could not have been done without much advance work on the part of Dr. Morris and the ministers of the district.

METHODISTS SHIP FARM ANIMALS FOR BORNEO TRIBES

Hong Kong (RNS) — Twenty-Six breeding farm animals, a gift of the California-Nevada Methodist Conference to the Dyak Tribes in Borneo, arrived here from the United States for reshipment to their destination.

Dr. William Kramer, a missionary agriculturist who cared for the animals on their journey, will spend a few weeks setting up facilities for them in Borneo. He will then turn them over to Missionary Tom Harris.

The animals were shipped by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief in cooperation with the Heifer Project, Inc. of New Windsor, Md., intercreedal relief and rehabilitation agency.

BILL WOULD EXEMPT CHURCH SCHOOL BUSES

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—A bill to exempt parochial school buses from federal excise taxes was introduced in Congress by Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R.-Ill.).

The measure, similar to one he sponsored last year, would exempt from federal taxes all motor vehicles sold to religious and non-profit educational institutions.

MARCH 3-10 IS WEEK OF DEDICATION

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One of the first claims on the church-wide offering is a \$150,000 fund for Crusade Scholarships to make possible study in this country by nationals from other lands.

Total offerings for the Week of Dedication have approximated \$700,000 annually during the past four years. There is no over-all goal stated.

Bishop Werner, in urging wide observance of the Week of Dedication, asked individual churchmen to "pray daily that God may find you more receptive to His will. Remember in prayer those who serve in mission fields, at home and aboard."

"Upon your response," the bishop declared, "rests the needs of students, of victims of disaster and specialized project not otherwise provided for in the church's budget."

Sunday, Mar. 10, is the Day of Dedication, climaxing the week's observance.

Offerings are divided on the basis of 30 percent for national missions, 50 percent for world missions, and 20 percent for the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

Projects under national missions include work in Hawaii, the Indian Mission, Puerto Rico, and special ministry to Latin groups in Texas.

Under world missions, projects include a building for Goodwill Industries in Uruguay, an Okinawa Student Center, work in the Philippines, a dormitory at Lucknow Christian College in India, and a hospital in Sarawak.

The MCOR gifts include work for Korean orphans, interdenominational relief and rehabilitation projects, tuberculosis control in India and help for victims of floods, fires, earthquakes and war.



The above were among the participants in the Centenary Day observance in the New Orleans District.

Shown, left to right, seated, are: the Rev. James L. McLean, President J. J. Mickle, Dr. W. F. Pledger, and the Rev. R. Leonard Cooke. Pictured in the back row, left to right, are: Professor Bryant Davidson, Dr. Virgil D. Morris, (New Orleans District Superintendent), Dr. John B. Entriakin, and Dr. W. W. Pate.

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Little Rock Conference

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT Present District Totals 1194**			
Hot Springs, Oaklawn,			
Clyde T. Parsons	2	2	64
Malvern, First Church,			
Rufus Sorrells	1		102
CAMDEN DISTRICT—Present District Totals 2667**			
Bearden, Gerald K. Fincher	1		35**
Emerson Ct., C. B. Harris	1		7
Louann-Beuna Vista,			
Doyne E. Graham	1		23
Magnolia, First Church,			
C. Ray Hozendorf	10		158
Jackson St., John W. Lindsay	1	2	66**
Parker's Chapel-Pleasant Grove,			
W. H. Sanders	1	17	41
Waldo-Willisville, Raymond L. Diffie	1		67**
HOPE DISTRICT—Present District Totals 1360**			
Fouke-Boyd, Bun Gantz	1		15*2
Garland, James W. Riley	6	14	20*2
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT Present District Totals—2917**			
LITTLE ROCK			
Asbury, J. C. English	1		81
Capitol View, Orrie L. Thompson	1		53**
First Church, Aubrey G. Walton	8		1234*3
Highland, H. O. Bolin	2		86
Hunter Memorial, Everett Venson	2		29
Winfield, Fred R. Harrison	2		123
Traskwood Ct., Joe H. Stroud	1	4	20
MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Present District Totals 1327**			
Crossett, J. B. Hefley	1		99**
Dumas, Harold Scott	1		67**
Wilmar Ct., W. W. Barron	1		39**
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT Present District Totals 1450			
Leola, C. R. Andrews	1		32**
PINE BLUFF			
Hawley Memorial, George W. Kerr	1		54**
Lakeside, John M. McCormack	1	4	87
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BATESVILLE DISTRICT Present District Quota 1051**			
Calico Rock, Charles Casteel	3		50**
Newark-Oil Trough,			
Gerald E. Hammett	1		60*2

CONWAY DISTRICT Present District Totals—1704**

North Little Rock, Gardner,			
E. B. Williams	1	2	85
Pope County Ct., Weldon Gillian	1	3	4

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT Present District Totals 1018

Bentonville, Martin Bierbaum	2		62**
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FORREST CITY DISTRICT Present District Totals 1285**

Colt Ct., E. C. Sooter	8	20	28
Crawfordsville-Blackfish,			
L. K. Wilson	1		32**

FORT SMITH DISTRICT Present District Totals 1586

Barling-Milltown, E. C. Dempsey	9	1	10
Kibler-Dyer, J. E. Thomas	1		19
Waldron, First Church,			
Oscar J. Evanson	1		41

JONESBORO DISTRICT Present District Totals 1526**

Blytheville, First Church,			
H. Eggensperger	3		173
Jonesboro, First Ch., J. Wm. Watson	1		123
Manila, Harold Spence	2		44
Osceola, W. O. Scroggin, Jr.	1		107**

PARAGOULD DISTRICT Present District Totals 1046

Paragould, Griffin Memorial,			
Clyde Crozier	1		56**

SEARCY DISTRICT Present District Totals 1095

McRae, W. M. Stegall	1	1	19
Valley Springs Ct., Joe Linam	4	2	6

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ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT Present District Totals 1234**

Alexandria, First Church,			
J. H. Bowdon	3		84
Trinity, O. W. Spinks	13		61**
Lecompte-Cheneyville, C. H. Giessen	1	2	52**
Marthaville, Robert Tatum	2		27
Oak Grove, Claude Hall	1		7

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT Present District Totals 1313

BATON ROUGE			
First Church, D. Dawson, Jr.	5	1	114
Istrouma, A. Jerome Cain	2	6	50
North, James L. Stovall	12	4	37
Franklinton, J. H. Sewell	1		51
Hammond, E. R. Thomas	2		76**
Pine Grove, S. E. Sterrett	1		37**

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT Present District Totals 1123**

New Iberia, W. R. Wendt	1		56
Opelousas, R. E. Walton	1		51

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT Present District Totals 982

DeQuincy, A. A. McKnight	1		46**
Gueydan, S. A. Seegers	2		26**
Iowa, E. W. Day	1		37**
Lake Charles, University,			
E. B. Emmerich	3	1	60
Vinton, W. F. Howell	1		28

MONROE DISTRICT Present District Totals 1874**

Ferriday-Clayton, J. P. McKeithen	1		34
Monroe, Southside, Miss Lea Joyner	9	33	42
Waterproof, John G. Gieck	4	24	28
Winnsboro, W. H. Bengtson	1		45**

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT Present District Totals 1018

NEW ORLEANS			
Aldersgate, A. D. St. Amant	2		2
Carrollton Ave., Luman E. Douglas	4		56
Elysian Fields, Glenden R. Messer	2		15
Luling, C. W. Bennett	4	2	17

RUSTON DISTRICT Present District Totals 1763**

Cotton Valley, Jack Shaw	6	24	30
Haynesville, J. H. Midyett	1		134**
Jonesboro, G. W. Dameron	5	5	63**
Springhill, Frank Tucker	1		51

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT Present District Totals 1579

Converse, H. T. Isgitt	1		10**
Haughton, E. C. Dufresne	7		52**
Longstreet, Shiloh, Harold McClung	1	4	10
Mansfield, Merlin W. Merrill	2		63**
Pelican, H. M. Law	17		17
SHREVEPORT			
Cedar Grove, Roy E. Mouser	2		58
Mangum Memorial, Ira W. Flowers	4		77
Morningside, Eldred Blakely	2		45

Arkansas Valley Group Holds Meeting At Ozark

The Arkansas Valley Sub-district met at Ozark, Monday, Feb. 11, with 28 members present. The theme for the meeting was "World Brotherhood and What We Can Do About It." The speakers were the Rev. Bob Sessions, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Booneville, and the Rev. H. A. Pierson, pastor of the Ninth Street Baptist Church, Ft. Smith.

The Rev. Mr. Sessions spoke on the southern Christian's place in the race problem, suggesting that each one will have to make up his own mind as to how he stands.

The Rev. Mr. Pierson spoke on the problem of race relations pointing out that this problem is shared by all races.

Johnny Macaray, president, presided at the business meeting. He announced that the next meeting will be at Clarksville, Monday, Mar. 11. The program will be on Christian vocations.

The serving of refreshments concluded the Feb. 11 meeting.—Mary Ann Krohn, Reporter

Delhi Host to Sub-District Meet

Methodist youth of Delhi were host to the Sub-district MYF, Feb. 10, with young people attending from Lake Providence, Tallulah, Rayville, and Pioneer.

Ellen Coltharp, Delhi MYF president, made a talk on the meaning of the MYF motto, "Christ Above All."

Anne Waites was organist for the program. A quartet composed of Gerald and Janet Johnson, Ellen Teer, and Anne Waites, sang "He Smiled On Me." They were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. James Ware. Bonnie Wineinger played "Passion Chorale" on the flute, accompanied on the organ by Anne Waites.

The recreation period which followed in the fellowship hall was directed by Ellen Teer. Youth were aided in planning and carrying out their responsibilities as the host group by their counselor, Mrs. Frank McKay.

The Rev. Donald E. Wineinger is the Delhi pastor.

Bogalusa Youth Honor Scouts

More than 70 intermediates and young people of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, were entertained at a Valentine supper at fellowship hall, Feb. 10.

Among special guests were members of Troops 182 and 139, Boy Scouts of America, and their leaders. The two Boy Scout groups also worshipped with the congregation at services held at the Church as a part of their observance of National Boy Scout Week, and Sunday was National Boy Scout Sunday.

The pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Giles, were among the special guests.

Group singing was enjoyed during an interval of informal fellowship following the supper.

The Youthful Accent

By Hoover Rupert
WORRIES

Theoretically one could assume that worry is something which doesn't arrive on the scene until one moves out of the youth age-range and takes on adult responsibilities. Admittedly worry is more of a problem with adults than with youth. But it is a problem with the younger set, as any pastor or youth counselor can testify.

Most of us think we have more than our personal share of worries. And youth and adults alike figure many times that their worries are unique and more difficult to handle than others. This is a popular idea, but it is in error. You want to know why? Well, hark back to that study of students at Barnard College a few years ago. They were studied (the students that is) to discover the kind and frequency of their worries and fears. Results indicated they became frightened an average of twelve times a week and angered sixteen times a week. And it was learned that 90% of all their worries came from four causes: schoolwork, feelings of inferiority, loss of prestige, and thwarted plans. Now take a look at the things that worry you and see if 90% of them do not fall into these four categories!

Much Anxiety Is Needless

Much of our anxiety and concern is absolutely needless. Kenneth Hildebrand tells of an author with a tendency to worry, who was blessed with a sense of humor. He analyzed his anxieties into a "Worry Table" dividing his concerns into five classifications. First, there were the worries about disasters which, as later events proved, never happened. These accounted for 40% of his anxieties. Second, worries about decisions he had made in the past and about which he could do nothing now—this composed 30% of his anxieties. Third, worries about possible sickness and a dreaded nervous breakdown, which did not materialize, covered 12% of his anxieties. Fourth, worries about his children and friends arising from the fact that he forgot that "they had an ordinary amount of common sense," provided another 10%. That left the anxieties which had real foundation. These composed only 8% of the total. In other words, 92% of his anxieties were needless. Such an analysis on the part of most of us might be a good first step toward facing up to our worries.

Avoid Brooding!

Young and old alike need to avoid brooding on the troubles of the past, deploring the troubles in the present time, and borrowing troubles on the future.

Youthful enthusiasm is a natural gift of God that helps many a youth avoid anxiety. But that's not enough. One must have the gift of confident faith in God if he is to cope with those anxieties producing experiences which dot the path of any normal youth today. Through faith we can come to know the spiritual strength of the Christian which brings the creative boldness of an assurance that God can and does care for us, and that He will provide for us the means of seeing life through. Peter said it, "You can rest the weight of all your anxieties on (God), for you are always in His care." (I Peter 5:7, Phillips)

District Plans Summer Camps For Brewer

The Rev. Luther L. Booth, Winfield, district director of camping for the Alexandria District, has released the following dates and directors for camps to be held at Camp Brewer, near Forest Hill, during the summer months.

These dates were scheduled at a meeting held at the First Methodist Church, Pineville, of the directors and District Superintendent, the Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jan. 29.

The following is the schedule: Alexandria and Lake Charles Districts Older Adult camp, ages 60 years and up, July 9-11, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Lake Charles, directors; Alexandria and Lake Charles District Senior and Older Youth Camp, ages 15 and up, June 17-22, the Rev. J. J. Caraway, Bunkie, director; Alexandria District Intermediate camp, ages 12-14, June 24-29, the Rev. John F. Kilpatrick, Pineville, director; Alexandria District Junior camp No. 1, ages 9-11, July 29-Aug. 2, director, the Rev. W. T. Hall, Urania; and Alexandria District Junior camp No. 2, ages 9-11, Aug. 19-23, the Rev. J. C. Skinner, Montgomery, director.

Jennings Has Study On Southeast Asia

"The Church in Southeast Asia" was the theme of the Sunday evening fellowship at Jennings First Methodist Church for the month of February.

The study opened with a covered dish supper in fellowship hall, Feb. 3, which featured a program called "A Winter Cruise," under the leadership of William Jordan and planned by the young people of the church.

Mrs. A. C. Clemens, Jr., WSCS secretary of missionary education, was in charge of the month's program. Directing the classes for primaries and juniors were Mrs. Darrell Temple, Mrs. P. E. Stutes, and Mrs. C. R. Estes. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Coco were teachers for the juniors. Mrs. J. W. Billodeaux directed the children's choir.

Presenting the program for youth and adults were the Rev. Robert Crichlow, Mrs. Dan Donald, Mrs. Robert Crichlow, Herschel Knight, Mrs. Eric Smith, Mrs. Frank Hildebrand, and Mrs. Harvy Laing.

Worship settings were provided by Mrs. Eugene Sawyer, Mrs. F. C. Precht, and Mrs. G. B. DeJean. The film, "In the Face of Jeopardy," was presented at the concluding session Feb. 24.

BROADMOOR, SHREVEPORT, HOLDS YOUTH SERVICES

A series of four services designed especially for youth began at the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, Feb. 10.

The services are being conducted by the pastor, the Rev. George W. Harbuck, at 7 o'clock on Sunday evenings. Subjects include: "Is Drinking A Religious Problem?" "How May I Know the Difference Between Right and Wrong?" "Why Pray?" and "Does God Have A Purpose for My Life?"

Plans Announced For Children's Workers' Conference

By Ira A. Brumley



MISS ANNA ROSE MILLER, One of the leaders for the Conference

The plan this year for the North Arkansas Conference Children's Workers' Conference March 4-6, at Batesville, calls for a special group for workers in the small church, for leaders of primary children, and a special group for leaders of junior children in the small church.

Last year an observation program was planned for workers with nursery children. This year the plan is to have observation for workers with kindergarten children.

A splendid group of workers from over the conference has already registered for the Children's Workers' Conference, but there is still some opportunity for persons to secure entertainment for bed and breakfast, furnished by the churches of Batesville. Persons desiring such entertainment should register at once.

All persons planning to attend the Children's Workers' Conference should send in their registrations, even though they are furnishing their own entertainment.

For more details see last week's issue of the Arkansas Methodist, page 12.

OTHER NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

New Certifications

The following new certifications have been reported to our office recently: Paul's Letters to Local Churches: Mrs. Elmus C. Brown, Hughes; Rev. Dewey Dark, Bald Knob; Rev. Ben F. Jordan, Jonesboro; and Rev. Gerald Hammett, Newark.

Mrs. W. T. Sanders of North Little Rock has been certified for the course on Guiding Primary Children in Christian Growth.

Rev. H. M. Lewis of Harrison and Rev. Alvin C. Murray of Searcy have been certified as deans for training schools.

Board of Education Meets

The Board of Education of North Arkansas Conference met on the Hendrix Campus on Thursday, February 21, in its annual mid-year meeting.

Program plans for the conference year of 1957-58 were presented and approved by the board.

Committees for the quadrennium (Continued on page 14)



Woman's Society of Christian Service North Arkansas Conference

Dr. Pearle McCain, who will address the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, was born in Hazen, Arkansas. She is a graduate of Galloway College, Scarritt College, and Columbia University. She was a teacher in Nanking, China, 1941-49, McTyeire School for Girls, Shanghai, 1930-33; Sungkiang, 1933-41.

Since 1951 she has been teaching in Seiwa College for Christian Workers, Nishinomiya, Japan. Now on furlough, Dr. McCain will be returning to Japan when her year in the United States is over.

She will speak to the conference Wednesday afternoon on the subject "The Spirit of Christ in Japan."



DR. PEARLE MCCAIN

PROGRAM

FORREST CITY—March 12-14, 1957
"THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST FOR ALL OF LIFE"

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1957

- 1:30—Prayer Period
"In quietness and in confidence shall be our strength"
Organ Medley of Prayer Hymns
Let us find needed spiritual strength in these moments!
2:00—Convening Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
Meditation—"I Believe" Mrs. H. H. Fullbright
Greetings Mrs. Charles Woodfin
Conference Organization
Solo—"Come Holy Ghost, in Love"
Address—"A DOUBLE PORTION OF GOD'S SPIRIT, IN THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED" Mrs. C. A. Bender
Introduction of Guests Mrs. John Sykes
Benediction
6:00—Dinner—Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY EVENING

- 7:15—"The Spirit of Christ in Our Experience With Students"—Mrs. Olin Shockley, presiding
Hymn No. 288—"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"
Prayer—Rev. Otto Teague
Hendrix Choristers
"What is the Methodist Student Movement?" Willard Womack
"The Relation of Methodist Student Movement to Woman's Society of Christian Service" Frank Jones
Presenting—
"What It Means to Be a Methodist Student"
Offertory
Hendrix Choristers
Benediction

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
Morning Session, 8:45 A.M.

- 8:45—Organ Medley of Hymns of Guidance Mrs. H. H. Fullbright
9:00—Meditation—"I Belong" Mrs. H. H. Fullbright
"Our Labors Fitly Framed Together"
Officers Reporting
"Taking Our Places in the Picture of Life in Woman's Society of Christian Service in North Arkansas Conference"
With Our Stewardship
Treasurer—Mrs. William Hall
Supply Work—Mrs. Don Richardson
With Knowledge
Missionary Education Mrs. Elmus Brown
Promotion Mrs. James Upton and District Presidents and Promotion Secy's
Treasurer Mrs. William Hall
Supply Work Mrs. Don Richardson
Christian Social Relations Mrs. Jeff Brown
With Channels of Information
Literature and Publication Mrs. S. B. Wilford
Recording Secretary Mrs. Bessie Andrew
With Fellowship
Program—World Federation Mildred Osment
Status of Women Mrs. J. K. Fraser
Wesleyan Service Guild Mrs. Julian Vogel
With Prayer
Spiritual Life Mrs. H. H. Fullbright
In the Future
Children Mrs. M. L. Kaylor
Youth Mrs. Alex Mitchell
Students Mrs. Olin Shockley
On the Field
Missionary Service Mrs. E. H. Hook
Missionary Personnel Mrs. L. W. Blakeley
"The Spirit of Christ in the Sharing of Problems at Home"
Officers Workshop
Theme Hymn No. 180—"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
President's Message—"THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST, YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW" Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap
12:00—Luncheon for Delegates—Fellowship Hall
1:00—Organ Medley of Hymns of Consecration
1:15—Hymn No. 173—Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
Prayer Miss Edith Martin
"The Harvest is Plenteous in Rural North Arkansas"
"And now, Behold I Go Into the Fields to Work" Miss Mary Chaffin
"I Answered, Here Am I, Send Me" Miss Iris Bell
"The Harvest is plenteous also in the uttermost parts of the earth."
Address: "The Spirit of Christ in Japan" Dr. Pearle McCain
Quartette—
"Through Mine, let the Spirit of Christ's Life Shine"
Our Representatives in a Larger Fellowship
1. South Central Jurisdiction Delegates
2. World Federation of Methodist Women Mildred Osment
3. Conference on Missions Mrs. Elmus Brown
4. United Church Women of Arkansas

Louisiana Conference to Meet In Alexandria

Mrs. C. I. Jones, president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, announces that the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Conference will be held at the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 13-15.

The Executive Committee will meet Tuesday, March 12, at 1:00 p.m., and the Conference will open at 1:45 Wednesday, March 13. Mrs. Jones will deliver the President's Message on Wednesday afternoon, and will be the speaker at the World Federation of Methodist Women Dinner on Thursday evening.

Rev. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., an administrative secretary of the Division of World Missions, Board of Missions will speak at the Thursday evening service at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Jones joined the staff in April, 1955, as administrative secretary for Southeast Asia. For three years be-

Chinese, Tamil Indians, Eurasians, Europeans and Americans.

Mr. Jones began mission service in China. From 1945 to 1950 he did evangelistic work in Nanking and handled relief and rehabilitation ber Wesley Methodist Church, where the interracial congregation includes fore his appointment, he was a missionary to Malaya, serving in Singapore. He was pastor of the 700-member problems among thousands of refugees from all parts of China. When he left China in 1950, China had been under Communist control about six months.

Mr. Jones was born in Boston, Mass., was educated at Ohio Wesleyan University, Yale University and the University of California at Berkeley. For a year before he became a missionary, Mr. Jones was in China as a liaison worker among American and Chinese troops.



MRS. C. I. JONES



TRACEY K. JONES, JR.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Pleasant Hill Woman's Society was hostess February 11 to the following societies: Pelican, Mitchell, Zions' Rest and Noble, the occasion being a visit from the District President, Mrs. B. F. Patterson and secretary of promotion, Mrs. W. C. McDonald.

The devotional was given by Mrs. S. D. Jordan, and Mrs. T. W. Hardie sang a solo. Twenty-eight ladies, and Rev. H. M. Law, of Pelican, were present. Rev. M. C. Cady was host pastor.

The Sylvan Hills Guild met January 8 at the home of Mrs. Odolph Andrews with Mrs. Norris Steele leading the worship service. The guest speaker was Lt. Norma Roberts who since 1949 has operated the Salvation Army Center at 809 Cornish Street, Little Rock.

"Missions—USA" is the topic of the study course given by the First Church Society, Batesville, with Mrs. R. E. Connell in charge during Feb. and March. Mrs. W. T. Baldwin and Miss Barba Meacham.

- National Workshop
Arkansas Council of Churches
6:00—Dinner—Fellowship Hall
7:00—Organ Medley of Hymns of Brotherhood
7:15—Hymn—"O Jesus Master"—No. 470
Meditation—"I Follow" Mrs. H. H. Fullbright
We Pause in Memory—"And their works do follow them" Mrs. W. F. Cooley
Anthem—Chancel Choir
Offertory
Address—"THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD CHURCH" Mrs. C. A. Bender
Benediction
THURSDAY MORNING
8:45—Organ Medley of Hymns of Discipleship
9:00—Meditation—"I Serve" Mrs. H. H. Fullbright
Address—"IF YE WOULD BE MY DISCIPLE, LOVE ONE ANOTHER" Mrs. J. Russell Henderson
Pledge Service—"The Spirit of Christ in Our Giving" Mrs. William Hall and District Treasurers
Order of Business
"We Offer Ourselves Anew—A Service of Consecration" Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, leading
"We Come to the Lord's Table"
The Spirit of Christ in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Rev. S. B. Wilford, Rev. Otto Teague
Benediction
11:30—Luncheon for Delegates

Oakdale Youth Attending MYF Seminar At UN-Washington

By Lois Weaver Marler

Mary Nan Stanley of Oakdale has been chosen to attend the Methodist Youth Fellowship-United Nations-Washington Seminar in New York City and Washington D. C. this week, February 24th through March first.

Qualifying her as a candidate to attend this Seminar was the honor she received this past year as a youth member on the Board of Education of the Louisiana Methodist Conference.

On January 9th, she received her official acceptance from the Board of Education in Nashville, Tennessee, that she had been elected to go.

When she left on this trip, she was accompanied by her mother and by the spirits of a host of friends who love and admire her.

The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Hays Stanley of Oakdale, she is sweet sixteen, a junior in high school, and a pretty blonde. Her father is employed as a superintendent of the dimension plant of the Hillyer-Deutsch-Edwards Lumber Company Inc. Her mother is active in church, civic, and social circles of the community. Backing her in all her endeavors, both are busily occupied in being good parents to Mary Nan.

Mary Nan is a youth member of the Board of Education of the Louisiana Methodist Conference; Pres. of the JOY Sub-district of the M. Y. F. of the Alexandria area; Chairman of Christian fellowship of the local M. Y. F.; Secretary of the Commission on Education; Member and soprano soloist of the adult choir; Director of the Junior Choir and former accompanist of the choir; Accompanist for the Men's Bible Class; Past-president, vice-president, and treasurer of the local M. Y. F.; Past treasurer of the Alexandria Sub-dist. Member of the O. H. S. chorus in which she sings as one of the ensemble; and is one of the three accompanists for the High School chorus.

During the Thanksgiving holidays she was chosen to attend the All-State Chorus on the campus of L. S. U. Selected to sing alto in one of two trios, she sang in the public performance given in the Frances T. Nicholls auditorium in New Orleans under the direction of Dallas Draper.

For three years she has been majorette with the High School Band. And, she is a member of the basketball team, too. Selected to represent the Future Business Leaders of America of the O. H. S., she participated in spelling and music contests in Lake Charles on February 9th.

In 1955 she was voted the Darling of O. H. S. She is assistant business manager of the 1957 annual. Her essay on "Voice of Democracy," sponsored recently by the local Jaycees, was awarded first place.

She is a member of the honor Gold O Club of the O. H. S. and was a member of the Sophomore Honorary Auxiliary. On Tuesday night, January 29th she sang in a trio over television in Lake Charles for the benefit of March of Dimes. Recently the trio, "The Oakettes" were invited for another appearance over television in Lake Charles.

In my opinion as her teacher in the primary class of the church



MARY NAN STANLEY

school and associated closely with her through the years in the church, God tapped Mary Nan Stanley on the shoulder in the beginning.

First, the seminar groups met together in the McAlpin hotel in New York City on Sunday afternoon, February 24th, after which they assembled at 4:30 for vesper services at the Christ's Church, Methodist.

In addition to the religious assemblages, the seminar group will make a tour of the United Nations. Also, they will be privileged to attend any Broadway plays, and to sight see over the metropolis.

On Wednesday, the group left the McAlpin hotel in New York City and arrived at the Plaza hotel in Washington D. C. for their stay there.

By appointment, they will be received by their respective United States senators or representatives, and receive a pass to the gallery where they will watch Congress in session.

At 10 p.m. Friday, the Seminar will come to a close, but the young people will be allowed to stay over a day to see the historic spots of their nation's Capitol.

History will prove that people do not start at the top of the ladder of success except possibly through an unearned pull of one kind or another. But Mary Nan's fortunate trip has been well earned by her. Her top rung experience has been merited through her loyalty to the best things in life, beginning in her kindergarten days in the church school.

Delhi Holds School of Missions

A Church School of Missions was held on the Sunday nights of January in the Delhi Methodist Church, with an enrollment of more than a hundred persons. Five classes were conducted, all using the theme, "Mission: U. S. A."

Following the class period, the groups met in the sanctuary for a brief period of worship together. Open house for those of the Youth Division was held each Sunday evening following the School of Missions. The church is now sponsoring a Sunday Evening Fellowship series for the next five Sunday nights.

Lay Activities Board Executive Honored



ROBERT G. MAYFIELD

It's "Doctor Bob" Mayfield now. For a long time Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of The Methodist Church's General Board of Lay Activities in Chicago, has been "Bob" to his many friends throughout the country. But since Feb. 20 it has been quite proper to call him Doctor Mayfield.

On that day in Bloomington, Ill., he received the honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Illinois Wesleyan University. President Merrill J. Holmes conferred the honor at the university's mid-year convocation.

An attorney by profession, Dr. Mayfield left the practice of law in 1949 to become an associate secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities. Since 1952 he has been the executive head of the board.

A native of Lebanon, Missouri, he holds the bachelor of arts and the bachelor of laws degrees from the University of Missouri.

Others who received honorary degrees at the same convocation were: the Rev. John Andrew Smith, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Urbana, Ill., Doctor of Divinity, and Professor Sven Lekberg of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, Doctor of Humane Letters.

The convocation address was given by Dr. David Dodds Henry, president of the University of Illinois, a Methodist layman.

NEW IBERIA HAS TRAINING CLASS

Rev. W. R. Wendt taught a Second Series training class in New Iberia on "How To Read And Study The Bible." The class met on Wednesday evenings during January and February. Out of 19 students enrolled, 10 were given course cards. The study was so much appreciated that the class suggested that Rev. Wendt repeat it next year.

LOUISIANA REPRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL CONF.

Among the delegates to the International Christian Leadership Conference held in Washington, D. C., recently, were Mrs. Arlene Christian Hawkins, Mrs. P. A. Odell, and Mrs. C. I. Jones, all of New Orleans.

While there they were guests at

Centenary Announces Commencement Speaker

Dr. Theodore A. Distler of Washington, D.C., will deliver the commencement address on May 26 at Centenary College, according to Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary.

The ceremonies will be held in the evening in the outdoor amphitheater on the local campus.

Dr. Distler, a graduate of Brown University in Providence, R. I., holds the MA degree from New York University and honorary doctorates from a number of colleges, including Muhlenberg, Dickinson, Ursinus, Temple University, Bucknell University and New York University.

A member of the faculty of New York University from 1922 to 1925, he also served as director of student welfare, director of student personnel and instructor in personnel administration there. He was dean of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., from 1934 to 1941 and then served as president of Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., until he accepted his present position in 1954.

Dr. Distler is a former member of the board of directors of Temple University, past president of the Pennsylvania Assn. of Colleges and Universities, past president of the Eastern Assn. of College Deans and Advisers to Men and was chairman of the Community Chest organizations of both Easton and Lancaster, Pa.

He holds membership in many professional and education organizations, including the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, the American Academy of Political Science and Phi Beta Kappa.

Memorial Church Group Entertained

Mrs. Ralph Wilson entertained the X. Y. Z. Club of Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, in her home on McCain Drive to observe the fifty-third wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stutzman, of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Stutzman have been guests of Dean and Mrs. Wilson during the winter months.

The Rev. Ralph Cain, Pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, showed color slides of camping activities enjoyed by older adult groups at various times. He encouraged the members to plan to attend camp this summer.

The hostess served a delicious luncheon, and dessert featured an embossed wedding cake to celebrate the occasion.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Stutzman, guests included Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. I. A. Patton, Mr. C. C. Lee, Mrs. Lessie Palmer, Mr. M. O. P'Simer, Mrs. Nora Morris, Mrs. Annie Chisholm, Mr. C. E. Hixson, and Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Cain.

the Prayer Banquet honoring the President and his Cabinet at the Mayflower Hotel with Conrad Hilton as host. The prayer groups of the House and Senate sponsored the breakfast.

Ruston DS To Lead Jennings Revival

Dr. Guy M. Hicks, District Superintendent of the Ruston District of the Methodist Church, will preach on the theme "Jesus—the Answer" during Revival Services at the First Methodist Church, Jennings, Monday through Friday, March 4-8 at 7:30 p.m., each evening.

Special music for the Revival services will be provided by the Choir of the First Methodist Church, Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, accompanied by Mrs. Lowell Moore. On Tuesday night John Laughlin will offer a solo and will join Rev. Harold Jackson, Rev. John Morgan and Rev. Crichlow in a quartet rendition. Thursday evening Rev. Bill Sale will offer solos. Mrs. R. L. Russell will be the accompanist at these services.

Rev. Robert B. Crichlow, pastor of the local Church, will lead the singing for the Revival.

SIMPSON CHURCH, LAKE CHARLES, HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

The Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, had an Open House, Sunday, February 17th, for friends of other Methodist Churches and denominations. A new education unit was recently completed, which houses the Nursery, Kindergarten, and Primary Departments. The Pastor's office is also in the new unit.

The Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, built two years ago, was also open to the visitors.

The W.S.C.S. served refreshments. The Adult Department teachers were the greeters and guides. The other teachers were in their respective rooms as hostesses. This event served as an Open House occasion and also as an opportunity for parents to get

Receives Unique Gift For Faculty Member

The generosity of the Hemenway Furniture Co., Inc., will make possible a work-free summer at full salary for one member of the Centenary College faculty this year and in the years ahead.

Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, said the firm, which has branches in many cities of the Ark-La-Tex., has agreed to pay one outstanding faculty member the sum he or she normally would earn by teaching through the summer months. Frank Hemenway Jr., president of the company, said the firm plans to make a similar grant each year.

In a letter to Dr. Mickle, Hemenway said the contribution is being made "in the hope that your alumni will make an effort to interest other individuals or businesses in Shreveport in making similar pledges."

Hemenway noted that other such contributions would mean that many, and perhaps all, of Centenary's faculty members would be provided with periodic opportunities for summer travel and/or study in the future. Selection of the faculty member to receive the initial grant has been left to Dr. Mickle or to a committee designated by him, and some announcement is expected by April or May.

Dr. Mickle termed the gift "a rather unique idea" and expressed the gratitude of the college to the Hemenway company. He said he, too, hoped that interest in following the same pattern of giving can be developed.

acquainted, not only with the children's rooms, but also their teachers.

This new unit doubles the size of the educational space which the church previously had been using.

Alvin C. Voran, Centenary Choir Director, Honored

A quarter of a century ago, Alvin C. Voran, then a young professor, organized a choir at his alma mater, McPherson College in McPherson, Kans.

Now, 25 years and many successes later, Voran has been invited to return to McPherson to participate in the anniversary celebration of the singing group which he brought into existence.

Voran, director of the Centenary College Choir, will leave on March 8 to rehearse with the McPherson A Capella Choir in advance of its anniversary concert the following evening. He has been asked to direct the choir in several selections.

OTHER CENTENARY NEWS

Three students and one faculty member represented Centenary College last weekend at the annual meeting of Alpha Chi in San Antonio, Tex. Dr. E. L. Ford, faculty sponsor of the Centenary chapter of the honorary scholastic society for junior and senior students, accompanied the delegation, which was composed of Emily Learner, Baton Rouge, president; Ted Peabworth, Homer, and Betty Joe Austin, Shreveport.

Emily Hayden of Tenaha, Tex., was crowned basketball sweetheart of the Centenary Gents in ceremonies at half-time in the game between the Gents and Louisiana Tech last Tuesday night. Miss Hayden, a member of Chi Omega social sorority, is an active member of the Methodist Student Movement and served as an ROTC sponsor last year.

Efforts are being made to organize a Centenary College chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, national music fraternity, on the campus. Membership will be limited to regularly enrolled students and faculty members, the students also having to maintain at least a "C" average and to be taking at least one course in music. The Louisiana State University chapter of the national will come to Centenary to install and initiate local members when the charter is written and approved.

Gama Belta Gamma, an organization for biology students, has been established at Centenary College with James L. Robbins of Shreveport as president. Harold L. Ford of Bastrop and Hollis R. Bray of Many were elected vice president and secretary, respectively, while Elsa E. Jamison of Shreveport was chosen treasurer. Dr. Orin P. Wilkins is faculty sponsor. Purposes of the organization are to promote high scholarship, stimulate interest in the life sciences and disseminate scientific truth.

Dr. Ralph White, professor of modern languages at Centenary College and director of the exchange program between Centenary College and Monterrey, Mexico, Institute of Technological Studies, said a large group from the Mexican institution will spend July at Centenary for studies of English. In August, Dr. White said, a group of Centenary students will be taken to Monterrey to study conversational Spanish and Spanish-American culture and civilization there. Centenary and Monterrey have been carrying on the exchange program for a number of years.

Approximately 1,000 seniors from high schools throughout the Ark-La-Tex participated in the annual observance of Citizenship and Career Day on Friday at Centenary

The evening program will be preceded by an informal reception and a banquet, to which McPherson graduates from all sections of the country are expected to flock. Prof. Donald Frederick now is director of the choir, which has been rehearsing intensively in preparation for the program.

Graduated from McPherson College in 1928, Voran later studied at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, Ill., and at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. While an undergraduate at McPherson, he had sung baritone with the male varsity quartet and the college glee club, both loosely knit groups which met informally and sporadically.

In 1932, he returned to the Kansas institution and, using the old glee club and varsity quartet as the nucleus, set about to organize a full-scale college choir. For the next four years, he remained at McPherson to serve as director of the choir. When the singing organization was well established and recognized as an excellent troupe, Voran left his college post to spend one year as head of the voice department at Oklahoma City University.

In the fall of 1937, Voran came to Centenary, where he will observe his 20th anniversary as a member of the faculty next September. At Centenary, as at McPherson, he was determined to organize a choir which would reflect credit on the college.

The 49-voice Centenary College Choir, now in its 15th year, has made the name of Centenary College familiar to persons as far away as Tokyo, Japan, and Seoul, Korea. The invitation to entertain American troops stationed in the Far East last summer represented the highest form of recognition for Voran's young singers, and this March the group will leave again for the Far East by specific invitation. An Easter morning concert at Kadena Air Base on Okinawa will highlight the tour.

Actually, Voran formed the Centenary Choir from an informal singing group composed of students majoring in music on the local campus. Twice, once about 12 years ago and the second time about six years ago, he brought his Centenary songsters to McPherson College to entertain students at his alma mater.

However, the forthcoming trip will represent the first time that Voran has been invited to return to the college from which he was graduated to serve as guest director of the choir which he organized.

College. The Hon. Tom Reavley, secretary of state for the state of Texas, was guest speaker at the morning assembly program which launched the day's activities.

MORBUS SABBATICUS

Morbus Sabbaticus, commonly known as Sunday Sleepiness is a deadly disease that attacks the patient every Sunday. No symptoms are felt on Saturday night. The patient sleeps well, awakes feeling fine and eats a hearty breakfast. But about church time the attack comes on and continues until services are over for the morning. Then the patient feels easy and eats a hearty dinner. In the afternoon he is much better and is able to play golf or tennis, journey to distant parts in his auto, or if the weather is bad stay at home and read the Sunday papers or look at television.

He eats a hearty supper, but about church time he suffers another attack and stays at home to watch T.V. shows 'til 11 PM. He retires late, sleeps well and awakens Monday morning refreshed and able to go to work and does not have any symptoms of this disease until the following Sunday. The peculiar features are as follows:

1. It attacks members of the church.
2. It never makes its appearance except on Sunday mornings and nights.
3. The symptoms vary, but it never interferes with sleep and appetite.
4. It never lasts more than 24 hours.
5. It generally attacks the heads of the family, and young people.
6. It is very contagious.
7. No physician is ever called.
8. It always proves fatal to the soul.
9. Christ is the only antidote or cure.
10. It is gradually being stamped out by prayer, loyalty, and the visitation of Christ's faithful followers in the churches.

WILL YOU JOIN THE CRUSADE TO HELP STAMP IT OUT?

—Anonymous

The Ebbing Of The Tithes

One of the paradoxes of our prosperous times is the shadow of poverty which always seems to be encroaching upon a great majority of our religious institutions, especially the churches. You can tour around the city on a Sunday morning and wherever you see a modest steeple you will find muzzling into its base a covey of expensive cars reflecting the glory of the sun while their owners are in listening to the pastor beg for an extra buck to pay the gas bill, or make needed repairs or reduce the mortgage.

It is hardly to our credit that we require the men who devote their lives to the spiritual tending of their well-to-do brothers to spend nearly as much time soliciting the wherewithal to keep the temple in business as they do in trying to save our souls.

And yet most people are generous by nature and usually are willing to help if the approach is gentle and dignified and they are convinced that the cause is good. How strange it is then that we are so miserly in our support of the shepherds who work tirelessly trying to point the way to our eternal destinies!

Church Benefit

Our pondering of the riddle has been sharpened by the appointment of the countess, who presides over our voting address, to be chairman of a church benefit smorgasbord, a project that is requiring the full-time labors of some 20 dedicated women. They are in their cars or on the phone all day long plotting the details and accumulating staggering quantities of baked ham, spaghetti and meat balls, coffee, pickle chips, and desserts which they will dispense at \$1.50 per plate in the church hall on the first Sunday in April.

When it is over, the gals will ease their aching bones down amid the chaos of garbage, leftovers, and unwashed dishes to count up the loot. After subtracting the cost of

the chow and the incidentals from the total revenue they probably will find that they have just enough

BEATITUDES

For Church Contributors

Blessed are those who support the entire program of the Church, for they are Kingdom Builders.

Blessed are those who contribute regularly, for they enable the Church to operate even when they are absent.

Blessed are those who tithe, for they enrich both the Church and themselves.

Blessed are those who make pledges, for they enable their Church to run on facts, not imagination.

Blessed are the systematic givers, for there shall be order in their lives and in their quarterly statements.

Blessed are those who use the offering envelopes, for their contributions shall be recorded, and shall be deductible from their income tax.

Blessed are those who marketh their envelopes clearly, for they reduceth the headaches of the Church Treasurer.

profit to provide a corrugated rubber cover for the right pedal on the organ.

Their Reward

This will be their reward for weeks of badgering merchants, coaxing shy housewives into becoming deputies in charge of keeping the potato salad moist, allotting cooking chores, sweating over hot ovens and cleaning up the mess.

How much simpler it would be

if all the faithful who will go to savor the smorgasbord could be cajoled into throwing the buck and a half into the collection basket and eating their supper at home. Then the profit would be clear and the gals would be saved all that drudgery of planning, amassing and serving the dinner!

How Is It?

How is it, you can ask yourself, that a churchgoer who painfully parts with a dime for the collection will eagerly and even gladly pay \$1.50 for what could be a mediocre supper, or buy \$10 worth of raffle tickets, or spend \$15 at a rummage sale to help reduce the church debt? Some clergymen attribute this inconsistency to a human nature that make us want to see something solid put into our hands whenever we part with some of our dough.

This seems to be a highly questionable bargaining point for supporting the earthly work of the Lord when you consider just a few of the admonitions on the subject of charity that lace the inspired writing.

In the 18th chapter of St. Luke, when the rich man asks the Lord how to get to heaven, the answer is, "Sell all that thou hast, and come, follow me."

And St. Paul warned the Corinthians: "And if I distribute all my goods to feed the poor and if I deliver my body to be burned, yet do not have charity, it profits me nothing."

And in another chapter he says: "Mark this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let each give not grudgingly or from compulsion, for 'God loves a cheerful giver.'"

Not one word, you will notice, about any tie-in with a vat of baked beans or slab of coleslaw.

(Editor's Note: The writer might well have added, from the 6th chapter of Matthew: "Where thy treasure is there will thy heart be also.")

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

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were elected for youth work, children's work, adult work, Wesley Foundation work, committee on certification of directors of Christian Education and directors of music. Two members were selected for membership on the conference committee on Christian family.

Reports of the year's work to date were made to the board.

Newport Area School

A four-unit area training school, first series, will be held at First Church, Newport, for the churches of that section, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, March 6-8. The following units are to be offered:

Children and the Bible, Mrs. Delbert W. Hill.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Rev. Pryor R. Cruce.

What It Means to be a Christian, Rev. L. M. Conyers.

The Work of the Local Church, Ira A. Brumley.

Vacation Church School Units

The North Arkansas Conference is suggesting to the churches of the conference the use of the following vacation church school units for this conference year:

Kindergarten: *My Home and Family*, Roorback.

Primary: *Friends at Home and in the Community*, Eddy.

Junior: *Meet Your Neighbors*, Abernathy.

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The history of the early church is impressively depicted in a new series of ten motion pictures, in sound and color, based on the Book of Acts. The series, "ACTS OF THE APOSTLES," has been produced by Family Films in its Hollywood studios, for Broadman Films, under the supervision of the Rev. Earl Waldrup. The series was directed by Edward Dew.

The latest addition to religious teaching films will fill a longfelt gap in the resources that visualize the life and actions of the early Christians. The series depicts not only the major historical events, such as the preaching of Peter at Pentecost, the conversion of Saul at Tarsus, Peter's rooftop vision, and the expansion of the early Christian church into the Gentile world, but special emphasis is given to the spiritual power that made these early Christians dynamic witnesses for Christ.

"ACTS OF THE APOSTLES" will be available in 1957 through

HUNGARIAN PEOPLE REQUEST SCRIPTURES

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religious film distribution centers in Holland had paper and an available press. Printing of 30,000 Testaments and 15,000 Bibles could begin immediately. Delivery of these books has been promised also for March 15, thanks to the modern method of printing from photo-offset plates prepared from photographs of Bibles and Testaments printed in Hungary in 1955 and shipped to Amsterdam for distribution to Hungarians in Western Europe.

Faced with this unexpected crisis it was only a matter of days before a program of printing, shipping and distribution involving six countries and four Bible Societies was initiated. Already delivered or on the presses for delivery within a short time are 260,000 Gospels, 50,000 New Testaments and 20,000 Bibles.

served by the Family Films' international organization. The company's office moved recently to its own studios at 5823 Santa Monica Boulevard, Hollywood 38, California.

The American Bible Society is responsible for 80 percent of this production and free distribution. Its expenditure so far is about \$35,000.

Scriptures are also being supplied for Hungarian refugees arriving in the United States. Secretary Richard H. Ellingson has been meeting the refugees at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, and personally and with the added help of the Chaplains at the Camp offering them either a Hungarian Bible or a New Testament. These Scriptures have been eagerly received.

Since 1953 Hungarian Scriptures have been printed in Hungary. The American Bible Society has sent one hundred ten tons of paper to the Hungarian Bible Council, which has published about 125,000 volumes for distribution throughout Hungary. At the time of the revolution, arrangements were being made to send eighty tons of paper to the Council for the 1957 publications program. Because publication was possible in Hungary it had not been necessary since 1952 to publish large quantities outside that country. Consequently no large stocks were available for refugee distribution.

OBITUARIES

BUTLER—Neely Davis Butler, 69, a native of LaSalle Parish and resident of Jena, La., for the past several years, died suddenly Wednesday morning, January 30th, 1957, while enroute to the post office before going to work.

Born near Summerville in LaSalle Parish, Mr. Butler received his early schooling here and later attended Louisiana Tech in Ruston where he was active in sports, playing football on the Tech grid team. He retained his interest in sports throughout his life, and was active in promoting this sport until his death, having served as treasurer of the Jena District Athletic Association, the Quarterback Club for Jena High School for a number of years. He was loved by the young and the old.

Not only was he interested in athletics, but was an ardent fisherman and huntsman. In his association with the youth of the community, he is quoted as saying, "The boy who truly loves to fish or to hunt doesn't have the time, nor the desire to get into trouble."

He was a sincere Christian and was active in his church up until the time of his death. The church and community will miss him.

Before coming to Jena in March, 1952, he and his family were residents of Bunkie, La., where they have many friends.

Funeral services for Mr. Butler were held at the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church in Jena on Friday, Feb. 1st, at 3 P.M., with the Revs. Otis Spinks and W. O. Lynch conducting the final rites. Interment was in the Nolley Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Butler descended from a family long prominent in the history of LaSalle Parish and this area. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Georgia Mason Butler; one son, Lt. Col. N. D. Butler, Jr. of the U. S. Marine Corps, Edenton, N. C.; two brothers, T. S. of Jena and Morris of Memphis, Tenn.; three sisters, Mrs. H. N. Tannehill of Trout, Mrs. J. H. Luttrell of Jena, and Miss Katherine Butler of Ruston, and three grandchildren. —W. O. Lynch, pastor

HARPER—Ralph Christian Harper, a faithful layman of the Farmerville Methodist Church for 27 years, was called to his heavenly home on January 28, 1957.

Born the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Harper, he married Lozelle Farley and lived the remainder of his life in Farmerville. He is survived by his wife and one son, William Rodney, his mother, Mrs. Mae Evelyn Harper, two brothers, Jolly B. Harper and H. G. Harper, two sisters, Miss Rosalie Harper and Mrs. W. P. Marsh.

Because of his great love for the church and because he had worked diligently for the completion of the new church plant, services were held in the educational building even though there was inadequate seating capacity for his friends throughout the parish. Contributions by many friends have been placed in a Memorial Fund to be used in the construction of the new sanctuary.

Serving his church in many capacities, he was a member of the Official Board for many years and at the time of his death was secretary of the Men's Bible Class. Serving his community in the Masonic Order he was Past Grand Master of Union Fraternal Lodge No. 53 in Farmerville, La.

In tribute to his life, "Ralph

Harper had a simple and unshakable faith in God and a genuine love for his fellow man. This was expressed daily in a great loyalty and devotion to his family, his friends, his church, and his pastor.

"He was a person who continually sacrificed for others. This was clearly shown in his tremendous efforts to promote not only a new church building but also the program carried out by his church.

"One thing that will always stand out in my cherished memory is the optimism and cheerfulness with which he met every problem and obstacle including the fatal heart illness which claimed his life. A few hours before his death Ralph felt better and was humming the tune "In my Heart there Rings a Melody." What better testimony can we ask?

"It is therefore with reluctance but also with great honor and pride we transfer his membership from this earthly kingdom to the Heavenly Kingdom."—W. V. Sirman

SINCLAIR—Lee Temple Sinclair, 81, was born November 8, 1875; passed away January 3, 1957, in a Monroe, La. hospital. He was the son of the late Dr. John L. and Mary Temple Sinclair and when a young man married Miss Susan Wooten who preceded him in death about three and one half years.

He was a retired farmer and a lifelong member of Bolding Methodist Church, Bolding, Ark., having been a member over 65 years. He served as Sunday School superintendent and choir director for many years and was faithful to his church and community.

He was the father of twelve children ten of whom survive him. They are as follows: Six sons, E. L. of Monroe, La.; E. P. of Bolding; Baxter and Powell of Sterlington, La.; Vernon of New Iberia, La.; and Conway of Dallas, Tex.; four daughters, Mrs. J. T. Bolding and Mrs. C. E. Morton, both of El Dorado, Ark.; Mrs. J. M. Rashto, Baton Rouge, La.; and Mrs. W. H. Nelson, Huttig, Arkansas.

In addition to the children he is survived by 25 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Sinclair had been in declining health for several years but when his present pastor was the visiting minister in Bolding Church a few years back he recalls how Mr. Sinclair attended every service and walked over a mile to do so. Yes, one of our pioneer citizens who lived

a life that should teach us to live better has passed to his reward.—By Myron C. Pearce, pastor, Bolding Methodist Church

HAWSEY—Mrs. W. W. Hawsey was born Katie May, daughter of Rev. H. W. May, who served with distinction in Alabama and Louisiana. She was born at Prattville, Ala. Sometime after her father was transferred to the Louisiana Conference, he was appointed presiding elder of the district which included Jackson and the old Centenary College, the district parsonage being in Jackson at that time. It was here that she was to meet the young Willie Hawsey who was a student at Centenary. On Dec. 13, 1953, friends and relatives met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hawsey for the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Hawsey was a member of the Methodist Church in Ethel, La., and as long as she was able to participate she was a faithful member and officer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She was also faithful to those in her community who were sick or in distress, for she was well known for her readiness to go to the care of sick neighbors.

She is survived by her husband; by one sister, Mrs. Emory C. Cameron, Peoria, Ill.; by two brothers, Alvin H. May, Sr., Baton Rouge, La., and Claude H. May, Shreveport, La., and by several nieces and nephews.

She died January 19, 1957, and her funeral was conducted at the Charlet Funeral Home, Clinton, La., by her pastor, Rev. John B. Shearer, assisted by Rev. George W. Harkins of the Clinton Methodist Church, and a lifelong friend of the family, Rev. T. D. Lipscomb, New Roads Methodist Church. Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery, Clinton, La. —John B. Shearer

FORNEA — Funeral services were held Friday, January 25, 1957, for Mrs. Marguerite Calhoun Fornea, age 42, of Varnado, Louisiana, whose sudden death followed a heart attack, January 23. Immediate survivors are her husband, Alcus Fornea, son, Alcus, Junior, daughter, Mary Adele, all of Varnado, her mother, Mrs. Irene Hall and sister, Mrs. Leo Lewis of Moblie, Alabama.

Reverend E. W. Corley of West Monroe, Louisiana, and Reverend A. N. Baum, her pastor, officiated at

funeral rites in the Varnado Methodist Church.

In her quiet manner, Marguerite served her church and community well. At the time of her death she served as Communion Steward. The Communion Service itself had been presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Fornea. She was also teacher of the Junior Class having served in that capacity many years. For two years she served as president of the W.S.C.S. During this time an organ was purchased.

It will take years for us to realize just how many times she was called upon and gladly did her best for her Master.—Mrs. Homer A. Seal

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LESSON FOR MARCH 10, 1957

FORGIVENESS UNLIMITED

READ MATTHEW 18:15-35.

MEMORY SELECTION: Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? As many as seven times? Jesus said to him: I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. —Matthew 18:21-22 (RSV)

Our general theme for the new Unit of five lessons is, "Human Destiny and Man's Relation to Jesus the Christ." Last Sunday, in our first lesson of the series the subject was "Confessing Christ Today." In such a lesson we would, of course, be dealing with the destiny of man and his relation to Christ. Today our subject, "Forgiveness Unlimited," also would very definitely have to do with human destiny and our relation to Christ.

In the six verses of Chapter 18 just preceding our lesson text, Jesus tells His disciples how they should deal with a "brother" who has sinned against them. He set out in detail how they should deal with the offender.

When Jesus had finished with this instruction, Peter asked a very natural and appropriate question. It was, "How oft shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Till seven times?" Since the Jewish Rabbis taught that one was obligated to forgive only three times, Peter evidently thought that he was being unusually liberal and pious when he said, "till seven times." The words of Jesus must have astonished him and the other disciples when Jesus said "Until seventy times seven," which was his way of saying there is no limit to the number of times we should forgive an offending brother.

The Unjust Steward

In order to help His disciples and us to see how unreasonable it is for a professed Christian to hold in his heart an unforgiving spirit toward his fellowman, Jesus spoke the parable of the Unjust Steward.

In the parable a king calls his servants for an accounting. It developed that one of his servants owed the king ten thousand talents, the equivalent of about \$10,000,000. Since it was impossible for the servant to pay such a debt, the king ordered his wife and children and all that he had to be sold in order to make a payment on the debt. It meant also that the servant would spend the rest of his life in jail, since he would never be able to complete the payment of such a debt. The servant fell down before his master and worshipped him, saying, "Have patience with me and I will pay thee all." The king was so moved with compassion that he set the man free and forgave the entire debt.

Jesus said that the man, thus forgiven, went out and found a man who owed him 100 Denarie about \$20.00. Because the man could not pay him, he "took him by the throat saying, pay me that thou owest." This poor man fell down before him, not in worship but in humility, and begged for patience and time in exactly the same words

the king's servant had used in his plea before his master. Despite this plea, the poor man was thrown into prison "till he should pay the debt."

When the king heard of the heartless thing the man had done, who had just been forgiven an impossible debt, he called the man again into his presence and, after a severe rebuke, delivered him to his "tormentors until he had paid all." In this parable Jesus is teaching us that, if God so freely forgives us a debt we could never pay, we should forgive "from our heart" the comparatively insignificant wrongs we feel others have done us.

This parable is a little difficult for the once-in-grace-always-in-grace supporters to explain. Without question the king in the parable is God. The man owed a debt he could not possibly pay. Because of his penitence, God freely forgave all of his debts and set him free. Nevertheless, the man's conduct was such, after being forgiven, that he was again condemned and cast into prison. In everyday language, Methodists call that "Falling from Grace."

Forgiveness Not A Matter of Mathematics

This lesson holds many truths about forgiveness. One that is plainly evident is the fact that forgiveness is not a matter of mathematics. It was always the plan of Jewish leaders to reduce religious responsibilities to a formula. Having met the literal requirements of the formula, they felt that they had fulfilled their religious responsibilities regardless of the spirit in which they had acted or the motives that prompted them to act.

Hence it was that they laid stress on the fact that there was one day, the Sabbath day, which must be kept holy. They were not so particular about the other days. By their laws they owed one tenth of their income to the work of the kingdom. What they did with the rest of their income, they thought, was entirely their own business. They had rules and regulations about prayer, fasting and worship. They attempted to set up a rule to govern conduct in every imaginable situation of life.

Consequently it is in no sense surprising that they had attempted to reduce the spirit of forgiveness to a given figure. They said forgive three times. After that one was free to follow his own inclinations. It was in something of that spirit that Sam Jones, the great evangelist, said that if a man struck him on one cheek he would—as the Bible instructed—turn the other cheek. After that he said that he had no further instructions. The fact is Mr. Jones, and all of the

rest of us do have further instructions. In times of stress, these instructions are not so easy to follow, but they are there, always. The spirit of vital Christianity is not based on arithmetic but on love, compassion, forgiveness, brotherhood.

Forgiveness Not So Much An Act As An Attitude

Real forgiveness is something more than just saying, "Yes, I forgive you." The matter of forgiveness of which Jesus was speaking was more than a given act or number of acts. Forgiveness, in the mind of the Master, is an attitude which will not allow us to hold malice, hatred or even an ill will toward anyone, regardless of how many times that one has wronged us. With an attitude of forgiveness, we do not keep books on the number of times we forgive. The one who possesses a spirit of forgiveness until it becomes an attitude of life would never say, "I will forgive but I can never forget."

Forgiveness Is Absolutely Necessary

1. *Forgiveness is necessary to our own peace of mind.* One of the most expensive "luxuries" one may possess is to hate somebody. A deep-seated grudge in one's life eats away at his peace of mind like a cancer eating away at a vital organ of life. Such a situation hurts us more than it does anyone else.

We knew a man who seemed to hate a preacher who once had served his church. He was ready in conversation to open up the old sore at every opportunity. We tried to help him to see what his "grudge" was doing to himself. We told him that the preacher had been gone for years and would likely never be within the bounds of his charge again and had, very likely, dismissed the matter from his mind long ago. What we said apparently did no good since our friend seemed to get a real sense of satisfaction out of reliving the unpleasant experiences he had in connection with his former pastor.

2. *Forgiveness is necessary to a proper relation with others.* There is an old saying which refers to "making allowances" for people. That attitude is as necessary today as ever. This does not mean that we must be on friendly, neighborly relations with everybody about us. It does mean that we must be willing to do so if they will allow it.

We sat in a Sunday School class one day and heard the teacher, a man, say that it was not possible for us to forgive a person who has wronged us unless they asked forgiveness. We happened to know that he was at dagger points with a man in a neighboring town. He was trying to teach a Sunday School Lesson on forgiveness while he was quite conscious of a malignant spirit of unforgiveness in his own heart. While the class may not have been aware of what he was doing, he was, in fact, saying to himself there before the class, "It is all right for me to hate the man. He has never asked me to forgive him." Jesus forgave His enemies while they were murdering Him although they had no idea of asking forgiveness.

3. *Forgiveness is necessary to a proper relation with God.* Jesus teaches us here and elsewhere, very definitely, that it is necessary for us to be forgiving if we expect to be forgiven. In the Lord's Prayer Jesus teaches us say, "Forgive us

our debts, as we forgive our debtors." To pray God to forgive us just as we forgive others, might be praying for our own condemnation, if we have an unforgiving spirit. Jesus adds at the close of this prayer in Matthew 6:15, "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

We talked to a man who had come to an altar for prayer. He seemed to be anxious to feel that his sins had been forgiven, but was having great difficulty. We asked him if he knew what was in his way in his prayers for pardon. His answer was, in effect, that a man had broken up his home and he had determined, if he ever saw him again, to kill him. We told him that, according to Bible teachings, the Lord could not and would not forgive his sins, as long as there was a spirit of murder in his heart. He carried the determination to kill with him when he left the altar.

After everyone had left the tent at the close of a morning service, we discovered, with our wife, that an Indian girl about grown remained under the tent. We returned to see if we could help her. She seemed very much interested in being a Christian and would come almost to the point of a definite decision. Then her Indian blood would assert itself and she would say, between clinched teeth almost in a hissing sound, "but I hate her." She could not overcome that spirit of hatred and consequently, interested as she was, left the tent as unhappy religiously as she came.

Christ says, in our lesson, "If ye from your hearts forgive not" that God will not forgive the wrongs of our lives. We cannot really deceive ourselves and when we face the matter of a decision for Christian living, we know whether "from our hearts" we have forgiven others. Unless we have, we cannot exercise a saving faith in God that will bring the consciousness of sin forgiven.

God's Forgiveness Unlimited But Not Unconditional

God will forgive the sins of our lives as often as we turn to Him in sincere penitence and faith. While God's forgiveness is unlimited, it is not unconditional. We must be in an attitude of heart that will make it possible for God to exercise His forgiving grace in our lives. The Psalmist wrote in Psalm 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." It is sin to hold an unforgiving spirit and in such an attitude of heart and mind, we may not expect the forgiveness of our sins however often we ask it.

In Forgiveness, We Must Have Something of The Spirit of The Master

The apostle Peter suggested that seven times might be the proper number of times for forgiving the same person who has repeatedly wronged us. Jesus said, "Until seventy times seven."

We should exercise the same spirit, in our relations to those who have wronged us, as Christ has in relation to us who have so often gone contrary to His will. Suppose Christ were to follow the same course in relation to us as Peter suggested in our relation to others. Suppose Christ would only forgive us seven times. Most of us would have sinned away our days of grace before we had hardly begun life, after reaching the age of accountability.



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Metairie Approves Building Plans

Building plans for the Metairie Methodist Church were presented to the congregation at a special meeting this week by the Official Board and received approval of the membership.

Mr. George A. Saunders, AIA, of Lawrence and Saunders, has been selected as the architect. Plans call for a second meeting of the congregation on Palm Sunday to approve the preliminary drawings. Palm Sunday will be the church's fourth anniversary.

Currently meeting in a temporary building at 612 Savera Avenue, the church owns a building site on Pontiac Street near Lake Drive, one block off Veteran's Memorial Highway. The hope is for construction to begin in the fall.

This newest phase of the Building Program was presented by W. H. Russell, chairman of the Official Board, Jim Kellis, church school superintendent, L. H. Crawford, MYF counsellor, Charles Riser, treasurer, Roy Roomerhauser, Board member, and John Winn, pastor.

The Revs. James Major, A. N. Storey, and Karl Tooke, directors of the Area-Wide Every Member Canvass program in the Little Rock, North Arkansas, and Louisiana Conferences, respectively, suggest a

TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. By March 8 the general organization of the EMC should be complete and prospect lists made out.
2. March 11—The General Committee holds its first meeting to complete plans and select materials to be ordered.
3. March 18—A photographer should be engaged to make pictures of church activities on Sunday, March 24. These will be used later in the Pictured Appeal Folder and the Canvasser's Presentation Booklet. Also on March 18 the General Chairman and sub-committee chairmen should begin enlisting Captains of the Canvassing teams.
4. March 19—The Program Committee will hold its first meeting. It will begin to consider the present church program to discover its weak spots, using the Program Builder Form on pages 11-14 of the Manual. Then go on to consider what the church should be doing in the future. In this way a Budget for 1957-58 will begin to take form.

NOTE: Watch for suggestions from the conference directors in this space each week during the EMC program.

Week of Dedication Needs

Fifty thousand dollars for Crusade Scholarships is the top request from the Division of National Missions for the Methodist Church's "Week of Dedication," March 3 to 10. Nine home mission needs, which it is hoped the Week's gifts will provide, bring the total national missions askings to \$280,000. Adding the needs in overseas missions and in other services, the total asked is in excess of \$800,000.

In the Oklahoma Indian Mission five church buildings, a parsonage, and an educational building can be built if Methodists respond to the appeal for \$35,000 for this purpose.

For the sum of \$200,000 seven mobile units can be provided for Puerto Rico.

Two Latin American churches will benefit from "Week of Dedication" receipts: \$15,000 for a new congregation in El Paso, Texas and, \$10,000 for the church at Bishop, Texas.

Among other needs are those for about 1,000 Koreans who live in Los Angeles; for the congregation of the Hughes Memorial Church in Washington, D. C., which has been worshiping for some years in a residence; and for an outpost mission of the Methodist Church in Hawaii.

Others include Parker Memorial Church in Kaneohe, Hawaii, where the building was destroyed by fire in 1955; the Moderno church, San Juan, Puerto Rico, one of the youngest churches in the Puerto Rico Provisional Conference; and Ketchikan, Alaska, where the First Methodist Church of that city has no facilities for an educational program.

Conference Schedules Interboard Schools of Instruction

The Louisiana Conference will engage in a series of District Interboard Schools of Instruction, March 11-20, to lift up the work of the four required Commissions in the Local Church.

The Interboard Schools of Instruction have been planned under the leadership of Bishop Paul E. Martin, in keeping with the Quadrennial emphasis on the Local Church. Bishop Martin met with the Cabinet, representatives of the General Boards, and officials of the Conference Boards in Alexandria in November, at which time the program was presented for discussion and was adopted. Each District Superintendent has given the needed leadership in promoting the School in his own District, with Conference-wide planning delegated to a Steering Committee composed of Douglas L. McGuire, Conference Missionary Secretary, Karl Tooke, Conference Director of Stewardship, Bentley Sloane, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, and W. D. Boddie, Conference Secretary of Evangelism.

A leadership team composed of representatives of the General Boards will visit each District to direct the groups of Local Church Commission Chairmen in their respective fields. This team will include such outstanding men as Dr. J. A. Engle from the Board of Missions, Dr. Walter Towner from the Board of Education, Dr. Lloyd Daugherty of the Board of Evangelism, and Dr. Earl MacLeod of the Board of Lay Activities. The Rev. Karl Tooke, Louisiana Conference Director of Stewardship, will act as official host for the visiting team, and will be in charge of their itinerary through the Conference.

The District Schools will be held in the following order:

Monday, March 11, Shreveport District, Broadmoor Church.

Tuesday, March 12, Ruston District, Trinity Church.

Wednesday, March 13, Monroe District, Rayville Church.

Thursday, March 14, Baton Rouge District, Zachary Church.

Friday, March 15, Lafayette District, Franklin Church.

Monday, March 18, New Orleans District, Carrollton Church.

Tuesday, March 19, Lake Charles District, First Church, Lake Charles.

Wednesday, March 20, Alexandria District, First Church, Alexandria.

The program for the School in each District will include the pastor and the four Commission Chairmen from each local Church in the following schedule:

Entire School:

2:30-3:00 General Assembly; presentation of leaders; assignment of rooms.

Commission Chairmen:

3:00-4:00 First workshop period with respective General Board leaders.

4:15-5:15 Second Workshop period.

4:30-6:30 Supper.

6:45-7:45 Third workshop period.

Ministers:

3:00-3:30 District Superintendent with ministers.

3:30-4:00 Education man with ministers.

4:15-4:45 Evangelism man with ministers.

District Secretaries will meet with and be in charge of Commission Chairmen groups while General Board men are with the ministers.

Entire School:

8:00 P.M. General Worship Service to close School.

BISHOP MARTIN HAS SURGERY

Bishop Paul E. Martin underwent surgery at the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, last week. He is making a splendid recovery, and is expected to be able to return to his duties within a few weeks.

Bishop Martin is in room 209-S, where he is expected to be for the next week.

Bishop and Mrs. Martin, in a statement to this publication, wish to express their sincere appreciation for the interest shown and prayers offered for them at this time.

Centenary's New Theater Building Nears Completion

The new \$378,000 theater now nearing completion on the campus of Centenary College will be known as "The Marjorie Lyons Playhouse of Centenary College."

Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, said college officials had suggested the name as a tribute to Mrs. Charlton H. Lyons Sr., who conceived the idea of providing completely modern facilities for the Centenary Playhouse group more than two years ago.

The structure is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Lyons and their two sons, Charlton H. Lyons Jr., and Hal Lyons, both of whom are familiar for their dramatic and musical work on local stages.

The new theater has been under construction since last July and is slated for completion in June. However, classroom space in the building will not be presented until June. "The King and I" is slated to be the initial production.

Meanwhile, seats for the building are on order and will be installed within the next month. Lobby decorations and classroom equipment also remain to be installed, although virtually all of the exterior work is completed. Landscaping of the grounds around the building will be done later.

The building, which already has been featured in articles in a number of theatrical publications, is reportedly one of the most modern and completely equipped theaters of its kind in the United States.

Requests Prayer Vigil

The Board of Evangelism of the Louisiana Annual Conference requests all churches in the conference to join in a twenty-four hour Prayer Vigil, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Holy Thursday to 6:00 p.m. Good Friday (April 18-19). Materials may be ordered from the General Board.

Abingdon Schedules Paper-Bound Editions

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—Abingdon Press will launch a new series of paper-bound books March 25 in an effort to "make outstanding books available at a price nearly everyone can afford."

The books will be called the Apex series, it was announced here by Cecil D. Jones, Nashville, manager of Abingdon Press, book publishing business of the Methodist Publishing House.

Prices will range from \$1.00 to \$1.50.

The first series will consist of eight books that were issued earlier in more expensive format. All by prominent religious writers, the books and authors are:

The Kingdom of God by John Bright (an Abingdon Award winner); *When The Lamp Flickers*, Leslie D. Weatherhead; *The Higher Happiness*, Ralph Sockman; *Prayer*, George A. Buttrick; *A Protestant Manifesto*, Winfred E. Garrison; *How Came the Bible*, Edgar J. Goodspeed; *In the Minister's Workshop*, Halford E. Luccock; and *An Introduction to New Testament Thought*, Frederick C. Grant.

A second group of Apex books is scheduled to appear in September.

The books, printed in large type on good quality paper, will be of uniform size, 5 3/8 by 8 1/4 inches. The size permits the use of the original printing plates, said Mr. Jones, and helps make possible the lower retail price.



"MISS METHODIST STUDENT NURSE"—Miss Marjorie Brasfield, 20-year-old student nurse in Carraway Methodist Hospital, Birmingham, Ala., has been chosen "Miss Methodist Student Nurse" in a nation-wide contest. Announcement of her selection was made by the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church. She was guest of the National Association of Hospitals and Homes at its convention in Chicago Feb. 26-28.

Urges Emphasis On Ministerial And Missionary Recruitment

Chicago, (MI)—Heavy concentration upon ministerial and missionary recruitment was urged upon 700 Methodist leaders—bishops, district superintendents and other officials—by Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis recently.

"We urgently need each year 1200 pastors for replacements, 500

for new churches, 275 for chaplaincies, 450 for multiple ministry associates and 375 for circuit churches that have become one-church appointments," he told the three-day conference in session here at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

Bishop Raines attributed this ministerial shortage to the relatively slow growth of his denomination as compared with population gains. Lack of sufficient ordained, fully trained ministers has resulted in the filling of a third of the Methodist pulpits with supply (lay) preachers, he said.

Similar shortages exist in other church-related callings, according to Bishop Raines. He challenged the Methodist officials to find and train 100 new deaconesses each year, 50 missionaries, 280 directors of religious education, 255 campus religious workers, and 4,000 student nurses for the 71 Methodist hospitals.

Chaplain service was highly commended by the bishop: "Most of our country's physically sound youth are spending approximately two years in the armed services. The church forgets and neglects them to her own and their peril. Should not every able-bodied youth minister offer to serve for a period as a chaplain? This experience would increase his effectiveness as a Christian minister. The service men in his congregation would know that while they were taking it, he, too, was taking it."

Louisianan Participates In Radio - TV Center Dedication

John Outler, general manager of WSB and WSB-TV and chairman of the Radio Board of the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters, gave the Protestant Radio and Television Center highest professional praise and challenged Protestants everywhere to express their interest in its programs to their local stations.

Mr. Outler was addressing Protestants of five denominations who dedicated their new quarter million dollar television production facilities at the Protestant Radio and Television Center in Atlanta, Feb. 18 and 19.

The Center's new sound stage, claimed to be the largest and best south of New York and east of Denver, was dedicated in memory of the late John Bulow Campbell, outstanding Presbyterian layman.

Among those taking part on the dinner and dedication program was J. C. Loye, Jr., Ruston, La.

Scenes At The National District Superintendents' Conference

One of the displays emphasizing conference theme, "Strengthening the Local Church and Building the World Parish."



The conference featured a number of discussion groups on program areas and areas of responsibility. Seen at right, center, is Dr. W. Neill Hart, Camden District Superintendent.



Bills Banning Alcohol Aloft Introduced

Washington, D. C. (MI)—Six bills seeking to ban the serving of alcoholic beverages on commercial aircraft have been introduced in the 85th Congress.

"The fate of these bills is pretty much in the hands of the public—dependent upon how many persons write their Senators and Representatives to urge Congressional action," said the Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance.

He recalled that a similar bill was adopted last year by the House of Representatives, but that the Senate took no action, thus permitting the bill to die.

Methodist Sponsors Father's Day Resolution

Washington, D. C. (MI) — A Methodist woman is sponsoring a move to make "Father's Day" official.

Senator Margaret Chase Smith, Republican of Maine, has introduced a resolution in the Senate to correct "the most grievous insult imaginable to the fathers of America."

Suggesting that the third Sunday in June be designated annual Father's Day, Senator Smith told her 95 male colleagues:

"Either we honor both our parents, mother and father, or let us desist from honoring either one."

The annual Mother's Day was legalized by Congress in 1917.

Uncover Christian Cemetery In Vatican City

Vatican City (RNS) — Archeologists have uncovered the remains of a vast Christian cemetery under a site in Vatican City on which it is planned to build a huge parking lot.

Their findings were described in a report presented to Pope Pius XII which outlined the progress of excavations.

The archeologists said they had come upon Christian tombs with frescoes, mosaics and inscriptions almost all of which dated back to the first century after Christ.

Also in the cemetery, the report said, were tombs with skeletons buried according to pagan rites with coins between the teeth.

The excavators disclosed that one of the tombs contained an ink bottle. The residue of ink had been

chemically analyzed and found fit for use, they said.

According to the report the finds prove the existence alongside Vatican Hill of the ancient Horti Neronis, or Gardens of Nero, as the cemetery was called.

Court Denies Free-Thinkers' Plea To Remove "Under God" From Pledge

Albany, N. Y. (RNS) A Supreme Court justice here refused to order the State Education Commissioner to delete the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance recited in the public schools.

Judge Isador Bookstein ruled that while the First Amendment guaranteed a citizen's "right to disbelieve" it gave the disbelievers "no preference over those who do believe in God and who, in pledging their allegiance, choose to express that belief."

The ruling was made in dismissing a petition by Joseph Lewis, national president of the Freethinkers of America, and Alfred L. Klein of Staten Island, a member of the group and the father of two school students.

They argued that inclusive of the words "under God" in the pledge to the flag was a violation of the First Amendment providing for the separation of Church and State.

"If I properly apprehend the intent, design and purposes of the First Amendment," Judge Bookstein wrote, "it was conceived to prevent and prohibit the establishment of a state religion; it was not intended to prevent or prohibit the growth and development of a religious state."

He noted that exclusion of references to the Deity would invalidate the President's oath of office, the Declaration of Independence and the oath of the court, all of which invoke God.

The judge also ruled that "children of non-believers" were perfectly free to omit the words "under God" when pledging their loyalty

Detroit Priest Denounces Demonstrations in Front of Negro's Home

Detroit (RNS)—The Rev. John E. Coogan, S.J., chairman of Detroit's Commission on Community Relations, denounced as "a disgrace to the community" demonstrations which have been going on for several weeks in front of a home purchased by a Negro woman in a former all-white neighborhood. The home is about six blocks from the nearest Negro residence in the northwestern area of the city.

Father Coogan, head of the sociology department at the University of Detroit, denounced the crowds who have gathered before the house of Miss Ethel Watkins and the nearby home of a white woman who sold it to her.

"Perhaps the most humiliating phase of the situation," the priest said, "is the slowness of the area leaders to show social responsibility by opposing the rebuking such ganging-up against decent citizens."

Since Miss Watkins, 30-year-old seamstress, purchased the home on Feb. 1, there have been gatherings of hecklers shouting abuses. Police

Japanese Protestant Delegation To Visit Communist China

Tokyo (RNS)—Eleven Japanese Protestant leaders are scheduled to leave here April 23 for a month's goodwill tour of Communist China.

They will make the visit at the invitation of Dr. Y. T. Wu, chairman of the Church of Christ in China and of the so-called "Three-self Reformed Committee" (self-administration, self-support and self-propagation of the Gospel).

The group will be headed by the Rev. Junichi Asano, minister of the Miatke church in Tokyo and chairman of the International Relations Committee of the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan).

Considerable difference of opinion is said to exist among Japanese Protestant officials regarding the propriety of the China tour. But so far only the conservative Japan Harvest, organ of the Evangelical Missionary Association of Japan, has openly opposed it.

The Rev. Takeshi Muto, moderator of the Kyodan, was quoted as saying he favored the project, "so long as it promotes Christian friendship and fellowship between Christians."

Taft Urges "Humble Friendly Reality" To Achieve Brotherhood

Forest Hills, N. Y. (RNS)—Charles P. Taft, former mayor of Cincinnati and a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, made a plea here for "less sweetness and light" and "more humble, friendly reality" in the movement to achieve brotherhood.

He spoke at a Brotherhood Week service in First Presbyterian church of Forest Hills. The service was

to "one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

He dismissed as not relevant an argument that the omission would "humiliate" the non-believing school children.

have posted a 24-hour guard and dispersed crowds when they became too large. Several arrests for loitering and disturbing the peace have been made.

REPORTS BIG ATTENDANCE INCREASE OF SAILORS AT SERVICES

Memphis, Tenn. (RNS) — Rear Adm. Edward B. Harp, Jr., Navy Chief of Chaplains, said here that attendance of sailors at religious services has "doubled and tripled" in the past four or five years.

He gave at least some of the credit to a concentrated program of "character education" started by the Navy several years ago.

"It's a pioneering venture that seeks to turn out better men and women and stronger citizens," Adm. Harp said.

"We're trying to strengthen and fortify morality," he added.

Admiral Harp was here to attend a three-day meeting of senior Navy chaplains.

Complain of Growing Influence of Religion On Soviet Youth

London (RNS) — Readers of Komsomolskaya Pravda, Soviet Communist youth organ, are complaining of the growing influence of religion on Russian young people, the Moscow Radio reported.

It quoted the youth paper as saying that "this cannot be tolerated."

The broadcast referred to one letter to the paper which said that the clergy in the Soviet Union are now much more subtle in their attempts to capture the minds and souls of the young.

The letter said the churches do not neglect any important event in the life of people, whether it be marriage, birth, death or even economic difficulties, to subtly "enter the souls of the people and to spread their influence over youth."

"Although the churches have changed their attitude to the Soviet State," the letter added, "religion remains hostile to Communism and therefore the Komsomol organizations and all youth groups in the USSR must do their utmost to hinder its spread."

sponsored by Temple Sinai of Forest Hills, year-old Reform congregation which holds its regular worship services in the church pending the erection of its own synagogue building.

Member of First Presbyterian attended the service as guests of Temple Sinai. Dr. Theodore S. Ross, rabbi of Temple Sinai, officiated. The Rev. James G. Emerson, Jr., minister of First Presbyterian, also was a speaker.

Mr. Taft suggested that members of all faiths "cultivate humility and a listening ear." This will "ease our tensions, including the unexpressed ones," he said.

He chided "men and women who call themselves Christians and are members of congregations but hang on to their prejudices and flatly refuse to look at the facts."

"When they assume that Negroes are incapable and, more subtly, that you have to look out for Jews or Catholics," he said, "I feel like roaring at them. 'Do you really call yourself a Christian?'"

Mr. Taft lauded Brotherhood Week as being a time to "emphasize what we can agree on." But he added that "surely it is wasted in part unless we also look at ways in which to live together in disagreement."

"We must face the fact that Catholic, Jew and Protestant do not agree in many matters of conviction, principles and theology," he said.

The Cincinnati lawyer cautioned against "ineffective brotherhood talk that contributes little to the real problem."

"That will not really satisfy anyone who has convictions about his religion, who clings to some basic principles, who perhaps has developed some theology," he declared.

"Our churches, if they are worth anything, are not service clubs or religious country clubs. They would not have existed for so long if they were."

Reports Hungarian Churches Can Receive And Distribute Relief Materials

Geneve (RNS) — The Hungarian government has granted permission for church headquarters in Budapest to receive and distribute church-sponsored relief goods, a Lutheran World Federation official reported here. Previously, only the International Red Cross was permitted to handle relief supplies.

Pastor Mogans Zeuthen of Denmark made the announcement on his return from a visit to Budapest. He is secretary of the LWF's division for minority churches in Europe.

The clergyman said the Hungarian government has agreed to give two months notification should permission to send church aid into the country be revoked.

Meanwhile, he said, an "unlimited number" of relief packages may now be sent directly to individuals in Hungary, with some of the most needed items being admitted duty free.

As a result of his report the Lutheran World Federation is making plans for an expanded relief program.

\$140,000 Grant For Interreligious Studies

Chicago (RNS)—The University of Chicago's Missions Research Center will arrange visits between American and Asian theologians as the result of a \$140,000 Rockefeller Foundation grant for a program of "interreligious studies."

Under the program, Dr. Joseph Mitsuo Kitagawa, assistant professor of the history of religions at the university's Federated Theological Faculty, will spend two years in Asia and Europe.

Dr. Kitagawa, the son of an Osaka (Japan) Episcopal priest, will leave in the spring of 1958 for Japan.

Dr. R. Pierce Beaver, director of the missions center, is now in Indonesia recruiting Eastern religious authorities to teach in Chicago.

Dr. Jerald C. Brauer, dean of the federated faculty, said "sympathetic study and understanding of other religions are becoming increasingly important in international relations and international religious activities."

We Approach The Easter Season

HERE is no other season of the year that offers such large opportunities to the church as the Easter season. It seems to be easier to turn the minds of people toward the church and matters religious at this time of the year than at any other time.

This is the time when so many of our pastors are training classes of children for church membership. Both parents and children respond more readily to that work at Easter time than at other periods of the year. People who have moved and have been careless about placing their membership in the church at their new home are usually more responsive to invitations to join their local church at this time of the year.

It is true, also, that adults, who have never made a commitment of their lives to Christ and the church are often more easily reached during the Easter season than at other times. The attendance at the services at the church is usually largest at this time of the year. This in itself offers the church one of its largest opportunities. Methodists should make the most of the opportunities Easter offers.

France Alarmed Over Excessive Drinking

IT has not been uncommon for the supporters of the liquor traffic to point to France as a nation that could drink at will and still hold its place as a great nation. France still drinks almost at will but France can no longer be pointed to as the great nation it once was.

While realizing that the former greatness of France has fallen into an almost hopeless eclipse, the present leaders of France are fearful that the remaining strength of the nation may be dissipated by drink. Although risking his position of leadership French Premier Mollet is now in a campaign to curtail the drinking of wine in the schools.

Chief of the Chicago Tribune's Paris Bureau, Henry Wales, notes the following danger signals in France: hospitals of France are receiving an average of 600 new alcoholic patients a month at a cost to the state of over two billion dollars a year. He tells us that France spent more for alcohol last year than for rent, furniture, water, gas, electricity, wood, coal and other fuels, repairs, maintenance and domestic help combined.

It has not been so long since ex-Premier Pierre Mendes-France was overthrown by the powerful liquor forces of France. Premier Mollet is wise enough, politically, to know what his campaign against drinking in France could mean to him. Nevertheless, he seems to be so deeply impressed with the dangers facing France that he has had government posters displayed telling something of the progress the nation has made, but carrying the warning: "This progress is confronted with one of the gravest evils threatening our country—alcoholism."

We have pride in thinking of our nation as a leader in world affairs. Just how long we can continue to spend billions annually for alcoholic drinks, and how long we can continue to multiply our alcoholics by the millions and remain a great nation, powerful in world affairs, remains to be seen. The desperate plight of France, politically and morally, should help us to see the price France has paid for the "privilege" of drinking at will.

Dedication Means Direction

WE understand there is a resolution now pending before Congress which would provide for a National Forgiveness week. This resolution if enacted, presumably would lift up for several days each year principles of friendliness and Christian brotherliness. Since we haven't seen the actual proposition we will refrain from passing comment, except to say that its proponents certainly do not have in mind individuals saving all their "forgiving" for this one week in the year.

Methodism is currently observing Week of Dedication, with next Sunday, March 10 as the climax of this period of spiritual enrichment. Week of Dedication, of all things, does not mean that this is the one period of each year when Methodists are asked to rededicate themselves to the Kingdom, God, and righteousness. It should, on the other hand, make real to every Methodist that being a Christian without dedication of life is like trying to reach a particular destination without giving any thought whatever as to direction.

Each new day in life brings fresh opportunities, new experiences, and continued relationships. Each day also brings another opportunity for deeper dedication of self to the highest, the purest, and the best that we know. Week of Dedication serves as an annual reminder that unless we continue again and again to commit ourselves to God and His righteousness, we are not being square with God, those who trust us, or ourselves. This annual emphasis with all its meaning should be so deeply etched into our experiences that throughout the year we call ourselves many times to a rededication of self.

Thus, dedication gives a definite direction to one's living. The act of dedication itself consists in part of ascertaining what one seeks to accomplish with one's life. Dedication poses the question, "Is one proceeding on a definite course toward the most worthwhile accomplishment?" There is, of course, need to reconsider many times one's course in life, since there are influences on every hand that are bent on misdirecting one's life.

As an outward token of one's inward dedication, Methodists are asked to make a sacrificial gift to God to be used in a special way, underwriting special projects and programs that extend the reign of righteousness. A list of these projects was published in last week's issue of this publication. Renew your devotion to Christ and as evidence of your awareness of His forgiving love, make an offering to His cause.

The Bishop Takes A Rest

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN underwent surgery last week at the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock and his progress is reported as normal in his recovery. His improvement is steady and within a few weeks he will resume his busy life.

We are confident that we express the love and appreciation of Methodists and friends from throughout Arkansas and Louisiana as we extend to Bishop and Mrs. Martin this word of encouragement at this time. We hope that this period of enforced recuperation will bring much needed rest. Few of us know the almost unimaginable demands on Bishop Martin's time. The heavy administrative load which he carries is enough in itself to tax one man's energies. Yet in addition, there is church program, connectional interests outside the area, and a well-filled calendar of appointments in the various districts and local churches for special services, building program occasions, etc.

The Methodists of Arkansas and Louisiana wish for you, Bishop Martin, a speedy recovery and may this period of convalescence bring with it rest and renewing of strength for continued service among us.

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Every Member Canvass

Staff Article

Methodists of Arkansas and Louisiana are now engaged in a program which is projected to deepen the experience of Stewardship in the life of every local church and Methodist in these two states. Known as the Every Member Canvass program, leaders of the three annual conferences of the area under the guidance of Bishop Paul E. Martin and three conference directors of the program, are bending every effort to make the Christian stewardship experience a reality for every Methodist in this Area.

This program is not without precedent. As far as we can determine this is the first time that an entire Episcopal Area has undertaken such a venture. There have been instances where annual conferences have projected such programs and many local churches have found an experience of revitalization through these means.

It is about local churches that this article proposes to deal. What has been the experience in local churches who have undertaken such ventures?

More than a year ago two members of the North Arkansas Conference who lived in adjoining cities were en route to Conway to attend a conference board meeting. Naturally conversation turned to present needs in the life of their respective churches. Eventually, the conversation centered on stewardship with their both reaching the conclusion that one of the vital needs of their respective congregations was a new awareness of the Christian stewardship interpretation of life.

This story attempts to point out that what happened in the life of these two churches can also happen in the life of many other churches in Arkansas and Louisiana if the Every Member Canvass program is faithfully carried out in every respect. We believe this is true because Rev. Raymond L. Franks, then pastor of the First Methodist Church, Forrest City and Rev. J. Ralph Hillis, until March 1 pastor of the First Methodist Church, West Memphis, together with their local church leaders all testify to the

transforming power of such a program in the life of a local church.

One of the first steps for the Forrest City and West Memphis churches was the commitment of each church for such a program. The pastors decided to exchange leadership to carry out a 10 weeks program simultaneously. This meant that each pastor would not only be involved in this program in his own church but would be contributing leadership in the other church.

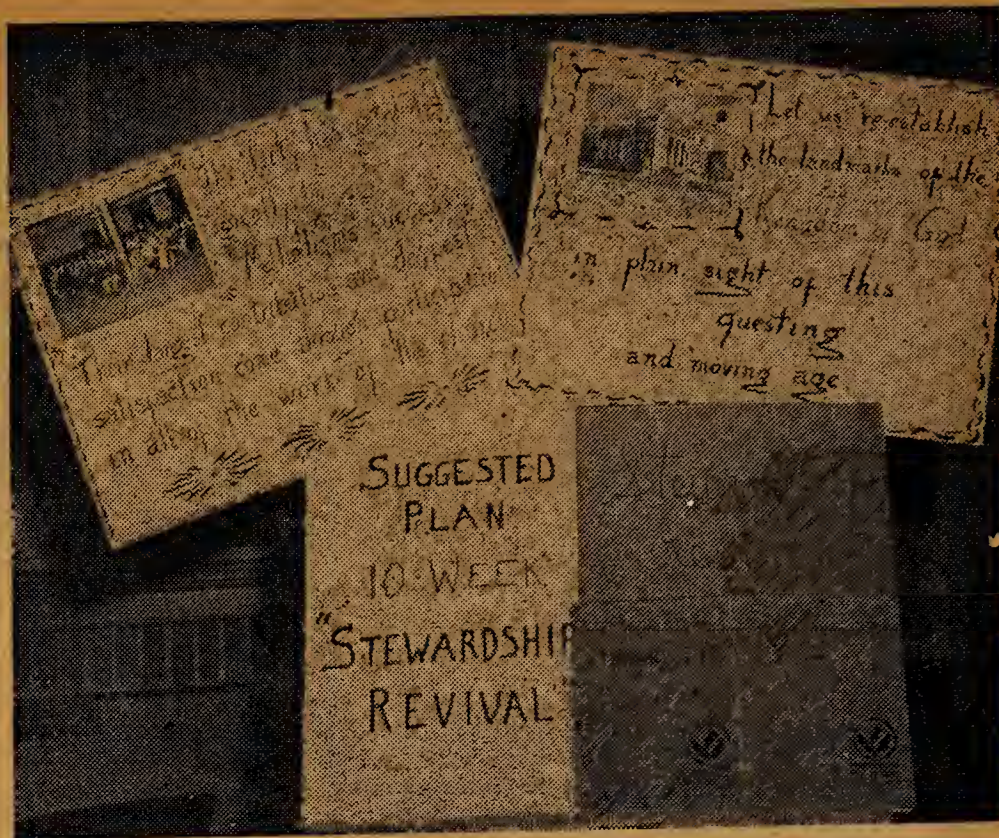
While there are many resource materials available for use in promoting such a program, these pastors felt that if promotional materials could be developed on a local level they would be more applicable to local situations and more helpful in interpreting the program of their churches to their people.

A third and most significant approach to the promotion involved a departure from the common way of introducing church projects. Local church leaders were asked to contribute suggestions as to what they believed the church should render in the way of service to their respective community. What should the church be doing and how can it extend its services to the total life of the community were questions that were being asked of church members. The answers to these questions determined how extensive would be the program of that church. The financial needs of these programs were then determined, organized into a proposed budget and considered by the local church finance committee for recommendation and adoption.

This meant of course that in both churches programs were developed which were intended to meet local needs and resulted in contacting the church's members about the church rather than about money. This is more in keeping with the ideal of Christian Stewardship. This also helped to bring about a fuller realization of the goal—what the church should be doing program-wise in the community.

Knowing where and how a church's money is

Leadership of the Forrest City Every Member Enrollment program: l to r, Webb Sweet, general chairman; Homer Townes, Program chairman; Rev. Raymond L. Franks, former Forrest City pastor; Rev. J. Ralph Hillis, former West Memphis pastor; Eldridge Butler, organization chairman and Mrs. Lucille Shively, publicity chairman. Not present for picture were Knox Kinney, resources chairman and Brice Fletcher, advance pledges chairman.



Some of the materials used by Forrest City and West Memphis Methodists in their Every Member Enrollment Program.

being spent is good stewardship education. Furthermore, what happens to the church member and the local church is the most important result of any program.

Any person who pledges to contribute, for example, \$10.00 a week to support a program designed to meet community and world needs is more likely to attend the services of the church to see what is happening with his money. In other words, a man's interest follows a man's dollars.

Both pastors also felt that one of the finest results of this 10 weeks' program was what happened in the lives of all of the individuals who contributed in anyway to the development and carrying out the Every Member Canvass program.

So much for the general background and philosophy. The general mechanics of the program were also the same for each church although in some specific particulars there were differences. For example, the Forrest City program was projected for a three year period whereas, the West Memphis program for several good reasons was undertaken for the shorter period of one year. Each church conducted a very intensive cultivation campaign to acquaint the membership and community with the program. Poster materials, newspaper articles, three minute addresses in the worship service and at other church meetings, these and other methods were devised to stimulate and focus attention and interest in the churches' Stewardship program.

Among materials created were turn-over charts which were used for training workers, and the Forrest City Church prepared a large number of smaller turn-over charts patterned after the larger one which were placed in the hands of workers for use in the homes of the congregation. Many pictures were used and one of the churches made a movie of "The Church in Action" which was used to acquaint the congregation with the many services which the church offered its members and community.

Both pastors indicated that the most important stimulus to the whole program was a congregational dinner to which all members and families of the church were invited and at which time the whole Stewardship program and the program of the church were presented.

No solicitations for pledges were made in any of the public meetings. All solicitation work came at the end of a period of training of workers and the acquainting of the congregation with the proposed church program.

After this training and cultivation period and the making of pledges by workers, members and families of the congregation were visited and their pledges secured. What of the overall results of such a program? Both pastors report that in each instance there was a renewed interest and spirit in the program of the church. This would seem to indicate that the financial gain which such a program stimulates is secondary to

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BEING PREPARED

It is a common piece of proverbial wisdom that we should be prepared for the worst. But to be prepared for the best is rather a rare grace. We have a saying: "Expect the best, prepare for the worst and take what comes." But is it not true that in actuality the idea of preparedness connotes getting ready for the worst?



Take it in our national life. When we speak of preparedness, we think at once of armies and navies, of aid force and atomic weapons. We get ready for the worst in other people. We talk about the family of nations but the irony is apparent when we think about the analogy of the family. Suppose we trained our children to live together in the family by showing Baby how to use his fists if Big Brother comes near his bottle, or by giving Mary a package of pins to use if John picks on her. Yet those are the methods which we prepare nations to live together in the family of nations.

After World War I, a European statesman confessed: "We were prepared for war but we were not prepared for peace." How tragically true that was again after World War II. Mounting billions are being spent in preparing against the expected worst in other nations.

And it would be folly for any one nation to lay down its arms while the others go on piling up armaments. But if half the effort and inventiveness now spent on weapons of defense were given to finding ways of cultivating friendship, we could further the cause of peace.

And take a look at education. We educate our children in order to prepare them for the future. Yet many have the idea reflected in the remark of a mother: "We can't leave our children much money—but we shall give them a good education. That's something nobody can take away from them."

Lurking behind the wisdom of such a remark is the conception of education as a preparation for defense against a competitive society. The

boy says to himself, "I'll go to college so I can make more at 40 than the fellow who does not go."

The word "educate" in its origin means "to lead out," and education should be a leading out of the mind to link itself with the best—not a technical preparation for defense against the worst.

Or consider the idea of preparedness in the realm of religion. Very well do I remember an evangelist of my boyhood days who had an arresting sermon in the theme "Prepare to meet your God." It was taken from the text about the rich farmer who was planning larger barns when suddenly he was called by death to meet his God. Again and again the preacher rang the charges on the questions. "Are you ready for the reckoning?" "Have you made your peace with God?"

Well, far be it from me to gainsay the truth of divine judgment. This universe is founded on justice, but my feeling as I read the Gospels is that Jesus was trying to prepare us not so much for a divine reckoning as for a divine beckoning—a beckoning to something bigger and better.

Jesus told not only the parable of the foolish farmer who was unprepared for death but also the parable of the foolish virgins who were unprepared for the wedding feast. God wants His children to be ready for the best. And to be really prepared for the best is usually the most effective preparation against the worst.

"In my Father's house are many mansions," He said. "I go to prepare a place for you." The point for us is—Will we be prepared, if we have not learned to like the kind of things Jesus liked, if we cannot live without the earthly things we set our hearts on here, then that will be hell for us. Then they who are ready will "go in with the bridegroom to the marriage and the door will be shut."

Personally I think of death and judgment less in terms of a courtroom and more in terms of a school commencement. Life is a school. God has sent prophets and wise men and His son Jesus Christ to teach us. When we have finished our courses here, we shall go on to further growth and development. What we have done here will determine the direction hereafter. If we have prepared for the best, we shall be ready for God's "Higher Heavenly School."

This week we enter the season of Lent. It is the period when Christendom prepares for the triumph of life over death.

The Layman's Column

By
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HOW TO BE MISERABLE

A young friend of mine, studying for the ministry, told me of a conversation that he had recently with another student. The other student charged my friend with this statement, "Why, if you lived by the Bible, you would be miserable." The one who said it was trying to cover up some things in his own life that my friend and I both know about, but for the sake of argument, let's look at his statement a few minutes.

Miserable, is it? Then let the young man try a few Christian deeds that are ordered by Christ, that we read in the Book. Find out from his pastor the names of just two shut-in church members. Go out and have a visit with them. Listen to them tell of their firm faith in God, and their joy of living, even though they have an infinitely narrower life than this young man can have. If he has the courage, let him have a word of prayer with them, and see the radiant glow of appreciation on their faces as he takes leave of their humble home.

Miserable, is it? Let the young man take Jesus' orders literally and try to "witness" to some friend. Spend a few minutes trying to tell him of the great love that God has for everyone. Urge upon him the joy of following Christ on weekdays instead of just Sunday morning. Then, stand in church some morning when the person to whom he has talked, walks down the aisle and makes a profession of faith in God and Jesus Christ. Talk about joy. He may want to shout!

Miserable, is it? "If a brother be overtaken in a fault... restore such a one..." Let the young man try having a visit with another man who has been completely beaten and defeated by alcohol. Let them pray together. Let them both choke up so they can't talk. Then let the young man see the "alcoholic" make a new try, and with God's grace, make a go of a Christian life, setting up a happy home and being a true father to his children.

Of course it isn't easy to live the Christian

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

WHEN PEACE IS NOT PEACE

Music is being spoken and written about peace these days—and to many men it means many different things. The confusion about peace—what it is, how it is attained—is almost as great as concerning love.

The dictionary makers note at least six distinct meanings of the word *peace*, and these meanings can hardly be equated one with the other, as too many people (including some preachers) try to do. A principal meaning is "freedom from war" or other public disturbance or calamity; and another is "spiritual and mental quietness": or, we might say, external peace, and internal peace. The latter is often referred to as "peace of mind," though I think there is a current phase of it better defined as "peace without mind."

The peace that is "freedom from war"—the cessation of hostilities, hot or cold—we understand and we crave, though we may not agree on how to wage or to achieve it. But that peace certainly does not, as I have been told, grow out of *peace of mind*. One may be at peace in mind and soul—inwardly at peace with God and with man—and yet be the victim of external war and its terrors. And, I am sure, one may be propelled into the midst of struggle, even into war itself, and yet have a *peace of mind* that will sustain one's spirit for the greater conquest.

I suppose no man ever had as great peace of mind, or calmness of spirit, as did Jesus. That peace came from his knowledge of God's place, and plan, and control in the universe;

life. Anybody who ever tried it knows that. But you can't buy diamonds at the five-and-ten. And you certainly can't find any joy in trying to follow Bible teachings unless you pour a large portion of your life into service to others in the name of Christ. Is Christian life a miserable one? Only if you haven't the nerve to make a sincere try of it for at least a reasonable time.

and of his own trust in God and in God's ultimate victory. It was this *internal peace* that gave Jesus the strength to wage a ceaseless conflict against wrong, and error, and sin: there was for him, while the battle for right needed to be waged, no external peace. He was concerned and troubled for the welfare of men: and his peace of mind—his certainty of the rightness of his cause—led him to the cross rather than saved him from it. True peace of mind, rooted in spiritual truth and conviction, is always an internal peace that leads one into Christ-like concern—and may end on the cross, or in the jail, or in some vast arena of struggle: it never rests itself in the shelter of self satisfaction and inertia.

"Rest it peace" we etch on the tombstone; or "now he is at rest," we say when the tired heart ceases. But I wonder if in God's economy "idleness" and "peace" are synonymous. May there not be in God's great universe—in heaven—other struggles to which we will be called? If God's creation is still being perfected, may we not have a share with him in it? Our hope is that "then we shall know"—and that knowledge will give us internal peace in the strength of which to carry on.

"Peace without mind?" Yes, I fear that is a state into which some of our modern philosophies and cults would lead us. I once knew a man of whom it was said, "Give him a cigar, a cup of coffee, and a rocker on the front porch, and he won't have a care in the world." Some would say he has "peace"—but if he has no concern for others' needs, no stirring within him that makes him do battle in some righteous cause, then I would add "without mind." And I hope none of our churches are adding to the number of such people. It was to such a "contented" one that the poet suggested "sleep, and so beguile thy mind"—

"With Lullaby now take thine ease,
With lullaby thy doubts appease..."

External peace...freedom from war: this is not any easy by-product of internal peace, of mind and spirit. But the man (or the nation) that has true "internal peace"—that is based on God's everlasting verities, peace that strengthens the spirit to battle for righteousness: that man or nation will be able to see clearly, to do boldly, and to make whatever momentary sacrifices are necessary to earn freedom from war's struggles. That is the concerned peace of mind I would crave for myself—and for my America.

The Cherry Valley Charge

By Jeanne Mason

Methodist Information

Few counties in Arkansas are as rich in historical background and as fortunate in archeological remains as Cross County, whose official existence is less than one hundred years but whose fertile land was once the home of such pre-historic giants as the mastadon as they fled from the advancing glaciers.

Cross County was created by an act of the Arkansas General Assembly in November, of 1862 while the state was still under the dominion of the Southern Confederacy.

The county was named in honor of Colonel Davis C. Cross, prominent leader in that section of the state and the largest landholder in the locality at that time.

Cherry Valley

The first Methodist Church was Mt. Zion, organized before 1870, and was located a few miles from the town now known as Cherry Valley. The history of Cherry Valley Methodism is older than the town itself. In 1871, the Rev. Thomas Hare conducted services in a Baptist church about one mile east of where Cherry Valley now stands.

With the completion of the railroad in 1882 came early settlers nearer this center and the village was started. As it grew, the need for a church arose, and in 1885 the Rev. J. F. Jernigan organized the Cherry Valley Methodist Church and became the first pastor.

In 1886, William Taylor gave the land for a church and it was built. In 1917, the old church was rebuilt.

In 1949 the second frame church was replaced by a tile block sanctuary and four Sunday School rooms. This \$7,800 church was dedicated January 20, 1952, by Bishop Paul E. Martin. Members of the church raised the money for the church and also for the \$9,000 parsonage, which was completed in December

1953. According to the present pastor, the Rev. John Chapman, plans will soon be underway for a new educational building. The last payment on the parsonage was recently made (\$1,968 having been raised since June of 1956), with \$200 left over. Plans are to paint the outside of the church and the inside of the parsonage.

The Rev. Mr. Chapman, who is married and has three sons, entered the ministry in 1953 and accepted his first pastoral charge which was the Rosebud charge. He served there for three years while attending Hendrix College in Conway.

Other churches on the Cherry Valley charge are Farm Hill Methodist and Bay Village Methodist.

Farm Hill

The Farm Hill Methodist Church was built in 1888 with the Rev. J. T. Haley as pastor. The 75-year old structure was razed and a new building erected on the same site in 1952. Contributions and donations were made to the building fund totaling an estimated \$4,000. Twenty men of the church each gave from 1 to 3 days of their time in tearing down the old building. At that time, the Rev. J. H. Richardson of Vann Dale, was serving as pastor of Farm Hill Church. The Rev. Ethan Dodgen, who was Forrest City district superintendent, led the dedication service on May 18, 1952. The members of this church have now raised \$1,000 toward a new educational building.

The church membership during the 1948-52 period increased from an average of 30 to more than 100.

In 1954 the church marked its 100th anniversary—history dating back to the summer of 1854 when a travelling Methodist minister, the Rev. John M. Steele, held a revival in a building erected in 1840 by Dr. J. P. Mardis. At the

close of this meeting, the Rev. Mr. Steele organized a church.

One hundred years is a long existence for an organization that is dependent on its people to keep it functioning. Changing conditions, movement of people and the need for a particular type of service all play an important part in the life and effectiveness of an organization.

Bay Village

Bay Village Methodist Church's new building was erected in 1953. This congregation (with less than 50 members at that time) raised \$7,000 to build the new church. One-third of the population of Bay Village is in the Methodist Church. Dating back to 1873, this church was organized by the Rev. John M. Steele and the Rev. Markley S. Ford.

District Superintendent Otto Teague says, "Bro. A. N. Storey is doing a fine job as executive secretary of the North Arkansas Town and Country Commission. He has helped our district immeasurably. Cherry Valley Charge no longer pays its pastor the minimum salary. Farm Hill and Bay Village have both doubled the pastor's salary."

Lay speakers preach at Farm Hill every fourth Sunday, at Bay Village every second Sunday and Cherry Valley has two lay speakers. Howard Beasley of Cherry Valley is lay leader of the charge.

All three churches participated in a 20-hour prayer vigil last year with 59 members taking part.

"When faith and works are joined together, the church begins to move," says the Rev. Mr. Chapman. "All this progress would not have been possible without the fine cooperation of all the church members, their love of the church and their willingness to give of their time, money and endeavor in the work of the Lord."

Bolivia's Need Is Spiritual

By Virginia Bunn

Ancoraimes, Bolivia

At first glance, it would appear that the greatest problem facing Bolivia is economic. That is apparent in the poverty one observes on every side.

As to what is causing this economic crisis is a matter of much conjecture. The average citizen would without doubt lay the blame on the nationalization of the tin mines. They are not without reason in this. Still, the problem existed before nationalization, although perhaps not to the same extent, and then the blame was placed on the North American capitalists. The question of the tin mines is a serious one in the economy of Bolivia and its solution is complicated and far distant. Basically, however, it would appear to be a question of getting the miners to put out a fair day's work for the pay they are receiving and of getting the government to insure the laborers fair treatment in every aspect.

Agricultural Program

Another contributing factor to this highly inflationary economy is a seriously deficient agricultural program. Bolivia is only producing a small percentage of the food that is needed to supply her almost four million people. The government has tried to remedy this by some very drastic reforms, which up to the present time have produced far too few results. They have tried to get the Indians who live on the Altiplano to move to more productive areas in the lower altitudes. Although this appears to be the only practical solution, it poses all kinds of problems which do not have any immediate solution. Even if the Indian understood the necessity of a change, he would in all probability not have the resistance to the diseases he would encounter in the lower altitudes. More than half of the population of Bolivia is trying to wrest a living from the sparse and arid soil of the Altiplano. These people cannot possibly feed themselves with their present agricultural methods, much less the rest of the population. The long lines of people that one sees every day in La Paz, waiting to buy the staples that are so scarce, is a sad sight.

The Indian Problem

Eventually, when the question of the mines and the farming situation have been thoroughly discussed, some will mention the "Indian problem." A strong distinction is made here between the Indian and the white man

who makes up only about 13% of the total population. The white man feels that Bolivia could make some progress if only the Indian would do some work. But as a rule he has no desire to move in this direction himself nor is he concerned about removing the ignorance of the Indian by helping to educate him. There are some welcome exceptions to the attitude, of course, but this is the feeling one meets most frequently.

Personally, I am finding it difficult not to succumb to this sense of despair which seems to have permeated the total life of Bolivia. But as Christians we dare not enter into this spirit, for we know that God has a plan and purpose for this land of so many potentialities.

Buried under poverty and prejudice, I believe the vitality of Bolivia is to be found in her Indian population. The present government, even with all its shortcomings, in giving to the Indian land which he can for the first time call his own, and in granting to him political rights, has lighted a spark in his heart which cannot but have tremendous results in the not too distant future. But this awakening force could have disastrous results without a vital Christian force to guide it.

Greatest Need Is Spiritual

Bolivia's greatest need is spiritual. In a very real sense Christ is the only answer. As to what this means in practical terms, one cannot be

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An Indian Woman and Her Baby



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. E. R. HAUG, pastor of the Henning Memorial Methodist Church, Sulphur, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Frascch elementary Parent-Teacher association, Thursday, Feb. 21, at the school.

DR. W. E. TRICE, minister of University Church, Baton Rouge, will be the guest preacher for revival services March 3-8 at First Methodist Church, Amite, where Rev. James E. Christie is pastor.

CARPETS have been placed in the sanctuary of the Vivian Methodist Church at a cost of \$2,100.00. A new parsonage is now under construction with completion date scheduled within sixty days. Rev. Kenneth McDowell is pastor of the church.

REV. KIRBY VINING, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the Haynesville Methodist Church, Thursday night, Feb. 28. Rev. Jack Midyett is pastor of the church.

FAMILY NIGHT was observed at the Quitman Methodist Church, Saturday, Feb. 9. Dinner was served at the church, and trays were sent to the shut-ins who were not able to attend. Rev. Troy Garrett is pastor of the church.

THE WESLEY FELLOWSHIP presented Mrs. Bessie Crowe, a Missionary from Jerusalem and Beirut at the Vesper Service of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Sunday, Jan. 13. Dr. A. M. Serex is pastor of the church.

NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD WEEK was observed in the University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, with Rev. Earl E. Emmerich, pastor, exchanging pulpits with Rabbi Mark, who spoke Sunday morning, Feb. 24. The Rev. Mr. Emmerich spoke in the Jewish Temple on Friday evening, Feb. 22.

REV. JAMES A. McLEAN, director of religious activities at Centenary College, was guest speaker at the morning worship service of the Ellerbe Road Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday, Feb. 3. Dr. Webb D. Pomeroy, acting head of the Bible department at Centenary, is pastor of the church.

THE ROTARY CLUB of Bastrop discussed the possibilities for restoring "Old Bartholomew Methodist Church" at the meeting held Feb. 19. The Club has spearheaded a drive intended to raise funds to restore the old edifice, and has made a study of the required assistance needed.

LIONEL PICHON was elected president of the recently organized Covington Methodist Men's Club. Other officers elected were: vice president, J. Troy Jackson; secretary, Dr. R. L. Byron; treasurer, L. A. Brossette; and reporter, C. B. Rogers. Rev. Robert C. Carter is pastor of the church.

REV. NORMAN F. SIMMONS, pastor of the Oak Ridge Methodist Church, was guest speaker in connection with the observance of National Engineers' Week, a convocation conducted by the School of Engineering at Louisiana Tech, Wednesday, Feb. 20. The Rev. Mr. Simmons is a registered professional engineer, having graduated from Louisiana Tech in 1949.

AS A SPECIAL part of the Week of Dedication observance in Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, a fifteen hour prayer vigil was held from 6 a.m. on the morning of March 6, "Ash Wednesday" and continuing until 9 p.m. The service was sponsored by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism. Rev. Jolly B. Harper is pastor of the church.

REV. JOLLY B. HARPER, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, reported on his trip to Cuba in both services Sunday, Feb. 24. At the morning service, he spoke on "Cuba" and described the country, and the work of the

Methodist Church there. At the evening service, he spoke on his trip, using slides he made to illustrate his talk.

MIKE JOHN, Monroe, author of a number of outstanding books, will be the guest speaker at the March 13 meeting of the Farmerville Methodist Men's Club. The meeting will be held at the church at 7:00 p.m. Newly elected officers of the Club are: Maurice Baxter, president; David Clinton, vice-president; and Laz Baughman, secretary-treasurer. Rev. W. V. Sirman is pastor of the Farmerville church.

DR. NEILL HART, superintendent of the Camden District, Little Rock Conference, will be the guest preacher in revival services to be held at the Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 10-17. Morning services will be held from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m., with coffee, donuts and fruit juices served at 6:45 a.m. Rev. Ira W. Flowers is pastor of the church.

LEONCE ARCENEUX of Scott, Louisiana, who is a missionary student at SLI in Lafayette, was guest speaker at the First Methodist Church, Crowley, Sunday morning, Feb. 10, as the Church observed Gideon Sunday. As is the annual custom, a Gideon delivered the message and a generous contribution was made by individuals at the close of the service. Rev. Louis Hoffpauir is pastor of the church.

REV. N. H. PULLING, pastor of the New Zion Baptist Church, Covington, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Covington Methodist Men's Club, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 17. He spoke on the subject, "Men Wanted." Singing was led by Joe Howes, and refreshments of hamburgers, coffee, pie and pecan pralines were prepared and served by a number of the men. Rev. Robert C. Carter is pastor of the church.

AN ASH WEDNESDAY Prayer Vigil was conducted by the Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, under the leadership of the Membership and Evangelism Commission, beginning at 6:00 a.m. March 6, and continuing until 6:00 a.m. Thursday. The twenty-four hour period was divided into thirty minute intervals with the members of the church selecting the time they wished to participate. Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr., is pastor of the church.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE Committees of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Gretna Methodist Church, will jointly sponsor a Vesper Service each Wednesday evening at the church during Lent. This Vesper time will take the form of a quiet time for prayer and meditation in the sanctuary of the church from 6:45 until 7:30 p.m. Mrs. A. B. Cavanaugh is chairman of the Committees. Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh is pastor of the church.

DR. FRANK C. TUCKER, SR., of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, will be the guest preacher in revival services to be held at the Springhill Methodist Church, during the week of March 3-10. Dr. Tucker is the father of Rev. Frank C. Tucker, Jr., pastor of the church. Song director for the service will be Rev. Richard Jenkins of San Augustine, Texas. Plans for the revival were under the direction of I. L. Parks, chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism of the church.

THE CHERUB CHOIR and the Herald Choir of the First Methodist Church of New Iberia, were entertained Friday night, Feb. 15, in the fellowship hall of the church. Hamburgers and cold drinks were served during the evening to the 41 children attending. Assisting with the affair were Jerry Fuller, choir director, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Wendt, Mrs. Voorhies Bonin, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frick, Mrs. R. B. Boatright, and Mrs. Vernon Huckaby. The Rev. Mr. Wendt is pastor of the church.

THE EBENEZER Methodist Men's Club charter meeting was held on Jan. 9. Geologist James M. Cunningham of Rayne gave an interesting talk

following a delicious duck gumbo dinner. A piece of property has been leased, and the club voted to move a building donated by the School Board to this property to be used as a Community Center. The property adjoins that of the Ebenezer church. Irving George is the newly elected president of the club. Rev. Stephen F. Wendt is pastor of the church.

PEW SUNDAY has been set for March 10 at the University Methodist Church, Lake Charles. On recommendation of the Building Committee, the Official Board of the church has set this date as one of special importance in its building program. Prices of pews have been obtained from a number of furniture salesmen, and it is hoped that members and some who are not members of the church will buy a pew. The goal is every pew sold by Pew Sunday. Rev. Earl B. Emmerich is pastor of the church.

DR. LEON L. BLACKMAN, Department of Finance and Field Service Division of National Missions of the Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the Sterlington Methodist Club, Monday, Feb. 25. Dr. Blackman is from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was a guest of the church advising the procedure for raising funds for a new church and parsonage in the future. The meal was furnished and served by members of the W.S.C.S. Rev. W. M. Allen is pastor of the church.

REV. R. LEONARD COOKE, vice-president of Centenary College, was the Brotherhood Week chairman of the 1957 Shreveport observance, Feb. 17-24. Brotherhood Week, a worldwide observance, has been set aside as one week in the year dedicated to the practice of brotherhood, the promotion of good will among men of all faiths, to foster universal peace and to support true brotherhood of man and the teachings of God. Louis B. Seltzer, editor of the Cleveland Press, is national chairman. World Brotherhood chairman is Author H. Compton, physicist, St. Louis, Mo.

A REPORT from the Rodessa Methodist Church includes the following activities: The Men's Class has taken shares in the Retired Ministers Home and two have joined the 1,000 Club; The Woman's Class ministers to and visits regularly the "Golden Agers," nine in number. The pastor is teaching a six-session Wednesday evening church-wide study on "Methodism in Town and Country;" The W.S.C.S. along with the regular program of work is having a study class of five sessions on "Missions U.S.A.," led by Mrs. J. B. Powell; The Wesleyan Church School Class has adopted a Korean orphan, Pang Jin, Ok, of Pusan. Pang Jin is a boy thirteen years old. Rev. Marvin H. Hockenhull is pastor of the Rodessa church.

A TRAINING SCHOOL for the West Monroe Methodist Churches was held at the McGuire Methodist Church, Feb. 25-27. Rev. W. D. Milton, pastor of First Methodist Church, West Monroe, was dean of the school. The adult class was taught by Rev. Beverly E. Bond, pastor of the North Highland Methodist Church of Shreveport. The Youth class, and recreation, was taught by Rev. John Hassler, director of Little Rock Conference Youth Work. The Primary and Junior class was taught by Mrs. Hortense Richardson, Alexandria, and the Nursery class was taught by Mrs. Maxine Watkins, Ruston. Rev. Ira A. Love was the host pastor.

DEATH OF DR. E. K. MEANS

Dr. E. K. Means, pastor emeritus of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, and retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, died in Monroe, Tuesday, February 19. Funeral services were held in the First Church, Monroe, on Wednesday, February 20, and burial was in the Newellton, La., cemetery. Dr. George W. Pomeroy, Monroe First Church pastor, officiated at services.

Dr. Means retired from active service in October, 1944 after having served churches in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Monroe, Jackson, Miss., Lynchburg and Danville, Va., Sherman, Tex., and Helena and Rogers, Ark.

Dr. Means had made his home in Monroe since his retirement.

Dr. W. W. Smart To Be Willson Lecturer At Centenary, April 2-4

Dr. W. W. Smart, who has been associated with Candler School of Theology at Emory University since it was established in 1914, will deliver the annual Willson Lecture Series at Centenary College this year.

The lectures are scheduled for April 2, 3 and 4 in the Brown Memorial Chapel on the local campus. While in Shreveport, Dr. Smart also will speak at 7:30 p.m. daily at the First Methodist Church here.

The Willson Lectures, designed to enhance both spiritual and intellectual life on the Centenary campus, are made possible through the generous endowment of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Willson of Floydada, Tex. Dr. and Mrs. Willson also have established similar lecture-ships at other colleges in Texas and Oklahoma. This will be the fourth series since the lectureship was established at Centenary in 1954.

Previous Speakers

Previous speakers on the series have been Dr. Roy L. Smith, a personal friend of Dr. and Mrs. Willson, who inaugurated the series in 1954; Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of the Philadelphia Area, Methodist Church, who delivered the lectures in 1955, and Dr. Albert Cook Outler of the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, last year's lecturer.

Dr. Smart, a native of South Carolina, did his undergraduate work at Vanderbilt University and earned his BD degree from Union Theological Seminary. He has done post-graduate work at the University of Chicago. After being ordained to the Methodist ministry, he served churches in Lynchburg, Charlottesville and Portsmouth, Va.

At Emory Since 1914

When Emory University established its school of theology in Atlanta, Ga., in 1914, Dr. Smart became a member of the faculty and also has served as chaplain and associate dean of the school. He now holds the title of professor emeritus of Biblical theology.

Well known as a lecturer, Dr. Smart has delivered the Fondren Lectures at Southern Methodist University, the Quillian Lectures at Emory and the Cole Lectures at Vanderbilt University. He was one of the eight delegates who represented American Methodists at the Third World Conference on Faith and Order in 1952 in Sweden.

General Conference Delegate Four Times

Dr. Smart also was honored by the Virginia Annual Conference on four different occasions by being selected as a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church. He is the author of "Preaching in These Times", "The Contemporary Christ," "The Spiritual Gospel" and many other works.

While at Centenary, Dr. Smart will speak on the general theme, "Suggestions for a Student's Religion." His topic for Tuesday, April 2, will be, "An Inductive Creed," and on the following day, he will discuss the subject, "The Validity of Religious Experience." For his closing address on the series, on Thursday, April 4, he will speak on the subject, "Only One Sun."



DR. W. W. SMART

N. O. First Church Men's Club Meets

On Friday, Feb. 15, First Church Methodist Men's Club of New Orleans, Louisiana held its regular monthly meeting.

Various topics were on the agenda such as the new roll of rubber and metal matting to be used for rainy weather in the foyer of the church which was purchased by the Men's Club, as well as four small mats. Rev. Melbert talked on the First Church program, and our Men's Club is 100 per cent for the New First Church program.

Other discussion was on the necessity for new nursery toys for the very small tots.

Another picture was presented by our program chairman, Al F. Hanson, entitled "A Chance." The title represents a true picture of the good work done by the Goodwill Industries, throughout the United States, showing how they teach handicapped people, that they may be self supporting and not dependent on others, so that they may take their place in their community with other people.

One of the highlights of the evening was the very special supper that was served. President Wm. J. Mickon introduced Mrs. Robert E. McCrary, who planned and cooked the supper, "Chicken-Ah-La-Tetrazziana" (named after a famous opera singer), it was delicious, and enjoyed by all.

CENTENARY COLLEGE NEWS

Rev. Douglas McGuire, pastor of the Park Avenue Methodist Church, spoke Thursday at Centenary College in conjunction with the "Methodist Heritage" series being sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement. His topic was, "For Such A Time As This," and his discussion centered around the ways in which the Methodist church ministers to society in the 20th century.

The Rev. Tracy Arnold, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, was guest speaker Thursday at the weekly chapel program at Centenary College. He spoke on the topic, "Blessed Are The Maladjusted." He is a 1952 graduate of Centenary College and has been pastor of the Shreveport church since he earned his theological degree at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Tex. Special music for the occasion was provided by the Centenary College Choir with William C. Teague at the organ.

LeRoy Anspach, director of the Centenary College school of music, and Mrs. Anspach presented a joint recital yesterday for the Officers' Wives Club of Barksdale Air Force Base. Anspach, a pianist, has appeared with the nation's foremost symphony orchestras, and Mrs. Anspach, a highly trained soprano, has sung on concert stage and in opera.

Centenary College was represented by a large delegation last weekend at the 19th annual session of the Louisiana College Conference. The meetings alternated between Louisiana College at Pineville and the Bentley Hotel in Alexandria. Centenary faculty and administrative members who attended are Dean Leroy Vogel, Dr. W. W. Pate, LeRoy Anspach, Dr. E. M. Clark, Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, Mrs. Margaret McDonald, Edgar E. Burks, George B. Davis, Dr. E. L. Ford, Dr. Lee Morgan, Dr. John R. Willingham, Dale Armstrong, James Hull Miller, Dr. A. J. Middlebrooks, Elwood B. Traylor, Mrs. Nelle W. Brown, Miss Jane Ladner and Dr. Sidney Rice.

The annual spring concert of the Centenary College band will be presented in the Haynes Memorial Gymnasium on the campus on Wednesday, March 20. B. P. Causey is director of the 40-piece band, which has played at virtually all the Centenary College basketball games this season and has pre-

Laymen Map Plans To Attend Nat'l Conference

Plans to have 48 laymen and ministers from Louisiana attend the National Conference of Methodist Men at Perdue University, July 19-21, have been announced by Robert P. Lay, Gilliam, Conference lay leader.

The plans include having every person who attends be sent by his local church, Lay explained, and that person in turn will return to his church and report his experiences at the conference.

Arrangements have been made for two planes which will leave Louisiana Friday morning, and will return Sunday after the concluding session of the meeting. Costs, he said, will not exceed \$95 for plane fare and \$20 for reservations. Lay suggested this as a project for the local Methodist Men's Clubs, Sunday school classes, or Boards of Stewards.

He urged at least one registration from each district in the conference as soon as possible in the announcement which was sent to all district superintendents and district lay leaders.

Primary Class Presents Playlet

The highlight of the Christmas program presented on December 23, 1956 by the East Point Methodist Church was a playlet, "The Nativity," by the Primary class under the direction of Mrs. Wm. McLelland, Jr., Mrs. Jack Foster, and Mrs. J. G. Marston, Jr.

Participating in this playlet were Jimmy Marston, (Joseph), Donna Ann Crawford, (Mary), Curtis Fields, Billy McLelland, and Wayne Bounds, (Shepherds), Danny Ray Bounds, Theus Armistead, and Bobbie Fields, (Wise Men), and Betty Lou Beasley, (Angel).

Other participants in the program were members of the Intermediate class who gave Christmas poems, and members of the Adult class who gave devotional readings. "Silent Night" by the entire congregation closed the program.

sented a number of out-of-town concerts.

The National Symphony Orchestra of Washington, D. C., will appear at Centenary College on Thursday, March 19, with Howard Mitchell conducting. The concert will be the third presentation on this year's Lyceum series at the college.

Asbury Methodist, Lafayette, Completes Parsonage



The enclosed picture is the newly completed parsonage of the Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette. It is a green Holiday Hill Stone home with three bedrooms, two baths, a living room, dining room, kitchen, and an enclosed garage. It is located at 112 Arnould Boulevard.

N. O. MYF MEMBER NAMED OUTSTANDING ATHLETE FOR 1956

Jimmy Harwell, a member of the Jefferson Methodist Church and MYF, New Orleans, was honored as the outstanding athlete of the greater New Orleans area and all the NOAC Southern AAU champion athletes during 1956, at the eighth annual dinner meeting of the New Orleans Athletic Club Jan. 24.

Councilman Vic Schiro of New Orleans told Jimmy the city is proud of him and his accomplishments. Jimmy is the first baseball player to gain the honor, and an overflow crowd of more than 200 were present to see the presentation of the certificate of merit and the key to the city which was made by Schiro.

Among other honors shown Jimmy, was being honor guest at the Jefferson Methodist Men's supper in January. At that time he was presented a morocco bound R.S.V. Bible.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harwell. His parents are also members of the Jefferson church, and his father is a member of the official board.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Capital

The Capital Sub-District held its February meeting at the First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge on Tuesday the 19th. President Ray Shokes opened the meeting with a prayer, and then the secretary called the roll and gave her report. There were 106 youth and adult workers present.

In keeping with National Brotherhood Week, the program for the night concerned race relations. Four young people made up a panel, each one telling briefly of past legislation regulating the privileges of the Indians, the Mexicans, the Japanese and Chinese, and the Negroes in the U. S. Questions arising from the panel discussion were answered by Dr. Marion Smith of the Sociology Department of L.S.U. As soon as all questions had been answered, there was a short devotion also given by one of the young people.

The committee appointed to discuss the possibility of a clean-up at Bluff Creek, the district camp, gave its report. The group was in favor of the idea. It was decided to draw up plans for the clean-up. Final plans will be sent to the various churches of the sub-district.

President Shokes briefly mentioned the District Newsletter which came out recently, saying that it contains many new ideas that could be a great help to the churches of the district.

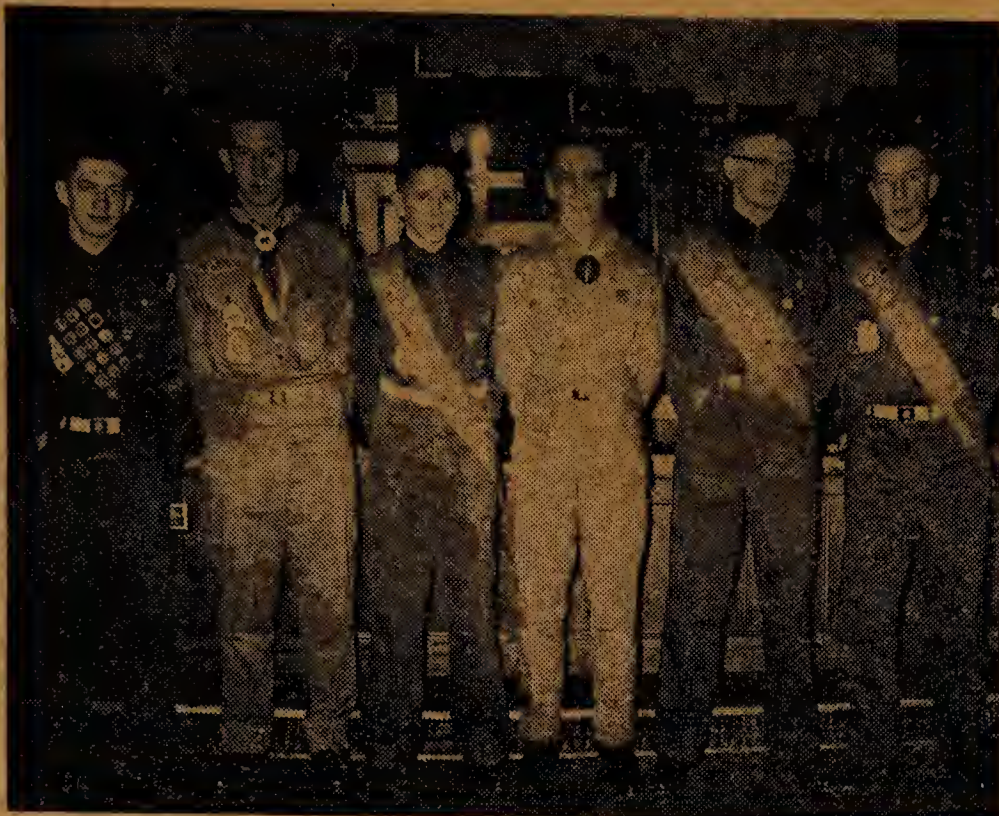
Following the program, the group adjourned the fellowship and recreation.—Jean Stephens, reporter

Pine Bluff

The Pine Bluff Sub-District met February 18, at the Altheimer Methodist Church. There were 12 churches represented with a total of 100 young people attending.

The business meeting was called to order by the president, Joe McCormack. It was reported that \$337

Jonesboro Scouts Receive "God And Country" Awards



Scouts receiving the "God and Country" award are pictured, left to right: Marvin Buerkle, Larry Cox, Jim Beard, Rudy Morris, Ronnie Gage, and Bill Russell.

Six First Church MYFers Honored

Six MYFers from the First Methodist Church of Jonesboro were awarded their "God and Country" Boy Scout Award at services on Boy Scout Sunday, February 9.

They are: Ronnie Gage, Larry Cox, Rudy Morris, Marvin Buerkle, Bill Russell and Jim Beard.

The awards were presented after a year's intensive study and service to the church. They completed a course in the fundamentals of Christianity and participated in a program of activities designed to prepare them for Christian living in their Church and community.

In completing requirements for this award these six scouts fulfilled the first part of the Scout Promise, "On my honor I will do my duty to God." As these scouts grew in this program they became active in five areas of study, experience and service: Christian faith, Christian witness, Christian outreach, Christian citizenship and Christian fellowship.

Miss Regenia Watson, Director of Youth Work, met with the boys weekly for a year and guided the program. Rev. J. William Watson, pastor, and Miss Watson made the presentation for the church.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

CALLING YOURSELF ON THE TELEPHONE

Did you ever call yourself up on the telephone and find the line busy? Sounds stupid, doesn't it? Most folks couldn't do it. But I did. Here's what happened: I was at my desk in my office at the church. I turned to the phone to call my home. Without thinking I dialed the church number from which I was calling. It so happens we have one listed number but two lines in our office telephone setup. If one number is "busy", there is an automatic device somewhere that switches the incoming call to our second number. If it is not also busy, it rings and the answerer takes the call on "Line 2". Follow me, so far? Well since I was already on "Line 1" in trying to make the outgoing call for which I had thoughtlessly dialed the number from which I was calling, old automatic device switched my call to Line 2 and it began to ring. There I sat trying to get myself off the phone and the line was busy!

A Lesson Learned

Before you dismiss this as the ultimate result of letting morons play with telephones, let me share with you a lesson it taught me as I thought about it later. As a matter of fact, since at the moment I was the only person in the church offices, there was no one else to answer my call. And I didn't actually plug in Line 2 and answer my own call, for by that time it suddenly dawned on me what I had

had been pledged by the churches of the Sub-District to build a class port at Camp Tanako. One pledge was paid in full at this meeting.

An inspiring program on the MY Fund was given by Evelyn McCarthy, Virginia Gathright, and Joe McCormack. It was shown how the MY Fund is used and how little is given compared to the many non-essential things youth buy with their money.

Recreation was led by Sara Carl Lee, and refreshments were served by the Altheimer MYF.—Evelyn McCarthy, secretary

Hammond

Approximately 125 members of the Hammond Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship were guests of the Centenary Methodist Church MYF in Franklinton, Louisiana on Tuesday night, February 19, 1957.

Misses Etna Lou Stafford and Mary Elaine Richardson, in a duet, accompanied by Kaye Jean Miller at the organ, provided a worshipful setting for the most impressive worship program which was presented by the Fisher Methodist Youth Fellowship under the direction of Mrs. Onzie McDaniel. Those taking part were Joy Creel, Sue Erwin and Judy Stafford.

After a short period for transacting business of the Sub-District, the group adjourned to the Fellowship Hall which was gaily decorated in red and white valentine motif. After entertaining games under the direction of Miss Ellen Morris Wood, the group enjoyed sandwiches, cookies, and cokes which were served by the ladies of the Women's Society of Christian Service.

The meeting adjourned with the friendship circle and the M. Y. F. benediction.

DELHI MYF WORKS ON REFUGEES' HOME

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Delhi, Louisiana, Methodist Church held a work day on Febru-

ary 16. Eight MYFers went out to help paint the interior of the home in which the W. W. Rhau family will live on their arrival in the United States. The family, composed of the parents and their ten year old son, are refugees from East Germany. Their entry to this country is being sponsored by the Delhi Methodist Church, whose pastor is Rev. Don Wineinger.

done. And don't think I haven't heard about it from friends and foes who have gotten the word!

But, here's what it set me to thinking about. Lots of folks pray in just about that same way. They dial their own numbers and talk with themselves. Well, a certain amount of auto-suggestion is often helpful. But if when I pray I do not believe there is a Power greater than my own at the other end of the line, then my prayer is going to be pretty quickly short-circuited and there will be no answer, for my callee will be busy. You have to dial a number outside your own self-centered circle. The call must be put through to One who can hear and answer the prayers of the human heart.

Jesus Felt Presence of God

As I read the prayers of Jesus and see what prayer meant in his life, I see always there was this conscious awareness of the presence of the Heavenly Father. He spoke to Him in the desert, on the mountaintop, on the sea shore, in the garden—but always in the confident belief that God was in the range of the voice of his heart. Jesus could feel the presence of God wherever he went, so long as he kept his life in communication with the Father. And the marvelous thing about this Christian faith of ours is that this was not a unique experience which was confined to Jesus because he was the Son of God. What he experienced in prayer, he promised we could experience, given the same willingness to pay the toll charges of discipline and devotions. The spiritual dynamic that energized his life is available to every follower of Jesus who prays with sincerity, regularity, and fidelity.

You can't start this prayer process any younger. You will miss much if you start it any older than you are right now. But be certain you get the direct line so you won't just be talking to yourself!



West Memphis To Entertain North Arkansas Guild

Mrs. Julian Vogel, secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, announces that the Seventeenth Annual Meeting will be held at the First Methodist Church, West Memphis, Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, 1957.

The Standing Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m.; Registration will be at 1:00 p.m., and the Convening of the meeting will be at 2:00 p.m.

Guest speakers for the meeting will be Mrs. Clifford A. Bender, Associate Secretary, Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division, and Dr. Pearle McCain, missionary to Japan. Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, president of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, will give the opening devotional.

Mrs. Bender will speak Saturday evening, and Dr. McCain on Sunday afternoon.

Guild chairmen making reports will be: Miss Virginia Lowrie, Mrs. Vida Fry, and Miss Mildred Scott. There is no limit on the number



MRS. JULIAN H. VOGEL

who may attend, and all are invited.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Jefferson Methodist Church held the study "Youth In A Responsible Society—A Christian Concern" for four sessions during January. This study proved to be one of the most interesting and informative ones. One of the highlights of the study was having Trooper Roland F. Coppola of the State Police speaking to us about teenagers and their problems in our own parish. Trooper Coppola informed us that contrary to popular belief all police are on the teenagers' side and are ready and willing to cooperate with the parents in working out their problems with youth. As a result of this study a parent-youth supper is being planned in March at our church. Mrs. James T. Adams, secretary of Missionary Education, was in charge of this study which was well attended.

The Sub-district Woman's Society of Christian Service met February 12, with Sparkman Church, Mrs. W. F. Amis presiding.

Rev. Kerr gave the devotional on the contents of the Bible and understanding it, after which was sung, "Break Thou the Bread of Life."

The guest speaker was Mrs. Rufus Sorrells of Malvern, on being a Christian by saying "Come With Me to Christ." Inspiring talk was given by Mrs. Amis on Our Christian responsibility.

Lunch was served in the Educational Building.

In the afternoon Sparkman put on a skit, "The Officers Clinic."

Count of Churches was 14 Sparkman; 9 Dalark charge. Next meeting goes to Dalark Church on May 14.

We missed our District officers.

Mrs. Byrl Moreland is leading the study on Mission Field: U.S.A. for the Evening Circle of the Asbury, Lafayette, Society.

Mrs. Henderson To Speak at Forrest City

Mrs. J. R. Henderson, member of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions, will speak on Thursday morning, March 14, at the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service at the First Methodist Church, Forrest City. Her topic will be: "If Ye Would Be My Disciples, Love One Another." She will lead in a service of Consecration before the conference adjourns at noon.

Other guest speakers will be Mrs. C. A. Bender, and Dr. Pearle McCain.



MRS. J. R. HENDERSON

World Relations

The most indispensable obligation of a rich and fortunate country to its neighbors is to see that its own prosperity remains on a solid foundation.—Adlai E. Stevenson, *What I Think* (Harpers)

Louisiana Conference Woman's Society

First Methodist Church, Alexandria
March 13-15, 1957

Miss Alpharetta Leeper, Secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions will speak at the dinner meeting, Wednesday evening. She came to the Board in 1952 after having served as director of the Wesley Foundation at Florida State University.

A native of Kansas, she has spent much of her life in Oklahoma where she attended Muskogee Junior College; she has her A.B. and M.A. de-

grees from Scarritt College and has studied at Garrett Biblical Institute.

Bishop Eugene M. Frank, who will address the conference at the Wednesday evening session, is the newest Bishop of the South Central Jurisdiction, having been elected in 1956 at New Orleans. He is resident bishop of the Missouri Area. He is a native of Kansas and received his degree from Pittsburg Teachers College and Garrett Biblical Institute.



MISS ALPHARETTA LEEPER



BISHOP EUGENE M. FRANK

PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1957

9:00-12:00	Registration	
12:00-1:00	Buffet Lunch (First Methodist Church)	
1:45	Organ Prelude	
	Hymn No. 179	
	Convening of the Seventeenth Annual Meeting	
	Mrs. C. I. Jones, President	Mrs. C. C. Dethloff
	Opening Worship	Mrs. D. O. Cardwell
	Welcome	
	Order of Business	
	President's message	Mrs. C. I. Jones
3:00	Conference Officer's Hour	
	Mrs. F. C. Haley and Conference Officers	
4:00	Benediction	
6:00	Dinner (Hotel Bentley)	
	Missionary Personnel	Mrs. J. T. Harris
	Miss Alpharetta Leeper, Speaker	

EVENING SESSION

8:00	Organ Prelude	
	Scripture and Prayer	Dr. J. Henry Bowden
	Address	Bishop Eugene Frank
	"The Spirit of Christ for Women in Today's World"	
	Benediction	

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1957

7:30	Spiritual Life Breakfast	Mrs. W. W. Paxton
9:00	Worship	Miss Pearlye Mae Kelley
9:30-10:40	Officers Clinics	
	All Conference Officers meeting in groups with delegates	
10:45	"The Outreach of the Woman's Society"	
	"Goals"	Miss Alpharetta Leeper
	"The Jurisdiction extends our Vision"	
	"The Woman's Division goes around the World"	Mrs. G. E. Laskey
	"Missions Our Concern"	Mrs. T. Holler Jackson
12:00	Quiet Hour	Miss Shelia Nuttall
12:30	Luncheon	
1:45	Organ Prelude	
2:00	Pledge Service	Mrs. J. H. McSween, Conf. Workers and District Treasurers
3:00	Christian Social Relations	Mrs. Maurice Tatum, Mrs. W. E. Trice, Mrs. A. F. Housen
4:00	Benediction	
6:00	Dinner (Bentley Hotel)	
	World Federation	Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy
	Mrs. C. I. Jones, Speaker	

EVENING SERVICE

8:00	Organ Prelude	
	Address—"The Spirit of Christ for Tomorrow in Missions"	Mr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr.
	Benediction	

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1957

8:30	Opening Worship	Miss Lelia Robinson
	Business	
9:15-9:45	The Wesleyan Service Guild	Mrs. Alice Pletz
9:45-10:00	Supplies	Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. Sam Dunbar
10:00-11:00	Christ at Work in the Districts	Mrs. Lee Tidwell
11:00	Communion Service	Dr. J. Henry Bowden
	Benediction	
	Buffet Luncheon	



Five Louisiana Districts Schedule Vacation School Institutes

The following schedule for vacation church school institutes in five-districts have been announced by Mrs. Pearl McKay, Pollock, director of children's work in the Louisiana Conference.

For the Monroe District, the first institute was at Ferriday, Mar. 4. Others are: Columbia, Mar. 7; West Monroe, First Church, Mar. 11; and Ork Grove, Mar. 13. The district director is Mrs. Daisy F. Bergeron and all meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m.

New Orleans District institutes are set for Slidell, Mar. 21, 7-9:30 p.m.; and for Parker Memorial, New Orleans, Mar. 22, 7-9:30 p.m. Mrs. A. B. Cavanaugh is district director.

Alexandria District institutes will be held at Glenmora, Apr. 9, and at Urania, Apr. 10, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.; and those attending are asked to bring sandwiches. An institute will also be in session at Trinity Church, Alexandria, Apr. 11, from 7 until 9:30 p.m.

Institutes for the Lafayette District will be held at First Church, Thibodaux, Mar. 19; and at the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, Mar. 21, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Leaders for the various groups are: primary, Mrs. Grady Harris, Lafayette; kindergarten, Mrs. R. Collier, Lockport; junior, Mrs. R. E. Walton, Opelousas; and vacation church school superintendents' class, Mrs. Albert S. Hurley, Franklin, who is also director of children's work in the Lafayette District.

Institutes for the Shreveport Districts are scheduled for Bossier City First Church, Mar. 4; Mansfield, Mar. 6; and East Point, Mar. 8, all from 7-9:30 p.m.

Mrs. James A. Marsallis, Shreveport District director of children's work, said emphasis this year is "Wider Relationships." She said books and leaders are as follows for the various groups: kindergarten, "Friends Near and Far," Mrs. Leon Gray, leader; primary, "Our Family," Mrs. L. B. Mosely, leader; junior, "Meet Your Neighbors," Mrs. Paul Waddell, leader; and directors, "Planning the Vacation Church School," Mrs. E. L. McKay, leader. Mrs. Marsallis said books will be available for purchase at the institutes.

Nursery Clinic

Also, she announced, all nursery workers are urged to attend clinics on the same dates as the Shreveport District institutes, namely: First Church, Bossier City, Mar. 4, 7-9:30 p.m.; Mansfield, Mar. 7-9:30 p.m.; and East Point, Mar. 8, 7-9:30 p.m. Mrs. Loyce Hurley is leader for the nursery group.

Mrs. McKay said dates for other district institute will be announced later.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

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the spiritual gain which is primary. Again, both pastors indicated that the total membership gain to a new appreciation and understanding of the church.

The Forrest City Church budget was increased in one year from \$22,000 to \$36,000, and the West Mem-

WINFIELD, L. R., TO CONDUCT STUDY UNIT MARCH 10-14



MISS AILEEN SANBORN

Miss Aileen Sanborn, Nashville, Tenn., will conduct a unit of study in "Great Christian Beliefs" March 10-14, at Winfield Methodist Church in Little Rock. Miss Sanborn is a member of the leadership education department of the general board.

According to Mrs. J. H. Monday, director and registrar, the course is primarily for teachers, counselors and superintendents of the senior high departments of the church.

Miss Sanborn will instruct the senior high laboratory class, beginning March 10, at 2:30 p. m. with a period of orientation. Winfield youth of the senior high class are expected to join the group at 4:00 p.m. for a planning session.

According to Mrs. Monday, the following schedule will be observed Monday through Thursday evenings: Dinner in fellowship hall, 6:00-7:00 p.m.; class for both youth and adults, 7:00-8:00 p.m.; evaluation and study for teachers and counselors, 8:00-9:30 p.m.

This budget was lifted from \$26,000 to \$46,800. Furthermore, both pastors indicated that from 110 to 125% more money has been received during the past year than has been pledged, which would seem to indicate that regular systematic giving by those who make pledges has a way of encouraging stewardship experiences in the lives of others who do not make pledges.

These programs at Forrest City and West Memphis were named "Every Member Enrollment" and were referred to as Stewardship Revivals. The goal was to enroll every family and every individual in the total life of the church. This was to be done through a Stewardship Revival. An acquaintance with what the church was doing and should be doing provided the means of helping to enroll every member. What has been done with such marvelous results in the Forrest City and West Memphis Churches can be done in many of the churches in Arkansas and Louisiana.

Jurisdictional Recreation Workshop Set For Glen Lake

Glen Rose—The Eleventh Annual South Central Methodist Jurisdiction Recreation workshop is set for March 10-15 at Glen Lake Methodist camp located in this city, which is 50 miles southwest of Fort Worth on United States Highway 67.

This workshop, designed for leaders and instructors in recreation, crafts and hobbies for camps, conferences, districts, sub-districts, communities and local churches, is a project of the Division of Local Church, Board of Education, The Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and the jurisdiction board of education.

Workshop leaders and courses include: "Leather Tooling," Mrs. Walter Zimmerman, Dallas; "General Crafts," Cleland Grenzow, field representative of The Handcrafters, Waupun, Wis.; "Nature Crafts," Howard Hardeman, pastor at Jonesburg, Mo.; "Party Games And Planning," John Hassler, Little Rock Methodist Conference youth director, Little Rock, Ark.; "Folk Games," Larry Eisenburg, Nashville, Tenn.; "Skits And Stunts," Wallace Chappell, Youth Department, Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.; "Equipment Games," C. D. Wooten, Cleburne pastor; "Music," Dick Stark, professor of organ and piano at Fisk university, Nashville, Tenn.; "Story Telling," Mrs. Pearl W. Chappell, speech instructor, Dallas; "Creative Art," Rosabelle Mann, art teacher from Beech Creek, N. C.; "Jiffy Bag," Bert Lyle, San Antonio; "Photography," Bob Ponder, Waco; "Recreation For Older Adults," Mary Catherine Dyer, director of education, Muskogee, Okla.; "The Total Program of Recreation In The Local Church," Leo Rippey, director of Adult Department, Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.; "Puppetry," Jim McLean, Bossier City, La., pastor; "Archery And Leather Tool Making," Gordon Coldsmith, Wanage, Kans. There will also be a course in silver crafts.

Administrative leadership includes: Board of Education representative, Chappell; chairman, Rev. James W. Campbell, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, San Antonio; vice-chairman, Barbara Eskew, Festus, Mo.; secretary, Juanita Wood, Kansas City, Mo.; treasurer, Jim Flynn, Cleburne; jurisdictional representative and registrar, Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The workshop officially opens with dinner at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, and will close with the noon meal on Friday, March 15.

Those who will attend the workshop from the Little Rock Conference include the Rev. W. W. Barron, Wilmar; Miss Ida Ruth Isom, Pine Bluff; Miss Mary Law McCartney, Pine Bluff; Miss Mary Brannon, Little Rock; Miss Ann Hanson, Little Rock; Miss Loretta Brooks, Malvern; John Hodoway, Little Rock, and the Rev. John Hassler, Little Rock, who is instructor for one of the courses.

New Orleans District To Hold Adult Bible Conference

Dr. John C. Trever, professor of religion at Morris Harvey College, Charleston, West Virginia, will lecture at the New Orleans District Adult Bible Conference, Mar. 15-17, at Rayne Memorial Methodist

Church, New Orleans.

His lecture for Friday at 7:30 p.m., will be on "Making the Bible Live." He will speak again at 8:30 p.m., on "The Dead Sea Scrolls and Our Faith."

The Saturday morning session from 10:30 until 12:30 will deal with the basics of teaching. A discussion period will follow Dr. Trever's lecture on "Sapphire in a Setting of Gold."

The lecture, "Understanding the Book of Books," will follow a 7 o'clock dinner meeting Saturday; and the session will close Sunday following the 11 a.m. address on "The Divine-Human Encounter." Both addresses will be by Dr. Trever.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson, conference director of adult work, will attend the session and help direct the discussion sessions. The Rev. Allen O. Jernigan, minister of Christian education at Rayne Memorial, is the group leader for the conference; and Alva Groth is the local chairman. Dr. A. M. Serex is host pastor, and Dr. Virgil D. Morris is New Orleans District Superintendent.



DR. JOHN C. TREVER

"This Is Our Story"

On the evening of November 1, 1948, a light was burning late in a New Orleans home after several men rang the bell. Dr. H. L. Johns, Rev. J. W. "Bill" Matthews, John Curry, W. M. Floyd, Sr., and Walter Sanders met in the home of R. L. Fulton to plan a new Methodist Church in an area of new homes.

This conference followed a survey which revealed that 92 Methodists living in this section of New Orleans were not affiliated in any church in the city.

The officers for the proposed church were named by drawing names from a hat. The following were named: Mr. R. L. Fulton, Chairman of the Board; Mr. W. M. Floyd, Sr., Treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Manis, Secretary.

The first service was held in George Lambert's Plumbing Shop on November 12, 1948. Brother Bill Matthews preached the first sermon. He had borrowed a pump organ and a few folding chairs. Some of the people sat on bathtubs. Dr. Johns kindly supplied a few Cokesbury hymnals.

Organizational Meeting

At the organizational meeting of the first quarterly conference of January 12, 1949, the pastor, Rev. J. W. Matthews reported 31 members as charter members of the Elysian Fields Methodist Church. Today 14 of those still remain in the church.

This little congregation with several additions, moved to the Pitt Theatre April 4, 1949. It was in the Pitt Theatre that the first money-raising campaign was undertaken. After filling two rooms with the box tops from soap cartons, they were returned to the Company and a net profit was realized—a total of \$1.

Ground was broken for the present building December 18, 1950. Dr. B. C. Taylor preached the sermon with Rev. R. M. Brown attending. In August of 1951 the congregation moved into the present building designed to be the Educational Building. Incidental to the laying of the corner stone a brick was sealed in cement in the front of the building with the names of the pastor, members of the board and men working on the building—and a \$1.00 dollar bill.

The Corner Stone

The corner stone bears the names of Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area; Dr. H. L. Johns, then District Superintendent of the New Orleans District; the Pastor at that time, J. W. Matthews, board member and architect. Mrs. J. E. Manis was the first president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service which was organized Sept. 21, 1949, with the assistance of

Mrs. George Willis of Algiers and Mrs. Louis Broussard of Gentilly. As of now there are three circles of the W.S.C.S. with Mrs. Louis Morlier as president.

Like peaches and cream, we think of the MYF and their counselors. The first President was Ernestine Shaw with Mr. and Mrs. Jourdan as counselors. They have their meetings on Sunday evening when they kneel before the altar, the light dim but the cross radiant! Happy and triumphant they just "grewed, and grewed, and grewed" until they rival any group of any church in the city. Their present officers are: Caroline Vodegel, President; Bobby Hansard, Vice President; Phil Medders, Treasurer and Jo Ann Vodegel, Secretary.

The parsonage was fitted into the present building, in the back upstairs. Though made comfortable, it was inside the church building and certainly never a fitting arrangement to have had! The congregation would not be satisfied to leave it there, so in Oct. 1954, they purchased and renovated a house at 5753 Cameron Blvd., and moved their pastor and family over there.

Parsonage Purchased

R. L. Fulton, Chairman of the Building Committee reports that there was quite a lot of story to the parsonage also. The people pledged as much as possible, then in Feb. of 1954, the congregation took from the church treasury \$5 per member, youth and adult and even the juniors; went out and put their talents to work with the money. At the end of the 10 week period, the \$1275.00 issued was returned along with an additional

\$3800 that was profit of the use of talents. The result was a down payment for the parsonage.

The present building program under the chairmanship of John Bigham, with the help of the building committee members Nathan Bauer, A. H. Behline, Glois Brand, David Duke, Mrs. Margaret Manis, Bob West, Lawrence Grisamore, J. E. Manis, Ken Richardson, Rufus Webb, George C. Williams and R. L. Sams, started on the heels of the parsonage program. The Church services had increased so that two services were needed for the morning worship. Then even they became crowded. The first thing done was to raise the budget from \$11,000.00 to \$30,000.00. The Building committee headed by R. L. Fulton and finance commission headed by Jack Drennan felt best approach was to issue Broadway Bonds for raising money for a new building.

Ground Broken

On Nov. 18, 1956 ground was turned for the present new building. Richard Goodyear was awarded the contract and started construction immediately. The architects hired for the design are Lawrence, Saunders & Cologne.

The building will be a beautiful building, modern in structure. Rev. G. R. Messer, now pastor, reports that it should please the most orthodox as it will have a pyramid roof embracing the oldest building of man that is still standing. Seating capacity is 312 seats plus 25 seats in choir. On the interior it will be very modern, with divided chancel and a slab of marble behind the altar table with a wooden cross set in it. The

entire east wall will be tinted glass with living plants behind to give it the uplifting feeling of life as the shadows move to and fro.

On top of the apex of the roof will be a cross and underneath it a transparent skylight that will be the chief daytime light — falling down over the entire congregation in a cone. The supporting beams are of laminated wood and exposed. The finish will be in natural wood, both interior of church and furniture.

Also included in the building will be an additional 8 rooms to be used for Sunday School classrooms for adults and youth. This will ease the strain of overcrowded conditions that we now face in our church school which is averaging over 225 a Sunday in a building designed for not more than 200 students.

New Building Available In May

Mr. Bigham reports that the contractor thinks that he may be able to turn the new building over to the congregation by the end of May or perhaps by the 15th of that month. We are very anxious to move into it for the New Conference year. According to reports from the area, the Naval Air Base will soon close and the entire space turned over to Levee Board for housing. Also plans call for a college to be erected just twelve blocks from the church on the shore of the beautiful Lake Pontchartrain. In the words of a great American before us "we carry forward the work that those who have struggled here have thus far so nobly advanced!"



Architect's Drawing of the Elysian Fields Church Plant

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NEW BOOKS REVIEWED

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Hebrew Man

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Abingdon Press, 160 Pages, \$2.50

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The author then turns to how the Hebrew lived. This chapter contains, for instance, an interesting comparison between the Hebrew and people of our own day. Whereas, the average age of men at marriage today is 26, the average Hebrew was 19. He was a grandfather at 38 but the average today is 52. He was a great-grandfather at 57. The average today is 78. There is also an interesting discussion on how children were named.

Dr. Kohler describes the childhood and training of Hebrew youth. The author then turns to how the Hebrew thought. These two chapters deal with such interesting questions as the Hebrew sense of time, and how he dealt with the great problems of life.

The book closes with a clear discussion of the Hebrew understanding of law.

This brief book will help every Bible student come to new understanding of the personal lives of the people of the Old Testament.

The Integrity of Preaching

By John Knox

Abingdon Press, 96 Pages, \$1.75

When is preaching biblical? This is the question raised and answered in this small volume by the professor of sacred literature at Union Theological Seminary. Biblical preaching has received increasing attention in the years since the second World War and this book will help every preacher determine whether his preaching is biblical, and if not, how to make it so.

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The author then shows how preaching is teaching, how it is personal, and its relationship to worship. The book closes with a discussion of how preaching is God's communication with us and is in many ways his saving action.

Every preacher who not only wants to make his preaching biblical but also to make it relevant and meaningful to people today will find the brief time reading this small book spent well. When he next enters his pulpit, he will have a more definite idea of how his preaching can mediate God's saving grace to those in his care.

A Survey of the Old Testament

By W. W. Sloan

Abingdon Press, 334 Pages, \$3.50

The Old Testament is for many readers of the Bible a closed book. The many styles of writing, the names, the ideas and religious practices make it quite different from the New Testament so familiar to all Christians, but because the Old Testament forms the background and basis for the New, it is essential that Christians today have some understanding of this part of the Bible.

Jesus, and in general all of the New Testament writers, took for granted an understanding of this body of Hebrew teaching. Some scholars have claimed that there are more than 1000 references to the Old Testament in the New. This latest book, which is suitable for laymen and preachers, begins by giving in brief the story of how the Bible came down to us. Then it immediately launches into the first chapters of Genesis. The main portions of the Old Testament are then covered in chapters which average in length seven to nine pages. The book is written in easy-to-read narrative style. Technicalities are eliminated and the great complexities of the Old Testament are simplified as characters and

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RESOLUTION

Whereas, the death of Harry E. Thompson of Spring Ridge, Louisiana, on January 31, 1957, has caused a great loss to the Bayou Chicot Methodist Church and to the Methodist Men's Club and much sorrow not only to his immediate family and this Club but to the community and his many friends; and

Whereas, Brother Thompson had been a life long member of the Bayou Chicot Methodist Church and a member of the Methodist Men since its beginning, and

Whereas, he not only loved this old Church and his many friends but he loved his fellow men and was a good neighbor and a good husband, always dealing fairly and justly with all men of every race or color, and observing his passing, we wish to pay tribute to his memory and his accomplishments, and to extend our deepest sympathy to his widow in her great loss and to his family and friends, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this memorable spread upon the records of this Club and Mrs. Thompson and family be advised of this. The Methodist Men's Club, Bayou Chicot Methodist Church, Bayou Chicot, Louisiana.

Approved: February 21, 1957.

By: Kent Thompson

M. McGhee

J. B. Randall

J. E. Compton

Percy Thompson

Committee on Resolution

OBITUARY

Mrs. F. A. McDonald, mother of the Rev. H. F. McDonald, our pastor at Eureka Springs, passed away in the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Arnold of Monette, Sunday morning, February 17, after a lingering illness.

She was born, September 25, 1875, Elizabeth Mildred Pitts, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Pitts in Ripley, Tennessee. At the age of nine, she united with the Christian Church. At twelve, her family moved to Arkansas and settled in the Macey community, where she grew to maturity. In 1891, she was married to Alex McDonald, also a native of Tennessee. Nine children were born to them. Five of them and her husband had preceded her in death. Since 1911, she had lived in Monette, a devoted Christian, mother, and neighbor. After the disbanding of her own church, the First Christian Church in Monette, she had attended and served faithfully in the Methodist Church where her children were members.

The funeral service was held in the Monette Methodist Church on Monday, February 18, with a beautiful background of flowers from her friends, and soft organ music by Mr. Wendell Ellis. The tribute and sermon were given by her pas-

tor, the Rev. Pharis J. Holifield. Her grandsons were the pallbearers, and Gregg Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She is survived by her children: Mrs. J. E. Arnold of Monette; the Rev. H. F. McDonald of Eureka Springs; Fred McDonald of Tyler, Texas; and Ferrell McDonald of Monette. She is also survived by fourteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Congress Gets New Anti-Smut Bill

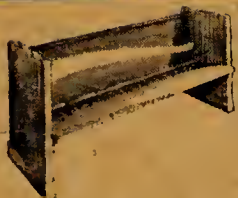
Washington, D. C. (RNS)—A bill that would make it a federal penalty punishable by five years imprisonment to mail obscene literature to unmarried minors under 18 was introduced in the House by Rep. Steven B. Derounian (R.-N.Y.).

He told the House that present laws against the mailing of indecent literature do not sufficiently protect youth of the nation from harm.

"Our most precious possession is our children," Mr. Derounian declared. "While we spend millions of dollars annually to provide an education for them it would be foolhardy indeed to neglect protecting them from those inroads which would strike at their very moral vitals.

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too dogmatic. But it is certain that at the present time, more dedicated Christian personnel is of primary concern. There are communities here begging for instruction in the Christian faith, for schools and teachers, for assistance in better agricultural methods and for workers. The list of seeming endless opportunities for service grows every day. I am very happy that the Woman's Division has seen fit to venture into this new field.

I'm finding that work here on the Altiplano is effecting some very radical changes in my habits of life, and since some of them are very worthwhile, I give thanks to God for permitting me to serve in this place which is so high that one could almost say in truth that "it is out of this world." Surely He cannot be far away, for evidences of His light are to be found in many places. Still we need more reflectors of His light if His purpose is to be accomplished here in Bolivia.



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LESSON FOR MARCH 17, 1957

"BY WHAT AUTHORITY?"

READ CHAPTERS 21 and 22 OF MATTHEW.

MEMORY SELECTION: *The crowds were astonished at his teachings, for he taught them as one who had authority.* —Matthew 7:28-29 (RSV)

Today we study the third lesson in the series of five lessons which teach us something of "Human Destiny and Man's Relation to Jesus the Christ." Our subject, "By What Authority?" is a quotation from the question the chief priests and elders ask Jesus in our lesson on text. The Scripture lesson today records incidents in the life of Jesus on Tuesday of Passion Week.

The period in the life of Jesus, between last week's lesson and our lesson today, finds Jesus moving steadily on to Jerusalem, preaching and healing as He went. On Palm Sunday, two days before the incidents of today's lesson, Jesus had ridden into Jerusalem at the head of a throng of singing, shouting, worshipful people. It was the time of the Feast of the Passover and Jews had gathered into Jerusalem from all parts of the world for that important feast day. On Monday, just the day before our present lesson, He had cleansed the Temple, driving out the money-changers. The Jews were extremely nationalistic and very patriotic, as well as quite religious, after their fashion. It was not at all uncommon, while this mass of Jews were concentrated in Jerusalem, for violence of some kind to break out. For this reason the Roman authorities usually strengthened their forces in the city at this time.

In such a situation, the Triumphal Entry and the cleansing of the Temple, by Jesus, were like hot sparks in a powder magazine. An explosion of some kind was inevitable.

The Day of Questioning

This Tuesday in Passion Week is often called "The day of questioning." It was a day when four different groups came to Jesus with subtle questions, all with the single purpose of discrediting and destroying Him.

The Jewish leaders in Jerusalem were of the opinion that Jesus was an ignorant up-start, an irresponsible, street-corner preacher who had captured the attention of the masses by catch phrases and clever tricks. Smart as they thought they were, they were sure Jesus would be putty in their hands in a face to face struggle. They were quite sure that they would be able to embarrass Him and discredit Him and destroy His influence with the common people by forcing Him to answer, publicly, some cleverly planned, shrewdly worded questions which they thought would entrap Him whatever answer he gave. They knew Jesus had a large following and they knew, also, that a direct attack on Him at this time might be more dangerous for themselves than for Jesus. Hence they first try to destroy Him with words.

One of their groups approached Jesus with a question about the very unpopular demands of Rome that they pay taxes to Caesar. His enemies felt that He could not give an answer to that question without falling into a trap. If He said "yes, pay taxes to Caesar," the masses would turn away from Him since that was one of the things from which the masses thought the Messiah would deliver them. If He said "no, do not pay taxes to Caesar" the Roman authorities would take care of Him. When Jesus gave His immortal answer about rendering to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's they marveled and left Him.

There was the question about the woman who had seven brothers as her husbands. The Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection, wanted to know whose wife she would be in heaven. The lawyer from the Pharisees asked Jesus, "Which is the great commandment?" All of these questions, asked in an effort to discredit and destroy Jesus, were answered in such a practical, sensible, down-to earth manner that Mark, in commenting on it said, "The common people heard Him gladly." Mark 12:37.

Jewish Leaders Challenge Christ's Authority

It was on this same "day of questioning," while Christ was teaching in the Temple that the chief priests and elders came to Jesus with the pointed question in our lesson. By what authority doest thou these things?"

There was a double purpose in this question. It was asked to embarrass Jesus, since the Jews thought that He had no authority at all as a teacher and leader. It was asked also, because Jesus had been going about His work without the approval or sanction of the Jewish authorities at Jerusalem, who felt that authority to preach and teach could be given only by them.

Jesus had done many things that they thought He should not have done without first being given authority by leaders in Jerusalem for such work. However, it is quite probable that the "These things," referred to in their question, had reference, more directly, to the happenings of the days just past. Without permission from Jewish leaders for such a religious remonstrance, Jesus, just two days before, had ridden into Jerusalem at the head of procession as if He were a king or conquering hero of some kind.

Just the day before these questioners came to Jesus, He had gone into the Temple and had driven the money changers out of the Temple, declaring that they had made of His Father's house "a den of thiev-

es." This was a direct challenge of the authority of the Temple leaders, since they had given the "money changers" the right to sell birds and beasts in the Temple court for purposes of sacrifice. The chief priests and elders were asking Jesus by what authority he had canceled their orders. Furthermore, they had found Jesus teaching in the Temple and they challenged His authority to preach in the Temple without their approval.

Jesus Answers Their Question By Asking a Question

When Jesus faced this apparently appropriate and pointed question, He was not confused or embarrassed as these Temple leaders had expected. Instead He quietly asks them a question, and promises to answer their question if they will answer His. The question Jesus asked was, "The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven or of men?"

On first reading this may impress is as a very simple question and at first glance may even appear to be irrelevant. This question, however, was not a simple one for His questioners and they saw immediately that it was not irrelevant. For them it was a question loaded with dynamite and would have practically destroyed their leadership whichever way they had answered it. This they saw immediately. In consulting together they agreed that if they answered that John's Baptism was from heaven that Jesus would immediately ask why they had not accepted it. They would have had no answer to that. If their answer was that John's baptism was "of men" they feared the people "for all hold John as a prophet." Consequently they informed Jesus that they could not answer His question. Hence there in the Temple, where they were supposed to be wisdom and piety personified, they stood confused, discredited and perplexed before One they had expected to brand as a presumptuous imposter. In modern language, their question "back-fired" and they themselves were burned by it.

If these chief priest and elders had been better acquainted with Jesus, they would have known that He lived, worked and taught with an authority infinitely beyond any authority they possessed as officials in the Temple. They should have remembered that the officers they had sent to arrest Jesus had come back empty-handed to report, "Never man spake like this man." They should have been more familiar with the reaction of the people at the close of the "Sermon on the Mount." Matthew says of them, "The people were astonished at his doctrine; for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." While the scribes and Pharisees copied and quoted, Jesus spoke with authority. Again and again, Jesus, quoting from the Old Testament, said, "It hath been said . . . but I say unto you."

The Question of Church Authority Much Alive Today

The matter of authority is one of the principle reasons for the divisions that now exist in the Christian church. There is the major division between Catholic and Protestant churches and the further division into many denominations of the Protestant church.

Most of us are familiar, at least in part, with the fact that the matter of authority is at the heart of the differences between the Catholic and Protestant movement.

The Catholic Church takes the position that the Pope is the direct authoritative representative of Christ on earth. As such, his authority takes precedence over all else. Any authority to teach or act for the church, as exercised by all others, is a right which is delegated to them or with which they are empowered by the Pope, or by someone he has empowered to act for him.

As a result of this position by the Catholic Church, in their view, all religious leaders outside of that church are outside the line of succession and consequently are without authority to marry, baptize, administer the sacraments, etc. Such a position, or course, makes a wide cleavage between Protestantism and Catholicism that will never be healed until the Catholics change their position or Protestants agree that they have erred and "return to the fold."

There are some branches of Protestantism which differ from most of the other branches simply in their interpretation or emphasis of some Biblical truth. Many of these could unite without sacrificing any basic principle in their faith. However, there are some Protestant denominations which also claim to be in direct line of apostolic succession. These churches, in a somewhat less exaggerated manner, also hold that leaders in other churches act without divine authority.

Although Methodists got their name by being very methodical, it is still a profound mystery to them how anyone can be positive that he stands in direct line of apostolic succession after these two thousand years. It is also a matter of great uncertainty, to them, as to what vital, religious benefits might accrue if such a succession could be proved.

Authoritative Basis For Moral Conduct Is Vital

While the people called Methodists are not too much concerned about the authoritative powers that are supposed to accompany apostolic succession they are concerned about an authoritative basis for teachings regarding moral conduct. That is to say that The Methodist Church is concerned about establishing in the minds of people the fact that the Bible is the one authoritative basis by which moral conduct can be measured.

Unless the Bible is a revelation from God which gives us an authoritative standard by which moral conduct can be measured, then we have no such standard except the opinions of men. The opinions of men are so widely different and so often contradictory concerning moral conduct that, having only man's judgment as to what is morally right, we would be in moral confusion confounded.

The communists think of truth as anything that aids the cause of communism regardless of its relation to facts. Down through the years many have advocated that war is right and proper since the "fittest" survive and also dangers of over-population are avoided.

Promises With Performances

The parable of the lesson which Jesus spoke to these self-righteous questioners was as pointed as it was condemning. Publicans and harlots had repented at the preaching of John, they had rejected his teachings. Jesus said that those former sinners would reach heaven ahead of these pious pretenders.

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Methodist Church Growth Not Equal To Population Gain

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—Membership growth of The Methodist Church has not been keeping pace with population growth in the United States.

The announcement was made by Dr. Harry Denman at the annual meeting of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism February 26-28 in San Diego, Calif. He is general secretary of the board, which has its national headquarters in Nashville.

Methodism has approximately 9,445,000 members. Its net increase last year was about 132,000 or approximately 1.4 per cent over the year before.

The United States population has been increasing about two per cent a year, Dr. Denman said.

"Our net increase last year was the largest in six years," said Dr. Denman, "but The Methodist

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The Revs. James Major, A. N. Storey, and Karl Tooke, directors of the Area-Wide Every Member Canvass Program in the Little Rock, North Arkansas, and Louisiana Conferences, respectively, suggest a

TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. March 17 begins the second week of the EMC program. During this week a photographer should be engaged, captains of canvassing teams selected, and the Program Committee will begin its work.
2. On March 24 the photographer should take pictures of church activities which will be used in the Pictured Appeal Folder and other publicity.
3. On March 25 captains of canvassing teams will begin enlisting those who will serve as canvassers, thus perfecting the EMC organization.
4. In some churches the program committee may be divided into groups to consider the financial needs of the church's program. These groups will meet on March 26.
5. On March 27 Letter No. 1 (found on page 22 of the manual) is mailed over the signature of the General Chairman. This letter is an invitation to a congregational dinner on April 9.
6. Also by March 27 the photographer's proofs should be in the hands of the Education-Publicity Chairman. A selection should be made and halftones ordered from the printer.

NOTE: Watch for suggestions from the conference directors in this space each week during the EMC program.

CHURCH WINS ARCHITECTURAL AWARD



Above Is the Inside of the Gretna Sanctuary.

The Gretna Methodist Church, in greater New Orleans, has won second place in a national church architecture contest.

The Gretna church was in the division of churches seating less than 300 in the contest which was sponsored by the National Joint Conference

Shreveport DS To Be Speaker At Lenten Services

Dr. B. C. Taylor, superintendent of the Shreveport District of the Methodist Church, will be one of the speakers for the noon devotional services being held in New Orleans at The Church House, 330 St. Charles St., during Lent.

The services will be conducted daily, Mondays through Fridays, from 12:05 to 12:35 p.m., March 6-19. Dr. Taylor will be the speaker Mar. 25-29. Other speakers include leaders from several Protestant denominations.

The services are under the auspices of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches, and the Rev. Luman Douglas, pastor of Carrollton Methodist Church, is chairman of the Lenten Services Committee of the Federation.

on Church Architecture and the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Architects from all over the United States were invited to place exhibits in the competition.

Architects for the Gretna Church were Lawrence, Saunders, and Calongne, of New Orleans. The Rev. Albert B. Cavanaugh is pastor of the church.

The opening of the church, located on the corner of Monroe and Anson Streets in Gretna, was held Mar. 18, 1956. It is of contemporary design, with a sanctuary which seats 240 including the choir. In addition, the plant has church offices and parlors, a social hall which will accommodate 150 persons at tables, and Sunday school class-rooms for all ages. There is also a kitchen completely furnished.

Centenary Sets Dedication For Chapel's Organ

Installation of the new \$28,500 pipe organ in the Brown Memorial Chapel at Centenary College has been completed, and dedication ceremonies are scheduled for Monday evening.

Mrs. C. I. Jones of New Orleans presented the organ to Centenary College in memory of her late husband. Mrs. Jones, a member of the Centenary board of trustees and active Methodist lay leader, is president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference.

A plaque, to be placed near the organ in the chapel, will bear the inscription "The organ in this chapel is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of C. I. Jones by his wife, Ruth Grievish Jones."

The dedication ceremonies, which will include a dedicatory recital by William Chandler Teague of the Centenary College school of music, will be conducted by Dr. B. C. Taylor, district superintendent of the Shreveport District of the Methodist Church. Dr. Taylor is a former pastor of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church in New Orleans, where Mrs. Jones holds her church membership.

Rev. R. Leonard Cooke, vice president of Centenary, is general chairman of the event. Mrs. Jones and President Joe J. Mickle will participate.

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State MSM Holds Annual Conference

Jack Baringer of New Orleans, student at Tulane, was elected president at the annual state conference of the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement at First Methodist Church in Lafayette March 9. He succeeds Joe Parker of Crowville, LSU student.

Other officers elected were Ed Sylvest, New Orleans, LSU, vice president; Marcella Flint, Baton Rouge, Centenary College, secretary; Louise Nelson, Monroe, Northeastern, treasurer; and Lamar Jor-

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BISHOP MARTIN CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

Bishop Paul E. Martin, who underwent surgery at the Baptist Hospital on February 27, continues to improve and was removed to the Episcopal Residence last week for a period of convalescence. Bishop Martin's recovery has been normal in every respect, and he is expected to resume his work in the near future. The Episcopal Residence is at 3909 South Lookout, Little Rock.

Alaska Legislature Praises College Support

Both houses of the Alaska Legislature have unanimously commended the Methodist Church and the people of Alaska for their support of the Alaska Methodist College. The four-year liberal arts school is to be established in Anchorage.

The House adopted a resolution of commendation February 15, and the Senate took similar action February 21. Both resolutions followed the filing of the charter February 8 with the Alaska Commissioner of Finance in Juneau, an act which made the College a legal entity. The charter had been approved in January by the Methodist Division of National Missions, the sponsoring agency of the College, and a 16-member board of trustees elected.

The House resolution was introduced by Victor Fisher, Representative from Anchorage and a member of the planning committee for the College. It said, in part:

"Whereas, the Alaska Methodist University (College) is organized to encourage, promote and extend instruction, research and education of young men and women from every part of Alaska, without regard to race, creed or color; and

"Whereas, the Alaska Methodist University has enjoyed the active support and assistance of Alaskans from every walk of life as evidenced by their pledges totaling \$700,000; and

"Whereas, the organization of the Alaska Methodist University has enjoyed the generous support of leaders of the Methodist Church and more than 6,000 affiliated congregations and numerous individuals in the United States; and

"Whereas, the leaders of the Alaska Methodist University seek to enlarge the educational facilities available to the youth of Alaska;

"Now therefore, be it resolved that this the Twenty-third Session of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska commend the people of Anchorage and Alaska for their support of this new institution of higher learning; and

"Be it further resolved that the leaders of the Methodist Church and the many people throughout the United States who have generously supported the Alaska Methodist University movement be commended for their interest in Alaska, her educational needs and her youth."

The resolution referred to the school as the "Alaska Methodist University" because that was the name under which it was chartered, to provide for future expansion from college to university status. The school will continue to be known generally as the "Alaska Methodist College."

To Observe 250th Charles Wesley Anniversary

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley will be celebrated during 1957 by Methodists and others throughout the world.

The announcement was made by Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y., president of the Methodist Council of Bishops, at the annual meeting of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism February 26-

Led Discussion On Survey At Little Rock Conference Convocation



Members of the panel which presented a discussion of the implications, program-wise, of the survey of the Little Rock Conference made last year at the recent Conference Town and Country Convocation include, l to r, Rev. D. Mouzon Mann, McGehee, Rev. Charles W. Richards, Little Rock, Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Little Rock, Rev. Bryan Stephens, Stephens, and Dr. William E. Brown, Texarkana.

The annual Convocation of ministers and lay people interested in the town and rural church is sponsored by the Conference Town and Country Commission of which Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, Magnolia, is the chairman. Rev. James E. Major, Little Rock, is the executive secretary of the Commission and has his office in Little Rock from where he directs the conference-wide program.

The survey was ordered by the Little Rock Conference almost two years ago and was conducted by Rev. Marvin T. Judy, staff member of the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and was completed last spring. The survey concerned population trends and church growth within the Little Rock Conference. The panel discussed the implications of the survey as its conclusions might influence programs of evangelism, Christian education, the Woman's Society, Missions and stewardship.

The convocation was held at Wilmar, Thursday, February 28.

28 at San Diego, Calif.

Charles Wesley was the brother of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. He was born December 18, 1707, and lived in England. He wrote about 6,500 hymns, including "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "A Charge to Keep I Have," "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

The Hymn Society of America and various interdenominational groups are expected to cooperate in the celebration. There will be "hymn festivals" in many cities, and Methodists around the world will

be called to sing Charles Wesley's hymns.

The World Methodist Council, which conceived the idea for the observance, has asked the Methodist General Board of Evangelism to spearhead it.

Committee members announced at the board of evangelism meeting are Bishop Ledden, chairman; Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville; and the Rev. Dr. George A. Fallon, Lakewood, Ohio.

Representatives of Methodist agencies and other groups will meet in Nashville March 18 to make plans for the celebration.

Methodist Hospitals Report \$11 Million Free Service

Chicago (MI)—A patient enters a Methodist hospital somewhere in the United States every 24 seconds, it was reported here today at the annual meeting of the denomination's Board of Hospitals and Homes in the Palmer House.

In his first report as the new general secretary of the board, Olin E. Oeschger of Chicago, also pointed out that the church's 209 hospitals and homes had rendered more than \$11 million in free service last year. Total assets of these institutions climbed to \$355,534,973—an increase of about 30 million over the previous year.

"The increasing public concern for human welfare services is a tribute to the Christian Church which first sponsored them and evidence of the continued demand for the church to assume an increasing role in these areas," Mr. Oeschger declared. "The secular world expects the church to be sensitive to human need and carry forward human welfare services."

Mr. Oeschger reported seven new homes for the aging and two new hospitals affiliated with the national board.

Of the 80 homes and agencies for older persons affiliated with the board, seven have been added during the past year.

There are now 74 Methodist hospitals with a bed capacity of 18,145. Persons served in these hospitals totalled 1,352,830.

Also affiliated with the Board of Hospitals and Homes are 48 homes or agencies for the care of children and seven homes for business women.

Reports Growth In Cuban Methodism

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—Membership of The Methodist Church in Cuba has more than doubled in the last seven years. It has grown from a little over 4,000 in 1950 to more than 9,000 in 1957.

The number of preaching places has more than tripled during the period. The total has grown from 64 in 1950 to well over 200 today.

Seven annual evangelistic crusades, the first of which was held in 1951, have contributed significantly to the growth, said Dr. Harry (Continued on page 15)

Methodist Men's Clubs Challenged To Evangelistic Endeavors

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The Methodist Church's approximately 10,500 Methodist Men's Clubs will be challenged to win 50,000 men for church membership on profession of faith during the next 12 months.

The announcement was made by Robert G. Mayfield, Chicago, general secretary of the Methodist General Board of Lay Activities, at the annual meeting of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism February 26-28 in San Diego, Calif.

"The goal is certainly reasonable," said Mr. Mayfield, leader of the church's laymen. "On the average, each club will need to win only about five men on profession of faith to reach it."

The General Board of Evangelism, meeting at the El Cortez Hotel, voted to sponsor a National Evangelistic Convocation July 3-6, 1958. For Methodist evangelistic leaders, it is planned to "implement Methodism's emphasis on enlistment" scheduled for 1959. The site of the meeting was not selected.

The board set March 2-9, 1958, as the time when a "Week of Evangelism" is to be observed by Methodist

churches throughout the nation. Sunday, March 2, 1958, will be observed as "One Great Day of Witnessing."

The board voted to have its next annual meeting in Nashville, February 11-13, 1958.

Mrs. William M. Alexander, Nashville, was honored at the meeting for her "spiritual influence and leadership throughout Methodism." First woman member of the board, she has never missed an annual meeting. She said that in the 17 years she had been a member she had prayed each day for each administrative member of the board by name. There are presently 12 administrative staff members.

All officers of the national Methodist Foundation for Evangelism were re-elected for one-year terms. They are, president, Sollie E. McCreless, San Antonio, Texas; vice-president, Thomas W. Spradling, St. Louis, Mo.; secretary, Claude Holmes, Quincy, Ill.; and treasurer, D. E. Jackson, Nashville, staff member of the board. The foundation receives financial gifts for evangelistic work.

Five Million RSV Bibles Now In Circulation

Williamsburg Va. (RNS) — Five million copies of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible have been placed in circulation since its publication in 1952 under the auspices of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Luther A. Weigle of New Haven, Conn., dean emeritus of Yale Divinity School, reported on the progress of the Bible distribution at a meeting here of the council's General Board. The theologian served as chairman of the Standard Bible Committee which produced the RSV.

Dr. Weigle said that 3,500,000 copies of the RSV New Testament, published several years earlier, also had been put into circulation.

He said the RSV headed the list of non-fiction books in the New York Times "Best Sellers" compilation for 1952, 53 and 54.

Supplementary works for the use of the RSV have recently appeared or are soon to be published, Dr. Weigle announced. These include a new Concordance, compiled with the aid of electronics after only 400 hours of work.

He said 11 of the 12 volumes of The Interpreter's Bible have been published and a RSV Reference Bible is in preparation.

Also under way, he said, is a translation of the Apocrypha, books and portions of books which are part of the Old Testament in the Latin Vulgate Bible or the Greek Septuagint. These books are not in the Hebrew Bible and are not included in the Hebrew Canon of Holy Scripture.

Dr. Weigle also reported that work has begun on a New Testament Octapla, which will contain, in parallel columns the texts of eight Biblical translations from Tyndale's in 1534, to the RSV.

In addition, he said, a Bible Work

Book is being prepared that will contain more than 1,200 words and phrases of the King James version which have been affected by changing English usage.

Report Mass Movement In Search of Religion

Williamsburg, Va. (RNS)—Spiritual hunger is the "sign of the times" and it has resulted in a virtual mass movement of Americans in search of religious faith.

This conclusion was reached by a group of Protestant leaders and theologians in a major report to a meeting of the National Council of Churches' General Board here. The report, two years in preparation, cited the trend as a phenomenon of "impressive magnitude" and "a remarkable manifestation of the need for effective evangelism today."

Drafted by Prof. Robert L. Calhoun of Yale Divinity School it was presented here as the findings of a 24-member General Board commission to study evangelism.

Noting "the widely recognized resurgence of conscious concern for religion," the report said that "an almost startling number" of business and professional men, white collar workers, teachers and students, journalists, authors, and men in public office are listening to spokesmen for Christianity in hope of finding some security or satisfaction they have not found elsewhere.

"Newspapers, popular magazines, religious broadcasts, vast popular assemblies, public discussions and private conversations," the report said, "all bear witness to the impressive magnitude of this 'sign of the times.'"

Babies, Autos Held Responsible For Build Boom

St. Louis, Mo. (RNS)—Babies and automobiles are primarily responsible for the record-breaking \$2,567,000,000 church building boom in the last four years, an expert declared here.

Dr. John R. Scotland of New York, interim director of the National Council of Churches' Department of Church Building, made this observation in a report to the annual National Joint Conference on Church Architecture here. The meeting was sponsored by the Church Architectural Guild of America and the National Council of Churches' Department of Church Building.

Noting that large families are in vogue again and that more youngsters are going to church and Sunday schools than ever before, Dr. Scotland said:

"They're even starting so early that a piece of ecclesiastical equipment unheard of in the time of our grandparents is becoming standard—cribs for the care of infants."

In this connection he cited "Central Park Baptist church of Birmingham, Ala., which has six rooms to accommodate babies under two years old."

Turning to the automobile, Dr. Scotland said it has stimulated church attendance and hence church building, but on the other hand it has created some new disturbing problems for churches—notably the parking problem.

Most non-rural churches, he said, face the choice of securing parking where they are now, "of moving, or of being slowly strangled because of no car space for prospective members."

Dr. Scotland cited the desire of the American people for more impressive places of worship as another reason for the tremendous growth in churches.

American Negro Evangelist Draws Big Crowds In Africa

Lagos, Nigeria (RNS)—An American Negro Protestant pastor has been drawing large crowds since he arrived in West Africa in mid-January for a four-months' evangelistic campaign in Liberia, Gold Coast and Nigeria.

He is the Rev. Howard O. Jones, of Smoot Memorial church, Cleveland, O., who undertook the campaign at the invitation of the Sudan Interior Mission. Thirty-five years old, he was playing in a jazz troupe when he was attracted to religion 17 years ago.

In Liberia, Mr. Jones was entertained at a State banquet by President William V. Tubman, who thanked him for the spiritual help he had given the Negro republic. Later in Gold Coast, he met and talked to students in the colleges and made a big "hit" with them.

A smallpox epidemic threatened to cancel Mr. Jones' meetings in

Unveil Official National Council Emblem

Williamsburg, Va. (RNS)—The official emblem of the National Council of Churches was unveiled at a meeting of its General Board here.

Depicting "a nation standing under the cross, symbolic of both judgment and mercy," the emblem's design was adopted by the board last fall. Its colors are green and gold.

Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, executive secretary of the council's Division of Christian Education, and chairman of the design committee, presented the emblem to the board.

"The cross and the nation are bound and held together by the circle of eternity with no beginning and no end," he said. "Jesus Christ gives both this emblem and this council its essential unity."

"As is the case with a flag, a crest, a handshake, a salute, and all other representations of fact and truth, this material combination of felt and ink and thread points to an inner spiritual reality."

Record Number of Catholics Now In Congress, Survey Shows

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—With 84 Representatives and 11 Senators, Roman Catholic membership in Congress is larger than at any time in the history of the United States.

Although the majority of the nation's lawmakers are Protestants, Catholics have the second largest denominational grouping. Methodists have the largest with 18 Senators and 87 Representatives.

The figures were reported by the Library of Congress which has completed the first official survey ever undertaken of the religious affiliation of members of Congress. Previously, their denominational affiliation was known only from official biographies in the Congressional Directory or their response to privately-sponsored polls.

The survey of the 85th Congress also showed that Presbyterians are the third largest group with 13 Sen-

Warns Church Must Carry Ministry To Sick

Chicago (RNS) — American churches were warned here that unless they carry out an effective ministry to the sick and the homeless, the government will take over the task "and this will bring us closer to the welfare state."

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ church (Methodist) in New York, sounded the warning in an address to 700 persons attending a dinner meeting here of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes.

He contrasted the impersonal Russian approach to the sick and the aged and the high consideration for human need in America's church-related institutions of healing and care.

"In Russia there may be technical efficiency," he said, "but daring experiments unnecessarily endangering life are often attempted, and respect for personality is less. Youth is given attention by the 'hard-fisted, calculating commissars' for utilitarian reasons. Youth can be used. Old age, however, is neglected."

ators and 55 Congressmen. Baptists follow closely with 67, of which 13 are in the Senate and 54 in the House.

Episcopalians are in fifth place with 12 Senators and 48 Congressmen.

For the first time, a Hindu is serving in Congress, the Library of Congress reported. He is Rep. D. S. Saund (D.-Calif.). Congress also numbers 12 members of the Jewish faith and seven Mormons, the survey disclosed.

Additional Protestant denominations represented in Congress are: Congregational Christian Churches 29; Lutheran, 21; Disciples of Christ, 16.

Reject Offer To Film Passion Play

Berlin (RNS)—Organizers of the famous Oberammergau Passion Play were reported here to have again rejected an offer by an American motion picture company to film their performance.

Raimund Lang, mayor of the town in Upper Bavaria, where the Passion Play was inaugurated about three centuries ago, was quoted as saying the offer was "very high and tempting."

However, he added, the people of Oberammergau felt that filming of the Passion Play might harm its religious purpose and reputation.

Asks Ten Commandments Be Made Part of Ariz. Law

Phoenix, Ariz. (RNS) — A bill proposing to make the Ten Commandments parts of Arizona law was introduced in the legislature by Rep. L. S. Adams (D.-Phoenix).

"It is my feeling that the 20 volumes of laws on our statute books are meaningless without the Ten Commandments," he said.

The UN Again Proves Its Worth

LAST week Israeli troops were withdrawn from Egyptian soil. With that action, the crisis created by the invasion of Egypt by England, France and Israel has been resolved and, temporarily at least, the threat of war has been averted.

There have been threats of war before this, since the United Nations was organized, when it appeared that war was averted by the action and influence of the United Nations. In this crisis, war had already begun and it is almost certain that the war thus begun would have developed into a world conflagration but for the action of the United Nations.

When England and France went into Egypt to protect their interests in the Suez Canal, after Israel had already invaded Egypt, we had a situation which, in former days, would have meant war that would have soon spread to the ends of the earth. But for the United Nations, there would have been no way to have brought to bear world opinion in time to have prevented a catastrophe.

With the United Nations in session at the time, it seemed to be a rather simple matter to pass a resolution, by an overwhelming vote, demanding that England, France and Israel get out of Egypt. England and France immediately felt the pressure of world sentiment, stopped their advance into Egypt and soon withdrew. Israel, a young nation which seemed not to understand what it means to go against world sentiment, held out a while longer but, last week, Israel also gave up the territory it had won in battle and withdrew within its own borders.

The United Nations is not a perfect organization. That is true, for one reason, because it is not made up of perfect nations. At times its actions have been disappointing and frustrating. Nevertheless, with the world in the condition produced by the Second World War, it would have been practically impossible for the world to have avoided a war more terrible than mind can imagine, but for the fact that the United Nations furnished a World Forum on which world issues could be fought out in word battles.

The United Nations has been misused by some of its members. It has too often furnished a platform for world propaganda. With all that, and more, we have thus far passed through the most critical period of world history without a general war. For that fact, in our judgment, we are indebted to the United Nations Organization.

A New Nation Is Born

AN event of unusual historical significance last week was the birth of a new nation in the family of nations of the world, a country which until recently was a part of the British Empire, but has been granted Commonwealth status on an equal basis with Canada and Australia. This new nation, Ghana, the gold coast area, on the African continent, has already been received into the UN.

What gives this event such significance is the fact that scarcely more than a century ago it was the center of the world's slave market and from its shores many of its people were sold into slavery for delivery to our country. Now their representatives come as full-fledged members of the family of nations. The birth of this nation was of such significance that Vice-President Nixon was on hand representing our President and nation for the occasion.

We heard a radio broadcast portraying events of Ghana's independence day, excerpts from speeches, descriptions of street scenes, interviews with the nation's leaders, and snatches of music revealing some of the spirit of the occasion. There were also several moments from a Christian service of worship, full of thanksgiving to God for the new national status.

This all, of course, is part of a greater pattern, emerging clearly which sees the shackles of colonialism being thrust aside as people search for greater experiences of freedom and expression. Just what spiritual motivation the Christian missionary with the Gospel of Christ has furnished, time alone will tell. But practically

everywhere the Good News has been preached, there is a new sense of the worth of the individual, his dignity, and the right of his expression and freedom.

And, we believe, that it is not just coincidence that within the Communist sphere there has not been any group of people who have been given freedom to determine their own destiny and join the family of nations as an independent nation, owing absolute allegiance to no power. Indeed, Russian Communism is having difficulty holding its own group of nations together, and is able to do so only by the use of or threat of military force.

The April 15 Deadline

APRIL 15 is a very important date for ministers of the Gospel. This date will not be found on any of the Conference calendars for the purpose about which we write. The date has been fixed by the federal government as the last date for ministers who have been in an active relation for more than two years to qualify for Social Security coverage by the federal government.

Those ministers who have not qualified by securing a social security number and filing the first necessary form would do well to consider seriously the advisability of completing the necessary steps before the April 15 deadline. After that date they will not be eligible for coverage under any circumstance. New men coming into the ranks of the clergy will have two years to make up their minds about qualifying for these retirement benefits.

The General Board of Pensions and the various Boards of Pensions have made their positions clear on this matter. While noting that the decision on this question is entirely an individual matter between each minister and the federal government, these groups have given every encouragement to ministers to qualify. News releases quoting government and church leaders have made clear that there are distinct advantages in becoming a part of this program. However, the decision must be recorded by each minister, and his own personal contract with the government must be effected.

It has also been pointed out the comparatively low cost to ministers provide benefits that are greater than can be secured by a similar investment in private companies. This has been made possible because the program covers such a large number of American citizens. The benefits to older ministers are very obvious, but younger ministers would do well to take advantage of this opportunity which will forever be denied them after April 15 if they have not qualified by that date.

This will in no way affect conference retirement programs since Social Security is not related with them. Retirement benefits from the federal government are in addition to conference retirements, an addition which in many instances will be the difference between just getting by and having enough to more than just get by.

As we see it, ministers cannot afford to be without this protection.

Possibly Criticism Helped

Religious News Service report carried in this issue of our paper states that, since 1952, 5,000,000 copies of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible have been put into circulation. In addition to the 5,000,000 copies of the whole Bible of the Revised Standard Version, there are in circulation, also, 3,500,000 copies of the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament which was published somewhat earlier than the complete Bible.

When the Revised Standard Version of the Bible was published, there was a vigorous and at times an almost vicious criticism of the version. The noise of this criticism was out of proportion to the numbers involved, although there were some rather responsible leaders who disapproved the new version. It is quite possible, also, that the noise and vigor of this criticism was a great aid in the early sale of the Book. Nevertheless, to continue to sell an average of a million and a quarter volumes a year for four years must mean also that the Bible is meeting a great need in the lives of people.

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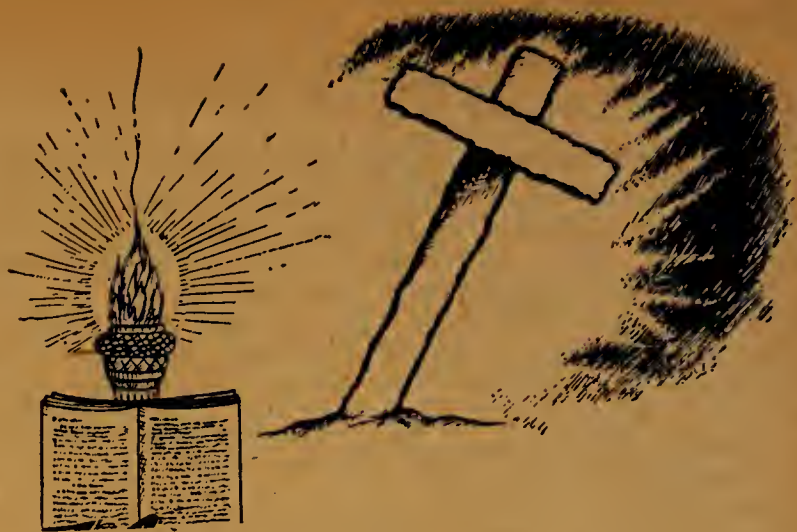
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My Dad

---Jinxed, But Blest



A sudden pop and the swerving of our aged Model-T announced the birth of our seventh flat tire of the day.

Ours must have been a record, for we had traveled but 63 miles and had averaged a puncture every 9 miles.

Patching rotten innertubes, however, was not, by any means, the only difficulty my parents and I encountered that unforgettable day. Old Sol, beating summerly down on our topless vehicle, seemed conspiring with the deflating tubes in an attempt to make our vacation trip across an expanse of treeless mesaland anything but pleasant. Nor must we forget the goat on the running board—our milk goat bleating a war-of-nerves plea for water which we were denying even ourselves so that we could replenish our oft-lisping radiator.

Tired, hot, thirsty, and sunburned, Dad had just finished repairing this last puncture and was hand-pumping the troublesome tube when a tiny whistle arose from the new patch.

"I'll just declare!" my discouraged parent ejaculated, letting the overworked pump drop from his blistered palms. Then sitting down on the hot sand and massaging a wrenched arm he'd received from cranking the balky car earlier in the afternoon, Dad cut loose with some real fussing—but no cussing, mind you.

He was fuming, Mama was worrying out loud, and Nanny was bleating an octave higher when suddenly I, a 9-year-old, succumbed to a rather diabolical thought: Somebody, I reasoned, needed to step out there among the prairie dogs and sound off with some of that language I'd heard neighbor Tom Jackson use when he stepped on a tack while enroute to the bathroom. "Shucks, when Mr. Jackson gets mad," I said inwardly, "he talks like a sure 'nuff he-man, and then he gets things fixed up real fast."

My childhood admiration for the Jackson type, however, was shortlived. The real hero, I was to discover, was Dad—Dad, whose many adversities and setbacks have never deterred his adherence to faith in God and Christian living.

Through the years I have watched my seemingly jinxed Dad suffer from tribulations less laughable than the Model-T episode, and every time he's come back fighting—not physically nor financially, but spiritually.

There was the time, for instance, when Dad, an intellectual who many believe should have been a minister in place of a jack-of-all-trades, failed hopelessly as the operator of a concession stand.

The impact of the defeat was even greater for him because it followed closely on the heels of his failure as a brush salesman.

"We might just as well give it up," he had said, looking forlornly over an assortment of unbought candy and soda water.

"Here, son," he said a moment later as he leaned over our lone counter and gave a hungry-looking Mexican boy a bag of peanuts.

"You might as well have these. We can't sell them to anyone."

We had sold but six items that day: a package of chewing gum, a candy bar, and four bottles of pop. We had drunk two bottles of pop and had eaten two candy bars.

"Well, at least we're ahead by two items," said my sighing parent, as he locked the door of the stand.

Our appetites were meager that night at the supper table. Dad had voiced his sagging morale to Mama and me earlier that evening, but his talk with God there at the table was one of gratefulness.

"CARVINGS"

Great works carved on stone in time will be gone,

Though 'tis done with the greatest of care

Though done at great cost. The labor is lost

While the artist looks on in despair!

When i n brass designed, a metal refined,

The Artist may swell with pride

His labors are vain. The metal will stain

And fame again is denied!

And carvings of wood be they ever so good,

And their fame reaches high as a star

Take care as we may the wood will decay

And our art like our pride it will mar!

But now be assured ONE ART has endured

Carvings in the hearts of our youth.

This time has defied and alone will abide

In honesty, courage and truth.

(Editor's Note: The above was written by Florence Trosper, a Sunday school teacher and worker with youth for 18 years. It was submitted for publication by one of her friends.)

"We thank Thee, Lord," he said, for the many blessings Thou hath bestowed upon us."

"Daddy and God are still good friends," I remember thinking, as I listened to the rest of the prayer. "I guess he must be sorta kin to Job."

Just recently, 30 years since then, Dad and I were sitting in the patio of his little country home in Louisiana and he was reminiscing out loud. Beyond an aged barn, one of his sheep tinkled a bell that mellowed the caroling of

a mocking bird and seemed to express somehow my parent's peace toward God and man. Eventually Dad's reflections led him into telling me about the termination of his first job, employment in a profession I'd never known he had tried—teaching.

A teacher of the Three R's in a tiny rural school there in his native state, he was horseback riding one Saturday afternoon to the nearest "outpost of civilization" when he fell asleep in his saddle.

Describing himself as he believes he must have appeared astride his unguided mount "that picked his way along a trail among the pines," my father says he was "a kind of Icabod Crane in Sleepy Hollow."

His fateful slumber and his teaching career ended abruptly, he said, when his horse stopped suddenly in front of a house "and I almost toppled out of the saddle before a gallery of wide-eyed patrons watching me in critical silence. They'd probably been watching me sway up the hill and concluded that the young school master they hired but 3 months previously was dead drunk. From that day on, I don't have enough students at school to carry on."

Hard luck nipped "Icabod" again several jobs later when his grocery went bankrupt, largely because he was too generous with credit.

Next on my parent's hit-and-miss parade of occupations was a clerking job, in which he we becoming rather successfully entrenched—until misfortune stepped in again. This time it obtruded in the form of tuberculosis.

Dad chuckles when he denies an incident which Mama insists took place a few minutes after the doctor made his diagnosis.

"Your mother's mistaken," he says, "when she tells people I crawled white-faced into bed and asked for a dose of castor oil."

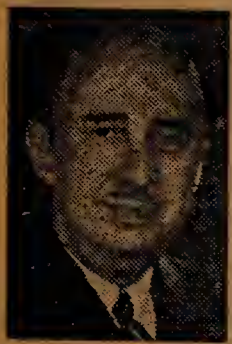
Dad was to recuperate later in El Paso, his reverses were to continue, but we were never to be needy.

No, my father never provided me with a Cadillac and accessories. He gave me, instead, something more valuable: a lesson in meeting adversity and keeping faith. And through his own Christian teachings and living, Dad gave me the answers to many questions I've needed along the way. He had a reassuring answer for me, for instance, when an agnostic professor of psychology suggested to me that "Religion is merely a defense against death"...when another state college instructor told me that "You'll burn out on that stuff (Christianity), just as I did"...when I had to stand almost alone in a fraternity in which everyone but two of us drank.

Just days ago as I was helping my 78-year-old Dad bucket water his drought-stricken tomatoes and he was telling about his and Mama's never allowing circumstances to stop their tithing, I remembered my boyhood remark about Dad: "I guess he must be sorta kin to Job"—Job, who, despite troubles, was "an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil."

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?

Expectancy quickens energy. Many tests have been made of this fact. Two persons are sitting in a room. One expects the arrival of a longed-for visitor; the other has no intimation of his coming. The former will hear the first faint step in the distance long before the latter notices anything. Expectancy sharpens our mental faculties and increases our physical powers.



Expectancy is a stronger word than hope. It carries the element of confidence. To expect a thing is to look forward to it as very probable or certain. I may hope for a visit from my friend although I have no word of his coming. I expect it when I have had some intimation of his coming by report or letter. Moreover, expectancy carries the note of immediacy as well as of assurance. Yes, expectancy is composed of something more solid than "such stuff as dreams are made on."

Hope sometimes partakes of the delusive escapism of daydreaming. Dickens referred to "the hope of happy inexperience" and left immortal illustration of it in the person of Mr. Micawber, who was always hoping for "something to turn up."

Because hopes so frequently seem but daydreams, many conclude that it is more realistic to look on the dark side than on the bright. Such persons think themselves mentally superior to those who go to church and accept the promises of our Christian hope. The God of our Lord Jesus Christ is called in one place "The God of Hope." The Old Testament tells the history of a Hebrew people who survived through hope—people catching the vision of a coming Deliverer.

And when we turn to the New Testament, it opens with faces alight with the hope of a Redeemer. And it closes with a seer named John, a refugee if you please, catching the vision of a new Jerusalem wherein is

the tree of life, whose leaves shall be for the healing of the nations. Truly, indeed, the Bible is a book of hope.

Is all this hopefulness to be called mere wishful thinking? No, we can hardly call the Hebrew prophets and the Christian pioneers wishful thinkers, since they were willing to die for their hopes. They did not close their eyes to unpleasant facts. Rather, they were "seers." They saw beyond the visible and the immediate to the invisible and the eternal.

Any ordinary person can count the apples on a tree, but it takes foresight to see the trees in an apple. Johnny Appleseed had such faith and hope and he left a trail of fruitfulness across our American frontier.

Anyone can see ruins left by bombing. Many parts of the world are so strewn with ruins the people are hopeless about ever attaining a better world. But seeds are hard to see. The "seers" are those who see the seeds and start cultivating them.

In 1809 the eyes of the world were on Napoleon, who was making Europe tremble as Hitler did in the 1940's and as the Kremlin does in the 1950's. But in that year of 1809 Abraham Lincoln was born in a Kentucky cabin and William E. Gladstone, the future famous prime minister of Britain, opened his eyes in an English crib.

That same year saw the birth of Alfred, Lord Tennyson and Elizabeth Barrett, who were to enrich England's literature, and Oliver Wendell Holmes, who was to brighten America's literary sky. In that same 12 months were born Chopin and Mendelssohn, to make their immortal contributions to music.

All those babies of 1809 attracted no public attention at the time. But they were to enrich the future beyond measure. Today the world's gaze is fastened on the tensions of the Middle East and the dozens of other trouble spots. Let's face them realistically but not pessimistically. Balance the bad news with the good news of the babies of 1957.

Speaking personally, I had a new granddaughter born recently. I think she is a "world-beater!" And that is what babies are — "world-beaters." There is always a new crop of babies coming along to keep this old world green and growing.

That is what the seers see. That is one reason they believe in The God of Hope.

The Layman's Column

By
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UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN

Whenever we use the term "underprivileged," we think of the poor people who live "across the tracks," meaning that they are not of the proper social level to associate with us. We usually describe them as being unable or unwilling to send their children to school. We take a comfortable satisfaction over the fact that they are not numbered among the "best people," whatever that means. We even like to pad our thinking up with the fact that so-called juvenile delinquents come from that part of our communities, instead of coming from our homes. We may think that we want to "clean up" that part of society, but we don't want to get close enough to the cleaning process to get soap suds on our own spiritual garments.

We think we are begin realistic, but are we? Here is a man who makes no secret about drinking regularly, whose son is an unashamed alcoholic, but the father gives enough to the church budget that we somehow overlook it, and we allow the man to act as a spiritual leader of a congregation. You can't have his name, but he really exists. Here is a woman who is much more interested in being on the hospitality committee of the country club, than to lead a discussion at the circle meeting. But we make her an officer because her name "lends prestige," forgetting that this "prestige" is only on loan, and will be taken back just as soon as she can't have her way about things.

Probably the saddest and most underprivileged children of the community are the boys and girls in homes like these. The joy of knowing God as a real presence in one's life; the priceless experience of having father or mother explain—even though poorly—about Jesus' love; even the companionship of children from more godly homes; all these privileges are largely not available to the boy or girl who never knows anything except to hear scorn for the person who tries to put his Christianity to work every day. Don't be satisfied with the thought that "underprivileged" children all live across the tracks. They might be in your block . . . maybe in your own home. The pas-

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

"AND NOT AS THE SCRIBES"

In re-reading the Beatitudes of Jesus today, I have been impressed with the **positive note**, the **assurance**, with which the Master spoke on this and on all other occasions. "Blessed are the poor in spirit" . . . and then the reason for it. "Blessed are they that mourn" . . . and why it is so. There is nothing negative, nothing conditional, "no but's or if's." . . . He spoke as one having authority, one absolutely certain of the truth of his teachings.

There are those who complain that too much modern preaching and teaching lacks this note of certainty, this conviction. Not wanting to appear dogmatic, the preacher would resort to some circumlocution such as: "It would appear that there may be occasions when the meek seem to be blessed by a more than average amount of the good things of the earth . . . It has been noted that sometimes the judge will show mercy to those who themselves have shown mercy to other people."

Now what I am about to note here I am saying more to myself than to anyone else for I have long had a fondness for the semi-negative adverb "perhaps." It certainly lacks a note of positive conviction; it is something of a dilettante adverb. And so are its synonyms: **Peradventure**, **maybe**, **perchance**; and certain phrases introduced by "I suppose" and "if" Not one of these adverbs or phrases is found in the Beatitudes: yet most of us would feel cramped without them.

It is of interest to note that the adverb "perhaps" is not used in any place in translating the words and thoughts of Jesus; appears once in Acts, and twice in Paul's letters. (And sometimes I wonder what I would do without it!)

Nor does the equally non positive "peradventure" translate any of the words of Jesus,

tor, the youth worker, the Church School teachers, may be able to help some, but they can't do much until you have made the paths easy for them to reach your children. The next time you mention the word, "underprivileged," look around you to be sure there are none on your doorstep.

though Paul uses it twice in letters. By way of contrast, we find it used twenty-five times in the Old Testament.

"Maybe," as an adverb, does not modify any verb used by Jesus. (The compound verb "may be"—as in "that where I am, ye may be"—was used several times by Jesus, but here it has a different meaning — a really positive meaning.)

"Perchance" does not translate any thought of the Master. And His only use of the phrase "by chance" (or the noun "change") is in the sentence, "And by chance there came down a certain priest that way."

"I suppose" is another of my "favorite" introductions. But Jesus never "supposes" anything himself—but he recognizes that others do. Speaking to the people who followed him, he asked, "Do you suppose that I have come to give peace?" and again, "Do you suppose that these Galileans (who were killed) were sinners?" There is his own positive "No!" implied in both questions.

The suppositional conjunction "if" is one of the most commonly used words in the English language. We would be hard-pressed to speak or write without it. Yet it is a remarkable fact that though "if" is used thirteen times in the Gospels alone, **only once is it used to his followers by Jesus**, "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you"; and once again, in his agony, to God, "If possible let this cup pass from me . . ." Elsewhere it is spoken to him, "If thou be the son of God" . . . and of him, "If he be Christ."

Here was no preacher of conditions, or suppositions, or guesses. Every word is measured and positive—and both believed and believable. There is not a sentence in which he "protected himself" from Pharisee, or Jew, or Roman by "weasel word," or half-truth, or "pulling punches."

And in his prayer he spoke confidently to his Father in heaven. Read again the prayer he taught his disciples. Some of us might have been tempted to say: "Perchance thy kingdom will come on earth . . . Forgive our trespasses if we forgive those who trespass against us." But Jesus was positive concerning the kingdom and God's forgiveness.

No one of us is in a position to chide the preacher for his not-too-positive preaching and writing. We are all guilty of it. But I am more and more convinced that what congregations seek—and what our troubled world needs—is a **positive note**, and the **assurance** of truth and righteousness, and the **certainty** of the path to be trod, from every one who bears the name of Christ.

Sermon On The Mount Insights

By J. Carter Swaim

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of articles based on the Sermon on the Mount which have been written by Dr. J. Carter Swaim, Executive Director of the Department of the English Bible, National Council of Churches. We invite your response to this series.

When Muriel Lester went to live in the East End of London, she took a basement room in a settlement house. Outside, there was a flat and uninteresting piece of ground, which she proceeded to transform by building herself a hill. In one corner she piled all the debris she could find: old bricks, broken pottery, bits of guttering and concrete which a builder had left behind. This heap of rubbish she then proceeded to cover with a layer of earth. In this soil she planted flowers and finally it all stuck together.

Miss Lester felt that she had to have a hill because it is not right to live without a sense of up and down. As it was the Gospel which motivated her to go into the slums, so perhaps also it was the Gospel which inspired her with this feeling. The Gospels relate that Jesus frequently climbed the heights. Sometimes he "went up into the hills by himself to pray" (Matthew 14:23). It was after such an experience that he chose "twelve, whom he named apostles" (Luke 6:13). On the last night, he and his friends "went out to the Mount of Olives" (Mark 14:26).

Matthew has collected the sayings of Jesus and prefaces them by telling how "He went up on the mountain" (Matthew 5:1). Earlier translations relate that "he went up into a mountain," but the Revised Standard Version pre-

Rev. Boone L. Wilford was born November 20, 1875 and departed this life November 16, 1956. He was married to Elizabeth McTyre Witt, June 2, 1904. To this union was born six children: Miss Aillee Witt Wilford, Long Beach, California; Mrs. D. S. Collins, Jonesboro; Mrs. Andrew Wheeler, Piggott; Robert Boone Wilford, Branson, Missouri; John Lockhart Wilford, Black Rock; William Edwin Wilford, El Campo, Texas.

He is survived by three nephews and one great-nephew who are Methodist ministers: Rev. S. B. Wilford, Pastor of the First Church of Forrest City, Ark.; Rev. J. N. Wilford, District Superintendent, Brownsville, Tenn.; Rev. J. D. Wilford, Pastor, Paducah, Ky. and one great-nephew Chaplain Jack Bennett of Texas. Fourteen grandchildren survive him.

Brother Wilford was my first Presiding Elder more than forty years ago. I had been licensed to preach in November, 1914. At the time, I was teaching school and wrote Brother Wilford that I would like to assist some good

serves our idiom. When referring to men exploring a whole range of lofty peaks, or families going there for vacation, we say they went "into the mountains." When the elevation is singular, however, we are accustomed to use "on." "He went up on the mountain."

At Sinai Moses went "to the top of the mountain" (Exodus 19:20), and came back down with the Law. Matthew no doubt intends us to see

evangelistic preacher during the summer until Annual Conference, and then take a charge. I wanted the experience of this kind of work before taking a charge. He wrote me by return mail saying, "As soon as your school is out I will give you all the experience you want by sending you to the Cave City Circuit with thirteen preaching places."

Shortly after my arrival in May, he came to assist me in a revival in Pfeifer, Ark. This meeting lasted ten days with 104 conversions. Shortly after District Conference, we started a meeting in Cushman, Ark., resulting in 214 conversions.

He was one of the best evangelistic preachers that I have ever worked with. He had an unusual passion for lost people. He had convictions and courage to carry them out. He denounced sin wherever he found it; and yet was Christian in his attitude toward people.

He meant more to me as my Presiding Elder than any other man. Whatever I am and have accomplished in the church I am

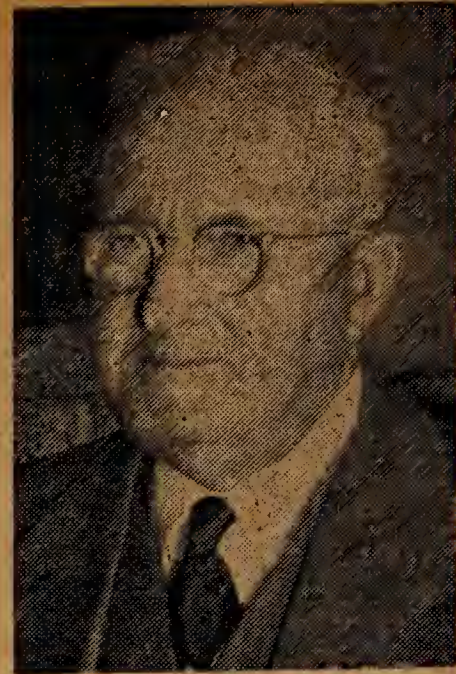
Jesus as the Giver of a new and greater Law. Several times in the Sermon the laws which govern the kingdom of God are contrasted with those which prevailed in ancient Israel.

An 18th - century commentator observed that "a lofty part of the earth . . . is best suited for the most holy actions." This is why Jesus "went up on the mountain."

Boone L. Wilford

1875-1956

By Elmer H. Hook



REV. BOONE L. WILFORD

deeply indebted to this good man.

He was a relentless crusader for the cause of temperance, being successful in leading campaigns to rid cities and counties of the liquor traffic.

He loved his church and was faithful and devoted to the end of his life. During his last illness, he imagined he was preaching and conducting quarterly Conferences.

He was appointed Presiding Elder first to the Batesville District being the youngest Presiding Elder in the church. He was a good father, a loving, devoted, loyal husband and a great Christian.

Before his passing, he requested his family to have me conduct his funeral for which I felt unworthy though highly honored.

*"Servant of God, Well done.
Thy glorious warfare passed
The battles fought the victory won
And thou are crowned at last."*

Ministers And Social Security

Earnings After Retirement

The effect of earnings after retirement upon payment of old-age insurance benefits to ministers covered by social security is explained in a memorandum supplied by the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance. This is of immediate interest to ministers planning retirement this year after completion of the required six quarters of covered employment, and is important information for all ministers who have elected social security coverage. The information supplied by OASI is as follows:

Earnings After Retirement

For purposes of social security, services performed by a duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed minister in the exercise of his ministry, either before or after retirement, are considered to be those of a self-employed person.

In common with all beneficiaries under age 72, he will not incur a loss of benefits if his earnings are \$1,200 or less for the taxable year. If his earnings exceed \$1,200 for the taxable year, then for each \$80 (or fraction thereof) above the \$1,200 exemption, one benefit check will be withheld. However, no benefit check will be withheld for any month in which he does not render substantial services in the exercise of ministerial duties, regardless of the amount of his earnings from those duties in other months of the year.

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OUR GREAT DOXOLOGY AND ITS AUTHOR

By H. H. Smith, Sr.

*"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."*

It may well be called our great doxology, for, as a hymnist says: "This is the Doxology of the Christian Church in all parts of the world where the English language is spoken. . . It is doubtful if any stanza of religious poetry ever written has been so often, so universally, and so heartily sung in the worship of the Triune God as this."

Of the thousands who sing it, perhaps only a few know anything of its origin or authorship. For the benefit of those who would like to learn something of the history of this great doxology, here are a few facts gathered from various sources.

It was written by Thomas Ken, a bishop of the Church of England, born at Berkampstead, England, in 1637. It forms the closing stanza of each of his three great hymns: *Morning, Evening, and Midnight* hymns. Bishop Ken was referred to as "one of the gentlest, truest, and grandest men of this age." He was appointed chaplain to Charles II in 1680. In this capacity, "he fearlessly did his duty as one accountable to God alone, and not to any man. He reproved the 'merry monarch' for his vices in the plainest and most direct manner. 'I must go and hear Ken tell me my faults,' the king used to say, good humoredly."

Maculay said: "Before he became Bishop, Ken had maintained the honor of his gown by refusing, when the Court was at Winchester, to let Nell Gwynn, the king's mistress, lodge at the house which he occupied as prebendary. The king had sense enough to respect so manly a spirit. Of all the prelates, he likes Ken the best."

He retained the confidence of the king to the last, and was his faithful adviser of his death-bed. He also attended the Duke of Monmouth at his execution.

In 1688, with six other bishops, he was imprisoned

in the Tower of London for refusing to publish the "Declaration of Indulgence" issued by James II. After three weeks imprisonment, he was brought to trial and acquitted.

Macaulay seems to have been deeply impressed with the noble Christian character of Bishop Ken, and paid him this high tribute: "The moral character of Ken, when impartially reviewed, sustains a comparison with any in ecclesiastical history, and seems to approach, as near as any human infirmity permits, to the ideal of Christian perfection."

Praise and thanksgiving occupied a most prominent place in the spiritual life of the author of the great doxology. For many years before he died he headed all his letters with the words: "All glory be to God;" and these are said to have been the last words he ever uttered.

A hymnologist says: "The composer of the tune, 'Old Hundred,' which is so invariably associated with the doxology, was Wilhelm Franc, a German, whose work may have been revised by no less a hand than that of Martin Luther."

As to the doxology itself, one only need be reminded that every clause of it is based upon important Scriptural truth admirably expressed; the Triune God is the source of every blessing, then let all creatures here below unite with the heavenly host in praising Him.

"The Methodist Hymnal Annotated," gives this interesting note: "The author was accustomed to remark that it would enhance his joy in heaven if when he reached that happy place he might be permitted to hear his songs sung by the faithful on earth:

*'And should the well-meant song I leave behind,
With Jesus' lovers some acceptance find,
'Twill heighten e'en the joys of heaven to know
That in my verse, saints sing God's praise below.'*

If saints in heaven can hear the songs of earth, surely then the good Bishop's joy is very great."

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. HENRY BOWDON, JR., was the speaker on Feb. 28 at the meeting of the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Amite, where Rev. James E. Christie is pastor.

REV. W. D. BODDIE, pastor of the Rayville Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the February meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the Winnsboro Methodist Church, where Rev. W. H. Bengtson is pastor.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY Laymen and Ministers attended the Monroe District meeting of "Every Member Canvass" Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Winnsboro Methodist Church, where Rev. W. H. Bengtson is pastor.

OLD FASHIONED CHURCH HYMNS were the theme for a gathering of Kinder and Oberlin Methodist folks in the First Methodist Church, Oberlin, Friday, Feb. 22. Coffee and cookies were served following the service. Rev. L. C. Rouse is the host pastor.

REV. GEORGE W. HARBUCK, pastor of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, concluded his series of sermons for the youth of the church, Sunday evening, March 3, using as his topic, "Does God Have a Purpose for My Life?" The services began at 7 p.m. each Sunday evening and teen-agers of the church and their parents were especially urged to attend.

REV. ANGUS L. CARRUTH, pastor of the Tangipahoa Methodist Church, led in the service of dedication of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Travis, Saturday evening, Feb. 23. Mr. and Mrs. Travis and their children, Jessie and Jerry, have recently moved into their newly constructed house. A large number of friends joined with them for the worship service and remained for fellowship and refreshments.

JOHN STANDRIDGE, a member of the Asbury Methodist Church in Lafayette, was guest speaker at the February meeting of the Methodist Men of the Centenary Methodist Church in Rayne. A covered dish supper was served and reports were received from the Scout Troop and the Cub Pack sponsored by the organization. Rev. D. T. Williams is pastor of the Rayne church.

THE OAK PARK METHODIST CHURCH, Lake Charles, celebrated its fifth anniversary, Sunday, March 3. A special program was planned for the occasion. After the morning service, dinner was served on the grounds of the church. Rev. Robert L. Peyton, a former pastor, conducted the morning service and Rev. Sam Nader, superintendent of the Lake Charles district conducted the evening service. Rev. H. A. Gibbs is pastor of the church.

REV. JOHN RASMUSSEN, pastor of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the guest speaker at the March 1 evening service of B'nai Zion congregation, Shreveport. The service was also highlighted by a performance of the Sukoenig musical score by the choir under the direction of Abrasha Robofsky. Mrs. Carol Gamm assisted Rabbi David Lefkowitz in reciting the blessings and in kindling the Sabbath candles.

GROUND-BREAKING services for the Memorial Methodist Church, Bastrop, recent "1000 Club" project of the Louisiana Conference, will be held Sunday, Mar. 17, at 3 p.m., according to the pastor, the Rev. Brady B. Forman. He and the Rev. James T. Harris, superintendent of the Monroe District, will lead the services which will follow the fourth quarterly conference. The Rev. Mr. Forman said all friends are invited to attend.

BISHOP F. GERALD ENSLEY, of the Des Moines Area, brought the "World Day of Prayer" message, Friday morning, March 8, at the First Methodist Church, Monroe. An evening service for working women was held in the Chapel of the West Monroe First Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Bishop Ensley was in Monroe as a guest preacher of the First Church,

Monroe, in a preaching mission week. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor of the church.

DR. WYATT AIKEN SMART, professor emeritus of Biblical theology of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, will deliver the Willson Lecture Series at Centenary College, April 2, 3, and 4, in the Brown Memorial Chapel. The lectures will be in conjunction with the religious activities program of the college, and are made possible each year through the endowment of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Willson of Floydada, Texas, who have established similar series at a number of other colleges in Texas and Oklahoma.

REV. DR. W. KENNETH POPE, pastor of First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, will be the guest preacher on the Columbia Broadcasting System's radio program, "Church of the Air," Sunday, March 17, at 10:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The 30-minute network program will be produced in the studios of Station KTRH, Houston. It will be broadcast by approximately 100 CBS stations across the country, but some will record the service for broadcast at a different hour.

THE CALCASIEU MINISTERIAL Association are making plans to place a piano in the chapel of the recently completed Calcasieu parish jail. Rev. Earl E. Emmerich, pastor of the University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, and the Rev. T. V. Ownes, pastor of the Boulevard Baptist Church, Lake Charles, appeared before the Parish police jury Tuesday, March 5, as representatives of the Ministerial association asking permission to place a piano in the jail chapel for use by the religious groups who hold services for the prisoners.

CHARLES H. HATFIELD, chairman of the construction committee and Wm. R. Baker reported to the Official Board of the Winnsboro Methodist Church that after a special request for building funds on Sunday, Feb. 3, they were able to pay off the first four \$1,000 notes on the building debt of the church. These were paid six months before the due date, and saved the church a total of \$80 in interest. Other members serving on the construction committee were: F. C. Howard, W. B. Scribner, R. F. Kincaid, B. I. Berry, E. F. Walter and Mrs. Alice B. Walter. Rev. W. H. Bengtson is pastor of the church.

DR. RONALD R. MEREDITH, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Wichita, Kansas, was the guest preacher in revival services held in the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 3-8. W. B. Mann, Youth Director of the First Methodist Church, Houston, was in charge of the song service, and presented a recital of sacred music Sunday evening, March 3, replacing the regular worship service. Mr. Mann is a former concert singer, and in 1954 was voted by the National Music Association as "America's Greatest Gospel Singer." Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Sr., is pastor of the church.

MRS. C. I. JONES, president of the Louisiana Conference W.S.C.S., was the speaker at a joint meeting of the W.S.C.S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, Amite, on Feb. 28. She presented an illustrated lecture on Christian Missions in Southeast Asia, showing slides which she had taken on her recent world tour. She was introduced by Mrs. James E. Christie. Mrs. Flora Tauzin presented the devotional. Following the service, Mrs. Jones was honored with a reception given by the Wesleyan Service Guild. Rev. James E. Christie is pastor of the Amite church.

SPECIAL WEEK-NIGHT Week of Dedication Services for the Rayne Methodist Church were planned with the following neighboring pastors as speakers: Monday, March 4, Rev. M. L. Davis, pastor of the Indian Bayou Methodist Church; Tuesday, March 5, Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, pastor of First Methodist Church, Crowley; Wednesday, March 6, Rev. R. R. Branton, Lafayette District Superintendent; Thursday, March 7, Rev. Fred S. Flurry, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette; Friday, March 8, the

World Day of Prayer Program was presented by the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Rev. D. T. Williams is pastor of the church.

AT THE ANNUAL convention in Chicago of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes, five Methodists were named to the denomination's Hall of Fame in Philanthropy. They are: Dr. Karl P. Meister of Elyria, O., former executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes; Edwin O. Anderson of Jersey City, N. J.; Otto C. Pfaff of Fort Dodge, Iowa; James F. Stiles, Jr., of Lake Bluff, Ill.; and Miss Dora E. Young of Sweetwater, Tenn. The wards are in recognition of outstanding contributions of time, services and money to Methodist philanthropic institutions. They were presented by Bishop William T. Watkins of Louisville, Ky., president of the Board of Hospitals and Homes.

COME FOLLOW ME was the theme of Religious Emphasis Week held at the Southwest Louisiana Institute beginning Sunday, March 10. A banquet in the Student Union building, at which representatives of the Baptist, Catholic, Episcopalian, Methodist, and Presbyterian faiths were present, was held Sunday, March 10. Entertainment from each of the representative student centers was a feature of the event. Fellowship meetings were held throughout the week in various student centers affiliated with Southwestern. This year's Religious Emphasis Week is under the chairmanship of the Catholic and Methodist Student Centers, with Jack Phelps, Jennings, from the Methodist Center and Coy Landry, Hahnville, from the Catholic Center, as co-chairmen.

THE MEMBERS of the 1000 club on the Melville Charge were entertained at a chicken gumbo supper in the home of Mrs. J. H. Benhard, Palmetto, on Monday night, Feb. 4. After the supper the Rev. Brady B. Forman, pastor of the Memorial Methodist Church, Bastrop, told of the work of the Melville Church and how the 1000 Club would help in the carrying out of their building program. Along with his talk he showed pictures and newspaper articles showing the progress of the church thus far. Those attending this meeting were Mrs. J. H. Benhard, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff H. Benhard, Charles Culley, Mrs. Florence Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pickett, Jr., Mrs. P. W. McMann, Mrs. Evie Bordelon, Mrs. Edna Lewis, Rev. Brady B. Forman and Rev. and Mrs. Ollie L. Golson, Jr. The Rev. Mr. Golson is pastor of the Melville Charge.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Shreveport, was featured in the March 3 edition of *The Shreveport Times*. The church has an 8,000-volume library, a kitchen supervised by a dietician that is open every day, keeps on its staff a church secretary, a pastor's secretary, a financial secretary, a membership secretary, a youth director with an assistant, a junior high director, a children's director, an organist, a choir director, a building superintendent, three janitors and two cooks. Dr. D. L. Dykes is pastor of the church, which member-wise is the largest in the city. He hopes that some time in the future the church can build a recreation center with a gymnasium, where there would also be bowling alleys, and a regular nightly schedule for recreational events, including hours for roller skating for children and occasionally basketball. He would also like to include a swimming pool.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Coushatta, has just concluded a series of four Sunday evening fellowship meetings with a 50% increase in night attendance being recorded. Each service began at 6:00 p.m., with a song service and a devotional being brought by different members of the church. Groups were held for every age from the Nursery through the Adult members. During these four weeks those present thought together on the subject "Our Church." The closing session, which dealt with "The Church Looking Ahead" was brought to a climax with the viewing of an architect's drawing of a new church sanctuary and some additional educational space being all tied into the present church plant. Immediately following each evening session and period of fellowship, light refreshments were served to all present. Rev. Harvey G. Williamson is pastor of the church.

Ball Methodists Report Progress

Leaders of the Ball Methodist Church, in the Alexandria District, report their church program has been a successful one for the past year, and have submitted the following as the activities which have been underway

The youth groups have been active in lending effort in re-doing the MYF room in the church. They contributed efforts to the local sub-district paper, and to the local church paper and church bulletin. Plans for the near future include raising funds to purchase equipment for recreation in the Fellowship Hall just completed. Our MYF have attended Sub-District meetings each month.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Methodist Men together with nearly all the youth have helped in various ways to complete the Fellowship Hall, part of an addition to the Church begun years ago. We are most happy to see the fine progress in recent weeks. We can continue to add things here or there even after we feel that the necessary work is done. A name was chosen for the annex by the official Board from suggestions submitted by anyone attending church during the month of February.

Social Highlights

A Halloween party, a Church-wide fish fry, a Christmas Banquet, and a Sweetheart Banquet were social highlights of the church during the year. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Vinson were chosen by those present for king and queen at the Valentine Banquet for their untiring efforts on the church, mainly the work on the new addition. Others ran as close seconds in this work. The women have had two churchwide study courses this year.

Plans are in execution to raise funds to keep a supply of cards and notes to write ill, shut-ins, and absentees from church and church school. Many visits are made each week to hospitals where members or friends are ill; and many cards and a substantial number of pot plants and bouquets of flowers are sent regularly.

Community Projects

Local secular activities, in which nearly all of our small church families helped, included three household showers for unfortunates whose homes burned, a parsonage kitchen shower, and two or three stork showers.

Letters by the Official Board to and discussions with officials (local, district, and state) have encouraged the blacktopping of our road to the church. The three miles of needed improvement will aid church people of five churches to attend easier. Also this will aid in many other ways than church attendance.

Meetings On Schedule

No services have been missed—in regularly organized church services, Church School, Youth Fellowship meetings, WSCS meetings, Mid-Week prayer meetings, or official Board meetings. Our official Board meetings are a big reason why our progress has been steady. We meet monthly for about two hours and have comprehensive reports on work done, plans, dreams, hopes. There the members discuss these. Then the

Caddo Heights Parsonage Open House Held



The Rev. and Mrs. George Ross held open house at the Caddo Heights Methodist Church parsonage on Brent St., in Shreveport, Feb. 17, from 3 until 5 p.m. Members of the Caddo Heights congregation attended. Mrs. Giles and Mrs. Parker served punch and cookies.

CENTENARY SETS DEDICATION FOR CHAPEL ORGAN

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ticipate in the ceremonies, and the Centenary College Choir will assist.

Immediately after the 8:15 p.m. ceremonies, which are open to the public, Teague will present the dedicatory recital on the new organ. The Centenary Choir, directed by A. C. Voran, will sing three selections.

The organ was manufactured by the Boston-Aeolian-Skinner Organ Co. and will replace a Baldwin electronics organ given the college by the late Mrs. A. J. Peavy, who also served on the college board of trustees prior to her death last fall. The electronics, a portable instrument, will be used for student practice and will be kept available for special events on the campus.

The new instrument is an organ of three manuals and pedals which control 28 ranks of pipes representing the Diapason, Reed, String and Flute tonal families. There are 30 combination pistons, 22 couplers and nine reversibles on the instrument.

Dr. Mickle said the specification of the organ and the layout of the console were prepared carefully to provide Centenary College with an instrument which would fulfill the requirements of a chapel organ, a teaching organ and a concert instrument.

STATE MSM HOLDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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dan, Ruston, Tech, publicity chairman.

Dr. Carl Michelson, professor of theology at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, was speaker for the three-day session.

Daily worship services were conducted by representatives from Centenary College, Southeastern, Northwestern and Louisiana Tech.

The service of installation and communion was held Sunday morning at the Wesley Foundation Building at Southwestern Louisiana Institute.

The national Methodist Student Movement will be held at the University of Kansas in December of this year. The last nation-wide meeting was held at KU in 1953 and attendance totalled more than 2,300.

members take some sort of action. Follow-up reports are heartening. Leaders said, "we hope this type of work and activity of the laymen never stops. Our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Odell Simmons, are ever in there working, too."

Nolley Memorial Completes Study

A Church Wide Study, "High Hours of Methodism," has just been concluded at the Nolley Memorial Church, Jena, Louisiana. The study was given at the Sunday evening services during February under the leadership of Mr. W. P. Fort, chairman of the Commission on Missions.

The following took part on the program: Mrs. Jay Daughy, Mr. Joe Nudgent, Mr. Carl Baliers, Miss Mary Nicholson, Miss Marlen Taylor, Mr. Ed Bass, Mrs. W. O. Lynch, and Mr. C. R. Kinard. Rev. W. O. Lynch is pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH GROWTH NOT EQUAL TO POPULATION GAIN

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Church should have a net gain of at least three per cent a year."

The board executive in his annual report listed three reasons why Methodism did not keep up with the population increase

"1. Many local churches removed many inactive and indifferent members without following the disciplinary requirements.

"2. Every time an assessment is placed on the local church, based on its number of members, by the General, Jurisdictional, and Annual Conferences and by the Districts, the leaders begin to remove the non-paying members from the rolls of the church.

"3. We are not organizing a sufficient number of new churches. It is easier to merge than to multiply churches. We need to go to the new communities and start new churches."

"We need a vision," said Dr. Denman, "in order to see the people of the city slums, the lonely people of wealth, the neglected people in the rural areas, the alcoholics and the social drinkers, the selfish people who are steeped in secularism.

"We need a vision of the unchurched youth. We must tell youth about Christ or we will lose a generation, and we will have a pagan nation. We must reach the millions of children who need to be in church school.

"We need the concern and compassion of our Christ for every person.

"The local church must become a great evangelistic unit by:

"1. Evangelizing the evangelized (members becoming personal evangelists).

"2. Having a net increase in mem-

Centenary Alumna To Return As Department Head

A 1939 summa cum laude graduate of Centenary College will return to her alma mater next September as professor and head of the mathematics department.

Dean Leroy Vogel said Miss Virginia Carlton, who previously taught for two years at Centenary, has accepted the position and will assume her new duties with the start of the fall semester next year.

Miss Carlton, the daughter of Mrs. J. M. Carlton of 3442 Penick St., Shreveport, was graduated from Fair Park High School in Shreveport and, after earning her bachelor's degree at Centenary, went on to receive her MA in mathematics from Tulane University in New Orleans. She also has done graduate work at the University of Chicago and at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Her teaching experience includes one year at the Ouachita Parish High School, nine years at Wesleyan College in Georgia, two years at Northwestern State College in Natchitoches and two years at Northwestern University, where she currently is completing requirements for her doctor's degree. She plans to spend the coming summer teaching at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Miss Carlton is listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest," "Who's Who in American Education," "American Men of Science, Physical Sciences" and other publications. She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Mathematical Assn. of America, American Mathematical Society and the Georgia Academy of Science.

Fishermen's Club Organized At Caddo Heights

The newly organized Fishermen's Club of the Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport, held its first regular meeting, Feb. 26, and about 19 attended.

Jimmy Jones presided at the meeting which followed a chicken supper and the following officers were elected: president, Pete Ross; vice president, Winzie Lowdermilk; secretary, Gladys Simon; and treasurer, Ruthal Lowdermilk.

The guest speaker was the Rev. Fred Shirley, pastor of the Barksdale Methodist Church.

The object of the Fishermen's Club is to have a well planned visitation program on the third Tuesday night of each month. New members, inactive members, and prospective members or those who have visited the church, will be visited regularly.

bership each year.

"3. Increasing the number of families and individuals having daily devotions.

"4. Helping to organize new churches.

"5. Recruiting persons for full-time service for Christ and His Church.

"6. Every church receiving persons by profession of faith."

No. Baton Rouge MYF Has Special Valentine Program

The Senior M.Y.F. of the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church celebrated Valentine's Day with a Sweetheart Banquet on Friday, February 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the church.

Miss Gail Howard, president, was the Mistress of Ceremonies for the program which followed the supper. The group was entertained by the following numbers: a modern dance, a tap dance, and a modern jazz number by Ray McCullough, two vocal solos by Miss Glenda Tumey, a tap dance and an acrobatic number by Miss Jeanne Cates, and several musical numbers by a Barber Shop Quartet from the Baton Rouge Chapter of Barber Shop Quartets.

Following their special numbers, they led the group in some group singing. At the close of the evening, Rev. James L. Stovall, pastor, gave a short talk and the group dismissed with the M.Y.F. Benediction. Mrs. C. R. Freneau is the Counselor for the Senior M.Y.F.

Caddo Heights Group To Have Christian Witness Week End

The Senior MYF of Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport, will participate in Christian Witness week end, March 22 and 23.

The group will meet at the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Friday night for dinner and a speaker will discuss witnessing and visiting. Saturday morning the Myfers will meet for further instructions and will then participate in a visitation program until noon.

Each MYF sponsor will provide lunch for the various groups. Climax of the week end will come Saturday night at the Noel Memorial Methodist Church when the group will meet for sharing fellowship, and recreation following a supper.

"Power" To Feature Meditations From Many Countries

The April-June, 1957, issue of POWER, youth devotional guide, will be an International Issue, containing meditations written by young people in many different lands.

More than thirty contributors are from countries other than the United States, including Korea, Chile, Mexico, Belgian Congo, Borneo, India, Cuba and the Philippines.

POWER is the quarterly booklet of daily devotions written by youth and for youth. It is published by the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

The first issue of POWER appeared in 1943. Since then its circulation has grown to include more than 192,000 readers.

POWER subscriptions may be ordered as single subscriptions or as standing orders for group subscriptions. The price is 40 cents a year per subscription. The address of POWER is P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Rice Belt

The intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Rice Belt Sub-district met at Almyra Methodist Church for its February meeting.

The Rev. John L. Tucker, pastor of the Almyra church, gave the welcome. The following intermediates conducted the worship service on the theme, "The Land of Beginning Again." Larry Doyle, leader; Bonnie Neukam, pianist; Joan Kestner who spoke on the Land of Friendship; Linda Knoll, who spoke on the Land of Service; and May Voss presented a poem on "Beginning the New Year with God."

After the business meeting, G. R. Jones spoke to the group and showed pictures he took on a trip to Mexico and other places.

Refreshments of sandwiches and cold drinks were served by the Almyra group. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at DeWitt Methodist Church, March 25, and will include a skating party as the recreation.—Thomas Bormann, Reporter.

Wesley

The Wesley Sub-district held its monthly meeting at Mount Zion, Feb. 19, with Montgomery winning the attendance banner.

Preceding a short business meeting, a Chinese student, Don Lue, from Louisiana College, spoke to the group about his life in China and his trip to the States.

Following the program, refreshments were served. The meeting adjourned with the MYF Benediction.—Janice Davis.

Campers To Receive Dedication Cards

All senior and older youth who will attend summer institutes, camps, conferences and assemblies, will be given an opportunity to dedicate themselves to serve God and His Kingdom, according to the Rev. Harold W. Ewing, director of the Youth Department, General Board of Education.

The opportunity, as a part of the total program of study, inspiration and fellowship, will be afforded by means of cards distributed at these enterprises, to be filled out by the youth.

The dedication card reads in part:

"I. I accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord and will try to follow His way in my daily life.

II. I desire to become a member of His Church.

III. I am interested in special summer service. . . .

IV. I will select a lifework in accordance with what I can discover to be God's will for my life. . . .

V. I will select, for expressing Christian service, a task in the employ of the Church.

VI. I am re-thinking an earlier choice of life work. . . ."

Adult leaders at the summer enterprises are expected to send the cards that have been filled out and signed, to the Youth Department for follow-up by the boards and agencies concerned. The young person keeps a duplicate record of the dedication. Also, duplicate records of all lifework decisions

Camden Scout Receives Eagle Award



DAVID C. WATSON

Presentation Made At Fairview Church

David C. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Watson, 725 Tate St., SW, Camden, received his Eagle Badge Sunday night, February 10, during the Scout Sunday Night Services at the Fairview Methodist Church.

He was a charter member of Cub Pack 12, joining March 25, 1951. In 1954 he received his Webelos, which is the highest rank Cubbing has to offer.

David joined Troop 12 in April, 1955. He has earned 23 Merit Badges, and completed his Eagle requirements in January, 1957.

He is in the 8th grade at Fairview High School. He is a faithful member of the Fairview Methodist Church and of the Golden Rule Sunday School Class.

David's scoutmaster, who is also his Sunday School teacher, commented: "It is boys like David that make me one of the highest paid scoutmasters anywhere. He lives up to the highest ideals of Scouting, and I have high hopes for the future of our country when I know there will be men like him to take over."

The Youthful Accent

By Hoover Rupert

ARE TODAY'S YOUTH SUPERIOR?

Have you heard some adult predict that today's youth is most certainly going to the dogs or worse? Do you react against this kind of reflection on the younger generation? Well, you will find encouragement in the recent statement of the President of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, John W. Stalnaker. He would like to open his files to those critics of the younger generation. Evidence there points to the belief that today's youngsters are "superior to their fathers and grandfathers" and are wonderful persons.

Now that the gulping grandfathers and the protesting dads have calmed down a little, let's take a look at Brother Stalnaker's basis for such statements. In his position he heads a concerted program to uncover and develop talented youth. His files are bulging with case histories of teen-agers who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

He admitted in a newspaper interview in Chicago, that the 220,000 boys and girls considered for merit scholarships in 1956 and 1957 were "the cream of the crop." The corporation aided 556 boys and girls last year and will help about 700 this year. But with this admission, Stalnaker stated the belief that they better represent their generation of teen-agers than the juvenile delinquents and the addicts of one, Elvis Presley.

Sometimes Stress Too Much The Bottom Strata

"I'm afraid sometimes we stress too much the bottom strata," he said. "The public is to blame for being more interested in reading and hearing about misbehavior than good behavior. The thousands of well-behaved, successful

are sent to the conference commission on Christian vocations and to the pastor of the young person's home church.

The cards are available for use by the committee on Christian vocations in the local church and may be ordered from the Board of Education, The Methodist Church, P.O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn., \$1.00 per 100.

FORT SMITH CHURCH FORMS TWO MYF GROUPS

The Fifth Street Methodist Church, Fort Smith, has recently organized junior and senior MYF groups, according to the pastor, the Rev. Bennie G. Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Totten are the counselors for the senior MYF, and Mrs. Gail Gann is counselor for the juniors. A junior choir also is being directed by Mrs. Bill Totten and J. Moore.

and able students don't excite public interest."

Dr. Stalnaker has ample authority in his experience for his conviction that most teen-agers are able, intelligent, and ready to accept responsibility. He has served as a university dean, professor of psychology, and wartime director of Army-Navy college qualifying tests. "The youth of today knows more and is better prepared than father or grandfather was," he said. "He has a longer life ahead of him, more opportunities—and more problems."

Teenagers' Interests Are Broad

In the course of the interview with Everett R. Irwin, Associated Press reporter, Dr. Stalnaker thumbed through his files and pulled out cases at random. One was of a boy sent to Harvard to study physics. His father is a barber in West Virginia. The boy handles an extra heavy academic schedule and out-of-class demands. His interests are very broad. Another file belonged to a girl who is the daughter of a Massachusetts carpenter who won a scholarship to Radcliffe. "The interviewer," said Stalnaker, "reported she was thorough, self-reliant, knew how to concentrate. She played basketball, was in the Girl Scouts, church choir, lieutenant-governor in 'Girl's State', and an officer in the National Honor Society."

Next time you hear someone running down the younger generation, just refer them to Dr. John M. Stalnaker!



WITH THE DISTRICTS

Arkadelphia

The Executive Committee of the Arkadelphia District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at First Church, Hot Springs, Sunday afternoon, February 17, 1957. The following officers were present: Mrs. Alvin Stone, Mrs. Allen Gannaway, Mrs. Dolphus Whitten, Mrs. A. F. Bulkley, Miss Betty Wallace, Mrs. R. E. Harris, Mrs. Virgil Efird, Mrs. W. G. Harrington, Mrs. Doyle Shirley, Mrs. W. L. Gephart, Mrs. Garland Clark, Miss Polly Lassiter, and Mrs. H. King Wade. Two Conference officers residing in the District were present: Mrs. Milton Teague and Mrs. E. E. Fohrell. Three Chairmen of Sub-Districts and members of the nominating committee were in attendance.

Encouraging reports were presented by the officers and plans were outlined for finishing up the year's work.

Mrs. Stone emphasized the importance of the training period for district officers at the Annual meeting of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and of local officers at the meeting of the District Conference to be held at Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, April 2, 1957.

The program committee for the district meeting was named by Mrs. Stone as follows: Mrs. Allen Gannaway, Mrs. A. F. Bulkley, Mrs. H. King Wade, and Mrs. Ed Spring, President of Grand Avenue Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Lake Charles

The District Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Lake Charles District met in the home of Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sulphur, on Feb. 18 for a business meeting and luncheon, with Mrs. J.-C. Whitaker as co-hostess.

Mrs. L. H. Cashen, secretary of promotion, reported the district to

be 100% organized and 100% in reporting; Mrs. A. J. McGrede, treasurer, stated that pledges are coming in very satisfactorily throughout the district.

A motion introduced by Mrs. Stewart Spates was adopted whereby each society will be requested to actively oppose the sponsorship of Sports programs by beer companies on TV and Radio.

Plans for the district meeting to be held in DeRidder on April 9 at First Church were completed. Places for one meetings were given; dates to be announced later: Zone I-Prospect, Zone II-Simpson, Lake Charles; Zone III-Gueydon.

A delicious luncheon was served to mothers of the hostesses, Mrs. P. J. Daspit and Mrs. Anna Renshaw; and the following members: Mesdames Robert Compton, Sam Holden, L. H. Cashen, Stewart Spates, R. L. Haines, J. H. McCartney, A. J. McGrede and W. E. Lyford.

Hope

Representatives from the W. S. C. S. of Murfreesboro, Delight, and Glenwood met in the Methodist Church at Murfreesboro, Monday evening, Feb. 4th. Mrs. H. G. Schoettle, Pres., conducted the business session after which Mrs. Charles Darnall gave the devotional. Mrs. Griffith from Delight, reported on the work they were doing, Mrs. Marlon Davis reported for Glenwood, and Mrs. Omma Daniel for Murfreesboro.

Mrs. John Brewer, who with her husband, lived in Japan while he served with the Occupation Forces, gave a very interesting lecture on the life and customs in that country—illustrating with color slides and articles of wearing apparel, etc. Little Miss Cindy Park modeled the dress of Japanese children of kimono and clog sandals. The Murfreesboro ladies served cherry tarts, sandwiches and coffee to the group.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wisner Woman's Society met February 12 in the home of Mrs. A. J. Ensminger for a surprise birthday party for the pastor's wife, Mrs. J. A. Knight. Twenty-nine members attended and presented gifts and a corsage to the honoree. Ice cream with cake was served.

On Tuesday, February 26, a chicken spaghetti supper was served to all three circles in the social hall of the church. Guest speaker was Mrs. Deqitt Henry, district secretary of Christian Social Relations who spoke on "Citizenship." Other guests from Monroe were Mrs. Ina Metcalf and Mrs. Cudd. Mrs. A. J. Ensminger, vice-president, presided. Mrs. Harry Gilbert, local secretary of Christian Social Relations, was in charge of arrangements. The devotional was given by Mrs. J. A. Knight.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Bethlehem and Providence has had two good years under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Lillian Hayes. The society has just

completed the study on "Southeast Asia" with Mrs. Golden Moore in charge, with an average attendance of 28. An offering of \$12.67 will go to the educational program in Hong Kong. A gift was presented to Mrs. Moore.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 20th, the Murfreesboro society completed the study on "Youth in A Responsible Society, A Christian's Concern" with Mrs. C. E. Dillard Jr. as leader. Mrs. Tom Park gave the devotional. Mrs. G. J. Floyd discussed "Community Climate and Youth." Mrs. Wayne Pruitt introduced a panel of six young people from the M.Y.F. group, Nancy Stevens, Patsy Folsom, Betty Weatherman, Billy Gibbs, Jimmy Daniels, and Tommy Darnall.

As action following up the study Mrs. Dillard pointed out the various activities already available to our young people of Murfreesboro, such as sports in school, tennis courts at two of the churches, Youth Fellowship Groups, and named several organizations which need spon-

Arkansas Plans Conference On Student Work

A Conference on Student Work, sponsored by the Wesley Foundation at the University of Arkansas, will bring Woman's Society of Christian Service representatives from all parts of the state to Fayetteville on the week end of March 30-31.

The chairman of the planning committee, Miss Homera Anderson of Camden, explains that the conference is planned to help district and local secretaries of Student Work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. At Fayetteville they will see a Wesley Foundation in action, talk with its student leaders and adult workers about the Methodist church's work on a college or university campus, and share with other Secretaries ideas and suggestions on how the W.S.C.S. can support the student program of its church.

The conference will begin at 1:30

Saturday afternoon, March 30, in Wesley Hall at Central Methodist Church. It will include forums and discussions, a visit to the Methodist Student Center on the campus, and a banquet with the students. On Sunday the group will attend a typical Wesley Foundation program, and the conference will close with the morning worship service of Central Methodist Church.

All local Secretaries of Student Work, and others interested in this area of our church's concern, are cordially invited to attend. Registration can be made through your district Secretary of Student Work and should be in her hands as soon as possible. At least a carload will be coming to Fayetteville from each district in Arkansas. Those attending will be guests of members of the Woman's Society of Central Methodist Church.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE W.S.C.S. FINANCIAL REPORT—1956-57—THIRD QUARTER

Balance brought forward	\$ 9,438.30
RECEIPTS	
Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$11,132.52
W.S.G.	2,875.96
Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	380.00
W.S.G.	265.00
Result of Study:	
W.S.C.S.	148.06
W.S.G.	28.38
In Remembrance:	
W.S.C.S.	59.50
Supply—Home:	
W.S.C.S.	910.25
W.S.G.	268.01
Supply—Foreign:	
W.S.C.S.	670.25
W.S.G.	291.70
Week of Prayer:	
W.S.C.S.	616.32
W.S.G.	139.84
Narcotic Education:	
W.S.C.S.	37.60
W.S.G.	58.10
Supplementary:	
W.S.C.S.	104.11
Total—W.S.C.S.	\$14,038.61
Total—W.S.G.	3,926.99
Total from District Treasurers	\$17,965.60
OTHER RECEIPTS	
M.Y.F.	\$ 534.41
Children	1.00
Pins	6.85
	\$ 542.26
Total other receipts	542.26
Total to be accounted for	\$27,946.16
DISBURSEMENTS	
TO DIVISION	
Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$10,319.13
W.S.G.	2,875.96

Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	445.00
W.S.G.	265.00
In Remembrance:	
W.S.C.S.	59.50
M.Y.F.—W.S.C.S.	534.41
Children—W.S.C.S.	1.00
Total—W.S.C.S.	\$11,359.04
Total—W.S.G.	\$ 3,140.96
Total on Appropriations	\$14,500.00
Week of Prayer	\$ 756.16
Supply—Home	1,178.26
Supply—Foreign	961.95
Supplementary	104.11
Pins	6.75
	\$ 3,007.23
Total to Division	\$17,507.23
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	
COOPERATIVE—	
Booneville Project	\$ 99.99
Sunshine Fund	25.00
Car Expense	487.24
Narcotic Education	250.00
ADMINISTRATIVE—	
District Cultivation	\$ 778.64
Conference Cultivation	352.14
MISCELLANEOUS—	
Louise Nichols Travel	\$ 55.45
Conference M.Y.F.	100.00
Workers Insurance	38.00
Miscellaneous	64.51
	\$ 2,248.97
Total other disbursements	\$ 2,248.97
Total disbursements	19,756.20
Balance in the bank	8,189.96
Total amount accounted for	\$27,946.16

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. Joe Raney Jr., Newport Umsted; Miss Sula Wright, W.S.G., Morrilton; Mrs. Frank B. Thacker, W.S.G., North Little Rock, Sylvan Hills. Baby: Joan Marie Ross, W.S.G., Levy.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. A. M. Steele, Mrs. Worth Gibson, Gentry; Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, Farmington. Baby: Robert Kimbrel Osburn, Winslow.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. John P. Sikes, Mrs. Charles T. Woodfin, Forrest City. Baby: William Bruce Swan, Forrest City.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. E. O. Newsom, Fort Smith Goddard; Mrs. M. L. Goldworthy, Mrs. Roy Moore, Mrs. James Rea, W.S.G., Fort Smith Goddard; Mrs. Ben Watkins, Mrs. Mattie Aiken, Fort Smith Goddard; Mrs. Alma Bland, W.S.G., Fort Smith First; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hampton, Booneville.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. Donald Farrar, Jonesboro-Huntington; Mrs. Marguerite Gill, Miss Mary Jane Henderson, W.S.G., Jonesboro First; Mrs. Laura Bradsher, Marked Tree; Mrs. Jo Ella Cruse, Miss Ruth Lee, W.S.G., Leachville. Baby: Steven Ben Jordan, Lisa Roddy, Jonesboro Huntington; Paula Carol Goad, Jonesboro Fisher St., Ronda Ritter, Philip Gardner Brunner, Marked Tree; Patricia Jane Lipe, Dorothy Rose Patton, W.S.G., Jonesboro 1st.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. Rector Johnston, Pocahontas.

SEARCY DISTRICT—Baby: Lynne Elizabeth Pyeatt, Cynthia Ann Binkley, Milessa Yarnell, Stephen Cleveland Black, Tom Martin Robbins, Kenneth Vance Robbins, Searcy 1st.

—Mrs. William Hall, Treasurer

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NA Children's Workers' Conf. Successful

By Ira A. Brumley

The twenty-fourth annual session of the North Arkansas Children's Workers' Conference was held at Batesville First Methodist Church, March 4-6, 1957. The attendance this year was as high as we have ever had. The program was of a very high type, one of the most successful programs we have ever had. This year we planned for six workshop groups, providing two groups in the primary and two in the junior, one for leaders of small church schools and one for leaders in medium and large church schools in each of these two departments. The plan worked very successfully. The leaders of the various workshops seemed to get splendid response from the members of their groups. The following persons were the workshop group leaders: Miss Evelyn Briant of Hope, Ark., Mrs. J. W. Neudecker of Memphis, Tenn., Miss Anna Rose Miller of Fort Smith, Mrs. Homer S. Brown of Oak Park, Ill., Rev. William Stewart of Walnut Ridge, and Mrs. Delbert Hill of Evansville, Ind.

Mrs. Uel D. Crosby of Amarillo, Tex., led the worship services, using as a theme "Theology for Children."

The people of Batesville were wonderful in the way in which they provided for the conference, opening their homes, making every arrangement possible at the church, arranging the fellowship dinner on Monday evening, and meeting the instructors at nearby railroad stations. Those attending will long remember the many courtesies provided by the Methodists of Batesville.

Every district of the conference was represented in the sessions, seven of the eight Directors of Children's Work being in attendance.

Each district had representatives in preparation for the district vacation church school institutes. Dates of vacation church school institutes will be announced in the various districts by the District Directors of Children's Work.

Churches that have not already secured their vacation church school text material should order these materials from the Methodist Publishing House at an early date.

OTHER NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

Newport Area School

The Newport Area School opened on Wednesday night, March 6, following the Children's Workers' Conference. There was an enrollment of some seventy or more on the opening night in spite of the very rainy conditions, with the following charges represented: Newport First Church, Umsted Memorial, Tuckerman, Swifton, Hickory Ridge, and Fisher. The following courses are being offered in the school:

Children and the Bible, Mrs. Delbert W. Hill
The Methodist Youth Fellow-

Ark. School Children To Help In World Clothing Week

Arkansas schools have been asked to take part in World Clothing Week it has been announced by A. W. Ford, Commissioner of Education. The week long drive will be held in Arkansas March 18th through March 22nd. "We are hoping that at least 150,000 Arkansas school children will bring clothing to school during World Clothing Week," Mr. Ford stated. He added, "There are many areas of great need for good used clothing in the world today."

The clothing will be distributed by Christian Children's Fund, Inc. in over 200 orphanages and in over thirty countries. Primary beneficiaries of the clothing drive will be children in the orphanages. However, clothing will also be distributed to children and adults outside of orphanages. Clothing will be given to children in handicapped areas of the United States to enable them to attend school.

Dr. J. Calvitt Clarke, International Director for Christian Children's Fund, Inc. advised Mr. Ford that lack of food and clothing is still the daily lot of two-thirds of the world's population. In his letter to Mr. Ford, Dr. Clarke added, "The universal participation of Arkansas schools will mean help to distressed peoples from below the Equator to above the Arctic

ship, Pryor R. Cruce

What It Means to Be a Christian, L. M. Conyers

The Work of the Local Church, Ira A. Brumley.

The attendance for the opening night of this school was as good as Newport Area School has ever had.

New Certifications

Rev. Harold Spence of Manila and Rev. Raymond Dorman of Fayetteville have recently been certified for the course on "Paul's Letters to Local Churches."

Rev. Ray Burrow of Weiner has been certified for "The Meaning of Methodism."

Rev. Ben F. Jordan of Jonesboro has been certified for the course on "The Methodist Youth Fellowship."

Jonesboro Area Training School

The Jonesboro Area Training School will be held at First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, March 17-21, with the following courses being offered:

Teaching Children, Mrs. V. Hugo Akin

Finding One's Job, James Clemons

Interpreting the Bible to Youth, Ira A. Brumley

The Work of the Local Church, E. J. Holifield

The Meaning of Methodism, J. William Watson

The Life of Jesus, Walter A. Hearn.

Several Announced Plans Last Week—

Two More Louisiana Districts Set Vacation Church School Institutes

Circle."

The clothing will be sorted and reconditioned before being shipped abroad. Among the countries and areas that will benefit from the clothing drive are Austria, Belgium, Borneo, Brazil, Burma, Finland, France, Free China, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Lapland, Lebanon, Macao, Malaya, Mexico, Okinawa, Pakistan, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Syria, The United States, Viet Nam and Western Germany.

Mr. Ford expressed the hope that every family would send at least one package of useable clothing to school during World Clothing Week. He added, "if this is done Arkansas alone will raise 150,000 pounds of clothing."

Leadership Training School Held At Colfax Church

The Grant Larger Parish held its Leadership Training School February 18, 19, and 20 in the Colfax Methodist Church, Colfax, Louisiana.

This was a fine school with an excellent staff. Mrs. E. L. McKay, of Pollock taught the course, "Working with Children in the Small Church," and had a large and interesting class.

Rev. Luther Booth, Winnfield, taught the course, "Boy and Girl Friendships," to a fine group of youth.

Dr. Henry Bowdon, Alexandria, taught the course for adults, "The Work of the Local Church," and had a large number in attendance.

The six churches which participated with their pastors were: Pollock, Rev. E. L. McKay; Montgomery, Rev. J. C. Skinner; Hollins Chapel, Rev. Ed Pickens; Ball, Rev. Odell Simmons; Boyce, Rev. Robert Townsend; and Colfax, Rev. Clark W. Bell.

There were 72 enrolled and several more attended. Forty-eight credit cards were given.

Rev. Clark W. Bell, Colfax, acted as dean.

World Service Is Our Concern

Last quadrennium \$12,928,772, which was 20% of all World Service and Conference Benevolence money, came from the Fourth Sunday offerings in Methodist church schools. At least some of this achievement is due to the informative articles and features in our Methodist church school literature that constantly build interest in World Service agencies and causes and that encourage their financial support.

It might seem unbelievable that an agency that receives not one dollar of World Service funds

Ruston District

The Ruston District Vacation Church School Institutes for training local church teams in vacation church school planning will be held at Lakeview Methodist Church, Minden, March. 19; and Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, March 21.

The institutes will be from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., according to Mrs. J. A. McDaniel, director of children's work in the Ruston District, and the Rev. Ladell Futch, district director of youth work and co-director of the institutes with Mrs. McDaniel.

Leaders for the various groups include: kindergarten, Mrs. C. L. Lankford, text; "Friends Near and Far"; primary, Mrs. R. E. Carter, text; "Our Families"; junior, Mrs. George Goodwin, text; "Meet Your Neighbors"; and intermediate, Miss Ann Fox, text: "God's World and Ours."

Mrs. J. M. Tait, Jr., will lead a special workshop for nursery workers in local churches, using "Religious Nature in the Nursery Class and the Home," as the text. The nursery class is not to be included in local vacation church school planning, but the course can give guidance to planning for nursery age children in the local churches.

Baton Rouge District

Baton Rouge District Vacation Church School Institutes and nursery clinics have been scheduled for Hammond, March 18; Franklinton, March 20; and for University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 22.

All the sessions will begin at 7 p.m., according to Mrs. Charles F. Learner, Baton Rouge, district director of children's work.

Mrs. Learner said the sessions are for any churches in the area which plan to have a vacation church school for children in kindergarten, primary, junior, or intermediate departments.

At the same time, she said, there will be a clinic for all workers with nursery children. Vacation Church Schools are not planned for nursery children, she explained, but many workers would like to know more about working with this age group on Sunday mornings. Anyone interested in nursery work is welcome, Mrs. Learner said.

should print hundreds and thousands of references to World Service and its various causes.

Yet this is true of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education, the budget for which comes from the Board of Publication. Nevertheless, it carries on a constant educational movement undergirding World Service causes in every Methodist church where it is used.

Jonesboro District Conference Meets

The Jonesboro District Conference met at Osceola, December 12, 1956, with Rev. E. J. Holifield, District Superintendent, presiding, and Rev. W. O. Scroggins, Jr., host pastor. Rev. Fletcher Dodson was elected secretary.

The following appeared on the program: Dr. Connor Morehead for The Methodist Children's Home; Dr. E. T. Wayland for the *Arkansas Methodist*; Chaplain W. M. O'donnell and Dr. Lud Estes for The Methodist Hospital; and Rev. A. N. Storey for the Town and Country Commission.

Rev. Alvin Murray and Rev. J. T. Byrd presented the work of evangelism. Mrs. Walter Lindley, Larry Dent, and Rev. Arvill Brannon presented the work for Christian Education. Dr. Matt Ellis also spoke on education with particular reference to Hendrix College. Rev. Harold Eggersperger gave a message on The Quadrennial Emphasis. Mr. Clyde Evans and Mr. Charles Stuck spoke on lay activities.

Mrs. James Blankenship, District President of the W.S.C.S., presented the work of the women. Rev. Harold Spence presented the Advance Special program with particular attention to our campaign for a Methodist College in Alaska. Rev. H. J. Couchman spoke on temperance. Miss Margaret Hart of Manila, brought to the attention of the Conference the need for a Wesley Building at Arkansas State College. Rev. Fletcher Dodson spoke for the Committee of Christian Literature calling attention to our new magazine, *Together*.

Rev. B. J. Vancleve gave the report on Quarterly Conference Journals; and Rev. Earl Carter, for the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications. Rev. Ray Burrow presented the report of the Courtesy Committee praising the Osceola Church for the splendid job it had done in entertaining the Conference.

Rev. Raymond Franks of Forrest City brought an excellent message at the worship hour on Christian Education.

The following elections were made:

District Committee on Evangelism: Rev. J. T. Byrd and Earl Whitaker of Harrisburg, Mrs. Robert Holt of Bay, Rev. Harold Eggersperger, Rev. Earl Carter, Rev. Thurston Masters, Rev. W. T. Lingo; Roy Wled of Fisher, W. R. Willis, Lake City, Phillip Shumaker, Bono; Mrs. James Blankenship, Monette; Mrs. Olin Shockley, Tyrone; Mrs. Curtis McKinney, Jonesboro; Miss Donna Kaye Jones, Harrisburg; Boyce Bowden and Hoyt Purvis of Jonesboro.

Wayland Springs Trustees: Rev. Ben F. Jordan, Charles Stuck.

Trustees of District Parsonage: R. H. Patton, W. R. Stuck, Curtis McKinney, W. R. Willis, Roy Weld, John Emrich, and Fred Stuckey.

The statistical report showed that 233 members had been received by certificate, and 128 by profession of faith during the past six months. A total of \$340,000.00 had been raised for all purposes. \$25,645.00 had been subscribed on a new Wesley Center Building at Arkansas State College, Jonesboro. World Service apportionment accepted amounted to 100% of the Annual Conference askings.—Fletcher Dodson

EL DORADO 1ST CHURCH YOUTH NAMED RADIO RELAY EMERGENCY CO-ORDINATOR



Tom Burton of El Dorado First Methodist Church has been appointed by the American Radio Relay League as Emergency Coordinator for Union County. Tom is a ham radio operator with the call letters K5BQV. The Burtons are formerly of McCrory, Arkansas. Tom is a junior at the El Dorado Senior High School.

Batesville District Conference Session Held At Tuckerman

The Batesville District Conference met at the Methodist Church in Tuckerman, Wednesday, December 5, 1956, the Reverend Richard E. Connell, District Superintendent, presiding.

The devotional was given by the Reverend W. M. Womack, pastor of the church.

Mr. Marcus Harris, a layman in the Tuckerman Church, gave the welcome address.

Various connectional interests were represented as follows: Rev. Elmer Hook, South Central Jurisdictional Assembly at Mt. Saquoyah, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Hendrix College, Dr. Connor Morehead, Methodist Children's Home, Rev. A. N. Storey, The Town and Country Commission, Rev. William M. O'Donnell, Chaplain of the Methodist Hospital in Memphis, and Rev. E. T. Wayland of the *Arkansas Methodist*.

Rev. Joel A. Cooper, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Conway, delivered the message during the worship service. He spoke on "Christian Education."

Other visitors who were presented to the Conference were: Mrs. Richard E. Connell, Mrs. William M. O'Donnell, Mrs. W. M. Womack, Mrs. Moncrief, and Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Kaetzel.

Reports on different interests within the District were given by the following persons: Mrs. M. L. Kaylor, Children's Work; Rev. Gerald D. Hammett, Youth Work; Mr. Charles Mabry, Adult Work; Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers, Ministerial Qualifications and Lay Program; Rev. Robert Howerton, Evangelism; Miss Mary Chaffin, Rural Work; Rev. John Bayliss, Missions; Mrs. Zarub, the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Rev. H. W. Jinske, World

Searcy District Ministers, WSCS Hold Joint Session

The Searcy area pastors met at McRae, Thursday, January 17, and the Harrison area pastors met at Marshall, Friday, at 11:00 o'clock in conjunction with the areas' Woman's Society of Christian Service meeting to honor and hear the report of Miss Edith Martin, missionary to the Belgian Congo, Africa, who stirred her hearers with a thrilling account of Kingdom accomplishments of mission work on "the dark continent." The joint session was our Searcy District Mission Institute for 1957.

At the business sessions of the pastors, several important matters were presented, discussed, and acted upon. The "1000 Club" shares, the Hungarian Relief Offering, the Mount Sequoyah Educational Building Project, the new Evangelistic Program, the Area Training School at Searcy, and the Arkansas-Louisiana Area Every Member Canvass plans were presented by Rev. E. G. Kaetzel, District Superintendent, and received hearty support. Special consideration was given to the Jacksonville Church, and the Rev. N. Lee Cate, pastor, highly complimented on the progress of the building program and the plans for the first service in the new Sanctuary, Sunday, January 20th. The Jacksonville and the Searcy District responsibility for Methodist Airforce Personnel at the Air Base was recognized, and several expressed the hope that the churchwide support would be forthcoming through the years.

The state of the Searcy District as to finances was reported as "good," and the Superintendent closed the sessions with the distribution of the preaching and last quarterly conference sessions; and a final word on the *Arkansas Methodist Campaign* which was on January 13-20. Several pastors reported their quotas as "nearly completed." There was no doubt the District would reach and exceed its quota of subscriptions for this most valuable conference, state, and area weekly.—Golder Lawrence, Reporter for the Searcy District

FAIRVIEW LAYMEN MEET

The Fairview Methodist Men's Club, Camden, met in the fellowship hall Thursday night, February 28, for a pot luck supper. Walter Birch gave the invocation.

New officers were elected in the business session of the meeting. The program included songs by Misses Jo Ann Merritt, Margaret Nutt, Lynn Flemming, Frances McKenzie, Dorothy Forcht, and Mary Ann Harvey.

The devotional was given by Homer L. Anderson, and W. P. Seaton dismissed the meeting with prayer. Burford Davis is reporter.

Peace; and Rev. Theron McKisson, Temperance.

The women of the church served a lovely meal in the fellowship hall.

The District Conference will be held in the Oil Trough Methodist Church next year.—Gerald D. Hammett, Secretary, Newark

WORK AT THE SANATORIUM

It has been some time since I have written about the work at the Sanatorium. But I do want to express my appreciation for the continued help and cooperation given me from different Church groups and individuals in both Conferences. This within itself is very heartening and helps to make possible a constant ministry to all of the patients of the Sanatorium.

It is a phase of my ministry to place copies of the UPPER ROOM in the hands of patients every two months. We have had a pretty steady inflow of observation of patients for quite awhile in the Sanatorium. I like to give each one of these new patients an UPPER ROOM. Recently my supply has been exhausted and some are without this fine guide to worship.

There is a steady need to use the SUNSHINE FUND to help patients. It is truly a blessing to have a source to draw from as conditions arise. And I want to say right here that I am deeply grateful to everyone contributing to the Sunshine Fund. Any one who wishes to share in this Fund may send it to me at the State Sanatorium, Arkansas.

And, I want to thank the Church groups who made and sent beautiful tray cards at Thanksgiving and Christmas to bring cheer to many. And also with my thanks I make request that you remember the Sanatorium in your prayers.

—Chaplain Bates Sturdy

He Carries On For Rebecca Parrish, M. D.

By The Rev. John T. Lundy
Manila

As Jose Catindig, M. D., stood beside the grave of Rebecca Parrish, M. D., in a cemetery near Indianapolis, Indiana, the ultimate aim of missions was imprinted upon my mind more clearly than ever before. For Dr. Catindig, Filipino, is carrying on in a way which Dr. Parrish, American, began, and we see exemplified the assumption by national hands of work started with missionary hands.

It was just fifty years ago that Dr. Parrish sailed into Manila Bay and became the first woman physician to practice medicine in the Philippine Islands. For twenty-six years she labored to bring the blessings of good health to the Filipino people, especially the women and children. The infant mortality rate was reduced greatly, due in great measure to her untiring efforts. From 66% in 1906 it was reduced to 10% in 1949. Her life was years full and overflowing with activity on behalf of her fellow-man.

Carrying On In Same Spirit

Along with other consecrated physicians, Jose Catindig is today carrying on in the same spirit of those who have been tending the fires lit by Dr. Parrish in 1906. From a barrio (village) of Baliwag, Bulacan, Jose first dreamed of becoming a physician. Entering the University of the Philippines in 1936, he was able, despite the outbreak of the war, to continue, and was graduated in 1943. Returning to care for the needs of the people of his province, he soon joined up with the resistance forces and organized the medical unit of his outfit. With the cessation of hostilities, he analyzed the situation to see how he could best help in the rehabilitation of his country, and joined up with the U. S. Public Health Service. While here he helped survey the damages of the war to his people and country, and determine priority needs in the post-war years. When this work was completed, he joined the Mary John-

ston Charity Clinic and Dispensary, which was then operating from a rented building in war-devastated Manila. This clinic was carrying on in lieu of Mary Johnston Hospital which had burned to the ground in 1945. The faith of the people of Tondo that there would some day be another hospital to minister to them was fulfilled when Jose moved the clinic into the beautiful new quarters of Mary Johnston Hospital in August of 1950. He served as head of medical services and taught in the School of Nursing until he left for the United States in 1954 as a **Crusade Scholar**. A year's study and observation in and around Boston prepared him for his next jobs.

Bringing People To Know Christ Is Objective

Just as Rebecca Parrish's work had as its ultimate objective the bringing of people to know the Christ whom she loved, so it is now in the case of Jose Catindig. Brought up in a Roman Catholic community of devout parents, the first questions came when a sister who had died was refused burial because the father was a member of Philippine Masonry. These questions were accentuated when evangelical students came in teams to his barrio to sing hymns of the church, and were labeled a "group of devils" by the local priest. Jose was punished by well-meaning parents for attending these meetings. Leaving home, and having closer contact with evangelical Christians at the University, he began to detect a difference in the warmth and friendship of the Protestant students and those of other faiths. He continued to search for the reasons for the difference he felt, and during this time found his present wife, an active Protestant, daughter of prominent Filipino Methodists.

Exemplifies The New Philippines

I was present that Sunday morning when Jose took the next step, and along with two doctor friends, stood at the altar of historic



Dr. Catindig at Rebecca Parrish's Grave

Knox Church and entered wholeheartedly into his newly-adopted faith through the taking of church vows.

Unassuming but determined, keen of mind and spirit, and willingly serving under many obstacles, Jose today exemplifies the new Philippines. A product of the emerging period in the history of his country, he today stands ready to help point the way for the future of his people. Whether ministering to the needs of a patient, giving a physical examination to a pastor from the Provinces, teaching a class of nurses, leading devotions in the dispensary, or attending to the multitude of detail as assistant to the administrator of Mary Johnston Hospital, you will rarely find him complaining or unhappy in serving the more unfortunate of his fellow-men. People seek him out because of the faith and confidence which he instills in them.

Fifty years after Dr. Parrish first landed in Manila and determined to stay and fight disease, finds Dr. Jose Catindig carrying on with that same determination, but in his own unique way.

"The Word Made Flesh" - - - In Korea

By THELMA MAW
Seoul, Korea

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." These words might truly be spoken of Pastor Yun, or Sung Yul—better known as Diamond Mountain Yun.

Throughout the days of the war, Pastor Yun was a tower of strength for the refugee people. Churches were organized in refugee camps, and wherever he went he preached and lived the Gospel message.

During the war, a son who planned to enter the ministry gave his life for his country. Pastor Yun, though nearing seventy, resolved to carry on for the two of them. In 1955, after returning to Seoul, he began work in a small community some five miles outside the city. He had soon started a tiny church. The people of the surrounding villages were not eager for the Gospel message for these had been Communist villages before the war and most of the men had been killed or driven away. The women were skeptical. At first few came to the church. Fortunately, Pastor Yun does not preach by word alone and so though many did not hear the Word, all saw it made flesh and living and working among them.

The little foot bridge he built to span the stream saved hours of walking. It also made it possible for the children to gather for Sunday school.

To and Fro on His Bicycle

Day after day the villages saw Pastor Yun going to and fro on his bicycle, always kind and always helpful. On Christmas eve over three hundred villagers stood on a snow-clad mountainside and many heard for the first time the story of the birth of the Christ Child.

With the increase in the congregation as the weeks went by, it became necessary to have a larger place of worship. Pastor Yun was able to secure a tent from the army. One day in early spring all the church people gathered for work. Some helped to raise the tent while others planted flowers and shrubs around the new church. By early summer the hillside had become a blaze of color. Although in this way the summer's needs had been met, Pastor Yun immediately began looking ahead for the winter.

Trip to American Army Units

His first thought was a bicycle trip to the American Army units

along the front lines. While stopping in a small village some ten miles beyond his church, he gathered a group of children around him. As usual his first questions concerned their church and Sunday school. To his surprise he found that there was no church in the entire community. The children begged "grandpa" to come and have a church for them. He rode on to the front with the burden of two communities on his heart.

Pastor Yun was not disappointed in the American soldiers, and the children of the little village were not disappointed in Pastor Yun. Two weeks later he began holding services in the school building in the village. When he described it to me it sounded like a palace. How true it is that the building does not make the church!

On the second Sunday I accompanied him. The service at the first church was set for 10:30 a.m. At the close of it we ate a hasty lunch and with two of the young people set out for the new church. We traveled by jeep—but usually Pastor Yun will be making this ten-mile trip by bicycle.

Children Found A Friend

As we drew near the village children began to gather and it was evident that all had found a friend in Pastor Yun. While the two young people prepared for the Sunday school session, Pastor Yun and I visited a village woman who had lost her leg during the war. Pastor Yun told her something of the love of God which made it possible for Christians to reach out and help those in need. In no time we had found a piece of string and measured her for a pair of crutches which were to be delivered the next week, and plans were discussed for receiving a new leg through the Amputee Project of the Christian mission in Seoul. As we left this home a boy ran up to say that he knew of a child in the community who had lost a leg too. Before the service she had been seen and plans made for her to go to Severance Hospital next day.

80 At Afternoon Service

I wish you might have visited the service that afternoon. There were
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MEMORIALS—FEBRUARY, 1957

IN MEMORY OF:
 Ronnie Hardwick by The E. L. Richardson Family
 Eric Walsh by The E. L. Richardson Family
 Mrs. Juanita Campbell by The Sunshine Class, Camden First Methodist Church
 Mrs. James Hammond by Mr. and Mrs. Neill M. Sloan
 J. T. Easterling by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oates
 Rev. Forney Hutchinson by Mrs. L. T. Fisk and Mrs. Tom Malone
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 Mrs. Lillian Thomas Cress by Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Thompson
 Mrs. Lillian T. Cress by May Pittman, Ruth and Dan Pittman, and Dan Walter Pittman
 Mrs. C. L. Bowen by Mrs. B. T. Wait
 Mrs. H. J. Green by Mrs. B. T. Wait
 Miss Vera Green by Temperance Hill Home Demonstration Club
 Mrs. Inez Russell by Art Bradley Sr.
 Miss Lydia Chandler by Dr. and Mrs. Connor Morehead
 Miss Lydia Chandler by Mrs. C. Y. Culbertson, Iona McCain and Pearle McCain
 Lee Walker by The Willing Workers Class of Primrose Methodist Church
 Miss Annie Gibbons by The Harris Hogue Family
 Mrs. Annie Talley by Mrs. T. F. Shea
 Miss Lydia Chandler by Mrs. Dudley Burford
 Carroll Miller by Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Bone
 Kenneth W. Lefever by Dr. and Mrs. Connor Morehead
 Mrs. Katie Tichenor by Mrs. D. E. Mays
 J. A. McDonald by Men's Bible Class and Women's Class of Sardis Church
 W. H. Farr by Rev. Wm. O. Byrd

Mrs. M. W. Gordon by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Swob, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Swob and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Swob
 W. R. Roddy by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stone
 Mrs. Y. D. Whitehurst by M.Y.F. of Dyess Methodist Church
 Mrs. Y. D. Whitehurst by The Dyess Methodist Church
 J. Andrew Rodgers by Marion Church—Men's Bible Class
 J. A. Rodgers by Mr. and Mrs. Elton A. Rieves Jr.
 Andy Rodgers by Claudine and Margaret Woolfolk
 Mrs. Geo. F. Cress by John A. Davis and Mrs. Gertrude White
 Mrs. Geo. F. Cress by Mr. and Mrs. Whit Davis
 Miss Leah Williams by Mrs. Mabel S. Pope
 Mrs. Lillian Thomas Cress by Mr. and Mrs. Noel VanDover
 John Hall by Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Dodson
 J. A. Rodgers by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lumpkin
 C. T. Pratt by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lumpkin
 J. H. McShan by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lumpkin
 Mrs. D. W. Robinson by Will D. Sweet
 Mrs. Rose E. Short by the Gentry Methodist Church
 Denver L. Dudley by Mr. and Mrs. Elton A. Rieves Jr.
 Leslie W. Sturdivant by Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Lessenberry and Mrs. Mark McAfee
 W. R. Roddy by Mr. and Mrs. Elton A. Rieves Jr.
 Mrs. J. W. Robinson by Ladies Bible Class, Siloam Springs Methodist Church.

CONNOR MOREHEAD,
 Superintendent

W.S.C.S. NEWS IN BRIEF

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had many interesting articles on display, articles from several of the countries under study, and her interesting comments about them were enjoyed by the group.

The third session was held jointly with the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Church Sanctuary and Dr. Roy I. Bagley, District Superintendent of Fayetteville District, showed slides made on his recent world trip, with special emphases on Asia, and presented an inspiring talk concerning the church's activities in these countries. A total of 150 persons were present for this meeting.

The fourth session was held on the Guild's regular meeting night with members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as special guests for dinner and the program which followed. There were present at this meeting 24 Guild members and 19 Woman's Society members. Table decorations were arranged by Mrs. Keck and displayed more interesting and lovely objects from the Orient. A film strip "If You Lived In Malaya" was presented by Mrs. Womack.

Guilders who participated in this mission study with especially prepared reports were Mrs. Lurel McClain, Mrs. Richard Kemp, Mrs. Milton Brown, Mrs. Donald Reed, Mrs. Hoyette Brown, Miss Alyda Greene, Mrs. Henry Morgan, Mrs. Charlotte Letteer and Mrs. Ruth Mellor. The average attendance from the Guild for the study was 17.

Fifty-eight women of the Bentonville Methodist Church are enrolled in the study, "Paul's Letters to Local Churches," being held each Thursday during February under

REPORTS GROWTH IN CUBAN METHODISM

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Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism.

The latest crusade, January 29 to February 7, 1957, resulted in 417 new members for the church and 2,683 enrolled in "candidates classes" for church membership, said Dr. Denman.

One-hundred-eighteen Methodist ministers and laymen of the United States joined Cuban ministers and laymen and made 7,965 evangelistic visits during the crusade. Total attendance at preaching services was 66,934.

The Board of Evangelism, Nashville, and the Methodist Board of Missions, New York City, promoted the crusade. It was under the leadership of Bishop John W. Branscomb, Jacksonville, Fla., and the Methodist district superintendents of Cuba. Bishop Branscomb administers the Florida and Cuba conferences of The Methodist Church.

the direction of Mrs. R. K. Bent of Fayetteville, president of Fayetteville District society.

The group is meeting each Thursday morning at 11 o'clock in the church auditorium, adjourning at noon for luncheon in the church dining room, with an additional half-hour program given by Mrs. Bent at the table following luncheon.

Arrangements were made by Mrs. John Massie, study chairman. Mrs. Sherman Crabtree is president of the society, and Rev. Martin Bierbaum is pastor.

THE WORLD MADE FLESH

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more than eighty in the congregation. To be sure the greater number were children. Pastor Yun firmly believes that to be strong and alive a church must reach out into the community. At the close of the service he appealed to the children for help for those less fortunate in the community. These he pointed out were the orphans in the Orphanage on the hill. He didn't ask for a lot—they didn't have a lot. He simply asked who would be willing to share just one squash or one cucumber with others. He asked that all who would should go home after the service and bring their gift. Following the benediction the children disappeared in every direction only to reappear in a few minutes with one, two, or in some cases a small basket of squash. They were a radiant group. There was no waiting till tomorrow for the pastor to deliver the gift, but then and there the children climbed the hill to the Orphanage to present their offering.

Church Will March Forward

Latest reports are that a group of twenty villagers have helped to replace doors and windows in the building and have filled the cracks in the walls in preparation for winter. We know that the church under Pastor Yun's leadership will march forward.

EARNINGS AFTER RETIREMENT

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Among the factors to be considered in determining whether a minister is rendering substantial services are:

- (1) The amount of time devoted to ministerial duties
- (2) The nature of the duties
- (3) Relationship of the activity prior to retirement with that performed subsequent to retirement.

There is no single rule under which a determination can be made as to whether a beneficiary has rendered substantial services in self-employment in any one month. Each case depends on the particular facts. The test is whether the beneficiary can be considered retired in the particular month. In other words, looking at the situation as a whole, can it be said from all the facts that the beneficiary's status is that of a retired individual?

For example, a minister may have worked 10 to 12 hours a day as a full-time pastor prior to retirement and upon retirement he may continue to conduct some services or other ministerial duties. In determining whether these continued activities constitute substantial services, we would consider the time devoted to ministerial duties in each month, the nature of the services and the relationship of these services to his pre-retirement activities.

Let's look at the case of Reverend M. He retires from his city pastorate and starts getting monthly old-age insurance payments under social security. After a few months in which he is wholly inactive, he receives a call from a country church to conduct some Sunday

services during the absence of the regular minister. Whether or not his ministerial duties for that congregation would be considered "substantial services" for social security purposes would depend on the factors already described.

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LESSON FOR MARCH 24, 1957

ARE WE HYPOCRITES?

READ 23RD CHAPTER OF MATTHEW.

MEMORY SELECTION: Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

—Matthew 6:1 (RSV)

Rewards of Hypocrisy

Hypocrisy has its rewards but they are so meager and insignificant as to glaringly reveal the cheap estimate we place on our lives. In the 6th chapter of Matthew, from which our Memory Selection is taken, Jesus pictures the rewards that come to the hypocrite. He states very plainly in our Memory Selection, however, that they do not come from our "Father which is in heaven."

In that chapter Jesus pictures the hypocrites standing in the synagogues and on street corners praying, "that they may be seen of men." Jesus said, "They have their reward." That is, they got what they wanted, they were seen of men, whatever that was worth to them. Jesus also talks, in this same chapter of hypocrites who fast with sad countenances and disfigured faces "that they may appear unto men to fast." Jesus said "They have their reward." That is, they did appear to men to be fasting, whatever of value that may have been to them. Since they got what they wanted, they had their reward.

The real trouble with these short-sighted hypocrites is that they wanted so little as compared to what God was anxious to give them; they were satisfied with so little when they could have had so much; they only wanted to be in high favor with men when they had the glorious opportunity of being in high favor with God.

Sins for Which The Pharisees Were Denounced

(1) *They were blocking kingdom progress.* Since Jesus did not fit into their preconceived idea of what the Messiah would be, the Pharisees stubbornly closed their eyes to the countless evidences that Jesus was the Messiah. They would not believe in Him themselves, and threw the weight of their prestige as leaders of the Temple into an effort to prevent all others from believing in Him.

(2) *They piously prayed while persecuting the poor.* They confiscated the homes of widows and, to cover up their dishonest depravity, they would stand on the street corners and pray long prayers. Jesus said this double deceit would but bring greater condemnation.

(3) *They were making hypocrites of proselytes.* Jesus said these hypocritical Pharisees were compassing land and sea to make proselytes to the Jewish faith. Because of the life they lived, and because of the viewpoint they had of religion, Jesus said their converts were "twofold more the child of hell" than they themselves were.

(4) *They practiced a lop-sided, unbalanced religion.* The Pharisees

had taken the ideal of a holy life, motivated by an inner love for God and man, and had so debased and degraded that ideal that it held little more than a ritualistic, literalistic obedience to a detailed set of rules and lacked the most vital things religion should contain. Religion had become a mechanical obedience to law with so much emphasis given to minor details that weightier matters of the law, such as "judgement, mercy and faith" were overlooked.

(5) *They were so concerned about appearing to be righteous, that they lost sight of principles that would have made them righteous.* They gave so much attention to appearing clean on the outside that excess and extortion, Jesus said, had grown up within their lives almost unhindered. They could not be clean on the outside because they were not really clean on the inside.

(6) *They whitewashed the outside and were polluted inside.* In order to be able to take part in Temple ceremonies one had to be ceremonially clean. In order that one might not become polluted by accidentally touching a grave or a dead body, it was the custom of the Jews to white-wash the graves. Jesus makes use of that custom as an illustration of the hypocritical conditions of their lives. He says they were like "whited supulchres... beautiful outward... but within full of dead men's bones."

Lying at the base of each of these sins for which Jesus denounced the scribes and Pharisees was the sin of hypocrisy. Like a disease which produces many symptoms of illness, the sin of hypocrisy had produced the many symptoms of a bad inner life in these Jewish leaders which called forth this final effort of Jesus, by such a denunciation, to awaken them to the dangers ahead.

Contrasting Hypocrisy With Sincerity

The sin of hypocrisy. In our life of today we see evidences of the sin of hypocrisy which Jesus so feelingly denounced twenty centuries ago. It is seen in the lives of those who are more concerned about belonging to the church than they are about belonging to Christ. They are afflicted with the error of thinking that an official relationship with the church guarantees a personal relationship with Christ. They are as wrong as the Pharisees of Jesus' day.

There are those who are more concerned about professing religion than they are about possessing religion. It was Jesus who said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." To profess religion without really possessing it might even be the cause of our going through life without a personal experience of Christ in our hearts.

Some are more concerned about having a Bible than they are about reading the Bible. The parents of almost any church home would feel that they were just about disgraced, religiously, if they had no Bible in the home. There are church homes, however, where the Bible may lie unopened months on end without any qualms of conscience in the hearts of the heads of the home.

We find some professed Christians who are much more ready to give money to the church than they are to give their lives to the church.

It is just as impossible to sincerely consecrate our money to the church and withhold our lives as it is to sincerely consecrate our lives to the church and withhold our money.

It is not unusual today, after twenty centuries, to find those who are more concerned that outward appearances seem to be right than they are that inner lives be right. That was exactly the sin Jesus was condemning on this busy day of Passion Week.

The rewards of sincerity. A life of sincerity holds many rewards for those who possess and practice it. It is the cornerstone upon which good character is built. Without sincerity there can be no good character. Sincerity of life is conducive of self respect. No one can have full respect for himself who is consciously insincere. Enduring friendships are possible only where sincerity is practiced mutually between those who would be friends.

Sincerity of heart is of utmost importance since, in God's sight, why we do things is much more important than what we do. Why we go to church is much more important than the fact that we were there. Why we give to the church is more important in God's sight than the fact that we pay to the church. So with every act of life. To have moral value for good our activities must be motivated by sincerity of purpose.

Why Hypocrisy Is So Great a Sin

(1) *Hypocrisy is an unsuccessful effort to deceive.* One certainly cannot deceive himself by practicing hypocrisy. That would be a psychological impossibility. We always know ourselves for what we are. If the hypocrite could slip up under the window of his neighbors while they are discussing him, he would discover also that he has not deceived them. They usually know him for what he is. He certainly has not deceived God. In fact, he has really deceived no one.

(2) *Hypocrisy is a sin against the light.* The thing the hypocrite wants to appear to be is an ideal which he knows to be worth while, but is not willing to pay the price to make it real in his life. This deliberate sin against light is one of the most condemning sins.

(3) *Hypocrisy is one of the church's greatest handicaps.* It is quite probable that all of the forces of sin combined, outside the church, have not hindered the progress of the kingdom so much as "hypocrites in the church."

Weeping While Condemning

Sometimes we preachers, in warning sinners of the destruction unrepented sin will bring, do it in such a way and in such a spirit as to leave the sinners feeling that we will be somewhat pleased to see the fulfillment of our prophecy if they do not repent. No sinner ever turned away from Jesus without feeling that His heart was deeply hurt despite this sinful indifference. At the close of this unbridled denunciation of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus, with His face wet with tears, gave the most compassionate cry of His ministry, "O Jerusalem... how often would I have gathered thy children together... and ye would not." We should have something of this same spirit of the Master in our lives when we condemn sin.

Denouncing Entrenched Authority

While we study this lesson, let us keep in mind that here Jesus was talking to and about Jewish leaders who were the entrenched, constituted, religious authorities in Jerusalem. He is not talking "behind their backs." He was talking to them face to face and challenging them and their way of life in Jerusalem, the center of their own stronghold.

No more vigorous, pointed, courageous condemnation of people in high authority is found in history than this denunciation, there in the temple, of the Jewish hierarchy which professed to be the masters and final authority regarding the Temple. It climaxes with the cutting, frightening words, in question form, "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" Jesus was no mild-mannered "yes man." He fearlessly challenged to their face those whom He knew could and would have Him sentenced to death in the courts. His actions were like signing His own death warrant. Three days later, as a result of demands made by these leaders He was condemning, Jesus was nailed to a cross while these Temple authorities mocked Him as he died.

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Louisiana Conference Woman's Society In Annual Meeting

Mrs. George H. Thomas, Lafayette, was elected secretary of promotion for the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service at the 17th annual meeting at First Church, Alexandria, March 12-15. She succeeds Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Shreveport, who was elected jurisdictional secretary of promotion at the South Central Jurisdictional meeting in Albuquerque last month.

Pledges totalling \$108,400 were made to missions by the eight district societies. Each district and its pledge are listed below:

Lafayette, \$8,170; Monroe, \$15,030; Lake Charles, \$11,490; Ruston, \$13,300; New Orleans, \$12,720; Alexandria, \$9,600; Shreveport, \$21,915; Baton Rouge, \$16,175.

First Methodist Church in Monroe

Arkansas Plans State-wide Program of Evangelism

The Boards of Evangelism of the two Arkansas Conferences are planning a state-wide program of evangelism for the Conference Year, 1957-58. Using the theme, "Tell Arkansas About Christ," they are asking the Annual Conferences to approve a crusade to tell every person in Arkansas the story of Christ.

Tentative plans, announced this week by Rev. Mouzon Mann, Little Rock Conference Secretary and Rev. Alvin C. Murray, North Arkansas Conference Secretary, will include 1) a period of spiritual preparation for pastors and churches; 2) an intensive period of seeking prospects; and 3) a "Week of Evangelism" in each local church during Lent of 1958.

will be the meeting place for the 1958 conference.

Mrs. W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge, was named program chairman for 1958. Serving with her on the committee will be Mrs. C. I. Jones, New Orleans; Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Monroe; Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Lake Charles; Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Ruston; Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, West Monroe; Mrs. A. H. Harper, Collinston; Mrs. J. T. Harris, Monroe; Mrs. James C. Whitaker, DeRidder; and Mrs. Paul Ransom, Monroe.

The executive committee convened March 12 for a luncheon meeting, and registration began March 13 at 9:00 a.m. Mrs. T. L. Cappel, Alexandria, was registration chairman, and Mrs. Everett Wilkins, also of Alexandria, served as general chairman for the meeting.

With Mrs. C. I. Jones delivering the president's message, the meeting officially got under way at 1:45 p.m., March 13.

Featured speakers at the conference were Miss Alpharetta Leeper, secretary of missionary personnel for the Woman's Division, New York; and Mrs. H. C. Pletz, South Central Jurisdictional secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild, San Antonio, Texas; and Dr. Tracy Jones, staff member of the General Board of Missions, New York.

Miss Leeper addressed the society at the Wednesday evening banquet in the Bentley Hotel. Her remarks were based on New Testament scripture admonishing Christians to carry the gospel to all of the world.

Mrs. W. W. Paxton presided at the spiritual life breakfast on March 14, at the First Methodist Church.

Miss Leeper served as moderator of a panel discussion in the morning session. Participating were Mrs. D. W. Poole, Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Mrs. J. H. Pollard, and Mrs. Laskey.

Judge Chris Barnette, juvenile judge, Caddo Parish Juvenile Court, moderated a panel discussion in the afternoon session. Centenary Col-

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District Interboard Workshops Being Held

District Workshops, begun last week, are being continued this week in three Louisiana Conference districts. The meetings are being held to strengthen the work of the four local church commissions. Workshops were held last week in the Shreveport, Ruston, Monroe, Baton Rouge and Lafayette Districts. Workshops this week include the New Orleans, Lake Charles and Alexandria districts.

The Inter-Board School of Instruction features discussion groups for pastors and local church lay leaders of the four local church commissions and is headed by a panel of qualified staff representatives of the General Boards of Missions, Evangelism, Education, and Lay Activities. These leaders include Dr. J. A. Engle, New York, Dr. C. Lloyd Daughtery, Nashville, Dr. Walter Towner, Nashville, and Earle MacLeod, Chicago.

Rev. Karl Tooke, conference director of stewardship, is serving as the official host for the conference, and has accompanied the panel in the visits to the various districts.

The workshop in each of the districts has been under the general leadership of the District Superintendent. Afternoon sessions were held followed by the evening meal and the workshop being concluded with an evening workshop period and worship. In three of the districts inspirational speakers have led worship periods. These have included Rev. Douglas McGuire, Shreveport at the Shreveport District; Dr. B. C. Taylor, Shreveport, at the Baton Rouge District, and Dr. W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge, at the Lake Charles District.

District and local church leaders report satisfaction in the holding of the workshops, pointing out that instruction and information provided by the district meetings have been very helpful and practical in strengthening the work of the commissions in local churches.

Dr. Towner revealed the program in the Louisiana Conference is similar to that which many other annual conferences in Methodism have undertaken in recent months and that the panel is scheduled to be in a total of 125 Methodist districts before June 1.

by Rev. Otis Spinks, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church of Alexandria. Services have been held each Sunday since the organizational meeting, and according to Rev. A. W. Townsend, Alexandria District Superintendent, the membership of the church has increased to more than 100 members in the past

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Alexandria Church Named 1000 Club Project

Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church, Alexandria, has been named as the third and last 1000 Club project for the Louisiana Conference for this conference year, according to Rev. Luman Douglas, New Orleans, chairman of the conference committee charged with the selection of projects and administering the program. The announcement followed a meeting of the committee in New Orleans, Saturday, March 11.

Other members of the committee include Mrs. C. I. Jones, New Orleans, Robert P. Lay, Gilliam, and Rev. Karl Tooke, Shreveport.

The 1000 Club program is a conference church extension program enrolling more than 1000 laymen and ministers who contribute \$10 at each call to provide funds for a new church project selected by the designated committee. The program provides that there are not more than three calls in any one conference year. Earlier 1000 Club calls this conference year included St. Luke's Church, Lake Charles, and Memorial Methodist in Bastrop. The program is intended to provide \$10,000 to new church programs which are in strategic locations and of unusual opportunity.

Reports are not yet complete on the results of the second call, according to Rev. Mr. Douglas, but it is expected that an announcement will be made soon as to the amount that the new Bastrop church will receive as a result of the second call.

The Horseshoe Drive Church was organized on June 17 of last year and has been served since that time

The Revs. James Major, A. N. Storey, and Karl Tooke, directors of the Area-Wide Every Member Canvass Program in the Little Rock, North Arkansas, and Louisiana Conferences, respectively, suggest a

TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. March 24 begins the third week of the EMC program. During this week photos are taken of church activities, canvassers are enlisted, the Program Committee continues to formulate a tentative budget, and the Survey Committee evaluates the church's financial potential.
2. On March 31 the Congregational Dinner to be held on April 9 is announced in the church bulletin and from the pulpit.
3. On April 2 the Program and Survey Committees meet to adjust the proposed financial program to the financial potential of the congregation.
4. By April 3 Commitment Cards on which the pledges are to be made should be ordered.
5. On April 4 the Telephone Squad (enlisted by Publicity Committee) will telephone all members of the congregation who have not yet indicated they expect to attend the Congregational dinner.
6. April 6 is the deadline for enlisting all those who will do the actual canvassing. The number of canvassers needed will be about one-fourth the numbers of homes on the Master List (which is prepared by the Prospects Committee.)

NOTE: Watch for suggestions from the conference directors in this space each week during the EMC program.

Social, Economic Relations Board Chairmen Meet In Chicago

Chairmen from 102 annual conference boards of social and economic relations are meeting in Chicago March 19-22 to discuss the church's relationship to industrial, racial, agricultural and legislative problems.

The Rev. A. Dudley Ward, general secretary of the board, announced that speakers who will be taking part in the program include Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Senator Wayne Morse, Albert Whitehouse, William G. Caples, Roy Wilkins and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy.

Chairmen of the Boards of Social and Economic Relations in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area include: Louisiana Conference, the Rev. Ben R. Oliphint, Monroe; Little Rock Conference, the Rev. John W. Lindsay, Magnolia; and North Arkansas Conference, the Rev. W. J. Spicer, Charleston.

During the conference, members will set up workshop groups on civil liberties, race relations, economic education and its ethical implications, social welfare, etc. At other points in the conference, board chairmen will be briefed on what can be done in the local church, jurisdictional meeting possibilities, and how they can work with the national social action boards of the church.

Preaching at the opening worship session will be Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Pittsburgh, Pa., president of the Board of Social and Economic Relations.

United States Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon, will be the speaker at the Tuesday night public dinner meeting, and will lead the panel discussion on "The Church and Political Life." The award winning television film, "Tragedy in a Temporary Town," will be shown that evening following the discussion.

"The Church and Industrial Relations" will be the theme Wednesday night and will feature two speakers—Mr. Albert Whitehouse, director of the Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO, and Mr. William G. Caples, vice-president of industrial relations for Inland Steel Company, Chicago.

The Rev. Dr. Alan Walker, Methodist evangelist from Australia, is one of the two speakers who will share the platform at Thursday's dinner meeting. He will speak on "Evangelism and Social Action."

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was originally scheduled to follow Dr. Walker, but is on a mission to the Gold Coast and India. In his place will be the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, primary leader with King in the Montgomery bus boycott.

A worship service led by Dr. Dan C. Whitsett, Sylacauga, Ala., with a sermon by Dr. Alan Walker Friday morning, will mark the close of the conference.

Board of Education Buys Building In Nashville

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The Methodist General Board of Education has bought a three-story building adjacent to its present building at 1001 Nineteenth Ave., S. (at Grand Ave.), Nashville.

The announcement was made March 6 by the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Nashville, general secretary of the General Board of Education's Division of the Local Church.

The property, purchased for \$100,000, is expected to be used to relieve crowded conditions resulting from growth of operations in the Board of Education building, said Dr. Adkins. It also may be used to house some of the overnight visitors who attend meetings sponsored by the board, he said.

The board building is on one side of the newly acquired property and the board's parking lot on the other. Therefore, the purchase gives the board a complete unit of property.

Located at 2005 Grand Avenue, the brick structure was owned by the Tennessee State Convention of the Disciples of Christ and known as "Disciples House." The Disciples of Christ group has been using it as an apartment house for divinity-school students.

A total of 17,000 pilgrims from Europe, Asia and America visited the shrine of Panaghia Kapuli (Holy House) at Ephesus, Turkey, in 1956, a report said here. This was said to be a record for any single year. The shrine marks the site of a house in which the Virgin Mary is said to have lived during her stay in the Ephesus area.

Film On Christian Higher Education Emphasis Now Available

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—A motion picture to promote The Methodist Church's four-year emphasis on Christian higher education was released March 15.

Entitled "Campus Parish," the film is available through Methodist district superintendents for showing in Methodist churches. It also may be used on television, said the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, director of the Methodist Commission on Christian Higher Education.

Through a drama, the movie shows the importance of adequate financial support for church-related colleges. It is a 28-minute, 16-millimeter, color picture with sound.

In a two-minute prologue, a joint statement about the emphasis on Christian higher education is made by Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, president of the Methodist General Board of Education, and Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond,

Va., chairman of the Commission on Higher Education.

The film was produced by the General Board of Education's Division of Educational Institutions and the Methodist Commission on Promotion and Cultivation in cooperation with the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission.

A motion picture dealing with Wesley Foundations is now in preparation, said Dr. Gross. A Wesley Foundation is The Methodist Church at work on the campus of a state or independent college or university.

The emphasis on Christian higher education is an effort to strengthen Methodist educational institutions. It is one of two main emphases of The Methodist Church during the 1956-60 quadrennium. The other is an endeavor to strengthen the denomination's approximately 40,000 churches.

WORLD SERVICE REPORTS INCREASE IN FEBRUARY GIVING

With one day less in February of 1957 than 1956's Leap Year, Methodists had given 17.28 per cent more to World Service than they had at this time last year, the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago announced.

Dr. Lugg, treasurer of the Council of World Service and Finance, made this report as the books for February were closed in the church's central treasury, thus completing the third quarter of the current fiscal year. The report indicated World Service receipts of \$7,145,109.27, with a goal for the year of \$12,200,000.

Other benevolence funds for the June through February period and the comparison with a similar nine-month period a year ago follow:

World Service Specials, \$65,479.25—a loss of 18.81 per cent.
General Advance Specials, \$3,560,900.11—a gain of 19.64 per cent.
Week of Dedication, \$111,369.77—a loss of 18.64 per cent.
Fellowship of Suffering and Service, \$577,513.23—a loss of 7.29 per cent.
Methodist TV Ministry, \$76,513.52—a loss of 30.39 per cent.
Hungarian Relief, \$838,249.30 (a new fund).

Administrative funds all showed gains when compared with last year during a similar nine-month period:

Episcopal Fund, \$940,174.36—an increase of 10.33 per cent.
General Administration Fund, \$329,359.80—an increase of 34.20 per cent.
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, \$245,313.56—a gain of 23.09 per cent.

Church Seeks 177 Youth For Caravan Service

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The Methodist Church is seeking 177 Methodist college students and older youth who will give the summer of 1957 in service through Methodist Youth Caravans.

In the caravan program, selected Methodist churches across the country will be visited for one week each by a team of four youth and an adult counselor. The teams will try to help revitalize and strengthen the ministry to youth in these churches.

Team members will serve eight weeks without salary.

It is expected that 41 regular caravan teams will serve in the United States during the summer, said the Rev. Harold W. Ewing, Nashville. He is chairman of the caravan committee of the Methodist General Board of Education, which sponsors the annual project.

In addition, a specialized team of five youth and a counselor will work in the field of religious drama, traveling in four north central states. Also, Cuba will have four caravan teams, with two U. S. youth on each.

Minimum qualifications for caravan applicants are: A least 18 years of age, two years of college, deep Christian faith, and broad experience. (Continued on page 15)

Second Convocation On Urban Life Set For 1958

Methodists will hold their second "National Convocation on Urban Life in America," February 18-20, 1958, in Washington, D. C.

Plans for the conference on the city church and its problems are being made by a national committee, headed by Bishop Glenn D. Phillips, Denver, Colo., and including other representatives of the Council of Bishops, the Division of National Missions, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Pastors and district superintendents from the six Methodist jurisdictions also are members of the planning committee.

At its first general planning session in February, the committee discussed the types of persons who should be invited and topics that should be included on the program. The Rev. Dr. Robert A. McKibben, director of the Department of City Work of the National Division, is the executive responsible for detailed arrangements.

Louisianian Among Art Contest Winners

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — Seven winners have been selected in a graphic arts contest sponsored by *motive*, magazine of the Methodist Student Movement, and one is from Louisiana.

The "Words Into Images" contest was designed to encourage artists to produce highly individual, creative interpretations of great Christian texts, said Roger Ortmayer, editor of the magazine.

Students competed in one classification and professional artists in another.

In student competition, winner of the \$250 first prize was Dave Taylor, DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind. Second was Ronald Hinson, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; and third, Terry Stahl, Centre College, Danville, Ky.

In professional competition, winner of the \$250 first prize was Andre Racz, New York City. Second was Mrs. Gen Stoughton, Oak Ridge, Tenn., and third (a tie), Petrie Joan Bertolis, New York City, and G. F. Kenner, Natchitoches, La.

Entrants were limited to four texts, *The Gospel of St. John*, John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, T. S. Eliot's *Four Quartets*, and Thomas Kelly's *A Testament of Devotion*.

40 COLPORTEURS AND 500 STORES

The Japan Bible Society is trying to secure and train forty colporteurs in order to achieve the goal of two million sales of Bibles or portions during the current year. Special emphasis will be given to the islands of Kyushu, Shikoku and the adjacent areas on the main island. A special Bible exhibition car left Tokyo recently for Hiroshima.

Short stop-overs en route were made at Shizuoka, Nagoya, Osaka, and Okayama. The Reverend Ishikawa of the extension department of the Bible Society left for Beppu in Kyushu to assist the project. In addition to colporteurs the Society plans to secure the cooperation of five hundred stores throughout the country to handle Bible sales.

Modernistic \$1,500,000 Methodist Church Opened In Oklahoma City

Oklahoma City (RNS)—Six Methodist bishops took part in ceremonies marking the opening of St. Luke's \$1,500,000 church here.

The modernistic circular 2½-story blue granite building with free standing bell tower has been under construction for nearly two years.

Designed to maintain "eye contact" between minister and congregation, the sanctuary seating 1,700

is planned so that the most distant pew is only 80 feet from the pulpit.

Unusual features are a fountain in the narthex, a blue ceiling with floating "clouds," a spun glass chapel curtain and three towering crosses of contemporary design behind the pulpit symbolizing the crosses of Calvary.

Controls of the \$93,000 pipe organ are hidden from worshippers by a white nylon netting. The altar table is of black and white Belgian marble.

Wheel chair worshippers have easy access to any part of the church by means of sloping passageways.

Moravians Open 500th Anniversary Celebration

Winston-Salem, N. C. (RNS) — Some 8,000 persons attended a special service at the Memorial Coliseum here marking the opening of the Moravian Church's 500th anniversary celebration.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Philadelphia, president of the National Council of Churches, delivered the anniversary sermon. Gov. Luther Hodges presented "personal and official" greeting from the people of North Carolina. He praised the strong beliefs, consistency and simplicity of the Moravians.

Dr. Blake thanked the Moravians "for what you have been for the past 500 years."

Calling for "renewed strength and life" in religion, he said there is "a possibility of there being a new era in Christian history, important enough and different enough so that it may be called a reformation too."

But he warned that there is an anti-intellectual trend in much of today's religious revival.

"A new ecumenical reformation will require great programs of studies," Dr. Blake said, "and the development of scholar reformers capable of laying plans on which the churches reformed again by the spirit of God will be built."

Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh of Winston-Salem, president of the Board of Provincial Elders of the Southern Province of the Church, presided at the service. Also taking part in the anniversary event were Moravian Bishops Edmund Schwarze and J. Kenneth Pfohl, both of Winston-Salem.

Historic Baptist Church To Be Renovated

Providence, R. I. (RNS)—The last service until completion of a \$500,000 rehabilitation and renovation program was held in historic First Baptist Meeting House here.

The meeting house, built in 1775, is to undergo extensive repairs and perhaps some restoration as the result of a gift of securities from John D. Rockefeller Jr.

Mr. Rockefeller was said to have been moved to cooperate with the church in its efforts to preserve the building because of its religious, architectural and historic significance.

An additional motivation, it was said, was a desire to retain the place of the meeting house in the tradition of Brown University, his alma mater. Traditionally the university's graduations are held there.

The rehabilitation program includes expenditure of \$251,800 in structural rehabilitation; \$67,000 in renovation of the vestry to make it more suitable for group work and Christian education according to modern methods; \$145,000 for sanctuary redecoration and restoration; and \$27,500 for organ repairs.

Repairs in the sanctuary envisage spending \$100,000 in the pulpit area, but full restoration of this section will involve research and study.

Primitive Methodists To Mark 150th Anniversary

London (RNS)—Week-long celebrations will be inaugurated in Britain on May 24 to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of Primitive Methodism.

The main celebrations will center around Mow Cop, the hill on the borders of Cheshire and Staffordshire, where William Clowes held the first British Camp Meeting on May 31, 1807.

When the new method of winning souls by camp meetings and field preaching failed to gain the sympathy of the Methodist Conference, Hugh Bourne, Clowes and others separated from Wesleyan Methodists and this led to the formation of a new denomination, the Primitive Methodists.

The celebrations on May 24 will open with prayer meetings in the Mow Cop Methodist church which stands on the original camp meeting, and at the Jubilee Methodist church at Tunstall which occupies the site of the first Primitive Methodist church in the world. There also

will be a meeting at the Burslem Methodist Mission, originally Swan Bank church, of which Hugh Bourne was a member.

The Primitive Methodists had grown to 220,000 communicants when, in 1932, they rejoined the Wesleyan Methodists and the United Methodists to form the present Methodist Church of Great Britain.

A great Camp Meeting, with several preaching stands, will be held May 26 on the original Camp Meeting ground. Three processions, in which the staffs and students of 12 Sunday schools are to take part, will converge on the hill top. The day of preaching and prayer will close with the traditional Love Feasts. Many eminent preachers are scheduled to participate in this and other anniversary celebrations.

The love feasts are fashioned after the agape, or fellowship meal, in which early Christians joined for brotherly love and commemoration of Christ's Last Supper.

Hungarian Regime Bars Cardinal From Ever Resuming Functions

Vienna (RNS) — Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, remains under sentence of life imprisonment and can never resume his ecclesiastical functions, the Hungarian Communist government announced.

It said the cardinal faces "sanctions" when he leaves the American legation in Budapest where he is now in asylum, and meanwhile any citizen who carries out any order issued by him automatically commits an illegal act.

The government's announcement was made in a statement issued by Janos Horvath, head of the State Office for Church Affairs.

The statement appeared exclusively in Nepszabadsag, official government organ, and Nepakarat, Communist trade union paper, both published in Budapest.

Mr. Horvath recalled that Cardinal Mindszenty was condemned to life imprisonment in 1949 for "high treason, espionage, and black market dealings," but was released from prison in 1955.

Clergyman Collects Drug Samples For Medical Mission Centers

Boston (RNS)—Thanks to a Boston clergyman and pharmaceutical samples to doctors, missionary medical centers in remote parts of the world are receiving a steady supply of drugs ranging from vitamins to the newest antibiotics.

Methodists To Break Ground For \$5,520,000 Hospital

St. Louis Park, Minn. (RNS) — Ground-breaking ceremonies were conducted here for a \$5,520,000 Asbury Methodist Hospital.

The six-story, 276-bed institution, when completed in this Minneapolis suburb, will replace the old Asbury Hospital in Minneapolis.

When the suburban building is completed, the present hospital will be converted to accommodate 177 chronic and convalescent patients.

About half the cost of the new hospital will be paid by the United Hospital Fund of Minneapolis and Hennepin County.

Methodist Bishop D. Stanley Coors of St. Paul participated in the ground-breaking.

Half of China's Christians Refuse To Obey Communist Directives

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Half the Christians in China have refused to obey Communist government directives and are conducting their worship services in secret, Ambassador Hollington K. Tong of Nationalist China declared here.

He said the Chinese Christians who are permitted to communicate with the West are members of "show case" churches that the Communists maintain for propaganda purposes, while most Christian groups in China continue to feel severe persecution.

Ambassador Tong addressed a dinner commemorating the 155th

Church Construction Sets February Record

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Church construction set a February record of \$65,000,000, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported. This was an increase of \$10,000,000 over the February, 1956, figure.

In the first two months of 1957 church construction ran 18 per cent ahead of the same period last year when an all-time high was established.

Construction by non-public schools also set a February record of \$41,000,000, an increase of \$1,000,000 over a year ago.

Private hospital and institutional construction, continuing a contra-seasonal increase during the winter months, reached \$34,000,000 during February, another record for the month. It was \$8,000,000 above February, 1956.

Responsible for the drug shipments is the Rev. Leicester R. Potter, Jr., chaplain of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals. About six years ago he came to the conclusion that too many valuable drugs, supplied to doctors by pharmaceutical houses, were landing in the physicians' wastebaskets. So he decided to see that they reached missionary hospitals which sorely need them.

He contacted the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches which agreed to distribute the drugs.

Word got around of Mr. Potter's undertaking and his office became deluged with jars, bottles and vials. Soon doctors began adding damaged surgical instruments which could be repaired or parts of which were usable. These, too, were sent to the mission hospitals.

The Rev. Crawford Brown, pastor of an Episcopal church in Dorchester and a former missionary in China, heard about the project and arranged for drugs to be shipped to a hospital in Fort Yukon, Alaska.

For four years, three of Mr. (Continued on page 15)

anniversary of First Baptist church of Washington.

Speaking on the contribution of Baptist missionaries to China, he said many of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's top aides are Baptists. He also praised the contribution of Baptist hospitals to the development of modern medicine in China.

The ambassador said Christian missions are thriving on Formosa. The number of Christians on the Nationalist-held island has multiplied six times since World War II, he declared, now totalling more than 250,000 out of a population of 10,000,000.

Instruction For Local Church Commission Leaders

LOUISIANA Conference and district leaders are most pleased with the immediate results of the series of district workshops and inter-board schools of instruction which have been in progress last week and this. They have ample reason to believe that results will reach well into the future and for this we can all be most grateful.

For five years now the four commission plan of the local church organization has been in effect. Adopted by the General Conference of 1952, the plan calls for the organization in each local church commissions on education, membership and evangelism, missions, and finance to carry out its program. Although there have been many printed materials available for guidance in setting up these commissions, there has still been the need for further open discussion and guidance for local church leaders and pastors.

These district workshops were planned to meet this need. Representatives of the corresponding General Boards composed the team of "experts" in their respective fields and gave the needed guidance to representatives from local church commissions.

Of still greater significance, however, is the impression conveyed to those attending the workshops that Methodism is a great movement, the whole of which is greater than the separate parts of emphases that compose it. Here were four of the great General Boards of the church cooperating in something greater than any one of them, and cooperating, of all places, on the district and local church level where the work of the church is really being done.

Leaders in Arkansas Methodism would do well to work out a schedule for these district workshops for Arkansas districts. The instruction, information and inspiration which these inter-board schools of instruction afford is well worth the time and effort which the planning takes.

Are Advertisers Defeating Their Own Ends

NOBODY is so naive as to think television and radio can present the costly programs they carry and pay the tremendous operating cost of these stations merely as a public service. Somebody must pay the cost, plus a profit, if these programs are to continue on the air.

Under the present plan advertisers are largely paying the bill. They will continue to do so only so long as they feel that it is profitable for their companies to make this large investment in promoting their products.

While the commercials are not generally considered the most enjoyable part of the program on the air, television and radio fans readily concede the rights of the advertisers to present their product along with the programs they sponsor. There is, however, a very serious question being raised as to whether advertisers on the air are not in danger of defeating their own ends by the methods some promoters use in presenting the merits of their products.

At the present time there is no way, in most cases, to come to any satisfactory conclusion about the merits of the product advertised, since most products of a similar nature are presented in the most extravagant, unreasonable, unbelievable terms possible. Legitimate companies that would like to present truthfully the merits of their products find themselves at a big disadvantage, since others, producing an inferior product of a similar nature, present their product in such glowing terms that the legitimate producer must either join the parade of misleading advertisers or run the risk of having his product appear to be of secondary value.

It is our feeling that the value to the advertiser of advertising on the air will steadily decrease unless some means can be found to inject more of realism and truthfulness in the commercials we hear.

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Dear Friends:

I wish it were possible to write each person who has remembered us by letter, card, telegram, telephone call, visit, or in any way, during the time of my illness. Since this is not possible, I am grateful that this medium is available whereby I can tell you how deeply touched we, Martin and I, have been by the evidence of your love and concern. I am convinced that your prayers have had much to do with my recovery. We will always cherish the remembrance of each message that has come to us. God has richly blessed us in the privilege of fellowship with you, and we offer a prayer of thanksgiving for you.

Cordially yours,
Paul E. Martin.

Nasser Acts Like A Conquerer

NASSER talks and acts as if he were the conquering hero in the recent battles with Israel. It has not been so long ago but that we remember clearly that Egyptian troops were quickly driven out of the Gaza strip and the whole peninsula of Sinai with great loss of Egyptian men and materials while the loss of Israelian troops was negligible.

Now, after the pressure of world opinion, through the United Nations, has led Israel to voluntarily give up the territory captured, Nasser, with bombast, re-occupies the territory he could not defend and declares that Egypt must have full control of the Suez Canal. If he had won every battle in the recent struggle, he could hardly be more possessive.

Israel was very reluctant to give up the Gaza strip because of its fear of the use Egypt might make of it, unless prevented by the United Nations. Since Nasser has, by his actions, created a new crisis as dangerous to world peace as Israel's occupation of the Gaza strip, it remains to be seen how quickly and pointedly the United Nations will deal with this new crisis.

It seems that Israel knew something more about Nasser than the world generally knew. In spite of that knowledge, in order to further the cause of world peace, Israel has again endangered itself by withdrawing within its borders. It is our feeling that the same world opinion which demanded Israel to withdraw from the Gaza strip should be brought to bear to protect Israel from the new dangers that now threaten.

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It Is Not Enough To Do "Our Part," Or Even What
Is Expected Of Us. Christians And Their
Church Must Go

The Other Mile

By Rev. Loyd E. Williams

WHEN I was in high school, I had to ride a school bus sixteen miles in the morning to get to school and sixteen miles in the afternoon to get back home. This fact itself was quite an ordeal, but that was not the worst part. Before I could get to the bus route in the mornings, I had to walk a little more than three miles; and then to get home in the afternoon, I had to walk the same three miles plus, after leaving the bus route. A life long friend of our family was the driver of the bus, and quite a few mornings he sat and waited at the bus stop for me. One day it started raining and freezing during the day and was still raining and freezing when school was dismissed. For the whole sixteen miles, I sat looking out at the window of the bus, watching the ice forming on the trees, and dreading the time when I would have to get off of the bus and start the long trek home. When we got to the bus stop where I was supposed to get off, the bus did not stop. Instead, it turned off on the side road that led to my home. I was spell-bound for a moment, then I got up, moved to the front of the bus, and asked, "Mr. Hughey, where are you going?" He looked up at me out of the corner of his eyes and smiled as he said, "Loyd, your mother has fed me cookies by your fireside lots of times, and I'm going to put you back by that same fireside before I stop." A lump came in my throat and a tear came to the surface in my eyes, but all I could say was, "Thank you." I was not impressed in the least with the sixteen miles that I rode from Athens High School to the bus stop where I was supposed to get off, because I was supposed to get that ride. The state paid for that, and I felt that I had that coming. Indirectly, my father paid for it, because he paid taxes and my transportation was paid for with tax money. But those last few miles across rough country roads were not paid for—he did that on his own. I might have been able to forget him if he had done nothing but made his regular route, but not after he had gone those other miles, for those were the miles beyond the call of duty.

This is the kind of thing Jesus was talking about when he said, "If you are compelled to go a mile, go with him twain." Jesus made this statement because the other mile traveled by the Christian is the only thing that will impress the world and help men to see that the Christian religion really has something.

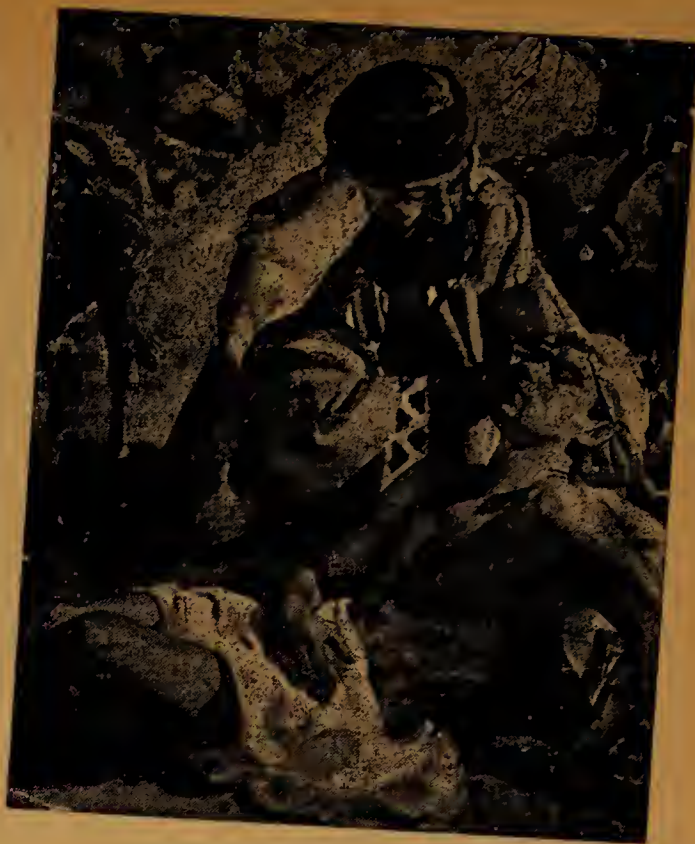
The most repulsive statement ever used within the Christian church is that old statement, "I've done my part." A person can be a stumbling block and trip up any number of young Christians or would-be Christians by doing only his part. If we seek to find how much our part is and do only our part, we are

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, that you resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away."—Matthew 5:38-42.

little better than they that do nothing. It's the other mile that counts.

Could civilization stand if every one did only his part? Well, if every one did his part, I suppose we could, but you know as well as I that there are some dead-beats in everything. There are some low life people that would be willing to see civilization crumble in chaos rather than do anything about it themselves. It is because of these that the men and women of principle cannot stop when they have done their part. They must go the other mile. This type of people exist, I suppose, everywhere and in all walks of life.

During the ministry of the late Paul W. Quillian at First Methodist Church in Houston, the church did a tremendous amount of work among the working class of people in Mexico, as a missionary project. The Mexicans appreciated the work so much that they invited Dr. Quillian to come down to speak at the opening of one of the new churches organized through the efforts of First Church. Dr. Quillian went, but of course, he had to speak through an interpreter. After the message, Dr. Quillian permitted them to ask him any questions they wished. Some of these Mexicans had been so very much impressed that they thought that every member of First Methodist Church was undoubtedly of a saintly nature, so, one of them asked him how he ever managed to get together six thousand members, and all of them good. The interpreter relayed the question, and Dr. Quillian answered, "Oh, they are not all good. Some of them are dead-beats, just like every place else." The interpreter listed to him until he had finished his statement, then he smiled, turned to the congregation, and just rubbed his elbow. When he did this the people all laughed and Dr. Quillian stopped him. "What does that mean?" he asked. "I made a simple statement, you rubbed your elbow, and they laughed." The interpreter smiled and said, "Well, Dr. Quillian, it's like this. Up in your country you call them heels, because they are always trying to tromp someone down in order to get by with something themselves. Down here we call them elbows, because they are always nudging and pushing someone around for the same reason." It's the heels and the elbows of society and the church that call the real Christians to task.



In a district preachers' meeting once something was said about the fact that we had built two new churches in the district within the year and that we would need another in the near future. Someone responded to that by saying, "Well, there is no need for us to worry about that now. We'll have to do it sooner or later, and that will be time enough to worry about it." A sigh went up from the whole group, then someone broke in by saying, "God forgive us for such a feeling. We sit and wait to be forced into doing this thing and at the same time the fundamentalists will build a half dozen churches in the same area, and they will do it while we are adjusting our halos and conserving our resources. We wait until we feel that we are able, and at the same time, the churches are built by those we call the poor people." The Methodist church will never go forward very far nor very fast by sitting still and waiting until it has to do something. It's the other mile that makes the church grow, not the mile we have to go.

We are all well aware of the fact that the unions came into existence only because there were people at the head of some companies that were not willing for the companies to do their part, and they had to be forced to do it. When the force was made, the living standards became much better, but still no one could appreciate those people that had to be forced. When you went out to look for a job, you did not seek out the company that does only what it has to for its employees. You sought the company that you thought offered the most. By the same token, those of you that might happen to be connected with the personnel department of your company do not hire the man whose records show that he has never done more than meet the very minimum requirements.

When you started to join a church, you did not seek out a church where nothing was happening except what just had to happen, such as ringing the bell in the morning, opening the door for services, or paying the light bill. You sought the church where men were concerned about each other, where people loved God and talked about him, where people believed in progress and paid for it, where people were not willing to stop when they did their part, but went on to help do the part of the irresponsible who would do nothing.

When you send your delegate to Annual Conference on those years when you are expecting a change in pastors, half of the people in the church call him and talk to him before he leaves—and that is the way it should be. They should be concerned about it. When the delegate leaves for conference, he is sure of one thing—they do not want a pastor that will not do more than the minimum legal require-

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LIVING A FULL LIFE

Did you ever watch a butterfly in a garden? I do not know how life looks to a butterfly, although I sat next to a young lady at dinner some time ago and ever since that time I feel I know more about what a butterfly sees and thinks.



Watch the little fluttering thing as it flits over a garden, first in this direction and then in that, starting toward one flower and then suddenly distracted by another. Somehow or other I feel that a butterfly's view of the world is far less satisfying than that of the eagle whose flight sweeps in mighty swings from crag to crag. The eagle gives the impression of going some place, and yet his eyes must revel in gorgeous vistas on the way.

The godly man gets the viewpoint of the eagle, not the butterfly. He cultivates singleness of eye, but that does not mean narrowness of outlook. He is not meant to be a narrow fanatic hurrying through this world on his way to heaven. But he should have an eye single to the essentials of life so he does not miss the truly great things in gazing at the trifles.

Some years ago I spent a night in a hotel in Nazareth. It lacked all the luxuries and most of the conveniences of an American or Canadian hotel. I pitied anyone who had to stay in such a tawdry little place. Then I got to thinking about a carpenter who lived in Nazareth 19 centuries ago. The town was far more primitive then. Yet the Nazarene Carpenter lived such a full, rich life men have been seeking His secret ever since. Some make so much out of so little. Others of us make so little out of so much.

Strangely enough, the way to fullness of life is through self-restriction. We often think the broad, self-indulgent life is the way to happiness. But think a moment. If I want the full, free use of my body which the athlete enjoys, I must forego some midnight suppers and follow the strict rules of eating at the training table.

If I want the full enjoyment of the musician whose fingers can dance up and down the keyboard while his mind dreams the theme of the composer, I must shut myself in and practice those finger exercises. I might want to forego them—and my neighbors might wish I would—but musicianship requires discipline and practice. Truly, fullness of living in any realm is through the narrow gate of discipline. If only young people could understand the good life is not the narrowness of asceticism but of athleticism.

There is a fullness of life which comes with simplification. Some time ago I heard a noble man tell his views of life on reaching his 80th birthday. He said life was growing simpler to him as he neared the end of the road. He realized some of the things that once worried him no longer really counted; but he was finding that fundamentals counted for so much life was growing richer.

Growth is more than mere "moreness." It means organizing life on higher levels. It means seeking first the kingdom of godly ends and then finding earthly essentials are added. In this way Christ taught His followers to focus their eyes on the full life.

Here are three suggestions for living the full life: singleness of eye, strictness of discipline, simplification of ends. Yet something more is needed.

Just to hold counsels of perfection before people is not enough. It is all very well to set up ideals as our goals. But if the ideal goals seem too far away, men fall into cynical doubt and often give up hope of reaching them. We need standards as well as ideals. An ideal is something to aim at; a standard is something to take hold of. And unless we have something to take hold of here and now, we may even lose our aim.

The Chinese have an ancient proverb to the effect that even the longest journey starts with the first step.

Thomas Carlyle joined in the same injunction. He said if we do the duty next to us and then the duty next to that, it is amazing how the light begins to break on the ultimate duty.

On my visits to schools and colleges I am convinced the youth of today have better social ideals than in my boyhood. But ideals must be developed into standards. That is the task of the local community. And my next duty in helping my country to the full life is in my own neighborhood—maybe in my own home.

The Layman's Column

By
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LAY SPEAKING WORKSHOPS

Since the beginning of the calendar year we have held four Lay Speaking workshops in three districts of the North Arkansas Conference. Response to them has been gratifying, and we hope that there will be a number of them held over the Conference this year. At present I am preparing the outline of a course in Lay Speaking, which I hope to have approved by the General Board of Education some time this year. But since this is such a new idea, all of us who are interested seem to feel that it will be wise to hold a number of unofficial workshops before we take the final step to apply for official approval. These next months can be a great deal of value to us as we use them to find the best subjects to study, the best methods of studying, etc.

At present I prefer to hold a three-evening workshop, each evening being divided into two one-hour periods the same as a Standard Training School operates. We have held some two-evening sessions, and we shall continue to operate these short sessions when a longer one cannot be arranged. As much as time will permit, we are discussing these subjects; (1) Conduct of the Worship Service, (2) Methodist Beliefs, (3) Ideas on Sermon Preparation. It is preferable to have the ministers present, both to observe and to add to the discussions. The District Superintendent's presence is much desired, so that he can know what is being presented. He also can guide the discussions into channels of special interest in his district. The District Lay Leader and his associates are the best ones to start a movement for a workshop in a district or a natural area.

If you are a lay speaker and if you are interested in attending one of these workshops, please get in touch with your District Superintendent and your District or Associate Lay Leader and ask them to arrange for a session

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

YOU ARE PREACHING IN INDIA

Bishop Short tells how, as a young lad, he became enamoured with India, its people, and its life, and even thought he would like to do missionary work there. And then of his keen sense of disappointment when he learned that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, did not have missionary work in that country. Twenty years later, however, with the unification of the Methodist Church, it suddenly came to him, "Now I can preach in India!" — through contribution to the Church's missionary and World Service program.

And so, today, not only Bishop Short but every one of us who gives his weekly gift to the **World Service** of the Methodist Church is literally **preaching in India**. Some part of our giving is used to send missionaries to India, to support a theological seminary, to train young men as ministers, and to send them out into the villages and lanes and fields of that land preaching the gospel message. Through your gift and mine, translated into the lives and words of hundreds of Indian pastors, Christ is speaking to the hearts of thousands of Indians: speaking and multiplying the Word in a score or a hundred tongues and dialects. **You are preaching in India today.**

And not only in India, vast and needy as is that country. Through your World Service giving you are preaching in more than forty

of this sort. It would be fine if we should hold these workshops in all areas where Lay Speaking is done. Of course my first duty is to the North Arkansas Conference, but if the other Conferences in this area should be interested in this type of special study, I shall be very glad to arrange for them insofar as my schedule will permit. My mail address is Box 565, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

nations around the world, giving the message of salvation by the spoken word and the written word in more than 100 tongues. The sun never sets on your congregation or your preaching. In every corner of America—and in the "outposts" of Alaska, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii—you are preaching in the chapels you have helped build; in the "missionary areas" of city, of country, of industry; and wherever boys and girls have been gathered into a class or church school and you have helped provide them a teacher or preacher. While with the moneys you have given for "other benevolences," you have helped preach on board that aircraft carrier in the Pacific, or on that burning and lonely "coral strand," or some "advanced base," or some isolated lookout post where boys from our own towns guard our freedom—and need our friendly hand. To all of them you are preaching.

And not only preaching. For the minds of men need to be taught, and the broken bodies of men need to be healed, and the undernourished bodies of men need to have the good foods that God's good earth can supply. The missionaries that represent you and your Church—the missionaries sent and supported from your World Service offerings—are both versatile and dedicated young men and women. They are trained to minister in multi-service avenues of men's need. Through them and their skills—the product of many years of training—you travel out along Africa's dusty paths, via mobile clinic, and lay your healing hand upon fevered brow, or bind up sore and wound; you go out into the parched fields of central India—where millions of near-serfs have scratched the soil with wooden plows for thousands of years—and you teach them how to make the very desert yield food for their starving children; you teach men to read and write, and they go out to teach others, and soon a literate community is ready to throw off the yoke of ignorance and superstition.

You, through those you commission for service and support in their work, are **preaching by deeds** in every corner of the world when you give to World Service "and other benevolences." Yes, Bishop Short, today, is preaching in India and in every corner of the world; and you are preaching beside him. He is also a doctor, a nurse, a teacher, a builder, an agriculturist, a worker in many trades and in many languages. And **you**—and each Methodist giver to World Service—are there teaching and serving beside him.

Nat'l Council's Children's Program Released to TV Sta.

Tells Missionary Stories

Youngsters all over the country will be "Off to Adventure" in coming weeks as the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. releases to stations without charge the first national television series of religious programs for children.

This first attempt by religion to capture the attention of what may well be television's most avid audience is aimed primarily at children in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, but parents and older brothers and sisters may be expected to vie for preferred seats before the TV screen to watch the exciting stories of missionaries and Christian laymen who are performing daring acts for the well-being of mankind.

The aptly named "Off to Adventure" is also the first religious television program to be keyed to studies being used in churches throughout the country. The programs follow the study themes of the National Council's Joint Commission on Missionary Education. Home and foreign missionary stories are being produced in consultation with Friendship Press, and released in alternating series of thirteen programs each. They will be broadcast once a week.

The first thirteen week series is titled, "Adventures with Indians," and tells the fascinating story of missionary work among the Indians of the United States and Canada. Series Two, "Adventures in Japan," was shot on location in Japan. All of the programs are filmed in color and will be available for use in churches studying the missionary themes.

The key characters in the weekly fifteen-minute programs are two bright and charming twelve year olds, Eunice and Tim. As brash and inquisitive as your own children, these youngsters range over the United States and Canada in their "Adventures with Indians" asking questions, making new friends, getting to know—and teaching American children about—one of the least understood of our ethnic groups. And wherever they go, whatever they do, the young television audience will share in their exciting adventures, learning that Indians are real and admirable people, not the Hollywood caricatures that clutter up our television screens.

"Off to Adventure" is produced by the Rev. Everett C. Parker, director of the Office of Communication, Congregational Christian Churches; and Albert Crews, the "Bible Puppet" programs on television.

Mr. Parker, former head of the Protestant Radio Commission, has been a pioneer in religious broadcasting. He originated the famous "Bible Puppet" programs on television and "All Aboard for Adventure" on radio. For three years he directed the National Council's Communications Research Project which made the first study of the effects of television and radio on a metropolitan audience. He is co-author of the books published by the Project, "The Television-Radio Audience and Religion," "Parents, Children and Television," and



Richard West II, a Cheyenne Indian boy, shows his costume to Eunice, a star of "Off to Adventure," new children's religious program, sponsored by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. This first national series for children is seen weekly on many TV stations.

"Film Use in the Church."

How can you be sure the children of your community will see "Off to Adventure?" First, tell your Council of Churches or Ministerial Association about the programs and ask them to place "Off to Adventure" on your local TV station. A letter to the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council

of Churches, 220 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York, will bring an audition picture by return mail. There is no charge for the programs beyond mailing costs of the films. But the Broadcasting and Film Commission requires that "Off to Adventure" be broadcast at times when children can see it, other than Sunday morning.

Urges Church Designs For 20th Century Worshippers

American churches cannot afford to be guinea pigs for architects. They must be edifices that reflect 20th century Christian living, 1,000 church architects, artists and church building leaders from all over the country were told by a leading architect at the National Joint Conference on Church Architecture.

Dr. Arland A. Dirlam of Boston, general chairman of the conference, declared that church designers must catch the pulse of the people during the present great church building boom—that reached an all-time high of \$773,000,000 in 1956—and build true houses of worship.

Dirlam was twin keynoter with the Rev. Dr. C. Harry Atkinson of New York, editor of "Protestant Church Administration and Equipment" at the annual sessions, held this year in St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 26-28.

Dr. Atkinson and Dirlam were in agreement on the need that the church be "in the world, but not of it." A church that looks like a

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Church Broadcasting Reaches New Highs

Newspaper reporters, business men, jazz musicians, poets, dancers and artists were among Christian laymen who proved last year that preachers aren't the only people who can deliver a spiritual message to broadcast audiences.

These and many others in the arts and professions were among performers appearing in hundreds of radio and television programs produced by the National Council of Churches' Broadcasting and Film Commission in 1956. The programs were presented over all networks and many independent stations, said a report, presented at the commission's annual meeting in New York this week.

The annual statement cited these achievements last year: Production of nearly 200 television programs viewed over 1,500 stations; 271 additional programs presented over more than 500 radio stations; preparation of 13 new religious motion pictures for local church showing; sponsorship of 46 radio-TV workshops, of anywhere from one to 14 days duration, in ten states and three Canadian provinces; mailing of over 3,000,000 broadcast sermons

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Visit America's Crossroads

Dedication Week Funds Help Erect Cuban Church

By DR. CARL D. STEWART

Havana, Cuba

EDITOR'S NOTE: As thousands of American tourists, including many Methodists, swarm to Cuba for the winter season, this article about Methodism in Havana comes from the pen of Dr. Stewart, a missionary from Sylvania, Ga., and Methodist correspondent for Cuba.

Havana, Cuba, is a paradise for tourists. It is a city at the crossroads of the Americas and the key to the Caribbean world. It blends in alluring fascination the charm of the old world with the glamor of the new. Here, four centuries of exciting history look down upon its people, while they watch the ever-changing colorful pageant of the present hour.

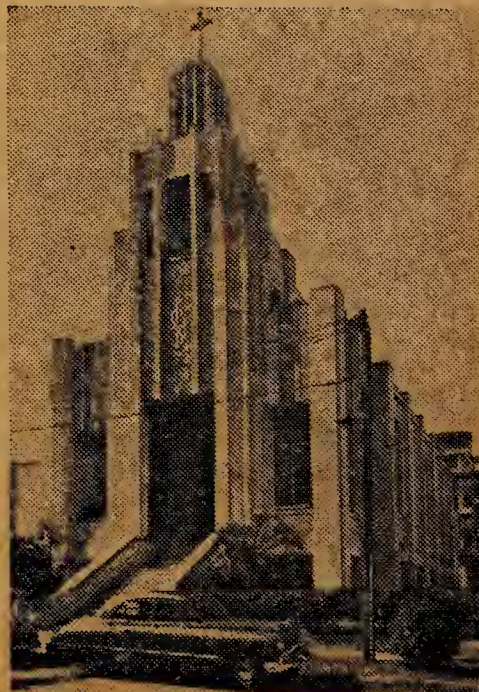
A trip to Havana is an event to be cherished for a lifetime. To mention only a few of the unforgettable sights: There is the capitol, said to be the most ornate building in the world; the Prado, where Havanans walk in the cool of the day and in the evenings; the unforgettable drive along the waterfront; the quaint old city with its narrow streets; and the lure of the suburban areas.

In the midst of as much gaiety and enjoyment as one has in Havana, the traveler will do well to turn aside and thank God. The grateful heart will do so gladly.

The ideal place for this is the University Methodist Church, at the corner of K and Twenty-fifth Streets in the Vedado section of Havana. There Methodism has a church that is worth a trip to Havana to see.

The church, finished in 1950, won the gold medal of the National Association of Architects for being the most beautiful and the most perfect building erected during the year in Cuba. The church, with its adjacent student center and hostel, is a marvel of beauty and completeness. It was built with Week of Dedication money, in which all the Methodist churches of the United States shared, with funds raised by Bishop Costen J. Harrell (retired) in Alabama and with \$45,000.00 raised by Cubans and Americans in Havana.

Havana's University Meth. Church



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. LAEL E. JONES, pastor of the Mer Rouge Methodist Church, will be guest preacher in revival services to be held at the Goodwill Methodist Church, Kilbourne, March 17-24, where Rev. John Bell is the pastor.

REV. L. D. HAUGHTON, superintendent of the Methodist Home-Hospital in New Orleans, was guest speaker in both the Branch and Rayne Methodist Churches on Sunday morning, March 10, where Rev. D. T. Williams is pastor.

REV. KARL TOOKE, director of Stewardship for the Louisiana Conference, preached at both of the morning services on Sunday, Feb. 10, at the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church, where the Rev. James L. Stovall is pastor.

REV. K. G. McDOWELL, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Vivian, will be the guest preacher in revival services to be held at the Tallulah Methodist Church, March 25-31, where Rev. William F. Mayo is pastor.

DR. W. E. TRICE, pastor of the University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was guest preacher in revival services held at the Amite Methodist Church, March 3-8, where Rev. James E. Christie is the pastor.

REV. JOE WAYNE McCLAIN, pastor of the Pine Grove-Pleasant Valley Charge, was the guest speaker in revival services held at the Columbia Heights Methodist Church, March 3-7, where Rev. G. B. Watson is pastor.

DON HINTON led a discussion on the subject of Stewardship at the regular supper meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Minden, March 18. Rev. Dan Robinson is pastor of the church.

DR. VIRGIL D. MORRIS, superintendent of the New Orleans district, will preach at Asbury Methodist Church, Venice on Sunday, April 7, at the morning service, and hold Fourth Quarterly Conference following. Rev. C. D. Pinkard is pastor of the church.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Methodist Men's Club of the Haynesville Methodist Church are: Ivan Weaver, president; Roger Pemberton, vice president; and Dr. Tom Cochran, secretary-treasurer. Rev. Jack Midyett is pastor of the church.

REV. R. R. BRANTON, superintendent of the Lafayette district, preached at the Melville Methodist church Sunday morning, March 3. Immediately following the service a quarterly conference for the Melville and Palmetto churches was held. Rev. O. L. Golson is pastor of the charge.

DR. L. D. HAUGHTON, superintendent of the Methodist Home Hospital at New Orleans, and Dr. C. B. White, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston, were among the persons representing the 200 hospitals and homes of the Methodist church Feb. 19-23, in Chicago, Illinois.

DR. CARL F. LUEG, pastor of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, will be guest speaker at the Cameron Methodist Church on March 21. He will speak on his trip to the Holy Land. A covered dish supper sponsored by the W.S.C.S. will be held prior to the service. Rev. Virgil Culpepper is pastor of the church.

REV. CLAYTON W. BENNETT, pastor of the Ruling-St. John Methodist Church, will be guest preacher in a series of Pre-Easter Services at the Trinity Methodist Church, Buras, beginning Sunday evening, April 7, and continuing through Friday, April 12. Rev. C. D. Pinkard is pastor of the church.

DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Louisiana Conference, will be teaching a course, "Theology for Laymen," at the First Methodist Church of Shreveport, which began Sunday evening, Feb. 24, and will continue for six Sundays. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., is pastor of the church.

DR. CARL F. LUEG, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was guest preacher at the three worship services of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, Sunday, March 10, where Rev. Fred S. Flurry is pastor. Dr. Lueg was guest speaker for Religious Emphasis Week for the protestant student groups on the S.L.I. campus.

MISS ANNA CLARK WHITAKER, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Whitaker of DeRidder, won first place in an essay-speech contest sponsored by the First Methodist Church as part of its alcohol education program. Other winners were Miss Barbara Luttrell, second, and Jack Tracy, third. Rev. Mr. Whitaker is pastor.

DR. GEORGE W. POMEROY, pastor of First Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest preacher in revival services at First Methodist Church, Minden, March 10-17. The men of the church sponsored the revival services, occupied the choir each Sunday evening, and directed each of the services. Rev. Dan R. Robinson is pastor of the church.

REV. J. HENRY BOWDON, JR., pastor of the Live Oak Methodist Church of Watson, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the Amite Methodist Church, Thursday night, Feb. 28. The meeting was held at the home of Ike Case, president of the group. Rev. James Christie is pastor of the Amite church.

ROBERT BORNSCHEURER, of Sulphur, Fourth Ward recreational director of Calcasieu parish, was guest speaker at the February supper meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church of DeRidder. He explained the techniques and methods of developing a city or ward recreation program. He was introduced by Sheldon Stewart, president of the group. The invocation was given by the pastor, Rev. James Whitaker.

SERVICES for the dedication of an organ in memory of the Rev. Robert Brown were held Sunday morning, March 3, at the Lake Arthur Methodist Church. The Rev. Mr. Brown served as pastor of the Lake Arthur church from October, 1951, until June of 1953. Friends and relatives have given the Baldwin organ, model 45, in loving memory of his services to the church. Mrs. R. M. Brown, wife of the late Rev. Brown, was present for the dedication service. The pastor, Rev. Jack Winegeart was in charge of the service.

A LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL was held in Centenary Methodist Church, Franklinton, Feb. 25-27, with courses offered in Young Adult Work with Miss Elizabeth Thompson as instructor; Youth Work with Miss Louise Sharp as instructor; and Children's Work with Mrs. Mildred Lerner as instructor. According to report the School was very successful with thirty-three in attendance representing Fisher Methodist Church, Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church in Bogalousa, and Centenary Church in Franklinton.

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE of the Opelousas Methodist Church was reorganized Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 27, after a period of inactivity of six months. Mrs. Elizabeth Cashen and Mrs. W. W. Paxton of Lake Charles were present at the meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Savant to install the following officers: Mrs. Earl Manning, president; Mrs. J. Savant, vice-president; and Mrs. Charles Bollich secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Robert Compton of Raymond attended and addressed the group. Rev. R. E. Walton is pastor of the church.

THE WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL Methodist Church of Cameron was recently remodeled and an addition made to the building. Included in the addition is a nursery, two Sunday School class rooms and a pastor's study. The W.S.C.S. furnished the new rooms. U. E. Hackett, Jr., a senior Architectural Engineering student at

MRS. GEORGE CARROLL SUCCUMBS

Mrs. George Carroll, mother of Mrs. Guy Hicks, passed away at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Guy Hicks in Ruston. Mrs. Carroll was a lifelong Methodist. She was ninety-one years of age at the time of her death.

The funeral service was conducted at the Trinity Methodist Church in Ruston, Monday, March 11. Rev. Jolly B. Harper, pastor, was in charge of the service. Burial was at Minden. More complete details will be given in a later issue of the paper.

Louisiana State University and a member of the Cameron church, made the blueprint for the addition and remodeling. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Watts and family contributed fifty copies of the Cokesbury Hymnal to the church. Rev. Virgil Culpepper is pastor.

A TEN WEEK COURSE in music sight-reading and fundamentals is being offered the membership of Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, in Friday evening sessions. The course, taught by R. Glen Moon, church music director, has an enrollment of 37 persons interested in choir work in the local church. Mr. Moon is a graduate of Westminster Choir College, Trenton, N. J., and served as Minister of Music and Youth Activities in First Methodist Church, Muscatine, Iowa, and First Presbyterian Church of McAllister, Oklahoma, before moving to Shreveport. Rev. K. G. Rorie is pastor of the Wynne Memorial church.

DR. LEO RIPPY, of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, will preach at the Davidson Memorial Methodist Church, Lafayette, Sunday morning, March 24. In the afternoon from 2:30 until 4:00 o'clock he will lead an Adult Convocation at the First Methodist Church, Lafayette. He will also preach at the evening service at First Church. The Adult Convocation will be for all adult teachers, superintendents, members of adult classes, officers of adult classes, and ministers. Rev. Woodrow Hearn is pastor at Davidson Memorial church and Rev. Fred S. Flurry is pastor at First church.

THE THREE Benton churches, the Methodist, the Presbyterian, and the Baptist, joined together for the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, March 8, at 5 p.m., at the Baptist church. Mrs. S. C. Adger, Mrs. L. A. Carrington and Mrs. J. M. Whittington were the members of the planning committee with Mrs. D. H. Stinson serving as the leader for the service. Music was furnished by the high school girls' chorus. Benton merchants closed their places of business between the hours of 5 and 6 p.m. so that all employees could attend the service. Rev. L. A. Carrington is pastor of the Benton Methodist church.

TWO LOCAL PREACHERS were in charge of the worship service of the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, Sunday night, March 10. Henry Snyder was in charge of the service and Bill Tracy delivered the sermon. At the fellowship hour Lew Terry, a layman from Parker Memorial Methodist church, New Orleans, showed slides of pictures which he and Mrs. Terry took during their recent nine months stay in Africa. Mr. Terry told of their observations in their visits to various mission stations. While in DeRidder, Mr. and Mrs. Terry were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. James C. Whitaker. The Rev. Mr. Whitaker is pastor of the church.

FORMAL OPENING of the new educational building of the Ingleside Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was held Sunday, March 10, at 9:15 a.m. Later in the morning, special services were held to mark the 11th anniversary of the church. The new education building is of modified Gothic architecture, and was erected at a cost of \$56,090. The following people served on the building committee: Floyd Richards, chairman; J. A. Bankhead, co-chairman; L. E. Toney, treasurer; E. B. Townsend, secretary; W. W. Mills; D. C. Bethea, V. L. Blakly; W. W. Hyde; John Martin; Mrs. Joe Pierson; Mrs. Ralph Newell; Elwood Nilson; J. B. Routh, Jr.; C. L. Smith, and E. K. Easterly. Rev. W. R. Irving, Jr., is pastor of the church.

Conference Council of Adult Workers To Hold Annual Planning Session

The Conference Council of Adult Workers will hold their annual planning session in Alexandria March 25, 26, with Dr. M. Leo Rippey, director of the Department of Christian Education of Adults, Division of the Local Church, Board of Education of The Methodist Church, as the main leader.

Discussions will be on additional ways the inspirations and information gained at Little Rock can be felt in every local church, an evaluation of the present activities for adults beyond the local church, and plans for the coming year. The Council is composed of the executive secretary, the conference director of adult work, the district and sub-district directors of adult work, the president of the young adult fellowship, and representatives of the work with older adults.

In addition this year the following persons are invited: those who are accredited to teach courses in adult work, the members of the Board of Education who have been assigned to the adult work committee, a representative each from the WSCS and the Boards of Lay Activities and the district superintendents.

The Council begins at 1:30 P. M. on Monday, March 25, and goes through lunch on Tuesday, March 26.

Alexandria District Plans Adult Rally

The Alexandria district will hold a district-wide adult rally at First Church, Pineville, on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 P. M. with Dr. M. Leo Rippey as the speaker. Mr. Mitchell Reames of Northwestern State College and First Church, Natchitoches, will preside. Ministers, superintendents, teachers, officers, and members of adult groups in the district and in neighboring districts are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to hear Dr. Rippey.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY IN ANNUAL MEETING

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lege students Jack Mulkey, Mimo Urakani, Dollie Miller, and John Devereaux took part in the discussion.

The meeting was adjourned March 15 at noon with communion service. Some 245 delegates and officers attended the conference.

ALEXANDRIA CHURCH NAMED 1000 CLUB PROJECT

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nine months.

The congregation has already held a financial campaign in anticipation of erecting the first unit of a church plant. A building site has been secured by the Alexandria District Board of Missions, and, according to Rev. Mr. Townsend, with the help of the 1000 Club, the building program can continue on schedule with construction possibly beginning in late May.

The building site is on Horseshoe Drive, south of MacArthur Drive, in the heart of a fast developing residential area. Services are presently being held in the nearby Masonic Home.



DR. M. LEO RIPPEY

Institutes Set On Youth Work

Two Institutes have been scheduled for the Lafayette District on Youth Work. They are in connection with the Vacation Bible School Institutes. One was at the Methodist Church in Thibodaux, on March 19; and the other will be at the First Methodist Church in Lafayette, on March 21.

Leaders of these groups are as follows: Mrs. Woodrow Hearn, Davidson Memorial Methodist Church, who will teach "The Intermediate in the Vacation Church School;" Rev. Jerry Fuller, Associate Pastor of the First Methodist Church in New Iberia, who will teach "Christian Adventure Week;" and Rev. Ira Robinson, Associate Pastor of First Church, Lafayette, who will teach "Youth Activities Week."

Centenary Students Named To ODK

Virgil Dixon Morris Jr., son of the district superintendent of the New Orleans District of the Methodist church, was one of eight Centenary College students "tapped" into membership in Omicron Delta Kappa.

Morris, an active member of the Methodist Student Movement, also serves as editor of The Conglomerate, student newspaper, and is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and the college debate team. He is married to the former Miss Frankie Stephens of Logansport, a senior at Centenary and also active in MSM work.

Membership in the national honorary society is one of the highest honors which can be accorded a male student at Centenary. Selection is based on scholarship, leadership and service. Morris and one other initiate, Jerard Martin of Shreveport, are the only junior students selected this year.

Seniors chosen members of ODK are the following: Larry H. Teague, captain of the Centenary Gents basketball team for the past two years; Richard Bicknell, Shreveport, outstanding pre-medical student and member of Kappa Sigma fraternity; Neal E. Dry, senior and commanding officer of the Centenary ROTC battalion; Robert E. Durand, Shreveport, sports editor

No. Highlands, Shreveport, Has Special Observance

North Highlands Methodist Church in Shreveport designed February 24 as "Attendance Goal Day" in the Sunday School. Two hundred fifty members and visitors filled the classrooms, a 37 per cent increase over the average attendance for this Church School year. This was the largest Sunday School attendance in the history of the church. Special recognition was given to the Primary 3 Class, taught by Norbert Johnson, for having the highest percentage of attendance.

Church School Superintendent Cartee Foil and Membership Cultivation Superintendent Charles Morris, together with other leaders in the Church School, planned weeks in advance to make "A G Day" a success.

North Highlands Church is in a suburban area about four miles north of Shreveport. Rev. B. E. Bond is pastor.

Lafayette District Holds Speech-Essay Contest

The Alcohol Essay Speech Contest for the Lafayette District was held in Franklin, at the First Methodist Church, on Saturday, March 9. The contest was presided over by Rev. R. M. Bentley, District Secretary of Temperance; and Rev. Byrl Moreland, District Director of Youth Work.

Those participating in the contest were: Earl Taylor, Palmetto Methodist Church, first place winner; Miss Jerry Philips, First Methodist Church, New Iberia, second place

of the student newspaper; Joe Dobie, El Dorado, Ark., three-year member of the Centenary College Choir and member of the college band and Shreveport Symphony Orchestra, and Juan Watkins, Delhi, president of the student body.

Young Martin is an outstanding pianist and has appeared with both the Shreveport Symphony and the New Orleans Symphony Orchestra.

CHOIR WEEK OBSERVED BY NEW IBERIA FIRST CHURCH

The Chancel Choir, Methodist Heralds, Youth and Cherub Choirs of the First Methodist Church, New Iberia, La., observed CHOIR WEEK from March 3-10.

Several goals had been set up prior to the special week—such as to increase the membership of each choir and attendance at rehearsals, to have a better appreciation toward sacred music and to strive toward a greater loyalty and a better spirit.

During the week, prospective choir members were invited to join a choir and on Saturday night, March 9, the Chancel Choir, for Adults and older youth, had a covered dish supper honoring their new members.

The special event during CHOIR WEEK was a program of sacred music, by all four choirs and a choir dedication program.

Each choir rendered several outstanding numbers. Also featured

DeRidder Churches Conduct Building Fund Campaign

The First Methodist Church and Wesley Methodist Church of DeRidder are participating in simultaneous building fund and operating budget campaigns.

At the First Methodist, where the Rev. James C. Whitaker is pastor, the goal is \$100,000 for the building fund within two years plus a pledge of \$28,000 for the budget each year.

Wesley Church, where the Rev. Alvin P. Smith is pastor, is seeking \$20,000 for building within two years plus an operating budget. A spokesman said the additional building planned for Wesley will include sufficient sanctuary space.

The First Church program involves an over-all plan calling for \$250,000. First a new parsonage will be constructed on a lot given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cain and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lee. Second, according to plans, is the construction of an educational wing. Then the erection of a new sanctuary or the renovation of the present one is scheduled. The initial pledge program is the beginning of what will be a program extending over six years, the Rev. Mr. Whitaker said.

The campaigns are being conducted by the Wells Organization, and that group is donating the campaign to the Wesley Church.

A congregational dinner Mar. 13 began the First Church drive, and Robert H. Crosley, Jr., general chairman of the campaign, presided. A victory celebration is planned for Mar. 23.

The Wesley congregation's kick-off dinner was held Mar. 12, and Elmer Neely, chairman of the general building fund committee, presided.

winner; Paul Lasseigne, Centenary Methodist Church, Rayne, third place winner; Dorothy Parker, First Methodist Church, Houma; and Linda Williams, Methodist Church, Church Point. The judges for the contest were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lily, and Mrs. Ralph Stouffed, all from Franklin. Rev. R. R. Branton, District Superintendent, was also present.

was a quartet, singing "Incline Thine Ear" by F. H. Himmel, a double quarter, doing Sullivan's "The Lost Chord," and a selected group from each choir, singing "Fairest Lord Jesus."

The Dedication Service was led by Reverend W. R. Wendt, Pastor of the Church and included a hymn of dedication. "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte, sung by Mrs. Henry Dauterive, Jr., Soprano solist. At the conclusion of the service the Chancel Choir sang the Benediction, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" by Peter Lutkin.

The program was directed by Jerry Fuller, Director of Music and Education and the Chancel Choir was accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Walker, organist, the Youth Choir, by Miss Rebecca Stockstoll, pianist and the Cherub Choir and Methodist Heralds, by John Ramey, pianist.

Self-Study Guide Prepared For MYF

"We welcome your counsel and guidance that our church may help youth of this generation to Christ Above All."

With that statement the Rev. Harold W. Ewing, director of the Youth Department, General Board of Education, ended his report to the Board that met recently in Atlantic City.

Not only does the Youth Department staff covet the counsel and guidance of the General Board, but it earnestly desires the same help from the Council of Bishops and the district superintendents.

In keeping with the quadrennial emphasis that each local church take a square look at itself and set goals for improving the work being done, the Youth Department has co-operated with the conference presidents and directors of youth work in the preparation of "A Self-Study Guide for Our MYF."

Information about the "Guide" was given to the bishops at the last meeting of the Council of Bishops and to the district superintendents at their recent meeting in Chicago.

The "Guide" is intended for the use of local churches. Its function is to help the local MYF look at itself.

Said Mr. Ewing in a recent letter to the executive secretaries of conference boards of education, "In Planning for the use of this guide, the Conference directors of youth work agreed that it should be distributed only through the office of the conference board of education. It is to be used as you see fit in connection with a program which has meaning for your conference and at a time which you feel is most natural and normal for the ongoing program."

In order that the free distribution of the "Guide" shall be a part of the conference program, all orders for the booklet that come to the Youth Department office will be referred to the annual conference concerned, Mr. Ewing said. In most instances one copy per church is sufficient. The pages inviting evaluation of the ten important phases of the life of the local Methodist Youth Fellowship are perforated so that they may be easily torn from the booklet and used by small groups.

ALLIED YOUTH REPORTS MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

Washington, D. C. (AY)—Memberships in Allied Youth, the scientific alcohol education program for teenagers, increased to 17,768 or 20 percent over figures for 1955, Allied Youth headquarters here announced recently.

Allied Youth, founded in 1931, forms Posts as extra-curricular activities and educational clubs in high schools. At present there are 176 such Posts in the United States and Canada. Each Post holds at least two monthly meetings: one an educational meeting to discuss alcohol information; the other a social meeting featuring "Fun without Drinking" for the younger sets.

Little Rock Dist. MYF Institute Held At Camp Aldersgate

High school and college young people of the Little Rock Methodist District attended a two-day MYF institute Mar. 1 and 2, at Camp Aldersgate, Methodist camp near Little Rock.

The Rev. Robert Scott, Primrose Methodist Church pastor, directed a study course on the MYF reading book for 1957, "I Serve Through Christian Discipleship."

Leaders for the session were: Mrs. Robert Scott; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hodoway of Asbury Church; Dr. Fred R. Harrison, Winfield pastor; the Rev. Woodrow Smith, associate pastor at Pulaski Heights; the Rev. John Hassler, director of youth work in the Little Rock Conference; Miss Mary Sue Shepherd, Mabelvale; Miss Irene Thornton, Henderson State College; Miss Polly Lassiter, Arkadelphia; Miss Rebecca Plumley, Hendrix College; and Joe White, Little Rock, president of the Conference MYF.

Robert Axtell, president of the Little Rock District MYF, presided; and J. Russell Henderson, Little Rock, is district director of youth work.

Tangipahoa Youth Report Special Events

The Tangipahoa youth of the Tangi-Helena Sub-District of the Baton Rouge District held a Valentine Party on Feb. 13 for all members of the church and their guests. They are now making plans to stage an Easter Pageant followed by a Candlelight Communion Service on Holy Thursday evening. The treasurer's report shows \$35 in the MY Fund. Harvey Hutchinson is counsellor.

Ruston-East Sub-District Meets

The Ruston-East MYF Sub-district met at Eros, Mar. 11. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Bill Greer. The president, Danny Steer, called the meeting to order.

The secretary, Lillian Blondin, read the minutes and called the roll. Chatham and Ruston Trinity won the attendance banners.

The next sub-district meeting of the group was scheduled for April 8, and will be held at the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston. New officers will be elected at that time.

After the business session, the group went to the Eros gym where the sub-district divided into two groups and played basketball. The girls from the southern part of the sub-district lost to the girls from the northern part of the sub-district by a score of 37-22. The "south's" boys won over the "north's" boys' team, 59-36.

The meeting adjourned following the serving of refreshments, according to Betty Wilder who reported the event.

Clarksville Hosts Sub-District Meeting

The Arkansas-Valley Sub-District met at Clarksville, Monday, March 11, with 36 present. The theme for the meeting was "Chris-

MYF Member Writes Words to Hymn



MISS NANCY TOUSLEY

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK

The past two weeks have been spent on two church-related college campuses where your reporter was privileged to serve as leader of Religious Emphasis Week. The first week was spent at Adrian College, our Methodist School which is making such remarkable progress under the leadership of President John Dawson. The second week was spent on the campus of Carroll College, a Presbyterian school in Waukesha, Wisconsin, which was most gracious to their non-Presbyterian guest, and whose 103 Methodist students in the student body of 750 certainly helped to flavor the campus with Wesleyan fragrance.

To Help Students

Such weeks are presumably of help to the students. The emphasis on Religion-in-Life is essential to a well-balanced college education. But as a leader I have found these weeks inspiring and stimulating to me personally to a degree that alone justifies my efforts and my absence from my parish. I return to my pulpit and parish with a sense of stimulation and inspiration which comes from no other activity. College students have a way of making a fellow dig into the disciplines of preparation well ahead of time. Then they are the world's best putters-on-the-spot for visiting clergy. No pert answers will get by. No sharp retorts are sufficient for that questing mind and questioning voice of the thinking student. No refuge in authority is given. But a strange respect comes when one has the courage to say, "I don't know, let's try to find out together."

tian Vocations."

The meeting opened with singing and the business meeting followed. Lionell Jewell, president of the Clarksville MYF, then introduced the leaders of the discussion group. They were Miss Pat Guthery, leader of the group on teaching; and Mr. James Krohn, leader of the group on church vocations. After a 30 minute discussion period, the group had recreation and were served refreshments of ice cream and cookies.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 8, at Mulberry. Mary Ann Krohn is reporter.

An original hymn with words by Miss Nancy Tousley, MYF member, was sung by the Cherub Choir of Munholland Memorial Methodist Church on Sunday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Nancy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Tousley of 1615 Jefferson Park Avenue, New Orleans, wrote a poem entitled "An Artist Untold" while in the junior department at Munholland. Mrs. J. R. Martin, superintendent of the junior department, became interested in the poem, and submitted it to "Trails For Juniors," in which it was published in June, 1955. An anonymous musician wrote a melody for the words and sent it to Nancy. Judith Lynne Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Martin, harmonized the melody, and it was presented by the Cherub Choir for the first time on February 24, under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Barber.

The words are as follows:

"I know of an artist whose works are untold.

He's painted the sky and sunset of gold.

He's sculptured the clouds so fluffy and white;

He's molded the sun which gives us day light.

The world he has made is too splendid for words,

God made all the gay little humming birds.

He's given us parents to see us through,

And brothers and sisters to help along, too."

"I don't know, let's try to find out together."

Today's Youth Have What It Takes

Two reflections are in order for this column and its readers. First, I am even more strongly convinced that today's generation, of youth have what it takes to produce a world in which peace is a reality. They have the know-how in terms of ideas. They have the enthusiasm which some of us adults have lost. They have a fiercely loyal idealism which at once shames and inspires their adult visitor. They have their odd-balls, their misfits, their self-centered egoists—yes. But the vast majority of these youth are basically of sterling quality and offer this observer a genuine basis for hope in tomorrow.

The Church and Higher Education

A second observation has to do with the place of the small, church-related college. It is a growing conviction with me that the church should more firmly establish itself in the field of higher education. The environment of the church-college campus creates a religious atmosphere in which the student can gain, not only the essential intellectual growth, but also a recognition of the natural place of religion in such growth. The personal sense of vocation and dedication on the part of the church-college faculty is heart-warming and inspiring. So is the natural way in which religion is related to the total curriculum, not only through required courses in Bible and Religion, but also the way it is reflected in the teaching of science and history and education and athletics. These are factors that deepen my conviction that the small college with a vital church relationship can do the best job of education with religious overtones for college undergraduates today.



NEWS IN BRIEF

The Bearden Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the Methodist Church, Friday, March 8, for the observance of the World Day of Prayer. The program, "Who Shall Separate Us," was led by Mrs. Wallace Tucker.

Those taking part on the program were Mrs. Warren Gossett, Mrs. Callie Byrns, Mrs. Nina Anthony, Mrs. Betty Rodgers, Mrs. George Mosely, Mrs. Quinnie Sloan, Mrs. Dorothy Duckworth, and Mrs. Hugh Thompson.

At noon the group enjoyed a covered dish luncheon.

The regular meeting of the Egypt W. S. C. S. was held Friday, Mar. 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. A. D. Spurlock.

In addition to the regular members present, Mrs. L. B. Broom was a special visitor. An invitation was extended by the group to others who might like to visit with them.

The study for the meeting was on the church and mental health. The meeting was closed following refreshments which included cake, home-made ice cream and sodas.

It was announced that recent project of the group to raise money is making quilts which will be sold. The group expressed thanks to all who helped on the project.

Mrs. Alfred Crowell, who reported the meeting, said the Egypt W. S. C. S. meets the first Thursday in each month.

The WSCS of Wakefield Memorial Methodist Church, Cameron, La., is nearing the completion of the study on "Paul's Letters to Local Churches." Mrs. Conway LeBleu is leader of the course.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Sylvan Hills Methodist Church, North Little Rock, met Tuesday, Mar. 5, in the home of Mrs. Paul Bricker, with Mrs. Bob Bradford as co-hostess.

The lesson was on the third session of the study course, "Youth in a Responsible Society," entitled "Education: Counseling and Special Education."

Miss Minnie Lee Mahen, guidance director, North Little Rock High School, spoke "Counseling," and Mrs. Fred Charles Rains discussed Exceptional Children." Mrs. Marion Winter, president of the Sylvan Hills PTA, presented some PTA youth projects.

The WSCS of the First Methodist Church, Smackover, met Monday, Mar. 4, at the church for a program and business meeting.

The Church and Mental Health," was the program topic, and Mrs. A. H. Doren was in charge. Dr. A. H. Doren was guest speaker. Mrs. Jack Henderson read the scripture and Mrs. William Russell gave the meditation. Mrs. A. S. McDonald led the prayer concluding the program.

Mrs. Harvey Thompson, president, conducted the business session, and Mrs. E. R. Crawford gave the closing prayer.

The Tangipahoa W. S. C. S. has

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NA Conference Guild Holds Annual Meeting

More than 250 members of the North Arkansas Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, representing 36 towns, attended the group's 17th annual session at the First Methodist Church, West Memphis.

Miss Martha Miller, Harrison, was elected chairman of Christian Social Relations, succeeding Miss Mildred Scott, No. Little Rock, Mrs. Allan Mount, Jonesboro, was re-elected recording secretary. Mrs. Julian Vogel, West Memphis, is the Conference Wesleyan Guild Secretary.

Featured speakers on the program included Mrs. C. A. Bendér, New York, associate secretary of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions; Dr. Pearle McCain, missionary on furlough from Japan; Miss Mary Chaffin, deaconess at Melbourne; and Miss Iris Bell, deaconess at Imboden.

Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, Bentonville, North Arkansas Conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, gave the opening devotional at the Saturday afternoon session. Theme for the meeting was "Spirit of Christ—For All of Us."

Guild officers making reports included: Mrs. Vida Fry and Miss Mildred Scott, both of North Little Rock; Miss Virginia Lowrie and Mrs. Audrey Adams of Jonesboro; Mrs. Oza Baker of Batesville; Mrs. Laura Etta Robinson of Springdale; Mrs. E. A. Dallas of West Memphis; Mrs. Perry Biggs of Paragould; Mrs. Galen Gossett of Ft. Smith; Mrs. Audrey Basham of Morrilton; and Miss Ava Finch of Harrison.

Representatives of the WSCS giving reports included Mrs. William Hall, Widner; Mrs. James S. Upton, Conway; Mrs. Elmus Brown, Hughes; and Mrs. S. B. Wilford, Forrest City.

The annual Guild meeting next year will be held in Ft. Smith.

LR District Guild Elects Officers

The Little Rock District Guild met on March 10, 1957, for a luncheon meeting at Aldersgate Camp with 111 members and guests present. Mrs. R. H. Cole of Magnolia, Arkansas was the inspirational speaker.

The following officers were elected for 1957-58: Mrs. M. O. Bettis, District Secretary; Mrs. Lula Reid, Chairman of Christian Social Relations; Miss Mary Florence Scobey, Chairman of Missionary Education and Service; and Miss Jessie Ehlers, Recording Secretary.

World Tensions Discussed By WSCS Leaders At Conference On Missions

By W. W. Reid

Three hundred Methodist women—a cross-section of the leadership of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in every part of the U.S.A.—spent four days (March 3 to 7) in a "Conference on Missions" at Buck Hill Falls, Penna., considering "Missions in the World Today." The group that met under the presidency of Mrs. J. Fount Tillman and other national officers of the W.D.C.S. included the conference secretaries of missionary education from all jurisdictions; the jurisdictional vice-presidents and the jurisdictional secretaries of missionary education, of missionary service—home and foreign, of missionary personnel, of Christian social relations, of the Wesleyan Service Guild; representative youth and students; some 40 missionaries, deaconesses and nationals; and the W.D.C.S. staff.

Trinity WSCS, Ruston, To Hold Study On Asia

The WSCS of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, will conclude a series of study courses with a study on Southeast Asia. The first lesson was scheduled for Monday, Mar. 11, in the Ladies Bible Class Room at the Church. Mrs. Addison Thompson and Mrs. R. L. Ropp will serve as leaders.

Leaders of the program said the area of study is fast gaining the attention of the American people through publicity being given their political and racial problems and the effects of these on this nation. The area includes Indo China, Burma, Malaya, Veit Nam, the Philippines, Thailand, and Indonesia.

The study aims to develop a knowledge of how these people live, their ideals, what they think and feel about these problems, and the work the Christian Church is doing in this area.

The text books to be used are "The Church in Southeast Asia," by Wilburn T. Thomas and Rajah B. Manikam, and "East from Burma," by Constance M. Hallock.

Sessions following the first lesson will be held on the afternoons of March 25, April 8, and April 22. A tea, using Oriental appointments preceded the first meeting.

Mrs. J. M. Armstrong secretary of missionary education and service, announced that this study concludes the series for this year.

Amite WSCS Hears Conference President

Mrs. C. I. Jones, president of the Louisiana Conference of the WSCS, was guest speaker Feb. 28 for a joint evening meeting of all circles of the Amite Woman's Society which was held at the Amite Methodist Church.

Mrs. Jones, who is from New Orleans, also showed colored slides of the Methodist mission field in Southeast Asia which she has visited recently.

Following the program, the group, including WSCS members, other church members, and visitors from other churches, were invited to the recreation rooms for a reception, and Mrs. Jones was the honored guest.

Attractive floral arrangements added to the festive scene. The main serving table was covered with a lace cloth. Forming a cen-

Platform Presentations

There were platform presentations of topics which led to discussion and some implementation in smaller groups. President Henry Pitney Van Dusen, of Union Theological Seminary, spoke on "The World in Which We Live;" Dr. W. Vernon Middleton, of the Division of National Missions, and the Rev. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., Division of World Missions, on "Missions in the World Today," and Bishop W. Earl Ledden on "Our Mission—Evangelism." Dr. James K. Matthews led the Conference in a study of Mark's Gospel each morning; and Dr. Nels Ferre, of Vanderbilt Divinity School, spoke on the theological foundations of the missionary enterprise each evening. Contributions to the program were made also by President Willa Player of Bennett College, N. Carolina, President Hamako Hirose of Hiroshima Woman's College, Japan, Dr. Roswell P. Barnes of the National Council of Churches, Dr. Glora Wysner, of the International Missionary Council, and others. The closing message was by Mrs. Tillman.

Unique Closing

It was probably unique that this Conference closed without group "findings." But each woman who heard the messages, and considered them in the small afternoon groups, is expected to apply her own "conclusions and discoveries" to the situations and needs in her own conference, district, and church. Indeed, this Conference has set the program, the questions—and some of the answers—that the 300 women will carry into their local societies and larger meetings for the remainder of this quadrennium. This was a conference to lay before the women of Methodism the basic problems of the world—and to seek their solutions by Christian action at the "grass roots" of the Church.

Major Concerns

Among the major concerns—the "tensions"—that were presented by speakers and for which specific actions were sought and suggested

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terpiece was a grouping of azalea, dogwood blossoms, and purple magnolia in a crystal bowl.

Serving at the reception hours were Mrs. E. W. Forshag and Mrs. G. J. Smith,

Recommended Reapportionments

FOR AMOUNTS NOW BASED ON PASTOR'S SALARY

The following are the figures ordered by the Annual Conference as indicated on pages 93-94 of the Louisiana Conference Journal, 1956. The amounts are for individual churches and are not totaled for charges. They are figured from a decimal derived from the three factors indicated on page 94 of the Journal.

Either the present system or the new system may be used for 1957-58. However, in no event may any reduction be made from the 1956-57 amount during the quadrennium.

William E. Trice, Chairman
The Commission on World Service and Finance

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS—1957

Alexandria First Church	\$4,594.73
Alexandria Trinity Church	1,311.25
Alexandria Wesley Church	368.23
Forest Hill Church	92.81
Ball Church	689.84
Bentley Church	67.75
Springhill Church	70.78
Belah Church	151.48
Eden Church	93.37
Boyce Church	371.53
Lahey Chapel	Incomplete
Seiper	Incomplete
Bunkie—Haas Memorial Church	1,282.05
Clear Creek	85.38
Pleasant Grove	70.78
Colfax Church	782.18
Liberty Chapel	70.51
Effie—Oak Grove	276.79
Bethel (Alexandria)	115.12
Elizabeth Church	354.18
Hopewell	221.43
Evergreen	123.34
Bay Hills	72.16
Glenora	489.96
Holland's Chapel	Incomplete
Dry Prong	Incomplete
Jena Church	1,035.56
LeCompte	613.07
Cheneyville	155.08
Marksville Church	345.09
Simsport	176.85
Martha Church	198.85
Beulah	138.53
Robeline	165.25
Melder Church	86.76
Fellowship	119.91
Montgomery Church	335.18
Campti	177.92
Mt. Zion Church	173.24
Atlanta	150.93
Couley	Incomplete
Davis Springs	78.29
Sander's Chapel	35.53
Natchitoches—First Church	1,843.35
Natchitoches—Faith Church	237.41
Oakdale Church	927.87
Oak Grove (Alex.)	485.55
Olla Church	634.28
Palestine Church	254.48
Grace	127.79
Pineville Church	1,105.79
Pollock Church	313.42
Selma	84.00
Trout	355.56
Urania Church	313.70
Lewis Chapel	51.78
Tullos	83.18
Weaver Church	148.17
Provencal	146.24
White's Chapel	98.87
Bayou Chicot	117.60
Pine Prairie	74.64
Ville Platte	143.22
Winnfield	1,350.08

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS—1957

Amite Church	\$1,133.05
Angie Church	126.42
Varnado	330.22
Baker	920.71
Baton Rouge—Broadmoor Church	375.39
Baton Rouge—First Church	9,963.93
Baton Rouge—Ingleside Church	1,296.92
Baton Rouge—Istrouma Church	2,738.44
Baton Rouge—North Baton Rouge Church	1,894.85
Baton Rouge, University Church	2,203.86
Baton Rouge, Winbourne Ave.	863.15
Bethel Church	555.81
Black Water Church	1,030.87
Bluff Creek	123.11
Pipkin's Chapel	99.98
Bogalusa—Eliz. Sullivan Memorial	1,728.22
Caprenter's Chapel	228.87
Gonzales	104.93
Clinton Church	624.09
Clear Creek	160.02
Deerford Church	533.48
Denham Springs	1,117.63
Fisher Church	312.04
Mt. Herman	97.22
Sunnyhill	51.78
Franklinton Church	1,143.79
Gonzales Circuit—Faithful	208.58
Meadow's Chapel	146.80
New River	210.14
Greensburg Church	572.03
Wesley Chapel	122.83
Hammond	1,571.79
Jackson Church	681.82
Ethel	179.02
Kentwood	673.94

Live Oak	815.50
Livingston	106.88
Friendship	231.35
James Chapel	128.07
Lottie Church	428.82
Rosedale	215.10
Magnolia	284.51
New Roads	183.97
Pine Grove	403.21
Killian's Chapel	95.29
Montpelier	146.24
Plaquemine	592.97
Grand River	156.16
Ponchatoula	1,339.89
Port Allen	75.74
St. Francisville	321.13
Concord	50.40
New Hope	98.05
Tunica	106.31
St. Helena—Center	215.93
Darlington	41.31
Day's Chapel	305.18
Slaughter	357.49
Springfield Church	349.50
Huff's Chapel	128.62
Maurepas	119.25
Tangipahoa	431.85
Pine Hill	Incomplete
Pine Ridge	352.25
Tickfaw Church	155.33
Copper's Chapel	74.91
Independence	53.43
Loranger	213.17
Walker Church	298.90
Mangum	272.38
Wesley Chapel	391.09
Lee's Landing	112.09
Zachary Church	1,003.88

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS—1957

Abbeville Church	\$1,030.87
Bayou Chene	Incomplete
Berwick	688.28
Patterson	187.83
Church Point	408.44
Petriville	140.91
Crowley—First Church	1,745.57
Crowley—Wesley Church	Incomplete
Donaldsonville	290.29
Ebenezer Church	280.37
Esterwood	111.82
Hebron	127.79
Franklin	1,365.97
Golden Meadow	397.70
Houma—First Church	1,814.43
Houma Heights	266.60
Bayou Blue	196.37
Dulac	99.15
Indian Bayou	584.43
Kaplan	171.31
Iota	Incomplete
Maxey	Incomplete
Jeanerette	Incomplete
Lydia	Incomplete
Week's Island	Incomplete
Krotz Springs	53.73
Waxie	28.37
Lafayette—Asbury Church	433.23
Lafayette—Davidson Memorial	556.89
Lafayette—First Church	3,089.04
Lockport	199.68
Melville	451.40
Palmetto	271.56
Morgan City	1,090.91
New Iberia	1,548.93
Opelousas	1,131.68
Port Barre	105.21
Pecan Island	130.82
Rayne	667.88
Branch	117.33
Thibodeaux	587.63
Vacherie	29.95
Grand Isle	Incomplete
Raceland	91.44

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS—1957

Bell City	\$ 67.42
Hayes	72.71
Sweetlake	266.05
Cameron	477.84
Grand Chenier	292.49
DeQuincy	1,032.53
De Ridder—First Church	1,582.53
De Ridder—Wesley	444.79
Broadland	68.30
Elton Church	618.86
Eunice	1,191.72
Gueydan	719.68
Hackberry	138.61
Hornbeck	140.46
Holly Grove	117.88
Prospect	156.99
Iowa	933.38
Jennings	1,434.91
Kinder	549.73
Lake Arthur	654.38
Lake Charles—Flarview	182.32
Lake Charles—First Church	5,193.21
Lake Charles—Northside	133.30
Lake Charles—Oak Park	806.14
Lake Charles—Simpson	1,120.11
Lake Charles—University Church	2,054.31
Lake Charles—Westlake	715.25
Leesville	1,216.50
Maplewood	1,195.30
Merryville	471.23
Oberlin	229.97
Pine Grove	33.88
Raymond	613.62
Basile	Incomplete
Sulphur	1,876.67
Vinton	887.86
Welsh	1,220.91

MONROE DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS—1957

Bastrop	\$2,317.56
Beekman	216.48

Bonita	224.74
Jones	169.38
Sunrise	102.48
Collinston	381.72
Bonne Idee	126.14
Swartz	71.81
Columbia	864.80
Hebert	149.55
Columbia Heights	Incomplete
Crowville	373.74
Baskin	67.75
Delhi	876.37
Epps	412.02
Floyd	165.25
Fairbanks	255.58
Bartholomew	141.56
Ferriday	754.91
Clayton	173.79
Gilbert	408.18
Boeuf Prairie	323.89
Grayson	385.03
Kelly	192.24
Shilo	22.88
Harrisonburg	144.04
Holly Ridge	290.84
Jonesville	647.50
Kilbourne	231.54
Goodwill	141.29
Locust Grove	81.25
Lake Providence	1,176.29
Lapine	Incomplete
Luna	Incomplete
Walnut Grove	Incomplete
Little Creek	142.39
Union	85.38
Mangham	478.21
Mer Rouge	625.75
Monroe—First Church	3,968.01
Monroe—Gordon Ave.	833.95
Monroe—Memorial Church	1,383.13
Monroe—St. Paul's	1,469.33
Monroe—Southside	734.80
Monroe—Stone Ave.	762.90
Oak Grove	1,073.29
Oak Ridge	458.01
Crew Lake	312.59
Trail's End	Incomplete
Pioneer	163.87
Campbell's Chapel	116.23
Forest	138.81
Rayville	1,209.07
St. Joseph	347.87
Wesley Chapel	207.68
Sicily Island	685.51
Sterlington	690.74
Tallulah	1,379.00
Vidalia	585.42
Waterproof	607.29
West Monroe—Brownfield	648.40
W. Monroe—Claiborne	822.68
W. Monroe—First Church	2,272.72
W. Monroe—McGuire	839.19
Winnboro	1,156.19
Wisner	741.14
Gibson Chapel	47.10
Pine Grove	Incomplete

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS—1957

Buras-Triumph	\$ 592.42
Lutcher	114.57
Reserve	124.21
New Orleans—Aldersgate	399.07
New Orleans—Algiers Church	1,346.50
New Orleans—Canal St.	1,478.42
New Orleans—Carrollton Ave.	2,941.42
New Orleans—Eighth Street	546.70
New Orleans—Elysian Fields	1,186.76
New Orleans—Felicity	388.33
New Orleans—First Church	2,236.64
New Orleans—Gentilly	1,400.20
New Orleans—Gretna	944.12
New Orleans—Jefferson	838.93
New Orleans—John Wesley	315.35
New Orleans—Kenner	752.43
New Orleans—Lake Vista	1,179.60
New Orleans—Lesseigne Memorial	97.77
New Orleans—Luling	248.50
New Orleans—Metairie	305.43
New Orleans—Munholland	3,285.69
New Orleans—Napoleon Ave.	1,431.60
New Orleans—Parker Memorial	1,101.86
New Orleans—Rayne Memorial	3,693.85
New Orleans—Redeemer	250.35
New Orleans—St. Bernard	738.73
New Orleans—St. James	190.59
New Orleans—St. John	147.07
New Orleans—St. Luke	1,069.44
New Orleans—St. Mark's	654.86
New Orleans—St. Paul's	890.98
New Orleans—Second Church	650.25
Point-a-la-Hache	110.17
Covington	760.42
Fitzgerald	150.10
Waldheim	79.59
Lacombe	210.98
Mandeville	Incomplete
Pearl River	246.22
St. Tammany	42.69
Talisheek	36.63
Slidell	1,224.22
Sun	72.99
Bush	47.92

RUSTON DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS—1957

Alabama	\$ 85.93
Summerfield	98.32
Arcadia	1,154.26
Mount Mariah	191.96
Athens	264.67
Bethel	98.32
Crossroads	171.31
Bernice	865.13
Bethlehem	110.17
Wesley	137.43
Beulah	197.20

Blenville	231.62
Castor	249.53
Mill Creek	115.12
Strange	167.45
Calhoun	391.91
Carlton	45.72
Indian Village	102.73
Wilhite	84.28
Chatham	400.18
Choudrant	238.51
Douglas	272.38
Clay	230.80
Ansley	129.17
Longstraw	64.45
Wesley Chapel	110.44
Concord	134.95
Mount Pleasant	75.48
Zoar	83.73
Cotton Valley	855.71
Dodson	Incomplete
New Hope	Incomplete
Siloam Springs	Incomplete
Dowhsville	376.22
Bethel	96.40
Mount Nebo	95.29
Doyline	359.14
McIntyre	173.24
Dubach	343.17
Harmony Chapel	388.68
Eros	157.81
Antioch	109.06
Frantom Chapel	55.91
Farmerville	708.64
Gibbsland	536.51
Bryceland	78.77
Oak Grove	117.33
Grand Bayou	68.85
Rocky Mount	61.69
Haynesville	1,684.16
Colquitt	149.27
Heflin	337.38
Brushwood	390.81
Hodge	591.60
Homer	2,411.52
Jonesboro	1,279.57
Lisbon	485.00
Arizona	128.62
Marion	426.34
Byrd's Chapel	122.83
Union	Incomplete
Minden—First Church	2,413.45
Minden—Lakeview	854.61
Pine Grove	Incomplete
Pleasant Valley	Incomplete
Quitman	215.92
Center Point	154.51
Ringgold	746.10
Ruston—Grace Church	910.79
Ruston—Trinity Church	2,652.51
Salem	200.50
Hilly	118.22
Shongaloo	377.59
Whitehall	248.42
Sibley	168.00
Evergreen	239.61
Simsboro	239.61
Antioch	286.60
Springhill	1,598.23
Vienna	Incomplete
Bear Creek	Incomplete

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS—1957

Barksdale	\$ 343.72
Belcher	338.22
Gilliam	197.75
Benton	682.48
Bethany	211.52
Keithville	186.73
Bethel	188.73
Blanchard	488.03
Bossier City—Curtis Park	706.71
Bossier City—First Church	1,954.07
Carroll Creek	91.99
Holly Springs	187.88
Converse	99.42
Coushatta	896.20
Cross Roads	78.29
Ellerbe Road	154.51
Grand Cane	244.84
Stonewall	224.19
Greenwood	973.31
Hall Summit	257.79
East Point	183.43
Wesley Chapel	158.09
Haughton	811.09
Ida	304.08
Hosston	255.58
Keatchie	71.33
Logansport	943.02
Longstreet	145.97
Many	955.14
Mansfield	1,599.05
Mooringsport	594.34
Oil City	468.75
Pelican	271.28
Mitchell	160.68
Plain Dealing	649.43
Pleasant Hill	494.64
Zion's Rest	Incomplete
Rodessa	400.18
Shiloh	80.70
Shreveport—Broadmoor	4,285.44
Shreveport—Caddo Heights	1,060.34
Shreveport—Cedar Grove	2,438.31
Shreveport—First Church	9,759.57
Shreveport—Mangum Memorial	3,353.99
Shreveport—Morningside	1,323.09
Shreveport—Noel Memorial	8,282.74
Shreveport—North Highland	1,087.06
Shreveport—Park Avenue	1,091.47
Shreveport—Summer Grove	738.38
Shreveport—Trinity	572.59
Shreveport—Wesley	203.81
Shreveport—Wynn Memorial	1,272.96
Vivian	1,479.80
Zowolle	673.69
Bayou Scie	107.69
Noble	62.52

Sermon On The Mount Insights

By J. Carter Swaim

Editor's Note: This is one of a series of articles based on the Sermon on the Mount which have been written by Dr. J. Carter Swaim, Executive Director of the Department of the English Bible, National Council of Churches. We invite your response to this series.

The Mountain Revisited

In a home for aged women one resident was always complaining. Another (who, confined to her room by a gangrenous foot, endured continuous pain and really did have something to complain about) said to her more fortunate friend: "Why are you always grumbling about the little things? Why don't you fix your mind on the big things? Why don't you look at the hills?" "From my room," was the gloomy reply, "I can't see any hills." "Well, then," came the unexpected response, "why don't you look at the clouds and imagine they're hills?"

This suggests not only the power of the religious imagination but also the advantage of having a hill-country of the soul. Matthew 5:1 tells how Jesus "went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him." In many artistic representations of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is portrayed as standing with outstretched arms and pronouncing His blessing upon the people. This may be partly due to the fact that, among us, men ordinarily stand to deliver sermons, but poor translation contributes to the false picture. Earlier versions here said: "when he was set, his disciples came unto him." To be "set" now conveys the taking of a fixed position, usually upright. The runner gets set for the race. A guard is set to keep watch over the royal palace. A telephone pole is set in place.

This usage tends to make us think that when Jesus "was set," it means he was standing. Hence the common representations in art. The dictionary, however, tells us that the first meaning of "set" is "to cause to sit, to make to assume a sitting position." Webster describes this meaning as "archaic," but it is no doubt the sense in which it was used by the King James translators. The Revised Standard Version gives us the true picture: "when he sat down." Even the King James Version at Matthew 15:9 tells us that Jesus "went up into a mountain and sat down there."

When the boy Jesus stayed behind in the temple, his parents found him "sitting among the teachers." Sitting was the usual position of a Jewish teacher, and in some Jewish lore the verb "to sit" becomes nearly synonymous with "to teach." The word "disciple" means "learner." A favorite term for Jesus was Master, which means Teacher. This teacher-pupil relationship the Revised Standard Version makes clear: "When he sat down his disciples came to him."

Here is a wise word on marriage, from a French aviator: "Marriage consists not in two people looking into each other's eyes, but in two people, standing shoulder to shoulder, both looking in the same direction."—Halford E. Luccock, *Christian Herald*

A CROSS IN THE WINDOW

At Eastertime, why not make the Cross the symbol, just as the Tree and the Star are symbols of Christmas? Why shouldn't we ask each Chris-

Christ told us to let our light shine.

A recent visitor to the Meditation Room at the United Nations, feeling that he had

tian family to put a Cross in the window during Holy Week or at least on Good Friday?

The Cross belongs to all Christians. And we must be Christ's living ambassadors and spiritual interpreters." The Cross in the window is one way of getting people to think of its meaning; it is surely one way for Christians to witness.

Last year when a friend of mine had occasion to meet her postman at the door just after she had put a Cross in her window, he said to her: "I see a Christian family lives here."

not come as close to God as he had hoped to come said: "I did not know how much I had come to depend on symbols—an open Bible, a Cross, a lighted candle."

If Christ gets into the hearts of people then this awful darkness of war, our liquor, and our juvenile delinquency problems will disappear.

So let's put a Cross in the window at Eastertime that all may see it and think of the Christ who did so much for us.

Won't you join in this crusade to honor Him?

—Mrs. R. Y. Nicholson

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory."

Costly Gambling

By H. H. Smith

What are the highest takes ever wagered and lost by a gambler? The answer is not to be found in dollars—thousands or millions—but in human lives. Every year thousands of lives are lost by drivers of motor vehicles who take a chance—gamble and lose. Sometimes—quite often in fact—they cause the loss of the lives of others also. They take a chance by driving on the wrong side of the road and meet another vehicle at a curve, or on a hill, or undertake to pass another car—or several cars—and lose the race. They may take a chance that there is no train in sight and get killed at a railroad crossing, and remember that the fast driver is continually gambling—with human life (or lives) at stake.

Speaking of railroad crossing accidents, they are the most inexcusable and preventable of all motor vehicle accidents. They should be called "crashes" rather than "accidents," as the Highway Safety Department calls them. With the danger signals plainly displayed at every railroad crossing, there is no excuse whatever for these crashes. But look what occurs every year. Here are the 1955 National Railroad Crossing statistics: "Deaths from these collisions numbered 1,398—11 per cent more than in 1954. Injuries increased from 3,352 to 3,927. There were 3,607 crashes between trains and automobiles of which 2,014 occurred in daylight and 1,593 at night."

And note this: "During the day, a locomotive hit the car in 77 per cent of the cases, the car hit the locomotive in 18 per cent, and the car hit some other part of the train in 5 per cent."

With millions of cars in use every

day, it would be a miracle if there were no accidents, but the Highway Safety Department is right when it says: "There is human fault somewhere in 999 out of a 1,000 so-called automobile accidents—recklessness, carelessness, drunkenness, indifference, lack of skill, or of physical condition on the part of drivers and pedestrians."

A few years ago this item was reported in Virginia Traffic Safety News: "At 6:30 P. M., near Wakefield in Sussex County, (Virginia), a sailor attached to a ship in Norfolk was arrested for speeding by a state trooper. He was charged with driving at 70, although the trooper stated he was moving at a far higher rate before he was officially checked, bonded and allowed to proceed. At 12:45 the next morning, nine miles north of Winchester, the same sailor's car went out of control on a curve bringing death to him and two passengers."

Warnings to reckless drivers and speed demons seem to have such little effect that a Texas road-sign painter suggested the following signs for railroad crossings:

"Come ahead. You're unimportant."

"Try our locomotives. They satisfy."

"Don't stop. Nobody will miss you."

"Take a chance. You can get hit by a train only once."

In a thought-provoking article in the South Carolina Methodist Advocate on "Driving like a Christian," the Rev. J. W. Lewis, after describing a horrible accident caused by a speeding car that killed three persons and seriously injured another, said in part: "Perhaps to

THE OTHER MILE

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ments. You wouldn't have a preacher that only put in eight hours a day in his work, and I don't blame you. Yet by all the laws of our land, Union laws, Labor laws, or any type of employment laws, that's all you can require of him; but he wouldn't be worth his salt, if he had an attitude that would allow him to do only that much. You would not have a preacher, at least not for the second year, who offered nothing to the church more than his service, and I don't blame you. You want him to show love, loyalty, and devotion every day, and in every service, and you have a perfect right to expect it, yet there is no way in the world to require it of him. That's just that extra mile that we must walk, if we are to be true Christians and effective in God's work.

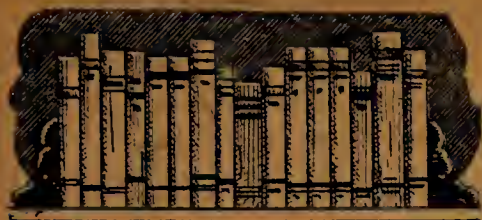
The preacher is no exception. When he is faced with the decision of an appointment, he weighs it very carefully. The first thing he does is get his Conference Journal down to look at the statistics. He wants to know how much the congregation thinks of the church. It's that other mile that really counts.

What do we want to find in the church? We don't want it to be like a club or any organization of that kind. We want it to have that extra something we call "The other mile" of service. Those of us within the church who are conscientious about it would be ashamed of a church that would not go the second mile, and those of you outside of the church would not go into a church that didn't show something extra. We feel that we can safely say that we know many Methodists that go the other mile. We think the Methodist Church as a whole goes the other mile. Of course, like Dr. Quillian said about the members of that church, I suppose there are some that are not willing to do anything, but there are others that believe God's work is important and go the second mile to see it go forward.

If we have been shirking our duty in the church, or even doing only that which is required, let us dedicate ourselves to service in the Kingdom of God—beyond the call of duty.

meet the special conditions of this mid-century, there will have to be written into our laws something which emphasizes not only the crime of premeditated murder, but the crime of a premeditated line of action which is very likely to result in maiming or killing others."

Sensible words—which were followed by these: "Safe driving cannot long be separated from the moral attitude. There is the critical period when you and I are at the wheel. Do we drive like a Christian? 'Whatever you wish that men would do to you...' It is our privilege to try be continually alert, and patient, and courteous. The driver I fear most is J. W. Lewis. Cars are not always passing; but he is with me continuously from the time I leave the yard until the car is again parked at home. There is ever the opportunity for momentarily carelessness, or distraction, or giving way to the urge of impatience."



NEW BOOK REVIEWED

By Harold L. Fair

How To Work With Church Groups

By Mary Alice Douty

Abingdon Press, 170 pages, \$2.50

"Group dynamics" is the magic word in religious education today. This term is used to describe the effect that members of the group have on each other. The most recent book in this field for the average church school officer and teacher is this one by the Executive Secretary of the Baltimore Conference Board of Education. Dr. Douty has had several years of experience as Sunday school superintendent, director of Christian education, director of children's work, and consultant in leadership education for churches in Indiana and Maryland. Her book is an outgrowth of the many years of working with such groups.

The first chapter gives a quick look at a variety of group situations at all age levels, kindergarten through adults. The second chapter gives the objectives of Christian education and some of the principles of how learning takes place. Its emphasis is on the fact that most of our learning takes place in group situations.

The following chapters deal with organization and understanding procedures and techniques for the best group work. Dr. Douty gives attention to the role of the leader in the group situation and suggests techniques for getting and giving class participation. She then discusses recreation, drama, and choral speaking as group activities and applies to them the principles of group work.

The final chapter looks at church school superintendents, ministers, and directors of Christian education as leaders of groups of workers. The emphasis here is on Christian family life, democracy, and brotherhood.

Chairmen of Commission of Education will want to see a copy of this book right away in order to best determine how it may be fitted into their teacher-training program. Ministers who want to keep abreast of the latest teachings of Christian education will find the brief summary one of the most comprehensive available today.

POSTER AVAILABLE FOR BIBLE READERS' SERVICE

A poster for use in the promotion of the Bible Readers' Service is now available, it has been announced by the Rev. Robert M. Cox, of the staff of the Department of the Christian Education of Adults, General Board of Education.

It is attempted by means of the poster to give a clear picture of what the Readers' Guides are by presenting the cover of eight of them and presenting a legible copy of the Guide for the Gospel according to Luke, Mr. Cox's announcement says.

Korean Christians Have Hope

By Vivian E. Gladhill

Missionary in Seoul, Korea

There is destruction, want, and need in Korea, and we should not overlook that fact, for there is much that we can do to help. We can help by giving relief clothing and food, but in addition to that, we can help the Koreans train themselves in various fields in order to be better prepared to help their country. We can help by means of our prayers, our gifts, our service. Although we must not overlook the need in Korea, neither must we overlook the beauty—in nature and in personalities. It has been a privilege to see the beauty of the mountains, and of the hills and fields in the country. It has also been a privilege to become acquainted with Korean Christians—student and graduate nurses, doctors, church members, and people in our household.

From my window can be seen refugee housing conditions such as many of us can hardly imagine, but beyond the refugee houses, in the distance can be seen a mountain, majestic and beautiful. Either alone is not enough. When we see only the need we get easily discouraged, and to see only the beauty is not realistic; it is only as we see the destruction and need, but also beyond it to the beauty and hope that God intended, that we can see the hope of something better. The Korean Christians have this hope, and are willing to work for it.

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W.S.C.S. NEWS IN BRIEF

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just completed a Study Course on YOUTH IN A RESPONSIBLE SOCIETY under the direction of Mrs. G. A. Pike. At one of the sessions Mr. T. C. Lanier, deputy sheriff of Tangipahoa Parish, spoke to the group on the matter of crime throughout the United States and especially on the conditions in the parish in relationship to crime and juvenile delinquency, giving emphasis to what could and should be done to improve the situation.

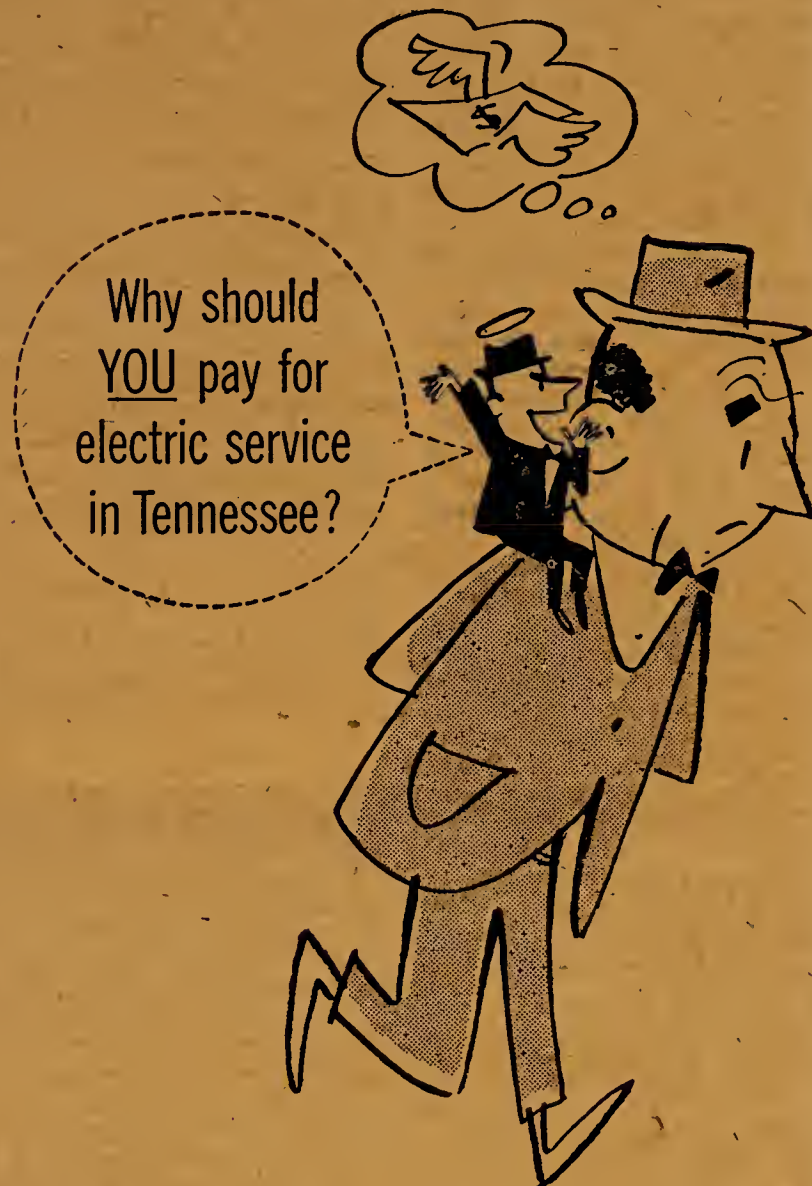
The W. S. C. S. invited all other parents in the church to this session and a large number attended.

Refreshments were served and a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all present.

WORLD TENSIONS DISCUSSED BY W.S.C.S.

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are: the failure of normal Christians (churches, church members, Americans) to live according to their professions; the growth of materialism; the tensions created by the H-bomb, by armament, by war threat; the resurgence of Islam, Buddhism and Shintoism—and their invasion of the U.S.A.; the rise of communism as an aggressive religion.



In almost all of Tennessee, and in the other areas of the U. S. served by federal government power systems, a strange twist in federal law puts several million families and businesses into a special "privileged class." Your taxes help pay their electric bills!

Here's what happens: Unlike independent electric light and power companies, federal government power systems pay no federal taxes at all and pay little or no state and local taxes. This means that customers of these federal power systems don't pay the taxes on electricity that you pay. As a result, you have to be taxed more to make up the difference—and to build the federal power plants in the first place.

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First Methodist Church 10.00
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Helena Methodist Church 10.00
Friendly S. S. Class,
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Methodists Confer in War-Torn Sumatra

Amidst two "bloodless revolutions" that have rocked Sumatra, Indonesia, early this year, Methodists of the Sumatra Provisional Annual Conference ordained four young ministers, admitted two women as ministers-on-trial and baptized two other women at the conference session in February.

Postponed a month because of the national emergency, the Conference met in Medan, in northern Sumatra, and was unhindered by the disturbed political situation on the island. There were no reports of harm to Methodist personnel or property because of the disturbances.

The four men ordained by Bishop Hobart B. Amstutz, new Methodist bishop of Southeast Asia, were Bataks, the indigenous people of Sumatra who constitute a sizeable portion of the 8,000-member Methodist community on the island. Most others are Chin-

ese.

One of the women admitted on trial was Miss Tan Swie Kin and the other was Miss Gusta Robinett, a missionary from Indiana of the Women's Division of Christian Service.

The Conference heard pleas for additional full-time church workers and leaders, especially for the many villages. Speakers pointed out that "for lack of abler spiritual supervision, Methodist people are being won over by the Roman Catholic Church and small sect groups, particularly in south Sumatra."

The Conference received a request from several congregations of the HKBP, a Batak Protestant church of about 500,000 members, to join the Methodist Church.

CLERGYMAN COLLECTS DRUG SAMPLES

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Brown's parishioners, one a doctor, checked out the drugs, packed and mailed them; and the church bore the whole expense. Eventually the

CHURCH BROADCASTING REACHES NEW HIGH

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and talks in pamphlet text form. The year's entire enterprise was carried out under a million dollar budget, said the report, presented by Dr. S. Franklin Mack, who is executive director of the commission. The agency's work is supported by the 30 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church bodies constituent in the National Council.

Jazz musicians Lionel Hampton and Dave Brubeck were among lay performers on religious broadcasts of the commission last year. So were ballet dancer Maria Tallchief, poet W. H. Auden, actor Lew Ayers and singer Mahalia Jackson. They supplemented appearances by distinguished clergymen, evangelists and theologians, and many times appeared on the same programs with them.

In addition to several new programs and films for next year, the report projected a new "Broadcasting Prayer Partnership" designed to enlist the interest and support of the nation's Christian listeners. The project, which will also involve research into listeners' tastes and preferences, will be financed under a Volker Foundation grant of \$20,000 during its first two years.

CHURCH SEEKS 177 YOUTH FOR CARAVAN SERVICE

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ence in the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

"To recruit enough qualified youth," said Mr. Ewing, "we must have the assistance of both pastors and lay people."

Applicants or those wanting to suggest prospective caravaners should write immediately to the Rev. Jameson Jones, Chairman, Personnel Committee, Methodist Youth Caravans, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

Adults interested in being a caravan counselor should write the Youth Department, Methodist Board of Education, at the same address. They should be at least 24 years of age and have had extensive experience in working with youth.

job became too big and expensive for the one church, so Mr. Potter went to the missionary board and in 15 minutes the board "was begging us for everything we could give them," he said.

Drugs have been shipped to Africa and the Philippines and more will soon be on the way to these and other far-flung medical facilities operated by the Congregational Christian Churches, Mr. Potter said.

URGES CHURCH DESIGNS FOR 20TH CENTURY WORSHIPPERS

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gas station or a supermarket with a cross attached is no proper building for worship, Dr. Atkinson pointed out.

With more youngsters going to Sunday School than ever before and with more parents needing help with their small ones, while they attend services, cribs for the care of infants are becoming standard equipment in many churches, asserted the Rev. Dr. John R. Scotford, interim director of the National Council of Churches' Department of Church Building.

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LESSON FOR MARCH 31, 1957

HOW SHALL WE BE JUDGED?

READ CHAPTERS 24 and 25 OF MATTHEW.

MEMORY SELECTION: *The King will answer them, "Truly I say unto you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."*

—Matthew 25:40 (RSV)

This is the last of the series of five lessons we have been having under the general subject, "Human Destiny and Man's Relation to Jesus the Christ. The first four of these lessons dealt more directly with our "Relation to Jesus the Christ." Our lesson today, the last of the series, with the subject, "How Shall We Be Judged?" deals directly with the matter of "Human Destiny."

We stated in a former lesson that Tuesday of Passion Week was one of the busiest days in the life of Jesus. That is indicated by the fact that our lesson for today, and the two lessons preceding it are all based on incidents in the life of Jesus on this Tuesday. Even the three lessons cover only a comparatively small portion of the total record of the day's work. The great discourse Jesus gave on this Tuesday on "Last Things" was truly one of the great pronouncements of the Master. It is one of five discourses of Jesus recorded by Matthew. This discourse came near the end of the day hence was the last great public discourse delivered by Jesus.

This very significant utterance apparently came as a result of a question the disciples asked Jesus, after He had foretold the utter destruction of the Temple. The disciples really asked three questions in one. Their question, as found in Matthew 24:3 was (1) Tell us when shall these things be? (2) What shall be the sign of Thy coming? (3) What shall be the sign of the end of the world? This final message of the Lord was an answer—not always too clear—to these questions.

When The Son of Man Shall Come

The opening verse of today's lesson, along with other New Testament passages, seems to teach that Christ is to return to the earth and is to be the central figure in a great judgment of the world in the last day. The prophecy regarding the return of Christ and the prophecy regarding the destruction of Jerusalem are so intermixed in the Gospel writings that it is difficult, at times, to determine which subject is being discussed. This makes it difficult for Bible students to understand these writings regarding "Last Things," and consequently, there are many different interpretations of these passages.

There is no question but that New Testament writers expected an early return of Jesus to earth, even in their generation. It is equally certain that He did not return in the form they were expecting. There are many different viewpoints of this question of Christ's return, which space and the aim of this lesson will not al-

low us to discuss. Nevertheless, in view of the different and at times conflicting views of this question, it is our feeling that the "When and How" of Christ's return to earth is so indefinite that it will be better for us to give our time and thought to the building of Christian character and rendering a helpful Christian service. Having done so, whether the end comes soon or a billion years from now, we will be ready either to live or die or to meet any other eventuality of life when and if it comes.

The Final Judgment

(1) *The Fact Of A Judgment Day.* Just who, if anybody, has a correct interpretation of the doctrine of the judgment day, as we find it in the teachings of Jesus and New Testament writers, is yet an open question. However, as we study the life of any day and the experiences of life in our own day, we become right familiar with the fact that a judgment day is a very common, normal experience in life.

When the merchant "takes stock," at the close of a business year, he is experiencing a judgment day which tells him how right or wrong are his business methods and public relations. The harvest time is the judgment day for the farmer which may bring weal or woe. Examination day is, in reality, a judgment day for the student and his grades reveal how well or how poorly he has done his work. A Methodist pastor often finds the 4th Quarterly Conference is a kind of judgment day for him. Sometimes it brings a "come - ye - blessed" - and - serve-us-another-year resolution from the Official Board and sometimes it carries a resolution with a "depart-ye" connotation.

Consequently, we are not and should not be surprised to find that there is to be a judgment day at the end of life when "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." II Cor. 5:10. Moral justice demands a judgment day, when so many of the wrongs of life may be righted and character judged on its merits, whether for good or bad.

(2) *The Nature of Judgment Day.* A man once told us that he could never join The Methodist Church because, as he said, The Methodist Church teaches that there will be one general judgment. He could tell, in some detail, the agenda for each of seven judgment days and just the people who would be involved in each. So far as we know, The Methodist Church

has no officially stated doctrine regarding one general judgment. It would be entirely possible for one to be a Methodist and believe in seven judgments if he thought such a belief would make him more religious.

It is our feeling that the number of judgment days and the particular manner in which each is conducted is not so important for us, who live in this world, as the fact that, in some way, we as individuals are to be judged and rewarded according to the manner of life we live.

(2) *Surprises At The Judgment.* One thing that Jesus states very definitely is the fact that there are to be surprises at the judgment. Many of the standards by which we measure each other and the standards by which we measure ourselves, in many instances, will not be the standards by which we will be measured at the judgment.

In many instances the good will be surprised because they are adjudged better than they think. A sincere, unconscious goodness receives the high reward this manner of life deserves. The self-centered, careless sinner comes to see his indifference as the gross sin that selfishness is. Apparently those who lose their lives in consecrated service are better people than they themselves realize. Apparently, also, those who overlook or deliberately neglect the claims people have on their lives are living much worse lives than they realize.

The Verdicts Of Judgment Day

Unconscious goodness receives the highest awards at the judgment because this manner of goodness is prompted by love for people and serves without thought of reward. Such a love ministers to people without the consciousness that God resides in every opportunity for service. There are the poor who need help; the sorely tempted who need encouragement; those in prison who need the strength that comes to them by coming in contact with good people who care; the old people who long for companionship and the feeling that somebody is really interested in them; the sinner who needs more than he needs anything else earth can give, a sincere, understanding heart to point the way to Christ and a new life. The Christian, as best he can, ministers to all of these needs and is surprised, at the end of the way, to know that God was in every opportunity for service he attempted to meet.

The old song, "Working for a Crown," was misleading. The true essence of Christian living does not express itself in working for rewards. Such service is born of love and is surprised that, in addition to the joy found in such service, there is also the reward of Divine approval.

In the picture of the judgment which Christ gives us in the lesson text, the unrighteous are not condemned because of great life shattering sins. In fact Jesus does not mention the many sins which we think will be the reason for people losing their souls. Jesus calls attention to neglected opportunities for service. This failure to give ourselves in the service of others is the basic sin of life—selfishness. Out of selfish living is born sin and all of the grosser sins of life. Such sins do not make us bad.

They are simply the results of the fact that we are already bad at heart and they are the fruits of our evil hearts. This is what Jesus meant, we think, when He said, "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things; and the evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." Matt. 12:35.

Our Opportunity To Serve God

We talk much about serving God as if we, creatures of His hands, have a power that enables us to really be of service to the Creator of all things. Jesus outlines, in our lesson text, the only opportunity we have for being of service to God; that opportunity lies in serving people in need.

We may love God, worship God, obey God, reverence God. However, if we want to serve God our only opportunity for serving Him comes in our opportunity to serve people about us, and Jesus said, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." A God that can create the universe and all it contains does not need our help in the management of it. Christ does tell us how we may be of service to Him—it is in serving people in need who are made in His image.

Power To Choose Makes Us Morally Responsible

There are those who raise the question as to whether a God of love and justice would allow people to suffer in the next world for sins that they commit here. What happens to that large group of earth's people who never become saved is not a matter that should concern us too much. We may be sure that they may be left in God's hands with the confidence that He will deal justly with all men.

It is quite different with us, especially in America, who have had gospel opportunities about us all the days of our lives. God has given us the light of truth and the power to choose between the good and evil. If, as free moral agents, we willfully and knowingly choose the wrong we ourselves are responsible for the results of that choice.

Human Destiny

For five Sundays now we have been studying "Human Destiny and Man's Relation to Jesus the Christ." Today's lesson, which very directly deals with human destiny, is not an easy lesson to teach. It teaches of divisions and separations that leave us with a mind full of questions unanswered. Such divisions must often cut across family circles. Just how part of the family can enjoy heaven while the other part of the family is suffering elsewhere is difficult to understand.

Nevertheless, we are taught in our lesson today that good people are to hear the "Come ye blessed of my Father" and enter into a world of blessedness "prepared . . . from the foundation of the world" for those who love God. This view of human destiny we love to look at and think about. However, we should have the courage and honesty of heart to recognize that Jesus just as definitely and clearly described the fate of those who reject Christ.

Let us ever keep in mind the words of Jesus when He said, "It is not the will of your Father in Heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."

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Church Needs Eighty-Five New Missionaries

New York (BD)—By May 1, the Methodist Board of Missions, New York, hopes to find 85 young men and women who will give two or three years as missionaries in the United States, its territories and overseas.

Of 110 persons sought for special-term missionary service since last fall, only 25 have been obtained and May 1 has been set as the deadline for application for the 1957 program. Persons interested in either the home or overseas special-term program may write: Office of Missionary Personnel, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

This is the tenth year that young men and women have been sought for three years of missionary service overseas.

The Revs. James Major, A. N. Storey, and Karl Tooke, directors of the Area-Wide Every Member Canvass Program in the Little Rock, North Arkansas, and Louisiana Conferences, respectively, suggest a

TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. **March 31** begins the fourth week of the EMC Program. During this week every effort is made to promote a large attendance at the congregational dinner on April 9, commitment cards are ordered and the enlistment of canvassers is completed.
2. On **April 7** another announcement is made of the congregational dinner meeting for **Tuesday, April 9**. At this dinner the new financial program is to be presented to the congregation, giving opportunity for questions and/or suggestions.
3. By **April 10** all arrangements with the printer should be completed and all materials to be used in the Pictured Appeal Folder and Canvasser's Presentation Booklet should be sent to him so that they can be finished by **April 19**.
4. **April 10** is also the time to buy post cards for Loyalty Sunday.
5. **April 11** is the time for the Materials Chairman to begin placing on the commitment cards the names from the Master List. When he has finished this task he delivers the cards to the Visitation Chairman.
6. **April 13** the posters advertising the EMC are hung on the Church bulletin boards.

NOTE: Watch for suggestions from the conference directors in this space each week during the EMC program.



Rev. A. W. Townsend, district superintendent of the Alexandria District, is shown above pointing out the site of the new church plant to be erected in the southern section of the city of Alexandria. This congregation, the Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church, was organized last summer and has been under the pastoral supervision of Rev. Otis Spinks, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria. The Horseshoe drive Methodist Church was named last week as the 1000 Club program for the period March-April-May. With the help of 1000 Club funds the congregation will be able to begin construction of the first unit in late May. On page 9 is a picture of the architect's drawing of the first unit.

New Educational Bldg. For Brownsville

The Brownsville Methodist Church, West Monroe, will construct an educational building, and a drive to raise funds is now underway, according to the Rev. Paul Durbin, pastor.

John Blankenship heads the committee for the project, and several plans are being used to obtain the necessary finances, the minister said. Among the plans are the every member canvass, the selling of floor space in the building for \$4 per square foot, and the distribution of church banks in the homes of members. Donations are being sent to Mrs. Hollis McGrew, 1508 Baily St., West Monroe, for handling.

Memorial Methodists Begin Construction

Ground was broken for the first unit of the church plant planned for the Memorial Church, Bastrop, on Sunday evening, March 17. The service was under the direction of the Memorial Methodist pastor, Rev. Brady B. Foreman. He was assisted by Rev. James T. Harris, Monroe district superintendent, and Rev. R. H. Staples, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Bastrop.

The service was held following the session of the Memorial Methodist Fourth Quarterly Conference.

Among those turning spades of dirt were; Rev. Mr. Staples, Rev. Mr. Harris, Rev. Mr. Foreman,

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Wesley Observance To Emphasize Singing

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — The Methodist Church is losing "the fine art of congregational singing," believes Dr. James R. Houghton, Boston, Mass., professor of church music at Boston University for the last 30 years.

The observation was made here March 18 at a meeting to plan for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley. Dr. Houghton was one of 30 representatives of various Methodist general agencies who attended the one-day meeting.

"The most important musical feature of a worship service should be the congregational singing," said Dr. Houghton, who has directed the music at the last seven Methodist General Conferences.

"A church that sings is on fire spiritually," said Dr. Houghton, a member of the Commission on Worship of The Methodist Church. "A church that doesn't sing is dead or dying."

To be held during 1957, the Charles Wesley celebration is expected to feature hymn singing by Methodists and others around the world.

The 30 representatives, along with others who were unable to attend the meeting, will be known as the "central committee" for the observance.

The committee, in its first meeting, elected Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N.Y., chairman of the observance. He is president of the Methodist Council of Bishops.

The World Methodist Council conceived the idea for the observance and has asked the Methodist General Board of Evangelism to spearhead it. Three members of the board of evangelism have been elected by that board to provide leadership in this responsibility—Bishop Ledden, Bishop Short, and Dr. Fallon.

Grace Church, Ruston, Breaks Ground For New Sanctuary

At right is shown a group of Grace Methodist Church members, of Ruston, who gathered together for the ground-breaking ceremony for the new sanctuary, March 3. The building will cost \$21,000.

First row, left to right: Dr. Guy Hicks, District Supt., Bob Wynn, Mrs. J. C. Howard, Jim V. Hinton (with shovel), Clyde Taylor, and Rev. Henry C. Blount, pastor;

Back row: Mrs. Frank Kaylor, Mrs. T. E. Raley, Mrs. Earl Nugent, L. E. Williamson, Mrs. Leroy DeFreese, Leroy DeFreese, Dr. P. K. Smith, Clariace Taylor, C. G. Ruple, Mrs. C. N. Patterson, Mrs. G. T. Shinpoch, Frank Kaylor and L. D. McGehee.



Ohio Selects New Seminary Site

Columbus (MI). A fifty acre parcel of land approximately three miles south of Delaware, Ohio, was chosen Saturday, March 2 as the site for the new Methodist theological seminary in Ohio, by the Provisional Organization to establish a Methodist Theological School in Ohio. The site, a part of what is known as the Butler Farm, was made available by Ohio Wesleyan University. It is located near the Perkins Observatory, and was originally presented to Ohio Wesleyan by the late James M. Butler of Columbus, a member of that institution's Board of Trustees for many years.

The decision was made, by the Provisional Organization, acting on the unanimous recommendation of the Committee on Location, whose chairman is Dr. Oscar T. Olson, pastor of Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church, Cleveland. This committee had conferred on February 23 with a joint-committee from The Board of Education and The University Senate of The Methodist Church, and the decision followed their recommendation, which said: "This committee after evaluating the merits and disadvantages of the three possible locations was unanimous in recommending the site near Delaware. This land, the committee believes, is by far the best suited for this educational institution."

At the Saturday meeting, Bishop Hazen G. Werner, General Chairman of the Provisional Organization, made the announcement that two gifts of \$50,000 each were promised for the school, and that the total pledges had passed the \$2,500,000 mark in special and personal gifts and pledges from churches.

Long Distance Pulpit Exchange Set



DR. STANLEY B. SUDBURY DR. LOWELL M. ATKINSON

One of the longest distance pulpit exchanges on record will take place from April 28 to May 19 when the Rev. Dr. Lowell M. Atkinson will preach at the Methodist Church in Durban, South Africa, and the Rev. Stanley B. Sudbury, pastor of that church, will occupy Dr. Atkinson's pulpit at the First Methodist Church in Englewood, N. J.

Each minister will fly to the other's city, live in his parsonage and fulfill as far as possible his pastoral duties for a month. Special events and appointments to speak at general religious meetings, service organizations and educational institutions are being arranged at both ends of the exchange.

Plan Chas. Wesley's 250th Anniversary

Plans for commemorating throughout 1957 the 250th anniversary of the birthday of Charles Wesley—"sweet singer of Methodism"—are being made by the World Methodist Council, the Association of Methodist Historical Societies, the Council of Bishops (Methodist), the Hymn Society of America, and other church groups. A directing committee from these agencies is being formed.

"Hymn Festivals," using exclusively hymns composed by Charles Wesley, are being planned in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Savannah (Ga.), Lake Junaluska (N.C.), Los Angeles and probably in other centers. The bishops of the areas, and representatives of various Methodist boards and agencies are supporting these festivals. The Hymn Society of America is providing an order of service and is authorizing the preparation of a popular booklet on Charles Wesley, his life, and his contribution to Christian song and theology.

It is expected that the celebration will be climaxed in thousands of local churches in America and across the world by hymn festivals, special services and sermons in December—December 29, being the (new style) date of the poet-preacher's birth.

Dr. Elmer T. Clark of Lake Junaluska, N.C., is spearheading the anniversary plans. Local plans will be made at many annual conference sessions this spring and summer.

CHRISTIANITY

"Rekindle the flame of Christianity in the West and the darkness of Communism will disappear in the East. It is the darkness in America that is making the Red flame shine so brightly. — Thos. D. Murphy, *Partners*



A New Rural Church In Korea

Korea. According to latest figures the membership of Methodism in Korea has grown from 45,000 to 85,000 between 1951 and 1954. There are many reasons for believing that such a rate of growth can continue indefinitely if the Church in Korea is able to meet the challenge it faces. Millions of Koreans have been uprooted from their homes and dislodged from their animistic-Buddhist backgrounds. They are eagerly reaching out for Christian guidance. However, the number of missionaries we have in Korea is still almost twenty per cent below the number in 1939.

PHILANDER SMITH GETS \$1900 GIFT

Philander Smith College, Little Rock, recently received a gift of approximately \$1900, according to an announcement by Dr. M. LaFayette Harris, President.

The gift was made by Colonel T. H. Barton of El Dorado, Arkansas, in the sum of 50 shares of common stock of the Monsanto Chemical Company. In his letter, Colonel Barton specifies that it is irrevocable, and represents a contribution to the College to be used by the College as the Board of Trustees may desire.

In acknowledgment of the Gift, Dr. Harris expressed grateful appreciation for the long interest which Colonel Barton has shown in the field of Higher Education through the Barton Foundation. He also expressed gratitude for the interest which Colonel Barton has taken in the work of Philander Smith College for more than 10 years. Among his prior Gifts are annual contributions to the Emergency Student Fund at Christmas, and \$5000 toward equipping the new Science Hall. The President gave assurance of a keen sense of Stewardship responsibility in keeping with the spirit in which Colonel Barton made the Gift.

Methodists Name Five to Hall of Fame



New members of the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy are shown receiving their memberships from Bishop William T. Watkins (far right) of Louisville, Ky., president of the Board of Hospitals and Homes.

The "Hall of Fame" was established in 1949 by the Board of Hospitals and Homes as a means of honoring outstanding contributors of time, services or

money to Methodist philanthropic institutions. The honors were conferred at the recent annual convention of the Board of Hospitals and Homes in Chicago.

Five new members are (l. to r.) Edwin O. Anderson, Jersey City, N. J., Otto C. Pfaff, Fort Dodge, Iowa, Dr. Karl P. Meister, Elyria, Ohio, Miss Dora E. Young, Sweetwater, Tenn., and James F. Stiles, Jr., Lake Bluff, Ill.

Dr. Schweitzer to Get Herd of Dairy Goats

New Orleans (RNS)—A herd of 12 dairy goats will be shipped from here on March 27 to Dr. Albert Schweitzer, noted medical missionary, at Lambarene, French Equatorial Africa, to provide milk for patients at his jungle hospital there.

Shipping the "good animals," as Dr. Schweitzer calls them, to Lambarene was the idea of the American Milk Goat Record Association. Once the association publicized the project there was an immediate response by individuals, breeders, church organizations, granaries and a zoo.

The first offers came from breeders in various parts of the country. The AMGRA considered the offers and finally selected 12 Nubians because they would adapt readily to a jungle climate.

Then the Cincinnati Zoo became interested and sponsored an appeal for funds to finance the shipment. It also loaned the services of its veterinarian, Dr. Byron Bernard, to care for the goats here and on their journey to Africa.

A Schweitzer booth at the zoo raised \$1200 in one month. This increased to over \$2000 as the weeks passed and the mission of the goats captivated the public.

Included in the \$2000 were nickels contributed by school children, whose teachers had told them about Dr. Schweitzer and his work, and checks for \$100 and \$200. Two Ohio church groups sent \$600 and contributions were made by countless smaller groups. A grain company donated a large quantity of goat chow.

Then another "angel" appeared

in the form of Dr. Reginald Helfferich, executive secretary of World Service Commission of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. He also is treasurer of Heifer Project, Inc., intercreedal relief and rehabilitation agency. Dr. Helfferich said he had visited Lambarene and seen the real need there for goats and goat milk. He offered financial support from his Church to the project.

House Unit Restores "Religion" To List of Discriminations

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—The House Judiciary Committee reversed itself and restored the word "religion" to the list of discriminations which a proposed Federal Civil Rights Commission would be empowered to investigate.

Earlier, the committee had dropped religious discrimination in an effort to make the bill less controversial. However, a bi-partisan group of Congressmen indicated that they would fight for an amendment to have it restored on the floor unless the committee reconsidered its decision.

Rep. Lester Holtzman (D.-N.Y.), a spokesman for the group, said the

United States was settled "primarily as a refuge for the Pilgrim Fathers who suffered as a result of their religious beliefs and set out to find a new homeland where they could worship as they pleased."

Those to be honored are the late William Green, president for many

years of the American Federation of Labor; Philip Murray, longtime president of the United Steelworkers and leader of the Congress of Industrial Organizations; and Samuel Gompers, first president of the A. F. of L. and "father" of the modern organized labor movement. Mr. Green was a Protestant, Mr. Murray a Catholic, and Mr. Gompers a Jew.

George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, announced that a grant of \$36,000 is being made by the William Green Memorial Fund Committee, while \$18,000 will be given by the Philip Murray Memorial Fund and the AFL-CIO Industrial Union Department.

The two great stained glass windows will epitomize "labor's role in the religious life of the nation," he said.

He also announced gifts to two other religious institutions in memory of William Green.

Georgetown University, a Jesuit school here, will receive \$45,000 for a William Green Memorial Library of Science to be established in the university's new science amphitheater.

The New Sibley Memorial Hospital being erected on the campus of American University, a Methodist institution here, will get \$22,000 to endow a William Green Memorial Pharmacy.

Postmaster General Urges Religious Mail Rates Be Continued

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has asked Congress for an increase in second and third class

rates. But he urged that the present subsidized rates for mail of religious and non-profit organizations be left unchanged.

If Congress approves the new postal rate bill it will have the effect of increasing the amount of subsidy given non-profit groups on their second and third class mail.

The rate for religious and non-profit periodicals entered as second class matter is one and one-half cent a pound. Other periodicals now pay two and one-half cents a pound.

Religious and non-profit groups now mail circulars, bulletins and other bulk mail at one cent a piece. Other postal users pay one and one-half cents for mailings larger than 200 pieces and two cents a piece on other third class matter. This would be raised to two cents and two and one-half cents respectively, under the proposed legislation.

\$100,000 Given To Methodist Home

Chicago (RNS)—Three octogenarian residents of Bethany Methodist Home here have given \$100,000 for a 60-bed addition to the institution.

They are Edward V. Bohman, 82, a retired publisher; his wife, Bollette, and Mrs. Bohman's sister, Lucy Eckstorm, 80, a retired University of Chicago librarian. The three have occupied next door apartments in the home since 1949.

Ground was broken for the \$500,000 project which will be designated for chronically ill and geriatric cases.

thousands of pedestrians who daily pass by.

The chapel has a prayer request box and an electric push button panel for worshippers to select high fidelity hymn recordings.

Ghana Premier Pledges Continued Welcome To Missionaries

Accra, Ghana (RS)—Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Prime Minister of the new State of Ghana, told a news conference here he will continue to welcome Christian missionaries into the country.

"We owe a lot to missionaries," he said, adding that his people have become Western in their outlook and have no intention of joining the Afro-Asian bloc of Communist countries.

Most members of Ghana's Cabinet are products of mission schools and 80 per cent of the children in these schools today are registered as Christians.

The Rev. Christian G. Baeta, chairman of the Christian Council of Ghana, also paid tribute to the missionaries.

"Particularly would we remember with humble thanksgiving," he told the African Challenge, leading Protestant newspaper in West Africa, "the noble army of missionaries of the Gospel who, in selfless devotion, penetrated the deepest recesses of our land and of the lives of its people, bringing in the light of God the light by which we now live."

Dr. Baeta, who is senior lecturer in theology at the University College in Ghana, stressed however, the need to improve Christian instruction in the new nation.

"The ordinary religious instruction given is very primitive," he said, "We teach young people basic Bible stories but little instruction is given on how to carry Christianity into practical life. Only the

Christians can give the moral instruction so vital to a young nation and they must do this through literature."

Martin Luther TV Watched By 56 Per Cent of Viewers

Milwaukee, Wis. (RNS)—The world television premiere of the film "Martin Luther" here was watched by more than 56 per cent of the Milwaukee area residents who had their sets on at the 10:30 p.m. starting time.

That report was made by the American Research Bureau, New York, which conducted a telephone survey during the first 30 minutes of the one hour 45 minute program.

The film was shown over Station WISN-TV. It was sponsored by the Towne Realty Co., under arrangements made by the Lutheran Men in American of Wisconsin. Lutheran pastors urged their congregations to watch, and the program also had broad advance publicity in other Protestant churches.

Advance reaction to the film was described as mild by officials of the television station and the realty firm.

METHODISTS OPEN 'CHAPEL OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE'

Philadelphia (RNS)—Arch Street Methodist Church, located near City Hall, has opened a "Chapel of Prayer All People" to serve the

Church To Serve As Community Music Center

Atlanta, Ga. (RNS)—Wesley Memorial Methodist church here, the city's largest house of worship, will return to an old tradition of serving as a weekday community music center. In so doing the huge downtown church hopes to attract back to it worshippers who drifted away.

The Rev. Allen Phillips, pastor, announced that the church would launch its new policy by sponsoring the American Piano Trio in the building's auditorium on March 20.

By getting back to the happy custom of other days—something of value and interest at the church all week long—Mr. Phillips thinks Wesley Memorial will take a new lease on life and its pews will gradually fill up again on Sunday mornings.

Built like a French theater, the auditorium of the 55-year-old church has excellent acoustics, visibility is good from all seats and it has been described as creating "a feeling of intimacy."

"One of the purposes for which our church was built," Mr. Phillips said, "was to sponsor good music. For many years some of the best concerts and most famous lecturers to come to Atlanta were heard in Wesley Memorial's auditorium."

As a downtown church Wesley Memorial has had a hard time keeping its congregation within reach. People have moved out and inevitably it seemed easier for hundreds of them to join churches closer to home.

To offset this loss the church redoubled its efforts at community service. Its music director, Melvin R. George, runs a weekday cafeteria for the convenience of office workers in the neighborhood.

Another Credit For The UN

THE very fact that the United Nations organization has survived to date is testimony in itself to its usefulness in determining the world's destiny. So profound have been the assaults on it that only because of dramatic roles it has played in settling international disputes has it been able to withstand seemingly impossible obstacles of the past decade.

Health conditions have long been the concern of thoughtful people. Indeed, there are those who believe that the peace of the world can never be really made sure until much in the way of disease has been dealt with. Contagious diseases, plagues, and epidemics of various sorts are the especial targets of those who see health as a contributing factor to peace.

These leaders point out that as long as there are areas of desperate need and these areas are "quarantined" from the rest of the world, there can be little movement of people and goods between such areas and the outside. Without such interchange of people and goods, there is little, if any, progressive understanding. The absence of understanding often develops into misunderstanding, and on such a basis good will and peace cannot be built.

One of the less dramatic, but nonetheless creative undertakings of the United Nations has been in this very field. An agency of the UN, the World Health Organization, according to a recent World Around Press release, reports a substantial decline in the extent and severity of such dread diseases as cholera, plague, typhus and yellow fever. The organization reports further that these diseases are now shadows of their former menace, and since WHO regulations went into effect in 1952, not a single epidemic of them has occurred as a result of international travel.

Some of the severe critics of the United Nations would do well to ponder the achievements of the UN in the field of health, for if the organization did nothing else but bring health to the unhealthy, the entire program is justified. These long range successes have been accomplished without benefit of headlines, but the fact that nations decide together to pool their resources and medical skills, establish regulations for the common good of all, and work together in this field is most hopeful.

Good Stewardship Practice For Churches

ONE of the inevitable results of the Every Member Canvass program now in progress in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area will be the strengthening financially of budgets of local churches participating in the program. We have pointed out heretofore that a quickening of the church's spiritual life through this stewardship emphasis is the coveted goal of the program. Experience in churches which have undertaken this program suggests that this will happen in every instance where the program is faithfully carried out. However, what happens to additional funds which a local church receives is also a matter of good stewardship, and local church officials should approach this question prayerfully and creatively.

The tendency in many instances will be to use these additional funds for local purposes. Conceivably, in rare instances, this may be the proper course; however, we doubt if a church itself is practicing the stewardship it teaches if it uses a large part of these additional funds to strengthen itself. There are many great connectional causes of Methodism that should, we believe, receive priority in this matter, such causes as World Service, Conference Benevolences, Church Extension, Advance Specials, Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, Methodist institutions of higher learning, hospitals and children's homes.

We are confident that as finance committees of Official Boards meet to determine recommendations for the next conference year's budget, committee members will remember that it is just as obligatory for a church to practice good stewardship as it is for its members.

FUTILITY IN PLACE OF FERTILITY



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(MOFFATT TRS.)

Motives Good -- Methods Debatable

ONE of the truly great problems that confronts the courts of our land is the matter of juvenile delinquency. We have looked in many directions for the answer to this problem, but to date without a conclusive, satisfactory answer.

It is not uncommon in press reports, and especially in releases from Religious News Service, to read that a delinquent, in lieu of a jail sentence or heavy fine, has been put on probation and ordered, directed or sentenced to attend church regularly for a certain period of time on threat of having the parole revoked and the original sentence made effective.

We have no criticism of a court that follows this course of action. It is done with the best of motives and is simply an effort to save a delinquent from a verdict that might throw him with criminal elements for a while, and confirm his tendency to delinquency. This is but one of many methods used, some of them almost in desperation, in an effort to temper justice with mercy and save the child to a respectable, honorable life.

It must be that some are helped by this course of action or courts would not use this method. Much would depend on the disposition of the child. Some young people, seeing the mistakes they have made, and being thrown in company with church people for a while, might respond to this method of correction and be helped by it. Others likely would feel that the church is being used as a "whipping post," in an effort to give them direction and resent both the method and the church and, having served their "sentence," turn away from the church as if it were a penal institution.

Juvenile delinquency is not a new problem. It is as old as Cain, and still remains a pressing problem. Gangster movies, gangster programs on radio and television, as we have them in preponderance, without question have aggravated the problem in our day and, under present conditions, have made a solution almost impossible. We are for anything that sincere, sensible people do in an effort to solve the juvenile delinquency problem. Nevertheless, we feel that the idea of using the church as a compulsory, correctional institution is at least debatable.

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Sermon On The Mount Insights

By J. Carter Swaim

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The Mountain Revisited

Galilee was a surprisingly populous region. Josephus, in his history of the Jewish War, tells us that "the Galileans . . . have been always very numerous . . . the cities lie here very thick, and the many villages there are here are everywhere so full of people, . . . that the very least of them contained above fifteen thousand inhabitants." Since the number of these "villages" was reckoned at 204, or—as it reads in some versions of Josephus' autobiography—240, that would mean a total population of well over three million, in an area of about a hundred square miles.

Josephus is the only reporter we have for these matters, and there is reason to think he may have exaggerated. Since he made terms with the Romans and was by them appointed military governor of Galilee, he was always eager to make as good a showing as possible, and it would certainly not be like him to underestimate the population over which he ruled. Making allowance for that, however, it is clear that Galilee was a place where people thronged. The Gospels reveal how, at the shortest notice, crowds gathered about Jesus wherever he went. Matthew's preface to the Sermon tells us how "Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain."

The Revised Standard Version helps us to get this sense of how great numbers of people were always making it difficult for Jesus to do his work. At Matthew 5:1 the King James Version says: "And seeing the multitudes." "Multitudes" is a fine old Latin word, meaning a great number of persons collected together. A volume on best sellers in the United States is entitled "Golden Multitudes." Webster, in fact, tells us that "multitude" is "now somewhat bookish." Really to get a picture of people tumbling over each other, we need the word "crowd," which suggests masses milling in disorder.

Centenary Choir Leaves for Far East Tour

29 Members On Tour To Japan, Korea
And Okinawa — Second Trip

By Centenary News Bureau

The 29 members of the Centenary College Choir leaving today for a month-long tour of the Far East have been advised to "take a lesson from the whale: the only time he gets harpooned is when he comes up to spout."

Director A. C. Voran, in an effort to prepare his young songsters adequately for the trip, published a small blue booklet containing bits of advice designed to make the tour pleasant for all concerned.

When the singers take off from the Greater Shreveport Municipal Airport today on the first lap of their trip to Japan, Korea and Okinawa, each will be clutching a copy of the booklet, considered standard equipment for the journey. Even Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, has been provided with his own copy to guide him through the experiences of the next month.

"This is not a trip-tease, nor is it a message to the contemporary bunk thrower," Voran counsels in the opening lines of the printed material. "This is an effort to make adequate preparation for a successful tour."

The booklet urges the choir members to make the most of the tour and its opportunities for new visions, new experiences and new friends. Each choir singer is reminded that his behaviour will reflect on the entire group and is advised to act accordingly. Cooperation, consideration for others and promptness are listed as the prime requisites for a successful trip.

"It is not enough merely to go about overflowing with vague benevolence," Voran declares. "You can always do something constructive beyond the duty of keeping in condition to sing well. When some people discharge an obligation, you can hear the report for miles and miles. What we need today are cleaner minds and dirtier fingernails."

Committee assignments for facilitating the various packing and loading tasks attendant upon the trip are listed in the booklet, along with the complete itinerary and concert schedule of the tour. There also is a section entitled, "The Com-

Although "multitude" is a Latin word, even the Vulgate here has a word for tumult, mob, commotion, the word from which we get "turbulent." The opening words of the Sermon make it clear that Jesus' work was not done in lonely seclusion, but rather that he lived and labored

"Where cross the crowded ways of life."

plete Buck Passer," in which the choir members are counselled to avoid use of such alibi-phrases as "I assumed," "That's his job, not mine," and "I thought I told you."

"Tact," Voran explains, "is the knack of making a point without making an enemy. It is easy to talk too much, so keep alert on this point and be sure you have yourself in order before you complain."

The 32-member group, which includes President Mickle, Director Voran, 29 members of the 49-voice choir and Miss Patricia Shelton, reporter for The Shreveport Journal, is due to arrive in Tokyo on Sunday and to undergo processing on Monday. From Tuesday, April 2, until Monday, April 9, the schedule will cover concerts in and around Tokyo. The singers will leave for Korea on April 9 and remain there until April 17, when they will return to Tokyo for two days of resting and sightseeing. On April 20, they will leave for Okinawa, where they will present a sunrise service Easter morning for the 313th Air Division and a later chapel service at Kadena Air Base. April 24 has been set as the date for return to Tokyo.

An appreciation dinner will be given for Voran's group in Tokyo on April 25, and the following day the choir will start the return trip to the United States. Sunday, April 28, is the date set for arrival in Shreveport.

The tour will be the second Far Eastern trip the choir has made in less than one year. Voran and his singers spent last July touring the same area, and the success of the initial trip resulted in the invitation to return to the Far East.

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An Old

Magnet

By
Rev. R. A. Teeter

lying on a pile of scrap rubber. There were many pieces of metal, scraps from the nearby garage, underneath the rubber. But they were not affected in any way by the magnet. The reason, of course, being that the rubber was an insulator. I picked up the magnet, removed the layer of rubber and at once the metal leaped to meet the magnet. That was ten years ago. I still have that magnet, and it still does the same thing. It will magnetize my knife blade in a few moments—giving off some of its power yet never seeming to lose any. Its power is permanent.

Those invisible lines of magnetic power suggest many moral and spiritual values that are just as real and attract us. Some of them are brotherly love, good will, sacrifice and unselfish service. But of course we can insulate ourselves from them if we wish. We can put "rubber" between them and ourselves, and often we do. But the attraction is still there. Remove the rubber and—zip, we are in.

Jesus said: "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." He was speaking of the attracting power of his sacrificial life and death, what it would do to men. It had that power from the first and still has it. True many keep themselves insulated — break the circuit so far as they are concerned. But He is not a dead magnet. His attraction increases. And we should bear in mind we are not helpless pieces of scrap iron. We do not have to stay under the insulator. It is a good thing to ride on rubber, that is good tires on our car, but it is a bad thing to put the soul under rubber wraps. There is a metal inside us that feels the tug of love, sacrifice and service and it never dies. Just kick out from under the scrap heap, whatever it is, and come under the power of the Great Magnet. And He gives us some of His magnetism without losing a bit of his own.



Directed Louisiana District Interboard Meetings

Rev. Karl Tooke, Shreveport, conference director of stewardship, shown at right in picture is explaining Louisiana moss to the team of representatives of Methodist general boards who directed discussions during the series of interboard workshops held in each of the districts of the Louisiana Conference during the period March 11-20. With Rev. Mr. Tooke, 1 to r, are Dr. Walter Towner, Nashville, General Board of Education; Dr. J. A. Engle, New York, General Board of Missions; Dr. Lloyd C. Dougherty, Nashville, General Board of Evangelism; and Earle MacLeod, Chicago, General Board of Lay Activities.

The workshops were attended by pastors and chairmen of the following local church commissions of local churches: membership and evangelism, finance, education, and missions. District superintendents of each district had charge of the district meetings, with the general board representative giving leadership to the particular area of work of the board he represented. District and conference leaders expressed satisfaction with the workshops and the assistance given to local church leaders in the work of the local church commissions.

DESTINY AND CHANCE

Let us think about the matter of personal destiny. How far is life predetermined? Did God a million years ago foresee and foreordain that on this particular day of March we should be engaged in whatever we are doing?



Or take the questions often put to me, "Did God predestine that Judas should betray Jesus in order to carry out the divine plan of salvation? And if so, should Judas be blamed for being merely the instrument of the divine purpose?"

And of course, we might answer that if Judas deserved no blame for fulfilling a foreordained plan, then Jesus merits no praise for carrying God's plan through to the Cross. Such reasoning reduces the question of predestination practically to absurdity. Oh, yes, this matter of personal destiny raises man baffling queries.

But swing to the other extreme and say there is no such thing as destiny at all.

Some years ago Robert Blatchford, a British journalist, wrote his autobiography. He opened the book with a passage in which he attributed his success, such as it was, to luck. In explanation he said his mother had been an actress. When he was 10 years old, she was offered the choice of two engagements.

Unable to decide for herself, she asked her little sons to make the decision. As they happened to know only one of the two towns, they chose the one they knew. Had they gone to the other town, said Blatchford, he would not have met the girl whom he eventually married, and who became such a factor in his life.

Moreover, he attributed his securing of a position in the field of journalism to the fact that a friend of his happened to take lodgings in a house with a young man who had just been engaged on a newspaper. Thus two great factors in his life, his marriage and his vocation, Blatchford ascribed directly to chance.

Life is strewn with enigmas like this. Events sometimes seem to turn on the most casual and unpredictable occurrences. Centuries ago the writer of Ecclesiastes looked out on his world and said: "This race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise nor riches to the man of understanding, nor yet favor to the man of skill; but time and chance happen to them all." Yes, the best of people often suffer reverses through no fault of their own. Accidents do come to the most careful.

How can we reconcile chance with the laws and purposes of God? Our science is based on the belief that this is a law-abiding universe, and our duty is to do all in our power to master the laws which reduce the element of chance.

Recall how Louis Pasteur discovered the principle of vaccination. He had been studying the diseases of sheep and hogs. He had taken serum containing germs from infected animals and was developing the cultures in his laboratory. During a vacation season his assistant failed to feed the cultures properly, and on his return Pasteur found them in a half-condition.

The assistant, in his chagrin, was proceeding to throw the cultures away when Pasteur stopped him, saying, "Let's see what they will do." Taking those enfeebled germs, Pasteur injected them into healthy animals and thereby discovered the principle of vaccination. His critics taunted him, saying he had stumbled on it. "It came by chance," they mocked. Pasteur replied simply, "True, but chance favors the trained mind."

The wise man learns and uses all the laws he knows to overcome chance. The good farmer takes every precaution to insure his crop by proper cultivation, and then he has to take a chance on the weather. There is an element of uncertainty even after he has done his best.

But it is because of the elements of chance and uncertainty that we develop faith, hope and love. If the rewards of goodness were always visible and assured, there would be no heroism and no sacrifice. If the answers to prayer were to come directly the next day, religion would be reduced to the level of a heavenly post office.

But God is more than postmaster. God is a Father who works by love. And in love there is always risk.

The Layman's Column

By
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THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

In the whole stewardship of life, we find the stewardship of possessions written in large letters on any study that we give to the subject. Of course there are those who complain constantly that the Church does not talk about much else besides money, but my own experience, drawn from church attendance one to four times per Sunday does bear that out. In fact, the person who makes such a charge is in danger of placing himself on the category with people who neither give nor do much else toward discharging their duty toward God. The Methodist Church has talked far too little about our financial duty toward God and His work on the earth.

Fortunately, we are placing a great deal more emphasis these days on this part of our Christian duty than we have done in the past. Maybe it is because men and women are beginning to realize that one's financial obligation is not just to "the preachers," or to "your church," as some say when we go around to talk with them about it. Some of us can remember when a man did his best to screw down his pledge just as far as he could get by with, forgetting that such a pledge was actually a part of his duty toward Christ and His kingdom on earth. Maybe these people should remember that Christ will have the final word in their lives one day. Besides, we are told that if we refuse to witness for Him here, He will not witness for us in the world to come. That of itself is a pretty dangerous chance to take when we realize that we can witness with our pledges just as we can with our other activities.

Some church members proudly say that they don't believe in making pledges.

I wonder what they told the preacher when they wanted to get married. How can they buy a car on credit without a pledge? How can they stay in business without pledging their customers that they will deliver good merchandise at acceptable prices? How can they stand in front of the preacher at the baptism of their children without making a pledge? What are the vows

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

OF WHAT ARE OUR FEARS COMPOUNDED?

Those who should know tell us that never before in our history were we Americans as well off economically as we are today. And each of us, from our own observations, will agree. Not only so, but a case can be made that never before were we as rich culturally or educationally as we are today: think of the increasing millions in our colleges; the increase in the creation and patronage of the arts—from the offerings of TV and the newspapers to the theaters, galleries, museums and books in every field. In no other land is there such wealth; and at no other time in history, we are assured, did any people enjoy such wealth.

And yet, despite this wealth and the outward appearance of well-being, there lurks in the mind and spirit of Americans a deep-seated, haunting fear. True, most of us don't know what we are afraid of—we may even laugh at it—but we don't lose it for all our laughter. We laughed a few years ago about folks who "looked under the bed every night for a communist": that fear may be lessened, but a host of others seem to have grown up beside it. No one can foretell what insane thing a fear-driven man will do with a gun—or with wealth.

Three men—the President, a former president, and a cabinet officer—expressed, within a few days of each other, some conflicting ideas about our nation's wealth, prosperity, and growth.

of church membership but pledges?...No, that old dog won't hunt any more.

The Methodist Church has a great opportunity to do a job of carrying the gospel around the world. We know the need. We can even find a fair number of volunteers to do the work, either on the other side of the world or on our own doorstep. Let us all enter into this Every Member Canvass with enthusiasm and show ourselves as well as God what we can do through a consecration of our financial possessions to a larger degree than we have done in the past.

ing costs—and the frightened owners of stocks saw values "tumble." Just a word or two of "caution" came near causing panic. Doctors and psychiatrists—and dispensers of aspirin and tranquilizers and sleeping pills—confirm the wide extent of fear. Yet, no one quite knows what he fears—and perhaps that's the most dangerous part of it.

I have an idea, however, that our national fear is compounded of a number of fears among individuals or groups. And I would venture that these five ingredients are present, in varied degree, in most of our fears:

If by "prosperity" we mean the possession of things necessary or desirable to life, then prosperity cannot forever be kept and flaunted by America alone. Sooner or later, by one means or another, all men will ultimately get what they need. Do we not unconsciously dread the revolt of the have-nots, the upsetting of our own abundant apple-carts? Do we sometimes have a slight feeling of guilt?

There is a suspicion among us that America (or the world) cannot go on endlessly increasing its consumption (or destruction) of natural resources—even of its soil. "Sometime" mankind must "strike a level": in both population and production. Will that come in an early tomorrow? What will it do to our economy, our abundance?

If one owned a man-killing tiger, and knew that the bars of its cage were weak, could one sleep easily? We have the greatest concentration of armed might in the world, we are adding to the know-how and global range of atomic arms, we are burdened by war-time taxes to keep abreast of military needs in a day of uneasy peace. And we can't sleep lest the beast at any moment break out of bounds and maul its owner. We fear ourselves and our "strength."

And through it all there arises within us a disquieting doubt: doubt as to what we really believe, what is the goal of life; doubt as to the true values in our accumulated materials, and in our subordination of spiritual meanings and concerns; doubt as to whether we have traveled on the right road, and greater doubt as to what lies in the miles and years ahead. Perhaps we have walked too confidently on our own paths, and have slipped our hands from out the hand of God.

Our fears may mean we are unconsciously groping for that hand again—seeking the surety of walking in step with God, his universe, his purposes.

Pledge?

Not I

No Sir! Don't Expect

Me To Pledge

Because - - - -



Some of Materials Available For Every Member Canvass Program Now In Progress In Arkansas-Louisiana Area

1.—
I DON'T BELIEVE IN PLEDGING.

If you really mean that, then how did you ever get married without making a pledge? Or how did you get that car on installments, or buy your home, or have the gas and electricity turned on, or join your lodge, or enter into any of a dozen other contractual arrangements?

2.—
OH, YES, I KNOW ALL THOSE OLD ARGUMENTS, BUT THE CHURCH ISN'T A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION. IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE SUPPORTED BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

On the contrary, the church is in the biggest business in the world and could not have survived if its work were not established on a sound business basis. It is the most lenient of all creditors and because of that fact, we are apt to take advantage of it. God has kept his part of the partnership wonderfully, so don't you think we are honor bound to play fair with him?

3.—
BUT THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY I MUST MAKE A PLEDGE.

Jesus did not say so in just those words, but he did say, "I am not come to destroy the law, but to fulfill." The law made inexorable demands upon the people, as illustrated by the tithe. The New Testament abounds in definite insistence that every man must accept his definite responsibility and meet it regularly.

4.—
WELL, ANYWAY, I AM NOT SURE OF MY INCOME FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR AHEAD.

Are any of us? We are not even sure of life itself, but we must venture ahead by faith. The enlistment card states clearly that the pledge may be changed at any time that our circumstances change. Our pledge is simply the evidence of our love and faith in God.

5.—
I DISLIKE MAKING A PUBLIC DISPLAY OF MY BENEVOLENCES. THAT IS A PRIVATE MATTER BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE LORD.

We would all agree that we should not make our gifts to be seen of men, but we must be careful not to withhold our testimony. This is a means of witnessing to our loyalty to Christ and his cause. The benevolence treasurer and possibly the pastor are the only ones who will know the amount of your pledge, but the fact that you are a pledged supporter will be a valuable stimulus to others.

6.—
BUT I HAVE SO MANY OBLIGATIONS, CHILDREN IN COLLEGE, HOUSE TO PAY FOR, HEAVY INCOME TAXES, AND I'LL HAVE TO GIVE AS I AM ABLE.

Most of us feel the burden of obligations like that. The very fact that you have them shows that God has entrusted you with many things, including a substantially taxable income. Is it not much more worthy of a recipient of such a trust to give Him regular acknowledgment of that debt by a regular, dependable return?

7.—
I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THE CHURCH IS RUN AND CAN'T PLEDGE TO SOMETHING THAT IS INEFFICIENT.

You and I are the church, so we cannot make a statement like that without including ourselves in the criticism. We either ought to become more active in rectifying the mistakes which we say are being made or affiliate elsewhere. As long as you and I remain in this church, we are responsible for its success or failure and owe it our support.

8.—
WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT WE ARE GIVING TO THE CHURCH BACK HOME.

If you are actually doing that, you are not setting a good example of meeting covenant obligations. What usually happens is that the contribution to the home church is spasmodic and inadequate, while the church that is the spiritual haven in the lump of worldly community is denied its rightful support from those of us who are indebted to it.

9.—
ANYWAY, I'M HAPPIER THIS WAY!

Do you really think so? Is happiness gained by avoiding acceptance of responsibility? Is it gained by selfish acquisition and application of possessions or by sharing with Christ in serving others? I think you know the answer.

Many of the local churches in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area have already completed their organization for the Area-Wide Every Member Canvass Program which is now underway. Among one of the first churches in the Area to complete its organization was the Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock. Included in the

organization are: Front, left to right: Dr. Fred R. Harrison, Elbert L. Fausett, Cecil Harder, chairman, W. T. Coleman, Thomas Harrison. Back, left to right: Beal Kidd, Ed G. Lovett, Allan Berry, Carl A. Harned, and Rev. Carlos E. Martin.



AND SO, TO PLEDGE . . .

Compels me to acknowledge God's claim on my life.

Enables me to budget my outgo with planned accuracy.

Enables the church to plan its work with assurance and efficiency.

Means that I will not let down the courageous missionaries who have gone out in my place.

Gives me contentment in the knowledge that I am helping to guarantee the future life of the church in my home town.

(From material supplied by the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches)

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

DR. NEILL HART, Camden, Arkansas, superintendent of the Camden district, was guest evangelist in a revival service at the Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 10-17, where Rev. Ira W. Flowers is pastor.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH W. JONES, Chaplain with the U. S. Army unit in Ruston, was the guest speaker at the Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, March 10, where Rev. Henry Blount is pastor.

REV. HENRY BLOUNT, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, was guest speaker at a Spring Youth Banquet at the First Methodist Church, Farmerville, on March 20. Rev. W. V. Sirman is pastor of the Farmerville church.

REV. TRACY ARNOLD, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest preacher at the Haynesville Methodist Church Sunday morning, March 24. Rev. Jack Midyett is pastor of the church.

ROBERT HILL JAMES, assistant professor of social studies at McNeese State college spoke at the DeQuincy Methodist Church Sunday evening, March 10, on "World Peace." Rev. A. A. McKnight is pastor of the church.

REV. LAEL S. JONES, pastor of the Mer Rouge Methodist Church, was guest speaker at a revival service held at the Goodwill Methodist Church, on the Kilbourne Charge, March 17-24, where Rev. John D. Bell is pastor.

REV. EARL HOTALEN, superintendent of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, Baton Rouge, was guest speaker at the McGuire Methodist Church, West Monroe, Sunday, March 24, where Rev. Ira A. Love is pastor.

REV. SAM NADER, superintendent of the Lake Charles District preached at the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, Sunday morning, March 24. Fourth Quarterly Conference was held in the afternoon. Rev. James Whitaker is pastor of the church.

REV. JACK MIDYETT, pastor of the Haynesville Methodist Church was the guest preacher at the morning service of the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Sunday, March 24. The pastor, Rev. Jolly B. Harper was preaching at Franklin.

REV. WILLIAM F. MAYO, pastor of the Tallulah Methodist church, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Rayville Methodist Men's Club, Friday, March 15. L. C. Naron is president of the Club. Rev. W. D. Bodide is pastor of the church.

REV. GEORGE HARPER, pastor of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest preacher in revival services at the Belcher Methodist Church, March 18-23. Services were held daily at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. J. L. Beasley is pastor of the Belcher-Gilliam charge.

C. E. PONDER, Church School Superintendent of the Brownville Methodist Church, West Monroe, was guest speaker at the Methodist Men's Club meeting at the church, Thursday evening, March 13. His subject was "Unity." Rev. Paul Durbin is pastor of the church.

JIMMIE DAVIS, former governor of the state of Louisiana, was guest speaker at the First Methodist Church Men's Club, Alexandria, on Feb. 22, when "Ladies Night" was observed. Nugent Hill is president of the Club, and Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Sr., is pastor of the church.

REV. DONALD M. RISINGER, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Homer, was guest preacher in a week of evangelistic services at the Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, March 18-24. Services were held each evening at 7:30. Rev. Byrl Moreland is pastor of the church.

REV. J. HENRY BOWDEN, JR., pastor of the Live Oak Methodist Church, Watson, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Amite Methodist Men's Club, March 7, at the home of Ike

Case. Preceding the meeting dinner was served by Mrs. Case and Mrs. Omer Strong. Rev. James E. Christie is pastor of the Amite church.

REV. W. V. SIRMAN, pastor of the Farmerville Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the Sterlington Methodist Church, Monday evening, March 18. Rev. W. M. Allen is pastor of the church. Ferrell Earl is president of the Men's Club.

JACK BARINGER was recommended for License to Preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, on March 10. Jack was recently elected president of the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement for the ensuing year. Rev. Luman Douglas is pastor of the Carrollton church.

REV. DOUGLAS McGUIRE, pastor of the Park Avenue Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, Friday night, March 22. The Club observed "Ladies Night." Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor of the church.

DR. GUY HICKS, superintendent of the Ruston District, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Jennings Rotary Club, March 5. He used as his topic, "What Do We Want From Life?" Dr. Hicks, who was conducting a revival at the First Methodist Church, was introduced by the pastor, Rev. Robert B. Crichlow, who is also the president of the club.

DEAN R. E. SMITH, dean emeritus of Centenary College, Shreveport, was guest speaker for members of the Methodist Student Movement, Wednesday, March 6, in the Religious Center on the campus. Emily Learner of Baton Rouge is president of the Centenary MSM, and Rev. James McLean, director of religious activities, is faculty sponsor.

C. O. HOLLAND, of Minden, Methodist leader, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club at the Haynesville Methodist Church, Feb. 28. Other special entertainment for the meeting was the Haynesville high school choral group under the direction of J. M. Parks. Rev. Jack Midyett is pastor of the church.

JOHN STANDRIDGE, member of the Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, was guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the Rayne Methodist Church. Reports from the Boy Scout Troop 66 and Cub Scout Pack 349, both sponsored by the club, were given at the meeting. Rev. Douglas T. Williams is pastor of the church.

DR. JOHN C. TREVER, professor of Religion, Morris Harvey College, Charleston, W. Virginia, lectured on the Bible, March 15-16-17, at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church in the New Orleans District Adult Bible Conference. Dr. Trever also preached at the morning service of the church, Sunday, March 17. Dr. A. M. Sere is pastor at Rayne Memorial.

H. J. COTTEN, of Lake Charles, passed away recently after a long illness. He was 89 years of age. Mr. Cotten was the father of Rev. C. J. T. Cotten, pastor of Fisher Methodist Church, Franklinton. He is also survived by another son, Sidney Cotten of Lake Charles; and two daughters, Mrs. S. E. Beasley of DeQuincy; and Mrs. O. E. Jones of Shreveport.

DR. CARL F. LUEG, pastor of First Church, Lake Charles, will be the evangelist and the Reverend Jack Cooke, pastor, First Church, Welsh, La., will be the director of music in a revival meeting at the Rayville Methodist Church, Sunday, March 31 through Friday, April 5. Services will be held daily at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. W. D. Boddie, pastor, will be in charge of the services.

REV. K. G. McDOWELL, pastor of the Vivian Methodist Church, is the guest preacher in revival services being held at the Tallulah Meth-

odist Church, March 25-31. Services are being held each night. Rev. John Case, Vicksburg, Mississippi, is directing the music during the services; and also leading the services for the youth of the church. Rev. William F. Mayo is pastor.

REV. R. LEONARD COOKE, vice president of Centenary College, was guest speaker at the morning service of the Gilbert Methodist Church, Sunday, March 10. On Sunday, March 17, the Rev. Mr. Cooke spoke at the First Methodist Church in West Monroe. Rev. J. W. Boyd is pastor of the church at Gilbert, and Rev. W. D. Milton is pastor of First Church in West Monroe.

REVIVAL SERVICES being held at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, are being led by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Giles, assisted by Rev. Lea Joyner, March 17-24. March 24-31 the services will be led by Rev. A. W. Townsend, superintendent of the Alexandria district. The church has recently completed installation of air-conditioning in the sanctuary.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of New Iberia observed Choir Week, March 3-10. The four choirs of the church are the Chancel choir, for older youth and adults; Youth choir for intermediate young people; Herald choir for 9, 10 and 11 years olds; Cherub choir for first and second grade children. These choirs presented a program of sacred music at the church Sunday, March 10, at the evening service. Rev. W. R. Wendt is pastor of the church.

DR. ROY BAGLEY of Fayetteville, Arkansas, superintendent of the Fayetteville District of the North Arkansas Conference, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church in its charter meeting Tuesday, March 12, using as his subject, "The Methodist Church in India." Dr. Bagley toured India in 1956 while on a world tour and visited the "Centenary of Indian Methodism" at Luknow. Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor of the Noel Memorial church.

DR. DANA DAWSON, JR., pastor of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was speaker at the evening service of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Sunday evening, March 10. Dr. Dawson will report on his recent trip to the Holy Land, using colored slides taken on the tour to illustrate his talk. His talk was the beginning of a Sunday evening fellowship series to last during the period of Lent, according to John R. Oldham, chairman of the commission on education. The program was planned to reach every age in the church. Rev. J. P. Woodland is pastor of the church.

REV. WALTER C. EYSTER, pastor of Epworth Methodist Church, Marion, Ohio, has been named to the staff of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes. In announcing his appointment, General Secretary Olin E. Oeschger said that the Ohio clergyman will become Director of Personnel and Institutional-Church Relations. He will assume his new duties at the board's national headquarters at 740 Rush Street, Chicago on May 1. Duties of the new director, according to Mr. Oeschger, will include "strengthening the bonds between the church and our 209 hospitals and homes and procuring qualified Christian personnel for our institutions." He said that Mr. Eyster would also aid in the promotion of Golden Cross.

METHODIST BISHOP RICHARD C. RAINES, Indianapolis, Ind., left March 11 on a month's visitation to Korea for the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church. He will assist Bishop Hyungki Lew at sessions of the three annual conferences of the Korean Methodist Church, an autonomous body, and confer with missionaries, chaplains and educators of the church. Bishop Raines also plans to inspect churches, schools and orphanages being built by the \$1½ million fund raised by American Methodists for the Korean church. As president of the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions, Bishop Raines said he plans to confer with church and government officials about "the serious crisis of Korea's monetary exchange" which, due to inflation, is restricting the work of American missionaries.



A group of leaders of the Clinton Methodist Church are shown here inspecting the new Educational Building and Sanctuary of the Blackwater Methodist Church near Baton Rouge. Clinton Methodists are contemplating beginning a building program in the near future. Shown l to r in the picture are Walter G. Felps, chairman of the Clinton Building Committee and church school superintendent, Mrs. Charles F. Record, Sr., Mrs. Frank Haynes, Rev. George Harkins, pastor, and John D. Boutte.

Monroe District Parsonettes Meet

The January meeting of the Monroe District Parsonettes met in the home of Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy in Monroe with Mrs. R. H. Staples, Mrs. W. F. Mayo, Mrs. J. P. McKeithen, and Mrs. B. D. Foreman as co-hostesses.

Mrs. E. L. Tatum read a paper in monologue from "The Parsonette in the Church." A discussion period followed, and luncheon was served.

Mrs. W. F. Mayo presented the Parsonette as a hostess at the February meeting of the group. She emphasized the importance of the minister's wife being a good hostess. Many helpful suggestions were given for entertaining at different occasions such as open house, dinners, and various meetings of church groups.

The hostess for the February meeting was Mrs. W. D. Milton at the parsonage of First Methodist Church, West Monroe. Co-hostesses, who helped serve the luncheon, were Mrs. F. N. Simmons, Mrs. F. H. House, Jr., Mrs. Cecil Mims, and Mrs. B. P. Durbin.

First Unit Planned For Horseshoe Drive

Pictured at right is the architects drawing of the first unit of the building program which is being planned by members of the Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church, Alexandria. This church's building program is the current 1,000 club call of the Louisiana conference.

Expected to cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000 plans are now being completed by Prince & Dekeyzer, Architects.

The congregation, now meeting in the nearby Masonic Home, owns its building site which was recently deeded to it by the Alexandria district Board of Missions, according to Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr.,

Ruston District Holds Essay Contest

The Ruston District Essay Speech Contest was held Saturday, March 16, at the First Methodist Church, Arcadia. Winners were: Miss Nancy Stewart, Pine Grove, Minden, La., First Place; Don Spencer, Clay, Second Place; and Miss Shirley Plunkett, Castor, Third Place. Others who participated were: Miss Marilyn Lowrey, Lisbon; Miss Judy McCalman, Homer; Miss Marilyn Watson, Arcadia; and Miss Martha Jane Ponder, Eros.

Judges were: Miss Pearley Mae Kelly, Rev. C. B. White, and Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr., all of Ruston.

MEMORIAL METHODISTS BEGIN CONSTRUCTION

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Duncan Buford, Memorial Methodist older adult class president, Mrs. Thomas Green, First Church W.S.C.S. president, Thomas L. Knight, Memorial official board chairman, Calvin A. Lovell, Memorial young adult class president, Joe Rolfe White, chairman First Church official board, Miss Sarahbeth Ferguson, Memorial M.Y.F. president, Mrs. George Hiatt, Memorial W.S.C.S. vice-president.

The Memorial Methodist Church was the 1,000 Club project for the December-February period.

Children's Home Receives Book Set

The Monroe Exchange Club presented a set of Encyclopaedia Britannica Junior to the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston, March 6. The presentation was made as a part of National Crime Prevention Week sponsored by the Exchange Club each year.

Accepting the gift for the home was Dr. C. B. White, superintendent. J. H. Williams and Marion Perkins, presented the books for the Exchange Club.

One hundred youth institutions throughout the country received similar sets from the National Exchange Club, an annual distribution event with the co-operation of the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Trinity Plans Holy Week Services

The Rev. C. D. Pinkard, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Buras, has announced Holy Week services to begin at 11 a.m., April 14, and continuing through the 11 a.m. service, Easter Sunday. The Rev. Edward W. Harris, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, will be the visiting preacher at the daily services at 7:30 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, a sunrise service will be held on the Gulf Dock, overlooking the Mississippi River with the Rev. Carpenter, a Baptist minister preaching.

At 7:30 p.m., Easter Sunday, a cantata will be presented in Trinity Church with the Baptist Choir assisting in the services. The membership class will be received at the morning service.

Montgomery Receives Sanctuary Window

The Methodist Church of Montgomery, La., has received a Stained Glass Rose Window. This window, which measures three feet in diameter and is circular, was given to the Church by Mr. and Mrs. Felix G. Wardlow.

The window is to be placed in the Church so that it will be in view of the congregation at all times. It will be placed at the front of the Sanctuary, behind the choir. Thus it will be behind the minister as he preaches to the congregation.

This window is but another addition to the Montgomery Church's building program. Soon the entire Church plant will be brick "veneered." The Rev. James C. Skinner is pastor.

N.O. 1st Church Men's Club Gets New Charter

The Methodist Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, New Orleans, held its regular monthly meeting, March 15.

Highlights of the session included the presentation of the club's new charter issued in the name of the First Methodist Church, a business session, and a turkey dinner. W. J. Michon, president of the group, was named to attend the Second National Conference of Methodist Men in Lafayette, Ind., in July.

Reservation chairman for the dinner was P. D. Hodge. His co-workers were Harry F. Miller, Clyde F. Shaw, and Ed D. Sounders, who also was in charge of meeting notices.

Clyde F. Shaw, Robert R. Ruano, and Mrs. Williams Cook, prepared the dinner which was served by Robert E. Crary, Walter Wellman, William Sauls, Jack Simpson, Asa Chandler, C. E. Morris, and H. L. Brockman.

A film, "The Looking Glass," was shown. Al F. Hanson is program chairman.

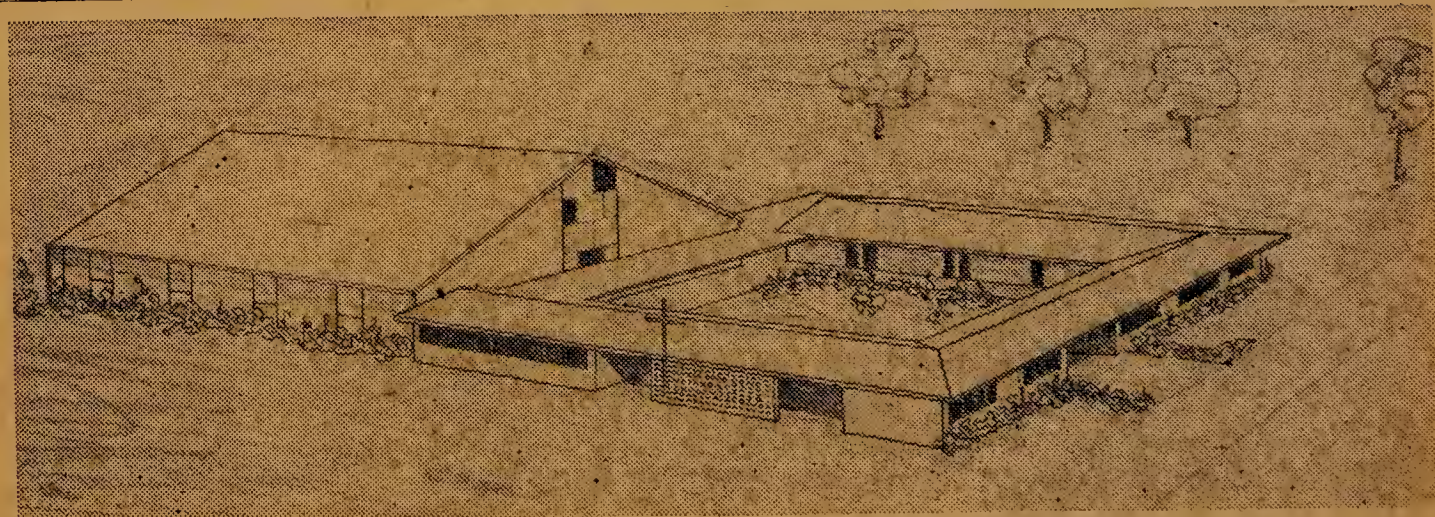
The Rev. D. B. Boddie, associate pastor of First Methodist Church, presented the new charter to the club. The Rev. Arthur M. Baker, St. Joseph, La., was a special guest; and the Dr. N. H. Melbert is First Church pastor. Fred E. Selby is publicity chairman.

Gentilly Launches Loyalty Campaign

Gentilly Methodist Church has launched a campaign stressing "Twelve Sundays in God's House." The beginning was an every member canvass by the official board and a calendar was given each family showing the sermon topics for each Sunday of the period.

The pastor, Rev. E. P. Drake, is stressing church loyalty and many families have signed pledges to attend service once on Sunday for twelve weeks. To date, all services have been well attended including night Communion Services on the first Sunday of each month.

The series will come to a climax when Rev. R. R. Branton of Lafayette preaches on Palm Sunday and every night during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. From all indications, the twelve Sundays Campaign will be a success and the good attendance will continue through the year.



Alexandria district superintendent. The church will be erected on

Horseshoe Drive, in the section south of MacArthur Drive and con-

struction is expected to begin in late May.

Youth Attend Two-Day Session At Shreveport

Some 85 youth representatives and 30 counselors attended a Christian Witness Weekend, March 22-23, sponsored by the Shreveport Sub-district which includes Methodist youth in the Shreveport area.

Registration was at First Methodist Church and was followed by group singing and supper. Evangelistic training was directed by Miss Louise Sharp, director of youth work in the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church. A communion service and prayer period concluded the day's activities.

The delegates divided into four groups and met at various churches Saturday for sessions. Visitation began at 9 a.m., and continued until 11:30 a.m. An afternoon period of visitation was held from 1 to 4 o'clock.

A sharing session was held at Noel Memorial Methodist Church Saturday night with the Rev. Roy Mouser presiding. Recreation followed, conducted by Miss Barbara Hilton and the Rev. Ben Youngblood.

President of the group is Kenneth Ellzey, and counselors are the Rev. Mr. Youngblood, the Rev. Lawrence Gilbert; and Jim Lamberson.

Gentilly MYF Holds "Talent Night"

On Saturday night, March 9th, the combined MYF groups of the Gentilly Methodist Church held a "Talent Night" in the church auditorium. The program was well attended and the youth people added to their treasury over one hundred dollars to be used to provide a worship center for their meeting room.

Booths were set up to sell refreshments along with a fish pond for the kiddies and a dart game for daddies. All talent in the "dramatic"

Parkin Girl Scouts Receive Awards



Three Girl Scouts, all members of the Parkin First Methodist Church, recently received the Curved Bar, Girl Scouting's highest award at a special service at the high school auditorium.

Those receiving the award, pictured above left to right, are: Carolyn Howser, a board member of the MYF; Lynda Farris, MYF secretary; and Glynda Farris, MYF reporter. They are all members of Troop 51.

The Rev. Charles Lewis is pastor of the Parkin Methodist Church.

The Youthful Accent

By Hoover Rupert

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

"Swindlers get \$1,322" — that's what the headlines said in the Milwaukee newspaper I had purchased in the station prior to boarding the train. And there I read the all too common story of a lady who had been bilked out of her savings by the ancient swindle known as "the pigeon drop."

Her story is worth looking at and

and musical portion of the affair was provided by the MYF and all acts were well received.

Both the Senior and Intermediate MYF groups at Gentilly have been very active and have earned recognition in the church by many services they perform in the church program.

storing up for information should you ever have the chance to make some easy money as she did. As she told police the story this is what happened: She got into conversation with one of the two other women in the case, in a downtown department store. The second came up to report she had just found some money, supposedly in the amount of \$6,000.00. The two agreed to split the money with the victim if she would put up some money to show her good faith. She reported to police that she told them she was not interested in their money, but that they threatened her and said, "You do what you're told. You know about the money and you're in this as deep as we are."

She claimed they forced her to go to a Savings and Loan firm where she had her savings, where she drew out the money. The woman with her waited outside, after warning her to tell no one what the money was for. Later they rejoined the third woman downtown at 1:30 P.M., the money changed hands—in good faith, that is—and the victim never saw them again, though they promised to return at 3:00 P.M. with her share of the six thousand simeleons. So, good-bye \$1,322! And the police can probably do very little about it for by now the confidence gals have flown the pigeon coop and are enjoying life with \$1,300. (By now they have spent the 22.)

It is not for me to judge the motives of the victim, but in most instances of this kind, the victim is one who sees a chance to get something for nothing, or for very little. The sudden opportunity for \$2,000, makes the risk involved very little. Good chance that savings account could read 3,322. But it doesn't.

Altogether too many teen-agers are growing up with the idea that life does offer something for nothing. One of life's disillusioning experiences comes with the discovery that you find price tags on every thing in life—good and bad alike. Nearly a century ago, Emerson said it when he wrote, "If you want something in life, pay the price and take it." If you want only pleasure, then pay the price of poverty in the other areas of experience. But

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WITH THE SUB- DISTRICTS

Ricebelt

The Ricebelt Sub-district MYF dedicated \$200 to be used to build a class port at Camp Tanako at the Mar. 11 meeting. The service was at Pleasant Grove. The host pastor, the Rev. A. C. Rogers, gave the prayer of dedication. The money was raised by the local MYF groups and brought to the meeting.

Other projects already completed this year include a food offering for the Methodist Children's Home, gathering of supplies in Arkansas County for Goodwill Industries, and each MYF group sending at least one package of supplies to a home mission project, most of which were sent to Holding Institute and the Navaho Indian Mission.

Ricebelt sub-district officers are: president, Richard Mustin; vice president, Ken Shueman; treasurer, Linda Minton; and secretary, Sue Berryman.

Grace Curtiss

The Grace Curtiss Sub-district met Monday night, Mar. 11, at Langley's Chapel. Rosemary Jones, president, conducted the business session.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The program was presented by the Langley's Chapel MYF. The Rev. Harold Eggenberger, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Blytheville, spoke and showed pictures taken during his month at the Church Leaders Camp in 1951.

Games, refreshments and songs were enjoyed by all present. The meeting was closed with the MYF benediction.

Franklin

A sub-district meeting was held in Franklin, Mar. 10, according to reports by Evelyn Brown and Gerald Price publicity editors.

The sub-district group includes Berwick, Mergan City, Jeanerette and Franklin Methodist Youth Fellowships. The meeting was at the First Methodist Church in Franklin.

Arcadia

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Arcadia area met Mar. 11, at the Gibsland Methodist Church. The leadership training course on recreation being taught by the Rev. Rose Carithers, was held in connection with the meeting.

The Gibsland MYF served refreshments to the group. The meeting had previously been scheduled for Arcadia, but was moved to Gibsland because a district workshop on the Every-Member Canvas program was held in Arcadia on the 11th.

Timothy-Stephens

The Sub-district MYF met at the Timothy Methodist Church, Feb. 21, and about 60 attended the evening session.

The Rev. Winston H. Hudnal, pastor, directed the program. A business session was held which was followed by a song service, and refreshments were served. The devotional was led by the Timothy MYF, and the meeting was closed with the MYF benediction.

SEARCY YOUTH EARNS EAGLE BADGE

Jim Bost of Searcy has achieved the highest goal in Scouting. On Tuesday, March 5th, he was presented his Eagle Badge by Mr. Nile Montgomery, Quapaw Area Scout Executive. In making the presentation Mr. Montgomery said that the award was not only a re-

cognition of Scouting skills but of the highest character and leadership.

Jim is a member of First Methodist Church in Searcy, where last year he earned the God and Country Award. He is president of the Junior High MYF and takes part in all the activities of the Church. He is Junior Scout leader of the Church sponsored Troop 140. He is the son of Mrs. Allan Bost and the late Mr. Bost, who was Division Superintendent with the Arkansas Power and Light Company. Mrs. Bost is the church secretary and Jim regularly assists her with such tasks as addressing the bulletin and preparing the pews for Sunday.

In the 9th grade in the Searcy High School, Jim has a variety of other interests. He is a licensed amateur radio operator (as a result of which he assists in the technical production of the Church's Sunday morning radio broadcast), and he is a member of the High School Band.

Jim is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bost of Atkins. The Rev. Alvin C. Murry is pastor of the Searcy First Methodist Church.



JIM BOST



LOUISIANA CONFERENCE DISTRICT MEETINGS ANNOUNCED



MRS. W. B. LANDRUM

Woman's Division

Field Worker, To Speak

Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Field Worker with the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions, will be the guest speaker at each of the district meetings in the Louisiana Conference March 31-April 14. Mrs. Landrum, before joining the staff of the Woman's Division, served as officer in her local, district, conference and jurisdiction societies, living during that time at Tyler, Texas, in the Central Texas Conference.

Shreveport District:

March 31, Guild meeting—Sunday afternoon—2:30 P.M. Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, La.
April 2, W.S.C.S. Tuesday 10:00 A.M. Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, La.

Ruston District:

April 3, W.S.C.S. Wednesday 10:00 A.M. First Methodist Church, Haynesville, La.

Monroe District:

April 4, Thursday, W.S.C.S. 10:00 A.M. Southside Methodist Church, Monroe, La.

Alexandria District:

April 5, Friday, W.S.C.S. Colfax Methodist Church, 10:00 A.M. Colfax, La.
April 7, Sunday afternoon, 2:00 P.M. Wesleyan Service Guild, First Methodist Church, Alexandria, La.

Lake Charles District:

April 9, Tuesday, W.S.C.S. 10:00 A.M. First Methodist Church, Deridder, La.

Lafayette District:

April 10, Wednesday, W.S.C.S. 10:00 A.M. First Methodist Church, Lafayette, La.

Baton Rouge District:

April 11, Thursday, W.S.C.S. 10:00 A.M. Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, La.

New Orleans District:

April 12, Friday, W.S.C.S. 10:00 A.M. Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, La.
April 12, Friday, Guild, 8:00 P.M., at Second Methodist Church, New Orleans, La.

HOT SPRINGS TO ENTERTAIN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, will entertain the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service for its Annual Meeting April 9-10.

Mrs. M. E. Scott, El Dorado, conference president, announces that the Executive Committee will meet Monday, April 8 at 6 p.m. for dinner at the church. Committee meetings will be held Monday afternoon, beginning at 2 p.m.

All Delegates and ministers' wives will be furnished hospitality; registrations should be sent as soon as possible to Mrs. O. A. Smith, 108 Forest Park, Hot Springs. No meals will be served at the church, and there is no registration fee, so no money need be sent.

Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, will be the evening speaker Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Russellville, secretary of Literature and Publication of the South Central Jurisdiction, will present askit on literature on Wednesday afternoon.

She will also conduct a panel on the Local Churchwoman.

Members of the panel were chosen from eighteen names sent to the conference committee by the districts, and were chosen on the basis of representing different lines of work in the church. Members of the panel are: Arkadelphia District: Mrs. H. King Wade, Sr., Hot Springs; Camden District: Mrs. J. William Russell, Jr., Smackover; Hope District: Mrs. E. C. Davis, Ashdown; Little Rock District: Mrs. James Gannaway, Little Rock; Monticello District: Mrs. John Hefley, Crossett; Pine Bluff District: Mrs. Raymond Heien, Stuttgart.

Mrs. Charles Primm, program chairman for the annual meeting, and the committee, have planned an officers training period to be held for all District Officers on Tuesday morning from 9:30 to noon. The conference session will convene at 1:15 p.m. and adjourn Wednesday following the evening service.



DR. J. KENNETH SHAMBLIN



MRS. W. F. COOLEY

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE - WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
FINANCIAL REPORT, Third quarter 1956-57

Balance November 15, 1956	\$11,315.96	Total Receipts, W.S.C.S.	\$20,204.39
RECEIPTS:		Total Receipts, W.S.G.	3,688.15
Undirected Pledge:		TOTAL DIST. REMITTANCE	\$23,892.54
W.S.C.S.	\$14,335.17	Insurance claims on	
W.S.G.	2,468.85	two cars	\$ 108.02
Result of Study:		Ark-Okla Coop. Rural	
W.S.C.S.	407.44	Work, Division	40.75
W.S.G.	67.61	Youth Funds from Church	
Robben Fund, W.S.G.	507.20	Conf. Treasurer	311.94
McKimmey Fund,		Result of Study Fund—	
W.S.C.S.	281.44	Ebenezer W.S.C.S.	2.00
Stahley Fund, W.S.C.S.	632.93	El Dorado First Church	
Ark-Okla Coop. Rural		gift to Marta Haro	25.00
Work, W.S.C.S.	334.25	Refund from Little Rock	
Special Memberships:		District Guild	1.53
W.S.C.S.	445.00	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$24,381.78
W.S.G.	135.00	Total to account for	\$35,697.74
In Remembrance Fund	95.00	Funds Reported spent on	
Credit on Pledge:		Local Work —	\$20,307.93
W.S.C.S.	\$16,531.27	DISBURSEMENTS:	
W.S.G.	3,178.66	Pledge to Missions:	
TOTAL CREDIT ON PLEDGE	\$19,709.93	W.S.C.S.	\$14,842.20
Youth Fund	\$ 792.63	W.S.G.	2,713.34
Children's Service Fund	14.89	Special Memberships:	
Total for Appropriations	\$20,517.45	W.S.C.S.	445.00
Cash for Supplies:		W.S.G.	135.00
W.S.C.S.	1,050.08	In Remembrance Fund	95.00
W.S.G.	215.70	Total Pledge Credit:	
Alcohol Education Fund	128.63	W.S.C.S.	\$15,382.20
Elizabeth T. Workman		W.S.G.	2,848.34
Fund	137.05	TOTAL ON PLEDGE	\$18,230.54
Miscellaneous	1.00	Youth Fund	\$ 1,104.57
Week of prayer:			
W.S.C.S.	1,548.84		
W.S.G.	293.79		

Children's Service Fund	14.89
For Appropriations	\$19,350.00
Week of Prayer	\$ 1,842.63
Cash for Supplies	1,265.78
Alcohol Education Fund	128.63
Elizabeth T. Workman	
Fund	540.55
Christian Social Relations	
Fund	200.00
Itineration of W.S.G.	
Division Worker	198.98
Officers promotion	
expense	1,045.05
Miscellaneous	462.63
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$25,034.25
Balance February 15, 1957	10,663.49
Total Accounted for	\$35,697.74

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Adult: Doris Carroll Glenn, Murfreesboro W.S.C.S.
CAMDEN DISTRICT—Baby: Terry Jane Stevens, Smackover W.S.C.S.; Gregory Wilson Fess, Jackson Street W.S.C.S., Magnolia; Timothy Brian Battle, Parker's Chapel W.S.C.S. Adult: Mrs. Elnora Thomas, Parker's Chapel W.S.C.S.; Mrs. F. N. Powell, First Church W.S.G., Magnolia.

HOPE DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Mrs. L. D. Barnum, Hope W.S.C.S.; Mrs. Sid Phillips, Ashdown W.S.C.S.
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT: Baby: Denise Lynn Reel, Asbury W.S.G., Little Rock; Cecil Wayne Morrow, Jr., Asbury W.S.C.S. Little Rock; Richard Wayne Freemeyer, Pulaski Heights W.S.G., Little Rock; Roy Edwin Cannon, III, Pamela Gay Gillespie, Gary Walker Moren, John Bruce Fluesmeier, Pulaski Heights W.S.G., Little Rock. Adult: Gertrude Donaldson, Mary E. Major, Highland W.S.G., Little Rock; Mrs. C. R. Machen, Mrs. E. E. Pearson, Hunter

W.S.C.S., Little Rock.
MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Baby: Graham Livingston Gibbs Jr., Fordyce W.S.G. Adult: Mrs. G. T. Patterson, Mrs. James Hempstead, Fordyce W.S.C.S.; Mrs. Louis Wilson Ederington, Warren W.S.C.S.; Mrs. Floyd Reep, Warren W.S.G.
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Youth: Miss Sara Carl Lee, England W.S.C.S.; Ann Malone, Whitehall W.S.C.S.; Sarah Jo Essex, Grand Avenue W.S.C.S., Stuttgart. Adult: Mrs. Anna Harrison, Gillett W.S.C.S.; Mrs. Ralph Roth, Mrs. Robert Bormann, Mrs. Ben Gray, Grand Avenue W.S.C.S., Stuttgart; Mrs. Donald B. Smith, Wesley W.S.C.S., Pine Bluff.

Women In The Church

The Protestant churches of the United States, including the larger denominations and the so-called small sects, show new vigor in attempting to "penetrate" the various republics of South America with the evangelical gospel, reports Mrs. Alice Goddard, director of the children's department of the National Council of Churches, U.S.A. Mrs. Goddard is spending three months in the Latin countries, making a study of the churches' services to the people through mission centers, hospitals, schools, local churches, etc.



Lake Charles Dist. To Hold Vacation School Institutes

The Lake Charles District will hold vacation church school institutes at DeQuincy, Mar. 28, and at Welsh, Mar. 29, from 7-9:30 p.m., according to Mrs. E. R. Haug, district director of children's work.

Theme for the 1957 sessions will be "Wider Relationships." The following is a list of the groups, the textbooks, and the leaders for the institutes: intermediates, "God's World and Ours," leader to be announced; juniors, "Meet Your Neighbors," leader—the Rev. Raymond Crofoot; primary, "Our Families," leader—Mrs. E. L. McKay; and kindergarten, "Friends Near and Far," leader—Mrs. E. R. Haug.

General instructions for the organizing of a vacation church school will be given by Mrs. McKay, who is conference director of children's work.

In addition to the vacation church school units, the work of the nursery department in the church school will be presented by Mrs. S. E. Richardson.

All vacation church school workers and nursery workers in the district are urged to attend.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR 1957

At Tanako

May 29-May 31	Conference Youth Camp
June 3-7	Work Camp
June 10-14	Senior Youth Camp I
June 17-21	Senior Youth Camp II
June 21-23	Adult Fellowship
June 24-28	Monticello District Intermediate Camp
June 28-30	Older Youth Camp
July 1-5	Arkadelphia District Junior Camp
July 5-6	Adult Workers With Youth
July 8-13	Children's Workers Laboratory
July 15-19	Hope District Intermediate Camp
July 22-26	Arkadelphia District Intermediate Camp
July 29-August 2	Pine Bluff District Intermediate Camp
August 2-4	Young Adult Camp
August 5-9	Camden District Intermediate Camp
August 13-16	Small Church Camp

At Aldersgate

June 10-14	Little Rock District Intermediate Camp I
June 17-21	Little Rock District Intermediate Camp II

At Mt. Sequoyah

June 22-23	Wesleyan Service Guild Week-end
June 24-29	Woman's Society of Christian Service School of Missions
June 30-July 5	Southwest Missionary Conference (Interdenominational)
July 12-14	Directors of Religious Education
July 15-26	Leadership School and Institute of Church Music
August 5-9	Conference on Evangelism
August 9-16	M. Y. F. Workshop
August 20-23	Board of Missions and Missionary Conference
August 23-25	Workshop for Chairmen of Local Church Commission on Missions

The above is a partial listing of the Little Rock Conference Summer Activities. For information regarding district programs, please contact the district superintendent or the district director of that age group activity.—Roy E. Fawcett

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Junior Class Elects

Henry Fong, a junior business major from Widener, Arkansas, was recently elected to the office of junior class senator in a special called election. He was elected to fill a vacancy caused by the withdrawal from Hendrix of junior class president Charles Ray Hall. Fong will be one of the two representatives of the junior class on the Hendrix Student Senate. Martha McOsker of Little Rock is now president of the class.

Alpha Tau Inducts New Members

Twenty freshmen and sophomores met the requirements for membership in Alpha Tau honor society at the end of the first semester. Alpha Tau is a scholastic honor society recognizing only freshman and sophomore students.

New members are: Bob Armstrong of Little Rock, Diana Bronte of McCrory, Betty Cleveland of Little Rock, Arthur Coen of Pine Bluff, Mary Ann Faris of Conway, Branch Fields of North Little Rock, Joe Guenter of North Little Rock, Lynn Hansen of Little Rock, Mary Pauline Jones of McCrory, Frazier Kennedy of England, John Lile of Little Rock, Kay McCastlain of Clarendon, Pat McGill of Hope, Freddie Moberg of Prescott, Loueen Peters of Dallas, Texas, Patricia Rutledge of Fort Smith, Doug Smith of Little Rock, Bill Springer of Little Rock, John Tudor of North Little Rock, and Janis Walls of England.

Cardinal Key Selects

Cardinal Key, campus honor sorority, selected five new members for the spring semester. Those elected to membership were Sherry Sager of Gillett, Pat Box of Dallas, Texas, Marilyn Duro of Mountain Home, Lou Harris of Tuckerman, and Kay McSpadden of Batesville. Martha Choate of Little Rock is now serving as president of the society.—Jane Miller

Raush, Berwyn, Ill.; David Swanzy, Center, Tex., and Virgil D. Morris, Jr., New Orleans.

Promotion of three Centenary College professors to higher academic ranks has been announced by Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president. Dr. Donald Emerich has been elevated from the rank of associate professor of chemistry to that of full professor. Dr. Lee Morgan, who has been serving as assistant professor of English, will become an associate professor. Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, whose rank has been that of instructor in the education department, has been promoted to an assistant professorship. The promotions will take effect on June 1.

The Alpha Chi awards to Centenary College's outstanding freshmen students were presented last week to two active members of the Methodist Student Movement, Margaret Cornelia Agurs of Shreveport and Nancy Alice McGibney of Glasgow, Mont. Both girls achieved perfect scholastic averages of 3.00 for the first semester's work.

Centenary Choir Director To Be Honored By McPherson College

McPherson College, where Alvin C. Voran first achieved prominence as a singer and later as a choir director, will honor him next May 26 by conferring on him the honorary Doctor of Music degree.

Voran, director of the Centenary College Choir and 1928 graduate of the McPherson, Kansas, college, also will be honored at the annual McPherson College alumni banquet on Saturday, May 25.

The degree will be presented by Dr. D. W. Bittinger, president of McPherson, and the citation will be read by Prof. Donald Frederick, present head of the music department and director of the A Capella Choir which Voran organized a quarter of a century ago.



A. C. VORAN

Conferring of the honorary degree has been approved by the McPherson College Board of Trustees and the college administration. Voran will be accompanied to McPherson by his wife, Rosalie, and his son, Dickie. His mother, Mrs. Anna Krehbiel Voran, who resides in McPherson, also will witness the ceremonies.

The Shreveporter, who also holds the rank of assistant professor of choral literature at Centenary College, is slated to conduct the Centenary College Choir on its second tour of the Far East this month. The choir was slated to leave today on the first lap of the journey to Japan, Korea and Okinawa. Voran's work in directing the Centenary songsters to a position of international recognition will be cited at McPherson during the commencement ceremonies when the honorary degree will be conferred on him.

After being graduated from McPherson College, Voran received his Bachelor of Music degree from the Chicago Conservatory of Music. He has done summer work at Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., and has taken special courses at Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago, at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., and at a number of other schools.

He was head of the voice department at McPherson from 1932 to 1936, and, during this period, he organized the A Capella Choir from a nucleus of Glee Club and male quartette groups with which he himself had sung as an undergraduate student. He was head of the voice department at Oklahoma City

CENTENARY COLLEGE NEWS

Marcella Ree Flynt of Baton Rouge, publicity chairman for the Centenary College Methodist Student Movement, was crowned sweetheart of Kappa Chi, ministerial club at the college, during the annual Kappa Chi Sweetheart Banquet Thursday evening. A sophomore majoring in English, she was selected by vote of the male members of the organization. She is vice president of Kappa Chi, publicity chairman for the James Dormitory Council and secretary-treasurer of Alpha Sigma Pi, honorary society for freshman and sophomore students. The Rev. Tracy Arnold, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Shreveport, was guest speaker for the banquet.

Seven outstanding students at Centenary College have been accepted into membership in Alpha Chi, honorary society for junior and senior students with high scholastic records. They are George S. Culbertson, Edward John Kozak, Marie Rinaudo and Nancy Tuggle Shaw, all of Shreveport; John Richard

University during the 1936-37 school year, and since 1937, he has been a member of the Centenary College faculty. He also is credited with the formation of the Centenary College Choir.

Voran serves as director of music at Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport. He has directed music in a number of Methodist summer youth camps and leadership schools. At Centenary, he is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, honorary leadership and service fraternity, and Phi Beta, honorary music and speech society.

Annual Meeting, Alexandria, March 15

The Spirit Christ For All Of Life

MRS. C. I. JONES, New Orleans,

President, Louisiana Conference Woman's Society



Mrs. C. I. Jones, New Orleans, pictured at right, president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society, confers with Mrs. H. C. Pletz, San Antonio, one of the featured speakers at the annual meeting of the Conference Woman's Society last week in Alexandria.

CHRISTIANITY seems to be standing on the threshold of the greatest frontier that has ever challenged a generation. May the great frontier be taken by a fresh demonstration of genuine Christianity. Would that we could grow enough to even partially measure up to the vigorous, vital Christians of the first century!

The genuine Christian walk is one of faith in the indwelling Christ and His ability to produce virtue. Spiritual maturity is Christ-realization. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Self-renunciation is one hallmark of Christian perfection.

Early Christian Faith

To the early Christians, this present life was only an incident lived with a true sense of responsibility as a preface to sharing the timeless life of God, remembering their rights of citizenship were also in the unseen world of reality. Christianity to them was a real and daily experience. Their lives had been invaded by a new quality of life, and they do not hesitate to describe this as Christ living in their lives. Their little human lives had been linked up through Christ with the very life of God. The translator calls our attention to the heartening remembrance that this faith took root and flourished amazingly in conditions that would have killed anything less vital in a matter of weeks. The early Christians were on fire with the conviction that they had become through Christ, literally sons of God; they were pioneers of a new humanity, founders of a new kingdom.

They still speak to us across the centuries. Perhaps if we believed what they believed, we might achieve what they achieved.

The New Theme

We are challenged this new Quadrennium by a wonderful new theme, "The Spirit of Christ for All of Life." A new quadrennium, a new theme, new goals, to be achieved wholly in your life, and in mine. Let this be our commitment.

The attainment of our goals lies largely within the decisions we make at each testing time. There are unnumbered women—members of our churches, who see no need for the great world-wide reach of Christianity. All these are our responsibility. How approach them? How arouse their interest and concern in the things of Christ? This challenge calls for great confidence in the teachings of Jesus Christ, for self surrender to His purposes for your life and mine.

Christian Outreach Is Universal

Mrs. Tillman, President of the Division, told us that the geographical outreach of missions is to the ends of the earth, wherever the Christian is, he has a Mission. Our purpose is to serve Christ, with Christ continually leading out in front. We are trying to undergird the ongoing developing Christian organization. We are all committed to interpret in his Spirit, to

change the world to a new mind and new purpose. We need understanding to evaluate, to adjust, to challenge. The faster the intellectual, spiritual, cultural tendencies develop, the slower anger and arrogance must be allowed to move. We must seek justice before we can reach out in sympathy to others. We seek His guidance to attain our goals.

Need Is Also Close By

The Bishops have asked us as Church women this new quadrennium to be looking to the emphasis of the local church, with new vision of its own possibilities and new realization of what the Church can really do—with 40,000 Local Churches in the United States. Recently I heard an appalling revelation, statistics given by a bishop, that 2200 Methodist charges this past year did not receive one new disciple on profession of faith. The first business of the church is to reach people and our first responsibility is to reach women.

Let us look at our own beloved Louisiana. We have 342 societies, but there are 36 charges that have no Woman's Society or district member. Can we help these women to enrich their lives by organizing Woman's Societies? Can we come to have Paul's vision and become all things to all people?

Need Is Overseas

Peter had vision. In II Peter 3:13 he wrote "we look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." We have the outlook of the whole world, but we also have the task of redeeming our immediate community. In our woman's work we are now actively working in 30 countries. Many pieces of work are joint projects of the Woman's Division and the World Division of the Board of Missions of our church.

At Ewha College, Korea, 70 years have been celebrated. Some 700 students and teachers asked for baptism last fall following a week of evangelistic services. A 75th anniversary was celebrated in Porto Allegra, Brazil at Collegio Americana last year. The great Centennial of work begun in India took place in Lucknow, India in the fall of 1956. A great tent called Pundal, of beautifully blended colors was spread above 5,000 seats. How thrilling it was to worship with those cultured Christians.

The head of the school of music from Isabella Thoburn College, who was Averill Jordan's mother, directed their choir when they sang a magnificent Hallelulah Chorus. At Agra, not far from the beautiful Taj Mahal, we visited Holman Institute with its more than a 1000 children. This educational opportunity afforded by the Woman's Division is so greatly appreciated by the government of India that it is partially subsidized. This happens again in Hyderabad Province, where we find the Stanley Girls' School of 1600 students.

We journeyed to Bareilly to visit where Methodism had begun its work a hundred years ago; and found a program of teaching,

healing, and preaching. Our Clara Swain Hospital ministers to hundreds of women and children and men, with Dr. Wilma and Dr. Charles Perrill directing the work of the hospital. Miss Maude Nelson, who told me she caught the vision of service while serving as a nurse at Pouro Hospital, New Orleans, heads the Warne Baby Fold, and she sent her special love to Louisiana women.

Our Youth Have Responded

The Apostles first gave themselves to the Lord. In Louisiana we have many young people who have given themselves to God's Service. This January at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Division and Board of Missions our Gretchen Elston of Noel Memorial Church was commissioned to go as a full time missionary to Japan. She plans to sail in September. Anna Givens went to Japan last year. Patsy Alexander went the year before and is now at Herradura, Cuba, serving as director of a Girls' School. At Scarritt College last week, I had several visits with Norma Garlington who is finishing her work there. And after a year serving as Religious Education Director in a church she is to be consecrated as a Deaconess.

Margaret Wade Campbell is an L.A. 3 in Mexico. Stella Lowe Matherne, Geraldine Hunt, and Joan Richardson are US-2's and we are happy that Joan is here this week. Elma Ashby, commissioned in 1940, has just returned for a furlough from Africa and should be with us for our Conference School of Missions this summer at Centenary College in August.

Mrs. Louise Mitchell Larsen, of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, with a Master's Degree from Tulane School of Social Work is Executive of a staff of nineteen at Toberman Settlement House in San Pedro, California. Mrs. Larsen is visiting her mother in Louisiana and plans to attend conference.

We are so grateful to our newest officer, Mrs. Lonnie Clark, Conference Secretary of Missionary Service, for contacting our many Missionaries and Deaconesses, both active and retired and also the contract workers directing our Woman's Society institutions in our own conference. We want them all to know that they have the undergirding of our prayers for God's kingdom they are building in Louisiana and throughout the world.

We Go Forward

We would challenge ourselves at every point, knowing through true worship we may give ourselves to pure integrity. Jesus said, "I have chosen you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide. By this shall all men know that you are disciples if you have loved one for another and lo I am with you always." May He grant us zeal and enthusiasm to carry His banner forward and may we go forth leadership of His Spirit paramount in our lives, offering to all Methodist women of Louisiana the Spirit of Christ for All of Life.

Otetela Women Learn to Pray

"In the old days when we want to do reverence to Unya Shungu, the Creator, we went together as a family; even the children and grandmother went. Every month when the moon was full we went quietly and reverently to the sacred pole. We said to the children: 'You must not make any noise at all; you must not even scratch.' We came singing to the pole, and after we had struck the palm leaf on our clenched fist to call the spirits, we knelt around the pole. We thanked Unya Shungu for life and children and for the good things we had. Then we asked for the things we needed for life, for a good husband for our daughter, and for health for all the family. Even the small children had a part. When we had finished and everyone had tied his string on the pole, we went away singing a song.

"Now when we have the light of Jesus in our hearts we do not have to go out by moonlight to speak to the Creator. We can talk with him every day in our own homes; we can meet every day as a family and sing hymns of praise to God for his new light, which has made the darkness disappear. We pray together to thank him for our blessings and tell him our needs. Even the smallest children can learn to pray. God will hear us as we come to him as a family, asking him to guide us all together."

These paragraphs are from a drama, written and performed by women of the Otetela tribe of the Belgian Congo, when the Women's Conference of the Methodist Church met in town of Tunda, B. C. The witness of these newly-Christian women is reported by Mrs. Harry T. Maclin, Jr., of Cadillac, Mich., missionary in that area. She reports that the drama and subsequent discussions were around "the themes of family worship, Christian marriage, and Christian standards of raising children."

"Book of Acts" Films Tell Church History

The "BOOK OF ACTS SERIES" of ten new motion pictures, 15-20 minutes in length, is rapidly approaching completion by Family Films at their Keywest Studios in Hollywood. The series is based on the Book of Acts and closely related Scriptures, and deals with the history of the early church. The Rev. Earl Waldrup is supervising, and the Rev. Murray Severance is in charge of research, on behalf of Broadman Films, audio-visual production subsidiary of the Southern Baptist Convention.

This series differs from previous films dealing with this period of Church history in that it episodes single out specific emphases of Christian doctrine, such as evangelism, missions, witnessing, salvation and fellowship, rather than a chronological treatment. This is the only motion picture series dealing with this period in color. It does not concentrate solely on the life of the Apostle Paul, but presents his great mission instead as a vital part of the expanding Christian fellowship in the turbulent days that followed the crucifixion. The new series also shows the effect of Ro-

Plan Valley Forge Scout Jamboree



Official Poster of Fourth National Jamboree

Fifty thousand Boy Scouts, Explorers, and leaders from all parts of the nation and some from other lands will camp together at the Fourth National Jamboree July 12-18.

A 1,500-acre tent city is being prepared at historic Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. It will have its own water supply, electricity, telephone service, post offices, and other services for the largest gathering

of boys in the Western Hemisphere.

Jamboree campers, all of them at least twelve years old, holding Second Class rank or higher, will share daily camp chores, cook their own meals, take part in displays, campfires, demonstrations, intercamp visits, and excursions to historic shrines in and near Philadelphia.

Outstanding Americans will take part in principal events.

man rule on the early history of Christianity.

Each episode is particularly suitable for use in Bible study, as well as in the special study areas outlined by the departments of Chris-

tian education of the various denominations.

These new motion pictures will be distributed exclusively through Family Films' worldwide network of religious film libraries.

Why Is The Bible The Best Seller?

Such popularity as is enjoyed by the Bible must be deserved. But even to this day, no one has equaled Jesus for His moral and ethical teachings, nor David for his poetry, nor Isaiah for vision, nor John's statement of sanctified love, nor Peter for holy zeal, nor Paul for logic, nor Appollos for fiery oratory.

The Bible has weathered all the storms that man could stir up. It is a heritage excelled by none, which is another strong reason why the Bible is the best seller. "Yes, I have a goodly heritage." Psalm 16:6

This is from a little book on "Your Money" that shows how it can be a faithful servant; how money got its names and sayings; short stories of interest to all ages, including What We Owe To Others, You Are Important, The Thing that Money Can't Buy, The Two Don't Mix, We Make our Habits. Pictures of money firsts in coins and checks. Portrait of Jesus on a 17th century coin; widow's mite; Shekel of Israel; ring money of Egypt; Tree money; Spade money; first check in world and in America, etc.

There is "much in little" on "Your Money." \$1.25 a copy from author, Ruby Lee Adams, 219-9th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn. Mention this magazine.

Puerto Ricans Report Gain In Church Membership

Puerto Rican Methodists, at their recent annual conference session, ordained the first woman minister, laid the cornerstone for an \$80,000 new church and reported gains in membership, Sunday school enrollment and giving.

Together with six men ordained as elders, Mrs. Julia Torres Fernandez was ordained a deacon by Bishop Fred P. Corson, of Philadelphia, the first woman ordained in the history of Puerto Rican Methodism. A junior high school supervisor in Ponce, Puerto Rico's second largest city, Mrs. Fernandez has been an active Methodist 30 years, president of the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and a supply preacher.

The cornerstone for the \$80,000 San Jose Methodist Church was laid by Bishop Corson.

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Philippine Church Reports Growth In Native Leadership

A National Headquarters for the Methodist Church of the Philippines was dedicated in Manila during the quadrennial session of the Philippines Central Conference recently. The conference also re-elected Bishop Jose L. Valencia to a third four-year term as bishop of the Philippines.

The dedication was one of several events at the conference marking the growth of Philippine Methodism and the assumption of increased leadership by national (native) leadership, the Rev. Dr. Charles Mosebrook, Methodist correspondent, reported.

The building was formerly known as the "mission headquarters" but now will be known as the National Headquarters. Title will be held by the Philippines Central Conference. A second floor has been added and the entire plant renovated. Space has been provided for Bishop Valencia and other Central Conference officers.

Bishop Valencia led the dedication service and an address was given by Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Tex., the Central Conference representative of the Methodist Council of Bishops. Title to the property was presented to Bishop Valencia by Dr. Mosebrook as the representative of the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Strengthen Christian Education

The 62 delegates to the conference approved a general statement that Christian education in the Philippines should be strengthened and then took two actions to implement the statement. They voted to continue Philippines Wesleyan College, a Methodist school of 1,000 students at Cabanatuan, and authorized a study of how Methodism could strengthen the interdenominational Philippines Christian Colleges in Manila.

Implementing a desire to share in the world outreach of the Methodist Church, the Central Conference set up a Board of Missions to send Filipino missionaries to other parts of East and Southeast Asia. In the episcopal address, Bishop Valencia had said that Filipino missionaries had been requested by both Malaya and Sarawak (Borneo). Filipino Methodist sent their first foreign missionary in 1954, a young woman to Okinawa, he added.

American Visitors

American visitors at the conference besides Bishop Martin included Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, general secretary of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, and Dr. Karl K. Quimby, secretary of missionary education for the Board of Missions and his party of 15 Methodists who had attended the Methodist Centenary celebration in India.

OBITUARIES

PEARCE—Mr. Laz Pearce, a member of the Philadelphia Methodist Church of the Columbia Charge, Magnolia, passed away in the Magnolia City Hospital Sunday, February 17, after a short illness resulting from a fall.

He was born August 25, 1866, in Magnolia, Arkansas, the son of a Baptist minister. He became a Christian at the age of nine, but did not unite with the Methodist Church until a few years later. He attended school at Southwest Academy and spent two and one-half years at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He lived the greater part of his life in Columbia County where he taught school from 1887 to 1897. On July 26, 1899, in Brister, Arkansas, he was married to Cora Etta Hamm of Colo, Iowa. Three children were born to them. After teaching for two years, 1901 and 1902, in Louisiana, he returned to Columbia County and spent the remainder of his life there. He practiced medicine for approximately two years in Welcome community near Taylor. He then retired to his farm and was active as a farmer until the age of eighty-five.

Throughout his life Mr. Pearce was very active in the church as a layman. He served as a trustee, as a member of the Board of Stewards, and as the Superintendent of the Sunday School. He was active as a school director and was always interested in anything that was for the betterment of the community in which he lived.

The funeral service was held in the Jackson Street Methodist Church on Tuesday, February 19, with Lewis Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements. Special music was provided by a quartet and Miss Maude Crumpler, organist. Reverend Claude Clark, the pastor of Mr. Pearce's church, conducted the services, assisted by Dr. Neill Hart and Reverend John Lindsay. Friends of the family served as pallbearers.

He is survived by his three children: Mrs. Paul Jones, Magnolia; Mrs. Orma Reeves, Magnolia, with whom he made his home for the past eight years; and Reverend Myron Pearce, Huttig, Arkansas.

Though he is no longer with us, Mr. Pearce will always be remembered by everyone who knew him for his teachings, his wonderful leadership, and the useful and godly life he lived. — By Mrs. Vernon Johnson

MAXFIELD—With the passing of Miss Maxie Maxfield, December 21, 1956, not only did the family suffer a loss, but the community, the Church and the Wesleyan Service Guild also suffered a loss.

As long as Maxie was physically able to attend, she could be counted on to be present and was always willing to do her part on programs and was a generous giver of her means.

One thing we shall always remember. Maxie gave to each member every year the Bible readings as outlined by the American Bible Society. We miss her, as we have missed Bess, but we know our loss is Heaven's gain. In the words of the poet,

"She is not gone,
She is just away."—By the Wesleyan Service Guild, First Methodist Church, Batesville, Arkansas.

Ex-Convict Tells of Conversion

New Bedford, Mass. (RNS)—An ex-convict who hopes to become a minister was guest preacher at the South Primitive Methodist church here and told the congregation he is glad he was put in jail.

George Bowers, released Feb. 26 from the New Bedford House of Correction after serving a nine-month sentence for grand larceny, preached the sermon at the invitation of the pastor, the Rev. Lester J. Moore.

Mr. Moore, Protestant chaplain at the jail, worked with Mr. Bowers during his imprisonment. He gave him books about the lives of men who had had similar difficulties in life and introduced him to the Bible.

Mr. Bowers, as a prisoner, regularly attended the minister's Sunday services at the jail.

In his sermon, Mr. Bowers told the congregation his jail sentence was God's "greatest act of kindness" to him.

He told how the nine months of confinement had given him time to reflect on his past, which featured a series of involvements with the law since he was 14. Gambling debts, he said, led him to steal but he was spared a jail sentence until May, 1956.

Mr. Bowers, who was an auto salesman, said Mr. Moore is now helping him to plan a career in the ministry. He has a wife and two children and lives in New Bedford.

His lawyer, he said, was so impressed by his change of heart that he reduced his fee by half.

Mr. Bowers said he was telling his story to the congregation because he felt it was his duty "as a Christian" to speak in the hope that "some who hear might realize how important it is to live a Christian life."

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

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you'll never get something for nothing. You'll pay one way or the other.

Folks get the idea that a nod in the direction of God occasionally is sufficient to set them up with pie in the sky by and by. There will be the usual tourist attendance this coming Easter — tourists in the House of the Lord, that is, who visit once a year or so. But they will miss its real message because they haven't paid the price of the preparation which Lent offers. Have you?

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LESSON FOR APRIL 7, 1957

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SUFFERING

READ MATTHEW 26:1 through Matthew 27:10.

MEMORY SELECTION: *My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will but as thou wilt.—Matthew 26:39.*

Today we begin the study of a new series of three lessons under the general subject, "Life's Final Triumph." The subject for the first of these three lessons is, "The Significance of Suffering." In the first two of these lessons we will still be studying incidents in the life of Jesus in Passion Week. The third is our Easter lesson and gives Matthew's version of the resurrection. These three lessons will end, for the time being, our studies in the Gospel of Matthew which began with the first Sunday in January and will end with the lesson for April 21st.

In a recent lesson, in which we studied the Great Confession, we discussed the fact that, "from that time forth" Jesus began to teach His disciples that He must suffer and die at the hands of Jewish leaders in Jerusalem. Shortly after the Great Confession Jesus "steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem" and nothing the disciples could do changed His purpose.

While in lessons just past Jesus had been teaching His disciples about His coming death in Jerusalem, in our lesson for today He actually begins the immediate preparation for His death. In this lesson Jesus is host for His disciples at a supper in an "upper room" at which time He institutes the Lord's Supper as a memorial of His death on the cross. He asks His disciples to observe this supper, through the years to come, as a memorial of the fact that His body was broken and His blood was shed in a voluntary sacrifice for them and for all mankind.

Although we commonly think of this supper as being observed on Thursday of Passion Week, since it came in the evening following Thursday, it was in fact observed on Friday, the day on which Christ was crucified. Since the Jewish day began with sunset, at the setting of the sun on Thursday, Friday began. Since this supper was observed late in the evening it was on Friday the crucifixion day.

A New Sacrament Given

For centuries the Jews had annually observed the Feast of the Passover, commemorating the fact that, in the last of the ten plagues in Egypt, when the first born of all of the Egyptian households was slain, the angel of death, seeing the blood on the doorpost of the homes of the Israelites, "passed over" those homes without harming their young.

While He was eating this Feast of the Passover with His disciples, "Jesus took bread and blessed it... and gave it to the disciples... And He took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them" and declared that these were His body and blood

that were to be sacrificed "for many for the remission of sins." Luke's Gospel, 22:19, records that Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me." In I Corinthians, 11:25, Paul records the fact that Jesus said, "This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

One of the saddest and most unfortunate things that has happened in the growth and development of the Christian church has been the heated controversies that have grown up in the church concerning this sacred sacrament. Despite the fact that Jesus, who gave us this Sacrament, said absolutely nothing about who would administer it, who would receive it, how it would be administered or where it would be administered, the Christian church has been rocked to its very foundations by controversies over the details of observing this memorial. Jesus simply said, "This do in remembrance of me."

Some churches take the position that only ordained ministers may administer the sacrament. Other churches go a step further and say that only ordained ministers who are in direct line of apostolic succession may administer the sacrament. Others take the position that even an ordained minister, in direct line of apostolic succession, can administer the sacrament in his own local church only to members of that particular local church. Just where the church found authority for surrounding this sacred memorial of Christ's death with so many ritualistic limitations is difficult to understand. Again may we say that the only instructions Jesus gave concerning this sacrament is summed up in the few words, "This do in remembrance of me."

This Is My Body . . . This Is My Blood

As Jesus sat at the supper with His disciples he took the bread and said, "This is my body." He took the cup also and said, "This is my blood." With Jesus sitting there before them in flesh and blood, there was of course no thought in the minds of the apostles that the bread and wine were the actual body and blood of Jesus. They would know that Jesus meant that the bread and wine simply were symbols of the sacrifice He was to make in body and blood for the sins of the world.

We are all familiar with the fact that the Catholic Church teaches that, in the consecration of the elements by the priest, the bread and wine actually change into the flesh and blood of Jesus. This is called the doctrine of transubstantiation. The Protestant church rejects this teaching. It takes the elements, like Jesus used at the Last Supper and, like Jesus, lets

them represent His flesh and blood as He did when He instituted the Sacrament. It is a simple, sacred memorial service, which is not dependent on a miracle of transubstantiation for its value and effectiveness.

Jesus Calmly Faces The Cross

As we study the life of Jesus on this evening before His crucifixion, it is plainly evident that He is the calmest, most composed Person in this rapidly unfolding drama. He knows that his enemies are scurrying about in the darkness outside, plotting His death. He knew that before the passing of twenty-four hours He would have suffered the humiliations of the courts, the sufferings of the cross and would be sealed in a tomb over which soldiers would be watching. Nevertheless, He calmly set up this memorial of His death, sang a hymn with them, willed them His peace, saying, "Peace I Leave with You, My Peace I Give Into You," prayed with them and for them and then deliberately went out to the Garden of Gethsemane where He knew His enemies would find Him.

Let those who make a religion of health and deny the fact of physical suffering follow Jesus from the Last Supper through the Garden of Gethsemane, the courts and the cross and then discover how unreal and unreasonable is their position that there is no such thing as human suffering. In this experience, Jesus endured indescribable suffering of body, mind and soul. They should remember also that Jesus said, "The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his Lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master and the servant as his Lord." That being true, we would not expect Jesus to suffer as He did and his followers be free of pain. The idea that goodness and harmony with God guarantees happiness and freedom from suffering is a false hope, contrary to experience and the teachings of the Bible.

Jesus Prays In The Garden

No Christian visitor to Jerusalem would willingly miss going to the place which tradition says is the Garden of Gethsemane. To that place Jesus went, after the supper, with His disciples. He apparently left eight of the disciples at the gate of the Garden and took Peter, James and John into the Garden with Him. After they had gone a short distance into the Garden, Jesus told the three to "tarry here and watch." The Record then says of Jesus, "He went a little farther." It has always been true of Jesus that He has gone "farther" in love, mercy, forgiveness, service, sacrifice and suffering than any mortal man has ever seriously tried to go.

There in the Garden Jesus prayed. The first part of His prayer, beginning with the words, "If it be possible," is a petition born of the human side of Christ's life which draws back from suffering, as we all do. Jesus was not a sensationalist and he would gladly have avoided the Cross if God's purposes could have been worked out some other way. The closing phrase of the prayer begins with, "Nevertheless." Jesus, in this is saying, regardless of what is involved that His highest desire it to see the will and purposes of God done. Hence He prays "Not as I will, but as thou wilt."

When Closest Friends Fail

When Jesus left His three trusted disciples behind as He went farther into the Garden to pray, His last words to them were, "Watch with me." Despite the tenseness of the situation, the agony of soul through which Jesus was passing and His earnest request, "Watch with me," as Jesus went apart three times to pray each time, on return, He found the three disciples sleeping.

We may feel that it was terrible for the apostles to fail Jesus in this critical time of His life. However, if we would but examine our lives, we would likely find ourselves, again and again, sleeping through opportunities for service equal to those these disciples missed in the Garden.

Some time ago we were reading the story of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. We came to that part of the Record which tells of how Simon a Cyrenian was drafted to carry Christ's cross to the place of crucifixion. We closed our Bible the moment as the thought came to us, what a wonderful privilege it would have been to have been permitted to carry Christ's cross for Him. We were almost startled by the suddenness of the thought which came almost like spoken words: "You have a greater privilege than that of Simon who went with Jesus to the place of crucifixion and death; you may join hands with Him in the building of the kingdom for which He died." Sometimes we become so absorbed with bemoaning the fact of the failures of others who profess to be friends of Christ, that we are not aware of the distance we have traveled away from the Master.

The Hour Is At Hand

Frequently it was said of the life of Jesus that "His hour had not come." His whole life moved toward the climax of the cross and the resurrection. However, there were many times in His ministry when He did not follow a certain course because, "His hour had not come."

In the early periods of the ministry of Jesus, it was His custom to avoid conflicts with His enemies. When a crisis would come He would move to another part of the country. This course did not mean that Jesus feared His enemies; it simply meant that "His hour had not come."

In our lesson text there seems to be a note of triumph in the words of Jesus when He says, "Behold, the hour is at hand." His time of living, teaching, working and loving had finally brought Him to this high hour when He was, by a supreme sacrifice, to give final, undeniable evidence of the love of God for a lost world and through His death perfect the plan for man's redemption. Hence it must have been that the heart of Jesus was deeply stirred when He could say, "The hour is at hand."

Jesus Moves To Meet The Cross

When Jesus returned the third time from praying, He said to His disciples, "Rise, let us be going." Most leaders, if they had known as well as Jesus did the odds that were against them, would have shouted to His disciples, "Wake up, and run for your lives." Instead Jesus, with His disciples, walked out to meet the soldiers who had come to arrest Him. Jesus came, not only to live for a cause, but to die for it.

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Ministers To Attend Seminar

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—About 90 Methodist ministers of the United States will take part in a "Methodist Minister's Seminar" April 23-25 in Washington, D. C.

Those from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area who have registered for the event are: the Rev. Joel Cooper, Conway; Dr. Fred R. Harrison and the Rev. Charles W. Richards, both of Little Rock; and Dr. Carl Lueg, Lake Charles. The registration report, however, was still incomplete as this publication goes to press.

The seminar will give the ministers a "behind-the-scenes" look at national and international affairs. It is the eleventh annual one sponsored by the In-Service Training

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Area Ste. Program Continues

Methodists in Arkansas and Louisiana are engaged in a ten-week period of cultivation and promotion of a simultaneous Every-Member Canvass program in local churches throughout the two states.

The Every-Member Canvass, made a part of the program of each of the three annual conferences of the area by conference action last year, is an attempt to assist local churches in achieving a sound financial relationship with their members. Providing the opportunity for all Methodists to observe their vow of loyalty, the canvass acquaints them with the financial program of the church.

"The greatest contribution of the Every-Member Canvass to the local church," says Bishop Paul E. Martin, head of the two-state area, "will be a renewal of its sense of mission. Of far greater importance than the increase in giving that will inevitably come is the presentation of the magnificent program of our church in such a forceful way as to bring a sense of gratitude that we can have a part in a movement that will help to produce a Christian world. We will find again the holy purpose that brought us to a dedication to Christ and his church. It is true that we may confidently expect an adequate support for the great Causes that challenge us, but it is also true that there will come to the church an inner enrichment more far-reaching than we have ever known."

Sunday, May 5 will be observed as Loyalty Sunday, when canvassers will begin to take pledges, and during the following week, every Methodist family in Arkansas and Louisiana will be visited by local church workers.

The following Sunday, May 12, has been pronounced Victory Sunday, which will climax the whole canvass program.

BR District Youth To Hold Rally

More than 1,000 young people are expected to attend the annual Baton Rouge District Youth Rally scheduled for Monday evening, April 8, in the Baton Rouge Junior High School Auditorium, at 7:30.

District youth leaders have announced that the Rev. Luther L. Booth, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Winnfield, will be the guest speaker.

The district youth program is headed by Rodney Hendrick, district president, and Marjorie Reynard, secretary. Leaders have extended a cordial invitation to all the youth and youth workers in the Baton Rouge District to attend the rally.

Dr. Smart Delivers Willson Lectures This Week At Centenary College

The fourth annual Willson Lecture Series at Centenary College will be concluded today with a final address by Dr. Wyatt Aiken Smart, this year's speaker.

Dr. Smart, who has been associated with the Candler school of theology of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., since its establishment in 1914, is widely known as an author, lecturer, and outstanding Methodist clergyman. He has delivered lecture series at Southern Methodist University, Emory University, Vanderbilt University and many other schools.

The 1957 Willson Lectures opened Tuesday, when Dr. Smart spoke in the Brown Memorial Chapel on the topic, "An Inductive Creed." His topic at yesterday's chapel service was, "The Validity of Religious Experience." Today he will deliver his closing address on the subject, "Only One Sun."

During his stay on the campus, Dr. Smart also conferred with individual students and groups and met with both the Methodist Student Movement and Kappa Chi, Centenary Ministerial Club.

He arrived in the city on Sunday and spoke at 7:30 p.m. daily at the First Methodist Church in Shreveport. Dr. D. L. Dykes, pastor.

He was honored at an afternoon tea given by Centenary College faculty members yesterday afternoon.

The Willson Lectures are made possible each year through an endowment of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Willson of Floydada, Tex. Under the program, Centenary brings to the campus each year an outstanding speaker in the field of religion or education for the purpose of enriching the spiritual and intellectual lives of students and local residents.

E. K. Easterly.

It is designed for the children of the Church from nursery age through eleven years. Housed in the building will be facilities for four

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Ingleside Opens New Building

Ingleside Methodist Church, 407 Ingleside Drive, had the formal opening service for its new education building Sunday morning, March 10th. The occasion marked a high day of achievement for the Church as an important step in providing its complete Church plant.

The Rev. Edward W. Harris, Baton Rouge District Superintendent, was present for the opening service and made the Declaration of the building being open for the purpose of Christian Education. Mrs. Floyd Richards, Superintendent of the Children's Division, was presented with the keys to the building and opened the door in the service.

The Education Building is of modified gothic architecture and was designed by the firm of Wilson and Coleman, Architects of Baton Rouge. It was erected by Walker Construction Company of Baton Rouge at a cost of \$56,090. The following people served as the building Committee of the Church for its construction: Floyd Richards, Chairman; J. A. Bankhead, co-chairman; L. E. Toney, treasurer; E. B. Townsend, Secretary; W. W. Mills; R. C. Bethea; V. L. Blakly; Mrs. W. W. Hyde; John Martin; Mrs. Joe Pierson; Mrs. Ralph Newell; Elwood Nilson; J. B. Routh, Jr.; C. L. Smith;

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TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

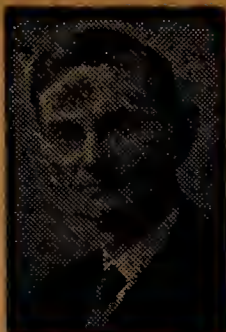
1. The fifth week of the EMC Program begins April 7. During this week a Congregation Dinner is held for the purpose of interpreting the financial program to the people, final arrangements are made for printing the Pictured Appeal Folders, names and addresses are placed on Commitment cards, and the EMC posters are displayed.
2. On April 14, the beginning of Week 6, a layman will deliver the first in a series of three-minute talks on the value of stewardship. These talks may be given at the Morning Worship as well as at other meetings.
3. Also on April 14, the Captains of the Canvassing Teams will take the Presentation Booklet and all materials to be used in them.
4. On April 15, the canvassers will begin to fill in their Presentation Booklets. These are to be used in presenting the church's financial program, when visiting the homes on Loyalty Sunday.
5. On April 19 the printer should deliver the Pictured Appeal Folders.
6. By April 20 the Materials Committee will have mimeographed letters No. 2 and No. 3 (found on page 23 of the Manual) and on April 20 these are to be placed in envelopes ready for mailing the following week.

NOTE: Watch for suggestions from the conference directors in this space each week during the EMC program.

Saw

A Mustard

Seed

By
Rev. R. A. Teeter

struggling to break through the hard crust of soil that pressed down upon it. And it came through too. I was amazed at the weight of dirt which that tiny speck of life lifted and pushed aside in reaching for the light. It is a very hardy seed, able to withstand both heat and cold, and many other hazards of the natural world. From a very small beginning it reaches to a considerable height and spread, especially so the kind of mustard that Jesus used as a symbol of the kingdom of God.

Jesus wanted his disciples to know that the small and humble beginning of his work did not spell defeat. They needed encouragement on that point. In comparison with the huge pagan world that encased them they seemed less than a mustard seed. But there was a kind of life present that could break through the hard crust of human callousness. It could push aside the other hazards too, like hunger, cold, loneliness and persecutions of a cruel kind. They had to grasp that truth in order to carry on. They caught it and carried through. We are amazed at the weight of dirt which they lifted or pushed aside in reaching for the "light of life."

The Kingdom of God still works as a mustard seed, breaking through the crust of human callousness which is still thick and heavy. Other hazards are present too. For one thing the coldness of his professed friends. But the seed resists that. For another thing the heat of his avowed enemies. But the seed successfully resists that too. It is the hardness of the seed that prevails. Because of this Jesus could confidently say: "I have overcome the world." The process of overcoming is still with us.

TO BROADCAST CHRISTIAN MESSAGES TO NEAR EAST

New York (NC)—Millions in the Arab world may soon be listening to radio programs in their own languages advising them on farming, homemaking and health as well as Bible study. Plans for a 100,000-watt short-wave transmitter, which will be financed by the 30 member communions of the Na-

Methodists Are Strong In Ghana

New York (BD)—World Methodism, including the Methodist Church in the United States, has an important place in the newly-independent African state of Ghana (formerly Gold Coast), which joined the free countries of the world March 6.

A reported by a Methodist correspondent in a recent issue of *The Irish Times* told of the 160,000-member Methodist community in Ghana. The Methodists of Ghana, as in Nigeria and elsewhere in West Africa, are linked to the Irish and British Methodist churches and their missionary work. The correspondent wrote:

"On March 6 the Gold Coast, West Africa, became an independent state, known officially as Ghana. Irish Methodists, who have many links with the Gold Coast, salute the peoples of Ghana and pray divine blessing on their country's future.

"Methodism and the Basle Mission of Switzerland (Presbyterian) were the first effective missions in the Gold Coast. Methodist missions were established in 1835, and concentrated on educational work. Mfantipim School is perhaps best known in the area, and came to prominence with the Rev. R. A. Lockhart, now resident again in Ireland, as headmaster. Many of the past pupils occupy leading positions in administrative, judicial and professional life, as well as in politics. At Wenchu is a new hospital, built by the late Rev. John Dixon, and now supervised by the Rev. Jock Gordon, both of the Irish Church.

"Numbering 160,000 the Methodist community meets in 1,200 places of worship and manages 790 schools and five colleges. An autonomous Ghana Methodist Church is in formation, which will be closely linked with other West African synods and British Methodism. This church is virtually self-supporting financially and keenly missionary-minded in regard to its own outly-

tional Council of Churches and private donors, have been announced by the Rev. Dr. W. Burton Martin. He estimated that a capital fund of \$250,000 will be needed for the project.

Stating that negotiations have been going on in several Near East countries for some time to obtain a franchise for the station, Dr. Burton said: "Once we have that, construction should be completed within one year."

Segregation Opinions Vary At Methodist Meeting In Chicago

Chicago (MI)—Opinions on segregation differed widely as a Mississippi editor and a lawyer from North Carolina shared a panel discussion with an N. A. A. C. P. official, an Alabama minister, and two Chicago pastors. The vigorous discussion was the highlight of the national meeting of chairmen of annual conference boards of social and economic relations, held at St. James Church, Chicago, Mar. 12-15.

"All the southern people have to do is accept the Negro as a citizen, not a ward. Then segregation will take care of itself." This was the contention of Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He continued, "All we want the South to do is to open up the channels of honest discussion and debate."

But another panel member, J. Oliver Emmerich, publisher of the *McComb (Miss.) Enterprise-Journal*, said that segregation will take care of itself "only when the Negro starts to conduct himself as a citizen."

The mass of Negroes conduct themselves without responsibility," he said, "which makes them wards of the people."

American Missionaries Encounter Difficulty Resuming Egyptian Work

New York (NC)—The majority of requests to the State Department for permission to re-enter Egypt are still unanswered, according to American mission workers who are trying to resume their work in that country. Many who were evacuated at the height of the crisis are being told by Washington that their return is "not yet in the national interest," an official of the National Council of Churches reported last week. He added, however, that most of those who have been permitted to go back to their posts are medical missionaries and technicians.

"Nevertheless it is only a trickle so far," the Rev. Dr. Roland W. Scott said, "when you think that under normal conditions several hundred Americans live and work in mission schools and hospitals in Egypt."

Dr. Scott, who is executive secretary of the Joint Office for the Southern Asia and Near East Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions, described the situation in Egypt as "settling down." No American church properties were damaged, he reported, and there was no loss of life. While the British and French church properties were sequestered by the Egyptian government and their bank accounts frozen, Dr. Scott said that all American mission properties were at least partially manned during the recent conflict.

ing peoples.

"With much that is pagan from Western civilization finding expression in contemporary life and an advancing Islam, the indigenous Christian church, about 25 per cent of the population, has a major task in battling for the soul of the new Ghana."

Church People Double Gifts To World's Needy Last Year

New York (NC)—Through their churches, American church members in 1956 gave more than double the funds and material aid for global relief than they gave in 1955, Dr. R. Norris Wilson reported last week. "Now that last year's books are closed," he said, "we can report the good news that, through Church World Service, our churches sent 192,073,657 pounds of food, clothing, medicines and other relief supplies to the hungry, homeless and destitute around the world." This compared, he said, with approximately 73 million pounds shipped abroad in 1955.

"Because we had stockpiles of supplies in Austria," said Dr. Wilson, executive director of the National Council of Churches World relief agency, "CWS relief materials were among the first made available to the tragic people fleeing from Hungary."

While a major portion of the goods shipped were U. S. surplus commodities donated to the Share-Our-Surplus program, Dr. Wilson declared that generous contributions through the "One Great Hour of Sharing" and other denomination contributions had helped make the record possible. He also pointed out that CWS' Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) had made vital material gifts of grains and livestock.

"Statistics can be boring," Dr. Wilson said in making his report. "But in this case they represent much more than the \$31,188,181 in value relief shipments made last year. They mean that thousands of men, women and children in 34 critical world areas received medicines, milk, some warm clothing and had at least one meal a day because of the Christian concern of our churches."

He said that despite opposition "our church is growing. It has surpassed what it was before the church became integrated. Negro attendance now stands at about 20 per cent of the congregation." He said that he accepts Negroes because his is the only Protestant church in the area.

The chapel in St. James church was packed for more than three hours. Hearty applause and good-natured laughter were intermingled with tense silence and occasional murmurs of disagreement.

The meeting was sponsored by the General Board of Social and Economic Relations of The Methodist Church.

Protestant Editors To Have Nation-Wide Meeting In Philadelphia

Philadelphia (RNS) — Whether America's "religious revival" is an asset or liability will be discussed at the 38th annual meeting of the Associated Church Press here, April 24-26.

An address on this topic will be delivered by William Hordern, associate professor of religion at Swarthmore College. It will be followed by an open discussion on the subject by the Protestant editors from the United States and Canada.

Founded in 1916, the ACP comprises 142 Protestant and Orthodox publications with a circulation exceeding 11,000,000. Robert J. Cadi-gan, editor of Presbyterian Life, is president.

Another featured speaker at the meeting will be Thurgood Marshall,

director-counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who will talk on "The Status of Segregation and Integration in the United States."

The editors will hear Dr. Liston Pope, dean of the Yale University Divinity School, speak on "Idols of the Intelligentsia," Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, executive director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, will deliver a talk on "The Church Press and the International Situation."

The Rev. Alfred W. Price, rector of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal church here is scheduled to speak on "The Ministry of Spiritual Healing in the Church Today."

Participating in a "Review of the World's Sore Spots" will be Henry L. McCorkle, associate editor of Presbyterian Life, who will discuss Southeast Asia; William S. Lea, editor of Episcopal Churchnews, the Middle East; and Theodore A. Gill, managing editor of The Christian Century, the Near East and Europe.

A panel discussion on "Our Purpose as Editors of the Church Press" will have as participants William Hubben, editor of The Friends Journal; Harold U. Trinier, editor of The Canadian Baptist; Leland D. Case, editor of Together; and Andrew Vance McCracken, editor of Advance.

Other speakers include William B. Arthur, managing editor of Look Magazine; William H. Whyte, Jr., assistant managing editor of Fortune Magazine and author of the best seller, The Organization Man; and Benjamin P. Browne, editor of The Baptist Leader.

About 100,000 Sign For Social Security

Japan Christian University Holds First Commencement

Tokyo (RNS)—Scores of American, British and Canadian visitors attended the first commencement exercises of the Japan International Christian University at Mitaka near here.

One hundred and sixty-five students were graduated from the university which was inaugurated in 1953 as a joint undertaking of 14 major Protestant denominations in the United States and Canada.

Among the Japanese guests was Princess Chichibu whose father was once ambassador to the United States. She is an honorary member of the university council.

Dr. Iwao Ayusawa, professor of labor problems and a leading Japanese authority in his field, presided at the ceremonies during which 19 humanities, 106 social science, 22 natural science, and 18 English language degrees were presented.

The commencement address was given by Dr. Hachiro Yuasa, president of the university, who said the institution had been "conceived in universal brotherhood, founded by international cooperation, and dedicated to the great ideal of the Christian and democratic way of life."

"The International Christian University," he said, "erects its first milestone of progress in this first commencement, the first fruit of our initial efforts."

Dr. Yuasa paid special tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, first president of the Japan International Christian University Foundation through which the American and Canadian religious bodies have contributed about \$5,000,000 for the school.

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—More than half the nation's clergymen—about 100,000—have thus far signed up for Social Security, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare announced here.

The Department reminded members of the clergy and religious orders that they must file a waiver of Social Security exemption prior to April 15, in order to qualify for coverage.

Congress is studying legislation to extend this deadline but may restrict it to clergymen employed by small Christian colleges who had erroneously believed they were covered by Social Security since 1951 when the program was extended to employees of non-profit institutions.

Clergymen cannot qualify merely by paying their self-employment tax but must file Internal Revenue Service Form 2031, the required waiver. The Department expressed concern that some clergymen may not have understood this requirement. Form 2031 is available from any Social Security district office or Internal Revenue Service office, the announcement said.

Members of the clergy were specifically exempted from coverage in the original Social Security Act of 1936 and must specifically waive this exemption to comply with the 1954 amendment which permitted them for the first time to elect coverage as "self-employed" persons.

Once a waiver is executed it cannot be withdrawn and Social Security taxes must be paid annually thereafter. Unless a waiver is filed by April 15, 1957, the clergymen may lose any future opportunity to participate in the Social Security system.

Scripture Now Published In 1,109 Languages

New York (RNS) — Complete Bibles, Testaments, or Bible portions have been published in 1,109 languages and dialects, the American Bible Society reported here.

It said 17 new languages were added to the list in 1956. As of the end of last year, the report said, the whole Bible had been made available in 210 languages or dialects, a complete Testament in 271 more, and one or more single Books of the Bible in 628 others.

Last year, the society published three complete Bibles for the first time in these languages: Bemba, spoken in North Rhodesia; Nimbiljo, in Nigeria; and Marovo, in the Solomon Islands.

The society also issued three New Testaments in Kuskokwim Eskimo, for Alaska; in Navaho, for Indians in the south-western part of the U. S.; and in Tzeltal, Mexico.

Other new languages in which portions of the Bible were published include: Aranda, for Australia; Manus Island, for the Admiralty Islands; Suau, for Dau; Mende, for Sierra Leone; Nantcheri, for French West Africa; and Congo Swahili, for the Belgian Congo.

Post Office Seeks Higher Fee For 3rd Class Permits

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Religious groups will have to pay ten dollars a year more for their third class mailing permits if Congress approves legislation requested by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

Mr. Summerfield told the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee that the department wants the price of all third class permits raised from the present ten dollars a year to twenty dollars, including the permits for non-profit groups.

Religious and other non-profit organizations would still be allowed to mail circulars, bulletins and other bulk mail at one cent per piece, however, after obtaining their annual mailing permit.

The Post Office Department wants to raise the rate for all other users of third class to two-cents a piece for bulk mailings of 200 or more pieces with printed indicia and two and one-half cents a piece for unsealed mailings using stamps.

Borneo Converts Tell Of Ending Devil Fears

Singapore (RNS)—Two Methodist leaders who visited Borneo and Sarawak were told by converts there that removing the fear of pagan devils has been among the greatest rewards for entering the church.

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett of India and Dr. James K. Mathews of New York, Methodist Board of Missions official, asked Iban converts: "What does Christ mean to you?"

Again and again, they reported, the answer came back, "We used to have to worry about a lot of demons and taboos. We were afraid of the birds and animals which might bring omens of bad luck. We were afraid of dreams, and tied to charms. Now that we know Jesus Christ, we are no longer afraid of these things."

The Ibans said their new faith is helping them to a better life than they had ever known before.

If they are supplied with ministers and teachers, the converts said, "in 20 or 30 years, we are sure, all the Ibans in Sarawak will be Christians."

They said that some of the Ibans who were angry with them two or three years ago for becoming Christians now want to be baptized, too.

Galveston To Have Tourist "Chapel By The Sea"

Galveston, Tex. (RNS)—A chapel for tourists at this island resort in the Gulf of Mexico will be opened on April 28.

The "Chapel-by-the-Sea" will be housed in a deserted church building on the grounds of old Fort Crockett facing the beach. It will be available for Protestant and Jewish services.

The project was initiated by a group of Protestant leaders who invited congregations of other faiths to participate.

Rabbi A. Stanley Dreyfus of Temple B'nai Israel and Rabbi Louis

Feigon of Congregation Beth Jacob accepted.

Msgr. D. P. O'Connell of St. Mary's Cathedral declined in behalf of local Catholics. He declared that "many Masses are being said in the city today as there are priests to say them and it would be impossible to add another service without bringing in another priest to the city."

The monsignor added, however, that he favored the project and commended the Protestant forces for instigating it.

Citizens of Galveston—sometimes called the "Sin City of the South"—have rallied to support the chapel both financially and as members of working committees to redecorate it and plan for programs and music.

Two services will be held weekly—a Protestant service and a Jewish service—during the tourist season.

jails which he covers on schedule.

"This evangelist once was a prisoner himself and found Christianity in a state penitentiary," Mr. Mason said. "He covers this monthly route, welcomed into jails by officials, in addition to his regular five-day work week."

Mr. Mason also told of a husband and wife team in Michigan, the Rev. and Mrs. Del Stafford of Flint, who have made prison mission work their full-time vocation.

Mission Group Spreads Gospel In Prison

Georgetown, Tex. (RNS)—A non-sectarian mission group with headquarters here is spreading its influence into 27 different state and federal prisons.

Known as the Prison Mission Association, Inc., the group uses sound films, Bible courses and personal visitation to bring the Gospel message to men behind prison walls.

Joe B. Mason, the association's executive secretary, said "we send our missionaries out like well-trained salesmen."

He said that one missionary in Fort Worth, Tex., has a regular monthly route of 40 to 50 county

Spiritual Benefits Not Automatic

THE season of Lent takes on added significance each year. Formally a spiritual season observed, for the most part, by a few other communions, Methodists and Methodist churches are finding in this period leading up to Easter a time for great spiritual enrichment.

Some of our churches hold special services each Sunday during Lent, while others plan special activities during the week. These services and weekday activities are designed to focus the attention of church members to the prize of the high calling of Christian living for those whose lives are committed to the Suffering Saviour and the Risen Christ.

But special services and planned activities, regardless of how helpful they may be, are of little help to church members who do not share in them. The spiritual benefits of the season of Lent are not automatically given to those who do not share in the services or activities. For Lent to have a great personal meaning, Christians and church members must find in every opportunity of worship and service an avenue of spiritual enrichment. The disciple who lingers long in fellowship with his Lord and fellow disciples will discover more fully the secrets of successful Christian living.

Investigations Will Help

WITH Senator John McClellan of Arkansas having a field day investigating labor conditions, it is becoming increasingly apparent that all is not well with organized labor. The nation is being treated to the spectacle of the revelation of the misuse of public trust by certain individuals to whom much responsibility had been delegated. According to Senator McClellan's statement on last Sunday evening, the investigations are just beginning, and are likely to reach significant proportions before the Committee's investigations are completed.

While the scope of the committee's investigative action includes that of management as well as labor, the committee has chosen to give its present attention to labor. Already many serious questions are being raised by labor leaders as to the ultimate effect the investigations will have on the organized labor movement. There are those, for example, who feel that the investigations will hurt organized labor. We choose on the other hand to believe that eventually the investigations will have a wholesome effect, focusing the public's attention on the beneficial aspects of the movement.

Of even greater help will be the effect of purging organized labor of those persons who for personal profit and power have gained places of leadership in the movement. The investigations should also have the wholesome effect of creating greater interest by union members in their leaders, and what disposition they make of funds and responsibility entrusted to their care. Members of labor unions will henceforth select their leaders with greater care, elevating to these responsible positions men who will give a good account of their stewardship.

Just what investigations of management will reveal remains in the realm of speculation at this time. However, there was a time when management was forced to give an account of its stewardship with the ultimate result that many of its practices were considerably improved. This, labor itself helped to do. There is sufficient public conscience now that it will have its ef-

fect on unwholesome conditions, whether they be within the labor movement or management. Those who engaged in corrupt practices dread exposure to the public. The net result of the investigations should be helpful.

The Problem Is Not Settled

WHILE the immediate threat of hostilities over the Suez Canal seems to have subsided for the time, it would appear that the problem is in no sense finally settled.

The larger nations which use the canal most appear, we are told, to be on the verge of accepting defeat at the hands of Nasser on the matter of control of the canal. England, France and the United States have been contending for some form of international control of the canal. At least it appears that the canal will open with Egypt in full control.

As a result of that fact, about the only progress that has been made in the matter is to get back up to the situation as it existed when France and England went into Egypt. As a result of their attack, the canal was blocked, and for these many months has been closed to the shipping. Now the canal is about cleared and is rapidly being opened to normal usage, except that the treaty of 1888 has been scrapped by fiat of Nasser and control of shipping through this important water-way is under Egyptian control.

The possibility of border raids from the Gaza strip is lessened some by the presence, for the time, of the troops of the UN. It remains to be seen how long even that protection will be given Israel. At the present writing, Israel is right back where it was before the trouble broke as to the use of the Gulf of Aquaba and the Suez Canal. Since Egypt claims that each of these passages are territorial waters of Egypt, and since Egypt considers Israel a hostile country, it has been stated very emphatically, by Nasser, that Israel would not be allowed to use either the Gulf of Aquaba or the Suez Canal.

With Egypt in control of the canal, all nations that use the canal will be subject to the whims and fancies of this presumptuous ruler of Egypt. Such a condition does not settle the problem, it simply offers opportunity for aggravated troubles in the future. The United States government, through the American State Department, has advised American shipowners to not use the canal at the present time. That would mean that all shipping to the Mid-East would be routed around the southern tip of Africa, which is a very unreal, as well as expensive, solution to the problem for us. The Suez Canal problem is not settled and will not be settled until Nasser shows a more reasonable attitude.

Standards For Christian Living

AS we look at the New Testament standards for Christian living, we are more and more convinced that there is absolutely nothing arbitrary about these standards. The standards for Christian living are not a set of rules fixed by a Supreme Being to serve His own ends.

The fact of the business is that we are never asked to do anything, as Christians, except something that will help us every step down the pathway of life, and be of endless value to us in the world to come.

It is just as true that Christians are not asked to leave out of their lives anything except those things that hurt us every step we make down life's pathway and these hurts become permanent ills in the eternities.

If this be true, and we think it is, is it not strange that so many people refuse to accept the Christian way of life?

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Alexandria Dist. To Hold Vacation School Institutes

A schedule for vacation church school institutes in the Alexandria District has been announced by Mrs. E. L. McKay, conference director of children's work.

Institutes will be held at Glenmora, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 9; at Urania, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 10; (bring sandwiches to both sessions) and at Trinity Church, Alexandria, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., April 11.

"Toward Wider Relationships" will be the theme for the sessions. "Friends Near and Far," by Juanita Purvis, will be the text for the kindergarten workers, and Mrs. W. M. Adams will be the leader. For primary workers, the text is "Our Families," by Frances Taltavull, and Mrs. T. E. Cranford is leader.

For the junior group, "Meet Your Neighbors," by Jean Abernathy, is the text, and Mrs. J. Henry Bowden, leader. "God's World and Ours," by Louise and Warren Griffiths, is the text for the intermediate workers, and Mrs. Wayne Fallin is leader.

Mrs. McKay said books will be on sale at the institutes.

Mrs. S. E. Richardson will lead nursery clinics at the same times the institutes are in session, and all nursery workers are urged to attend, Mrs. McKay said.

Request For Better Programs

The following is a copy of a request sent to several major broadcasting companies by the Woman's Temperance Union, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

"Radio and television we recognize as a medium of education and entertainment, but we feel that the home should be protected from all harmful influence. There is some obnoxious advertising of alcoholic beverages, programs showing folks quarreling, fighting, vulgar dancing, prolonged kissing, killing people, a woman giving birth to a baby, and women moving before the public almost nude. Such programs have bad influence upon the children, and especially young people.

"We are asking for the cooperation of the Ministerial Alliances, churches, Parent-Teacher Associations, clubs and individuals to write letters or cards, or sign a pe-

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Youth Rally Set For April 12

By Ira A. Brumley

The conference-wide Youth Rally for the North Arkansas Conference is to be held on the Hendrix Campus, April 12, beginning with workshop groups at 4:00 p.m., but a general assembly period will be held at 3:30 p.m. It is important that all who plan to be in the workshop be present for the assembly period at 3:30 p.m.

This rally is for seniors and older youth and adult workers with youth. It is centered this year in an emphasis on vocation.

The inspirational speaker will be Rev. Harold Ewing, Director of Youth Work of the Methodist Church.

Arrangements have been made for a picnic supper to be served by Hendrix College at 75c per person for those who desire to secure their meal at Hulen Hall. This is the same plan that was followed last year. Churches desiring that their groups have their meal at Hulen Hall must make requests at once, indicating the number to be served. This request must be made not later than April 5. This is necessary in order that the college may make adequate provision for those desiring the meal. Should more requests be made than for the number of persons that can be served, such church groups will be notified at once.

Letters have been sent to all pastors indicating the plan for the evening meal and asking that local churches make requests on the basis of their desires.

March Training Month

The month of March has been an excellent month in the training program of the North Arkansas Conference. The reports are not all in at this time (time of writing this material) but indications are that the fine response made in the month of March will bring the total training program to a new high mark for this time of year.

New Certifications

We continue to receive reports

tition, and mail to each of the networks, asking them to eliminate such things from their programs."

Respectfully submitted,
Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Jonesboro, Ark.

Scholarship Fund Established In Honor Of Dr. John Q. Schisler



DR. JOHN Q. SCHISLER

Dr. John Q. Schisler, native of Bono, Ark., and for many years an executive of the Methodist Board of Education, has been honored by having a scholarship fund named for him.

John Q. Schisler graduate awards, sponsored by the Board of Education of The Methodist Church are now available to a limited number of qualified graduate students for study in schools approved by the University Senate of The Methodist Church.

Applicants must have been members of The Methodist Church for at least five years, be bona fide degree candidates, and be preparing for leadership in the field of Christian education as directors of Christian education including persons who serve individual churches, and district or conference staff members who have responsibility for Christian education in the local church.

The annual amount of each scholarship will be \$1,000.

Those wishing to apply for a John Q. Schisler Graduate Award should contact the executive secretary of the board of education of the annual conference in which they serve who will supply necessary forms and advise candidates on procedure. In the Little Rock Conference, Dr. Roy E. Fawcett, 1723 Broadway, Little Rock, Ark., is the conference executive secretary; in the North Arkansas Conference, Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Hendrix Station, Conway, is the executive secretary; and in the Louisiana Conference, the executive secretary of the board of education is Dr. Bentley Sloane, P. O. Box 4156, Shreveport.

No applications will be accepted after April 15 and awards will be announced by the national committee on May 15.

For further information write to The Department of Student Loans and Scholarships, Division of Educational Institutions, The Methodist Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Lee Horton, Byron McSpadden, James Beal, Mrs. William A. Stewart, Jr., Charles W. Lewis, James M. Meadors, Mrs. H. E. Pearce, Mrs. T. D. Hampton, Earl Carter, Arvill Brannon, Mrs. Jack Glass, Ben F. Jordan and Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Walter Lindley, Douglas Bale, Archie N. Boyd, Mrs. W. T. Sanders, Mrs. Worth W. Gibson, Mrs. N. Lee Cate, William Hightower, Robert Howerton, James Clemons.

Three persons from the Little Rock Conference also attended: Mrs. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Mrs. John B. Hefley, and Everett Vinson.

Some of the students of Hendrix College attended parts of the session on The Methodist Youth Fellowship.

of new certifications. Two more persons have been certified for the course on "Paul's Letters to Local Churches." Rev. John Bayliss of Newport and Rev. George L. McGhehey of Holly Grove.

A total of forty-four persons have now been certified in the North Arkansas Conference for the course on "Paul's Letters to Local Churches."

Vacation Church School Institutes

The Forrest City District held its vacation church school institute on March 27.

The Conway District will have two vacation church school institutes: Conway, April 4; Dardanelle, April 11.

The Fort Smith District will have the district vacation church school institute at Midland Heights Church, Fort Smith, April 5.

There will be held a vacation church school institute for the western part of the Batesville District on April 25.

The Jonesboro District vacation church school institute will be held April 9 at Manila.

The Searcy District will have two vacation church school institutes: Clinton, April 4, and First Methodist Church, Searcy, April 5.

The Paragould District institute was held March 21.

Coaching Conference

A three unit coaching conference was held at Conway, Hendrix College Campus, March 28-29, with Rev. M. Leo Rippey, Rev. Lewis Durham and Miss Margie McCarty of the General Board of Education as resource leaders. A total of thirty-five persons took part in the coaching conference: Edwin Dodson, Herschel McClerkin, Earl Hughes, Robert Paul Sessions, Joe Taylor, Gerald Hammett and Mrs. Hammett, Barbara Meachem, Pryor R. Cruce and Mrs. Cruce, Sarah

NOTICE TO PASTORS AND MINISTERS OF MUSIC (CHOIR DIRECTORS) OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By action of the General Conference, the Conference Board of Education is to certify Ministers of Music who meet the standards established by the General Board.

Each Music Director should write the Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 4156, Shreveport, Louisiana, for standards and application blanks at once.

Bentley Sloane
Executive Secretary

GARDEN SPOTS

Soon in this Northern Hemisphere the earth will burst with the life-giving forces of spring. Beauty will cover the scars of winter. Nature will put away the hooded cloak of coldness and don the mantle of grace.



And amid this general beautification of nature, which will be seen in every hedgerow and forest, there are dotted gardens where man is co-worker with God in the creation of loveliness. In these gardens the hard earth is mellowed into soft beds where seeds are laid, there to leave their shells and rise into rich colors and graceful forms.

What the garden is to nature, the home is to human nature. It is the spot where the soil is prepared for life, where the seeds of life take root, and where the roots of life grow into the fruits of the spirit. Let us look at God's Garden Spot, the home.

First of all, the home is the garden where the soil is prepared for life. When we hear an adult say, "The world owes me a living," we deny his doctrine. The world does not owe a living to drones. But it does to infants. The child is brought into the world not at its own behest; and the parent who does not assume responsibility for the care of his child we rightly call inhuman.

No infant could survive more than a few hours unless the soil was prepared for its start. The very elements which make for a child's growth have to be adjusted to it or they would destroy it. The sunlight must be filtered in the right degree lest it impair the vision of the infant's opening eyes. The little one must be guided to its food lest it starve or poison itself. Without a specially prepared soil, the tender plant of childhood would quickly perish.

And we grownups, if we are to have a life worth living, must have some garden spots where the soil is more congenial than the hard street. We need some places where we can get away from the curious, unfeeling

stare of the crowd and look into eyes that understand and sympathize. We need some circles where we can unpack our hearts with words, where listening love sifts the wheat from the chaff of our chatter and goes on caring for us in spite of our weaknesses. We need those home spots where we can get away from the cutting edge of competition and allow our better natures to be brought out by cooperation and compassion.

Not all of us find congenial mates and make homes through marriage. But few of us are so alone that we do not have some ties with the homes of our childhood, our relatives or our friends. And how bravely some persons who live alone make their rooms into homey places, surrounding themselves with tokens and objects of affection. We adults never outgrow the need and longing for a home.

I have visited the place in Paris where John Howard Payne wrote "Home, Sweet Home." In his day it was the center of Paris gaiety and fashion. Yet I can understand how the lonesome traveler even in that sparkling setting could write, "Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

In my grandfather's home there hung a framed motto, "God is the Head of this House." Framed mottoes have gone out of fashion. But that old-fashioned motto stood for something which we must not let go out of style, for God puts into the soil of the home certain fertilizing elements.

For instance, true godliness transforms the possessiveness of love into a sense of trusteeship. So often we become selfishly possessive of our husbands or wives or children. That attitude makes for jealousy and bitterness. Was it not Prof. George Herbert Palmer who said of his wife Alice Freeman, "I never called her mine." He loved her deeply, but he avoided treating her as his possession.

Also God develops the grace of forgiveness. Into every home misunderstandings come. There are times when our affections freeze up because of some change in the family weather. But when we let in the sunlight of God's presence, the icicled springs of the heart thaw out, and what fun it is to "make up."

We recall Bobby Burns' description of the "Cotter's Saturday Night"—the father reading his Bible to his children. Burns added, "From scenes like these old Scotia's grandeur springs."

Yes, from scenes like this grow the grandeur of America and Canada.

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
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North Arkansas Conference



THE NECESSARY INGREDIENT

Anyone who does much travelling soon comes to feel the need of seeing pleasant faces during the day. The porter who handles the bags; the girl who serves breakfast; the filling station attendant; if all these people greet one with a frown or even with a lack of a smile, the day goes poorly with the traveller. The opposite of course is true. It's especially true at breakfast time. I remember the experience of eating breakfast at a cafeteria in Little Rock recently. On both mornings that I ate there the woman who made the toast seemed especially anxious to be helpful. She greeted me pleasantly, then asked what kind of bread or toast I wanted. She served a warm smile along with the food, and even at this humble job she left the customer with a feeling the day could start at least with a joyous experience. I'll be back to exchange greetings with her the next time I eat breakfast in that vicinity.

The Psalmist wrote, "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing." . . . A man advertised in the paper for a housekeeper to take care of his motherless children. He wrote, "WANTED; a Christian woman to keep house, preferably a happy one." . . . One of the most damaging indictments that can be directed toward Christians is that they so often think of serving the Lord as a job that requires a face as long as a piece of string. The happiest task that God can offer mankind thus all too often degenerates into a sort of duty tour with overtones of solemn words or of narrowing prohibitions.

It is an easy job for the Christian to allow the debris of everyday problems to pile up so high in front of him that he loses sight of the fundamental joy of serving and following God. The fretful experiences of the moment sometimes seem to obstruct our long range vision until we measure the experience of the whole day in terms of a few paltry frustrations. The job of serving God should be one of joy and gladness, but when we allow this task to become a drudge, we have lost the richest portion of living. Following Christ never was an easy job.

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

IS THE CHURCH GROWING?

It is rather unfortunate that the noun *church* has so many different meanings and shades of meaning that when we use it in ordinary speech we may—in any group—be picturing or implying quite different things. My "Webster" notes ten varying meanings of the word; and, I am sure, the theologians would split these and add a few more. It is this paucity of English (and, indeed, of any other language) to separate the various meanings of *church* that leads to confusion and disagreement in thinking, in speaking, and in writing on the general subject.

"Is the Christian church growing in the world?" my friend asks.

In the first place, I have to "lower case" the initial letter in *church* in this question, for in many areas "Christian Church" is a denomination, and I am not speaking of it alone. Then I have to think of the term in three other meanings—and I could in even more. Is my friend thinking of the church as an aggregate of millions of people all around the world? — the "statistical church," as someone has called it. Or of the church as a number of buildings of brick, and stone, and wood, and even straw and mud? Or is he thinking of the church that is the *spirit of Christ moving among men* ("history")—the "invisible church," "the spiritual church?" My answer to his query will be quite different according to what he has in mind as *church*.

The compilations assures us that—despite communist teachings and minor defections—the Statistical Church is growing, taking the world as a whole. There may be poor Sunday morning attendance at services in Great Britain—but *membership* and *attendance* do not necessarily

It is even described as a "burden." But with that burden goes the wonderful experience of being a day-by-day yokefellow of the Master. After all, a doughnut is a lot more than a hole. And life is infinitely more than the sorrows or the cares of the moment. Looking for the joy of serving Him has always been rewarded by the experience of gladness and hopeful expectancy.

have close relationship. The church membership figures in the U.S.A., mounting each year, astound many. The new mass communication media—radio, television, and group literacy campaigns—are carrying the Christian message to new ears, and eyes, and hearts, and minds in Africa, Asia, and South America, and the churches are harvesting new members.

In our rejoicing over the growth of the Statistical Church, however, we need to be steadied by the knowledge that the earth's population—including the population in so-called Christian countries—is growing as never before in human history. It is questionable if (even in America) the increase in Christian church membership is keeping up with the population increase. Men are not for long *born into church membership*—each new generation must be rewon to the church and its faith.

The Church of Brick and Stone is growing. The figures are impressive, especially in America. New and enlarged worship-education edifices are trying to keep pace with the needs of increased population and of shifting population. In Asia and Africa the number of churches grows yearly.

But what of the "Church of the Spirit"—the Invisible Church—the truth and power of the Holy Spirit working God's purposes out among men and nations? The only true purpose of the Statistical Church and of the Church of Brick and Stone is to prepare men's hearts and minds to receive the Holy Spirit, to give avenue for the work of the Invisible Church.

At this juncture we may not see alike. It would be simple to categorically list the major ills, crises, and tensions in today's world, and question whether or not the Invisible Church—the Spiritual Force among men—is bringing solution to daily dilemmas. Personally, I believe that much of the "revolution" in the world today (though I abhor the military form it too often takes) is evidence of the Invisible Church working among men. It pricks their consciences; it shows centuries-old injustices and sins for what they are; it is sensitive to evil as the church of our fathers never was; it roots into the deepest good within us. Read back a century or five centuries in history there were inhumanities of man to man that were neither realized nor challenged. So long as evil is seen as evil, and is challenged for failure to live up to the highest men know from God, hope lives, and there is evident the mysterious onward movement of the Invisible Church.

A More Excellent Way



"Every Member Caring
Every Member Sharing"
Motto of The Arkansas-Louisiana Area EMC Program

THIS is the second in a series of articles dealing with Stewardship Emphases and Every Member Canvass programs in local churches. The first article which appeared in the issue of March 7 concerned an "Every Member Enrollment" program promoted last year by the Forrest City and West Memphis churches.



A. B.
Cavanaugh

This article will describe a similar program of the Gretna Methodist Church where Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh is pastor.

The results of the Stewardship program in the Gretna Church have been obtained over a period of four years with the results to date being the fruits of a longer period of cultivation and effort rather than one all out program.

Records show, for example, that the total budget for the year 1952-53 was \$9,256 with only a small number of members making pledges. The budget was met through offerings received at services and outside collections. The story for the following year was very much the same. During the conference year 1954-55, a more determined effort was launched to enlist the pledged support of the membership of the church. According to Gretna leaders, it was not many years ago that "pledge" was almost a forbidden word in the Gretna congregation. However, a few progressive persons in the congregation realized the need for intensive stewardship cultivation. If the Gretna Church was to continue to grow and present an effective program, these leaders also knew that the system of pledging financially as a result of a Every Member Canvass program was the answer, and they set themselves earnestly to this task.

Although resistance was encountered at first, the leadership of the church did not become discouraged. As a result of this approach an increasing number of the families of the church were convinced of the value of this method, and they responded with their pledges.

The first year of this determined stewardship program, 1954-55, resulted in a total of 31 pledges, totaling \$5,510 towards a budget of \$9,800. The program during the conference year 1955-56 saw these 31 pledges increased to 52, with \$7,200 pledged on a \$12,400 budget. As the program gained momentum, the trend toward broader support by the congregation continued. During the conference year 1956-57 there were 121 pledges amounting to \$17,100 on a total budget of \$22,400. The Every Member Canvass program for the next conference year 1957-58 has just been completed, with 167 persons pledging \$26,340 on a total budget of \$26,821. Of this number there are three pledges in excess of \$1,000 and four other pledges exceeding \$500 each.

During this same period membership has increased, according to the conference records, from 351 members to 380 and the Sunday School average attendance has increased from 91 to 110. It should be especially noted that during the last four year period, the number of pledges to the church budget has increased from 31 to 167.

It is also significant that each year a larger percentage of the total budget has been underwritten with pledges by the membership. For example, in 1954 approximately 52% of the

budget was underwritten by pledges. For the conference year coming up practically 100% of the church budget has already been covered by pledges. Church leaders also point out that in the past, suppers, bazaars, and other fund raising projects were necessary to meet budget items. These leaders also pointed out that during the current year none of these activities have been held for budgetary items, and none are planned for the ensuing year. They say they have found "a more excellent way."

Church leaders also point out that the growth in Stewardship concepts has been the most significant aspect of this program. There are, of course, as in any church, a few families that still do not make pledges. However, as the experience of stewardship comes to mean more and more, many of these families who do not make pledges give systematically. The number of members who do not make any known financial contribution to the church is decreasing each year. All in all, church leaders are convinced that the experience has been a most thrilling one. Members have grown spiritually and with this growth the budget also has been expanded.

Leaders of the church are loud in their praise of Rev. Karl Tooke, Louisiana Conference director of Stewardship, who gave personal leadership to the Every Member Canvass program this year. Rev. Mr. Tooke in discussing with the writer the program at Gretna, indicated that he felt that the approach by the leadership in this local church had been constructive and creative. He paid high tribute to the pastor and the local church leaders whose vision has enabled the Gretna program to grow in such proportions.

The same materials which the General Board of Lay Activities is making available to the Arkansas-Louisiana Area-Wide Every Member Canvass program have been used in the past by the Gretna congregation for cultivation purposes.

What has been done in those churches

which have promoted and faithfully carried out the Every Member Canvass program can also be done in other churches where stewardship has not been a cornerstone of the church program. Other churches, too, can find the "More Excellent Way."

In The Arkansas-Louisiana Area

Annual conference leaders of the Little Rock, Louisiana and North Arkansas conferences report satisfactory progress to date in the area wide Every Member Canvass program. Rev. Karl Tooke, director of Stewardship for the Louisiana Conference, who is also serving as the Louisiana Conference E.M.C. director, pointed out recently that approximately 80% of the churches in the Louisiana Conference are participating in the area program.

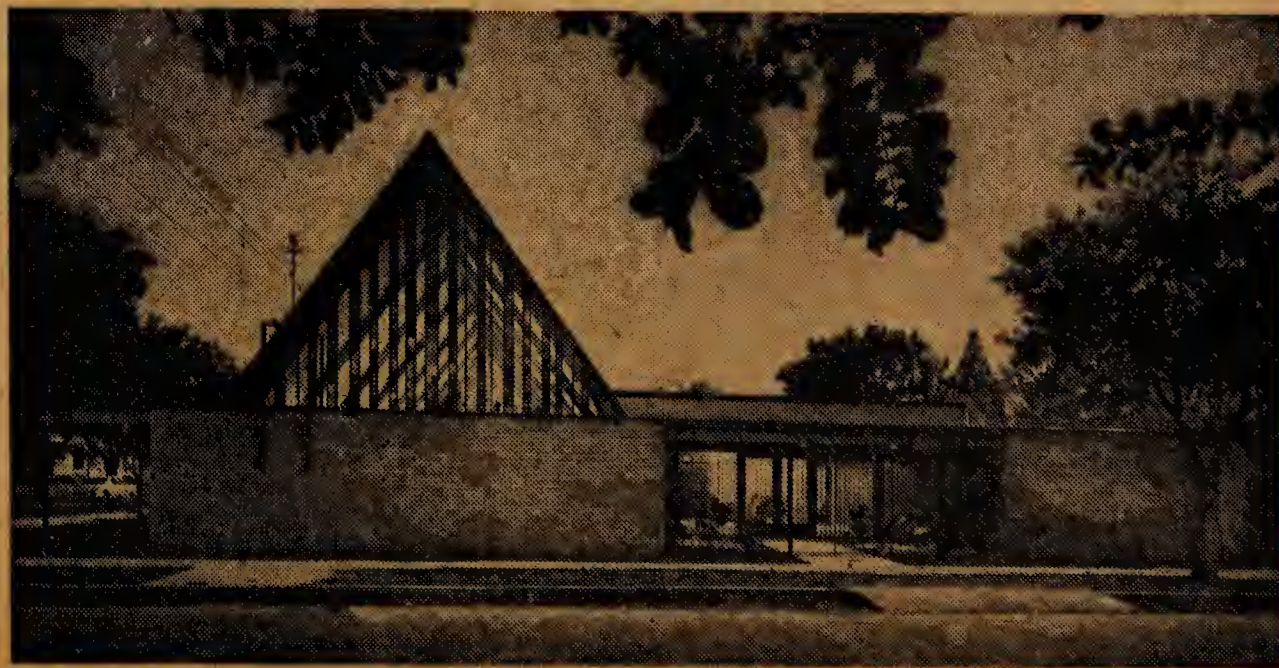
Rev. James M. Major, Town and Country Commission executive secretary of the Little Rock Conference, who is serving as the E.M.C. director of the Little Rock Conference, reported recently that practically all of the Little Rock Conference charges are cooperating, and that district and local church leaders are very optimistic about the results, now and in the future of this program.

Rev. A. N. Storey, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Town and Country Commission, who is serving as the E.M.C. director in that conference is equally confident about the results among churches of the North Arkansas Conference which participate in the program.

The Area E.M.C. was launched several weeks ago with a series of district meetings projected to acquaint the local church leaders with the philosophy and procedures in Every Member Canvass programs. During this present period local church leaders are being acquainted with techniques and methods of the program.

Sunday, May 5 has been designated as Loyalty Sunday for the Area program and Sunday, May 12 has been designated Victory Sunday.

New Church Plant Completed At Gretna Which Recently Won Architectural Award. Lawrence, Saunders, and Calongne was the architectural firm.



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

COLONEL WILLIAM B. ESTES, post chaplain at Ft. Polk, was guest speaker at the De-Ridder Methodist Church, Sunday, March 31, where Rev. James C. Whitaker is pastor.

REV. SAM NADER, superintendent of the Lake Charles District, preached in revival services held at the Iowa Methodist Church recently. Rev. E. W. Day is pastor of the church.

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. Ollie L. Golson, Jr., a son, Martin Harris, on March 21. The Rev. Mr. Golson is pastor of the Melville Methodist Church.

REV. JAMES T. HARRIS, superintendent of the Monroe District, was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Minden, Sunday, March 24, where Rev. Dan R. Robinson is pastor.

REV. FRANK C. LANKFORD, pastor of the Pearl River Charge, will preach in evangelistic services each evening April 15 through Easter at the Talisheek Methodist Church. G. L. Hutto will be the song leader.

METHODIST MEN'S CLUB is being organized in First Methodist Church, Iowa. The first meeting was held April 3. Claudius Mayo was the guest speaker. Rev. E. W. Day is pastor of the church.

DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, executive secretary of the Louisiana Conference Board of Education, was in New Iberia on March 19 to confer with the planning committee on a new education building for First Methodist Church. Rev. W. R. Wendt is the pastor.

DR. MACK B. STOKES, Parker Professor of Systematic Theology, Emory University, was guest speaker in revival services of the Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie, March 17-22. Two services were held daily. Rev. D. W. Poole is pastor of the church.

REV. KIRBY VINING, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club of the Haynesville Methodist Church, Thursday evening, March 28. Ivan Weaver is president of the Club and Rev. Jack Midyett is pastor of the church.

MISS MARCELLA FLYNT, a Life Service Volunteer from First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, now attending Centenary College, was elected Secretary of the Conference Methodist Student Movement at a meeting held at the Wesley Foundation at SLI in Lafayette. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor of the church.

DR. WILLIAM E. TRICE, pastor of University Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, was the guest speaker at a ladies night meeting of the First Methodist Church Men's Club, Tuesday, March 26. Dr. Trice was introduced by Joe Moore, president of the Club. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor of the church.

DR. ROY L. SMITH, of LaJolla, California, was guest preacher in revival services at the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, March 24-29. Morning services were held at 10:30 o'clock and evening services at 7:30. Richard Jenkins was song leader for the services. Dr. Carl F. Lueg is pastor of the church.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Men's Club of the University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, are: president, Will P. Wayne; vice-president, W. H. Wroten; treasurer, Robert Guintard; publicity, John Arnold; and attendance and membership, W. M. Grigsby. Rev. Earl B. Emmerich is pastor of the church.

DR. B. C. TAYLOR, superintendent of the Shreveport District, was the guest speaker at the noon-day Lenten services Monday through Friday, March 25-29, conducted by the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches. Rev. Luman E. Douglas, pastor of the Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, was presiding chairman for the service on Thursday.

TED TETHERS, director of Wesley Foundation at S.L.I., assisted by 23 student members of the Foundation, conducted an inspiring worship service in the First Methodist Church of New Iberia, on Sunday evening, March 17. The service consisted of pageant, drama and music with "The Cross" as the central theme. Rev. W. R. Wendt is pastor of the church.

EARLY THURSDAY morning, March 21, a freak wind tore off the top stones from the front of the new sanctuary and caused considerable damage to the steel loggia in front of the University Methodist Church, Lake Charles. The stones weighing 400 to 500 pounds were moved several feet from their position, causing damage of approximately \$2,000, according to the pastor, Rev. Earl B. Emmerich.

SEVENTEEN MEMBERS of the Epps Tithers Club enjoyed a delicious pot luck supper prepared by the lady members on Thursday, March 14, in the educational building of the Epps Methodist Church. The Club was temporarily organized in February, and it is hoped that a permanent organization of this type can be continued. Rev. J. B. McCann is pastor of the Epps-Floyd Charge.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH in New Iberia conducted a successful "Three Night Visitation for Christ" recently. The visitors were instructed by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Wendt, on Sunday afternoon before visiting on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. A letter from the pastor was mailed to all prospective members during the week before the visitation, which resulted in 7 baptisms and 23 new members to the church.

DR. VIRGIL D. MORRIS, superintendent of the New Orleans District, will preach at the morning worship service of the Pearl River Methodist Church, Sunday, April 14. Immediately following the service Quarterly Conference will be held. A dinner-on-the-grounds will be served at noon, and in the afternoon Dr. Morris will dedicate the Church's new educational building. Rev. Frank C. Lankford is pastor of the church.

REV. HUGH L. BAKER, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, has recently been named District Director of Camping for the Baton Rouge District. It has been announced that the District Committee on Bluff Creek, Rev. Jerome Cain, pastor of the Istrouma Methodist Church, chairman, plans to completely renovate, beautify, and expand the Bluff Creek facilities. The entire camping program of the District will be intensified and expanded.

REV. LEA JOYNER, pastor of Southside Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest speaker in a four-day evangelistic service at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, which began on March 17. Rev. Joyner serves as chaplain of the Charity Hospital in Monroe, and is called upon by law enforcement officers to counsel and comfort women and girls who have broken the law. Rev. W. H. Giles is pastor of the Bogalusa church.

DR. CARL MICHAELSON, professor of theology at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, was guest speaker at a three day meeting of some 150 students from Wesley Foundations of Louisiana colleges, held in the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, March 15-17. Theme for the 1957 annual meeting of the Methodist Student Movement was "For Such A Time As This." Miss Lillian Hay, Hammond, director of the Wesley Foundation at Southeastern Louisiana college, is also director of the Louisiana MSM.

THE BARKSDALE METHODIST CHURCH, Bossier City, was used by the members of the John Knox Presbyterian Church of that city for their revival, March 10-17. The Presbyterians had slated their revival to be held in their new building, but at the last minute found that their building would not be ready. Because they had been meeting Sundays in a school building, they

could not hold morning services, and thus the Methodists permitted use of their church auditorium.

THE XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Club for Older Adults at the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, under the guidance of Rev. Don Barnes, minister of Christian Education, has become an active group in the church's program. The group was organized about a year ago with Mrs. Henry Nelson as the first president. The present leader is Mrs. R. A. Stafford. On Valentines Day the group entertained the Senior Citizens of the First Presbyterian Church at a "Sweetheart Banquet."

DR. LEO RIPPY, of Nashville, Tenn., was guest speaker at the Alexandria district adult rally held at First Methodist Church, Pineville, March 26. Mitchell Reames of Northwestern State College, and First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, presided. Director of the department of adult Christian education of the Methodist Church since 1940, Dr. Rippy is the author of several books and a contributor to numerous religious periodicals. Rev. John F. Kilpatrick is pastor of the Pineville church. Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Conference Director of Adult Work, was in charge of all arrangements for the meeting.

FUNERAL SERVICES for Mrs. Mary Anna Stafford, 85, were held in Evanston, Illinois, March 21. She died March 18 in an Evanston nursing home following a long illness. Her husband, the Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Stafford, is the former executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Pensions and a well-known author and authority on Christian symbolism. A native of County Armagh, Northern Ireland, Mrs. Stafford had lived in the United States since her marriage to Dr. Stafford on May 30, 1907. Her first ten years of married life were spent in Minnesota, where her husband served as pastor of several Methodist churches.

REVIVAL SERVICES at the Bush Methodist Church were held on March 14, 15 and 16, closing with the Sunday morning worship service, March 17. Members of the St. Tammany group ministry filled the pulpit for the four services. Rev. John Redmon, pastor of the Slidell Methodist Church, was the Thursday evening speaker; Rev. Frank Lankford of Pearl River Methodist Church, was the speaker for Friday evening, and on Saturday evening Rev. Robert Carter of the Covington Methodist Church, was the speaker. The pastor, Rev. Stanley Baker, conducted a special service on Sunday morning, closing the revival.

ON FRIDAY NIGHT, March 22, a supper was held at the Gentilly Methodist Church honoring the Sunday School teachers for their work and devotion to the church. Some twenty teachers and their families attended and were treated to a roast beef dinner prepared and served by the Senior MYF of the church, who also provided music for the evening's entertainment. The pastor, Rev. E. P. Drake, addressed the workers and thanked them for their part in serving the church. According to report, the Church School at Gentilly has made great progress under the leadership of Philip Burg as Superintendent. All classes are well attended. Class rooms have been redecorated and furniture added where needed. Heating and cooling facilities have been improved. Work in the various departments has been done by members of the adult classes.

THE MEN'S BIBLE CLASS of the Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, is engaged in a campaign to increase its membership. The class is divided into teams and the losers will treat the winners to a red bean and rice supper at the close of the contest. Bill Soderman is teacher; George Cathey, president; and Fred Derrington, treasurer. Mr. Derrington recently designed and built a copper coat and hat rack and presented it to the class. In cooperation with the Ladies Class of the church, a folding wall has been built to make two class rooms in the church recreation hall where the classes now meet. Together the two classes purchased an automatic dishwasher for the church kitchen. The men's Class is presently refinishing, redecorating and installing new lighting fixtures in the nursery and have several other projects in mind to improve the church facilities. Rev. E. P. Drake is pastor of the Gentilly church.

Centenary Names Development Program Director

Appointment of F. H. "Buss" Delaney as director of the Centenary College Development Program has been announced by Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president.

Delaney has been assistant to the president in public relations for the past two years and previously was head basketball coach for six years and athletic director for a period of two years. As director of the development program, Delaney will succeed Ted Foley, who resigned from the position.

Delaney's new position will involve general public relations, fund-raising and the promotion of the total Centenary College program. He will maintain offices in the Louisiana Bank and Trust Co. Building in downtown Shreveport. Although the new appointment will take effect immediately, Delaney will not sever his connections with the athletic program at Centenary until June 1.

Franklin To Build New Parsonage

A kick-off supper meeting to initiate a financial campaign to build a new parsonage and retire the debt on the First Methodist Church, Franklin, was held March 10, according to A. R. Newman, finance chairman.

An intensive and rapid campaign scheduled for March 10-17, is planned, Newman said. The goal is for cash donations and pledges on a two-year basis totaling \$45,000, which will cover the balance due on the new church constructed about two years ago and of a new parsonage to be erected in excess of the insurance payment received on the old building recently destroyed by fire.

Monroe First Church Organizes Golden Fellowship Club

One of the growing concerns of local church leaders is the welfare of older adults. One of the well organized groups is the Golden Fellowship Club of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, which was organized in December 1956 under the direction of Mrs. C. E. McKenzie. This group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month for a luncheon and fellowship. Dr. Geo. W. Pomeroy is pastor.

The group picture below was made at the March meeting. Those appearing in the picture are: Bottom

Row, left to right—Mrs. Lettie Owens, Mrs. Fred Hanna, Mrs. Lida G. May, Mr. Frank May, Mrs. Leola Nixon, Miss Nora Downes, Mrs. F. C. Potter, and Mrs. W. L. Perce.

Top Row, left right—Mrs. C. E. McKenzie, Director; Mrs. E. P. Cudd, Miss Ruby Stewart, Mrs. Annie Gannaway, Mrs. Marie Ellet, Mrs. Rosa Robinson, Mrs. H. K. Roberts, Mrs. Zada Collins, Mrs. J. E. Ball, Mrs. A. S. Tidwell, Mrs. J. E. Stevens and Mrs. Ethel Johnson.



G. M. Anderson, on the right, is presenting to Bob Smith of the Wicks Organ Company, a check in the amount of \$21,363.

Broadmoor Dedicates Pipe Organ

On Sunday morning, March 24, a pipe organ was presented to the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, and dedicated for use in its service. This organ is a three manual and pedal instrument, built by the Wicks Organ Company of Highland, Illinois. There are approximately 1500 pipes in the organ, ranging in size from 16 feet in length, with a weight of 200 lbs. for the largest pipe, down to the treble, or high frequency pipes, which are the size of a pencil. This organ was especially designed, built and voiced for the Broadmoor Methodist Church.

The organ was built at a cost of \$21,363.00 and is a gift from Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Anderson, and their sons, Hank and Bill. Mr. Anderson presented the organ to the Minister, Rev. George W. Harbuck, Sunday morning.

Centenary Mascot Receives Needed Attention



Josephine, campus dog of Centenary College, is comforted by students, left to right, Paul Blackman, Jeri Cassidy and Frances Williams, after undergoing an anti-rabies shot at a local dog clinic on orders of Dr. Joe J. Mickle, Centenary College president.

"A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast..." Proverbs, Ch. 12, verse 10

Josephine, Centenary College's most unorthodox coed, has reason to regard Dr. Joe J. Mickle as a righteous man.

Dr. Mickle, president of Centenary, rescued Josephine last week from an ignominious capture by the Shreveport dog-catcher and a probable untimely demise in the gas chamber at the city dog pound.

Unofficially listed as college property for almost a decade, Josephine is a black and white dog of uncertain origin and dubious ancestry. Josephine is noted for haphazard appearances in classrooms and for a virtually insatiable appetite for doughnuts and candy bars. However, few will deny the fact that Josephine is as much a part of the college as the red brick Administration Building.

Records concerning Josephine's college career are incomplete, but according to best information available, the dog once belonged to a family living on Centenary Blvd., just across the street from the campus. The animal paid a visit to the college and was so well received by students and faculty that, like "the man who came to dinner," she kept prolonging the stay until, eventually, no one could remember a time when she hadn't been around the place.

Dr. Mickle, the owner of a more respectable dog answering to the name of "Mr. Snooper," struck up a friendship with Josephine, who readily recognized him as a dog-lover. He never failed to take the time to give Josephine a few pats when she bounded up to him in search of affection and attention.

The other day, Dr. Mickle paused in his rounds of the campus to scratch Josephine's ears. For some reason, he inspected her collar and discovered, to his chagrin, that the dog's last license was dated 1955. Apparently, Josephine had been attending Centenary College without proper credentials for the past two years and somehow had escaped the searching eyes of Shreveport's dog catcher.

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Youth Retreat To Be Held At Murfreesboro

A youth retreat for the young people of Lewisville, Bradley, Murfreesboro, and Delight will be held in Murfreesboro, April 12 and 13.

Registration will begin at 6 p.m., Friday. A study session will follow a sack supper and fellowship singing. The closing worship service is scheduled after the recreation period. Saturday will begin with a morning prayer service and breakfast. A study session will be held, there will be a period of free time, and recreation will be directed at Narrow Lake. The closing worship at Lake Shore will follow lunch.

The youth are asked to bring a sack supper, 75 cents for meals and materials, a Bible and devotional materials, and a bed roll.

The study sessions will be used as a time for instruction on "What Do I Believe As A Methodist Young Person?" Mr. Maurice Sagely is the youth division superintendent.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Capital

One hundred fifty-one youth were present at the Capital Sub-District meeting March 19, which was held at the Broadmoor Methodist Church in Baton Rouge to determine the Sub-District contestant to the District finals for the Louisiana Conference Alcohol Essay Contest. The topic for the essay is, "Is Moderation the Answer To The Alcohol Problem?"

Three youth entered the contest. They were: Mary Charleville from Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge; Douglas Kemp from First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge; and Gwen Norgress from Live Oak Methodist Church in Live Oak. "Hello, sir, you with the drink in your hand—you say you're a moderate drinker!" was the beginning of the winning essay, written by Gwen Norgress.

Before the contestants gave their essays, Margie Reynard, District Secretary, explained the details of the District WSCS-sponsored Mission Tour. Methodist high school seniors are eligible to make the tour of the Methodist mission projects and institutions in south Louisiana. The group will leave from the First Methodist Church on April 12 and return the next day.

Also final plans for the District Rally were announced. It will be held in the Baton Rouge Junior High auditorium on Monday, April 8. Speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Luther Booth from Winfield, La.

The meeting was closed with folk singing and refreshments.

W. F. Cooley

The regular monthly meeting of the W. F. Cooley Sub-District was held March 4 at Centerville, with 77 attending.

The treasurer reported the group has sent \$70 to the MY Fund. Glenna Elliott is reporter.

Little River-Miller

The sub-district meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Little River and Miller Counties was held at the Fairview Method-

ist Church in Texarkana on Monday, March 18.

There were 189 persons present, including the MYF members, their parents, pastors, and other visitors.

Members of the MYF of 13 churches attended the meeting. The following churches were represented: Ashdown Methodist, Holly Springs Methodist, Rondo Methodist, Harmony Methodist, Pleasant Hill Methodist, Garland Methodist, Doddridge Methodist, Olive Branch Methodist, Foreman Methodist, College Hill Methodist of Texarkana, First Methodist of Texarkana, Few Memorial Methodist, and Fairview.

Following the business session and program which was under the direction of the Fairview MYF, refreshments were served to those present.

Polk County

A record number of 105 attended the Polk County Sub-district meeting of the MYF at Hatfield, Mar. 4. Every church in the sub-district was represented.

Following the program, conducted by the host MYF, the business session was held with Miss Maxine Crane of Mountain View, presiding.

Vernon Rodgers, sub-district sponsor of the MYF, showed films of the annual recognition banquet held at the First Methodist Church, Mena, in December. Recreation and the serving of refreshments concluded the session.

Joyce Deramus, reporter, said the next meeting was set for April 1, and will be held at Wickes. The attendance goal was set at 125.

Wesley

The Wesley Sub-district held its monthly meeting at Oak Grove, March 18, and Flora won the attendance banner.

There was a program conducted by the Oak Grove MYF group, and a business meeting was held. Refreshments were served before the session closed.

Congratulations were in order for Toni Whittington who won second place, and to Jeanette Hilton who got honorable mention for their entries in the recently held essay-speech contest. Janice Davis is reporter for the group.

Rice Belt

The Intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Rice Belt Sub-district had its regular monthly meeting at the Methodist Church in DeWitt, Monday night, March 25.

The DeWitt Intermediates presented the worship program with Gloria Rowland as leader. Others taking part were Kay Morgan, Rose Pittman and Sandy Rimes. The theme of the program was friendship of how to keep old friends and make new ones. In honor of the theme every person sat next to a person from another church.

The business meeting followed the worship program. During the business meeting Rev. Patton of Gillet said that those 15 or promoted to the tenth grade are not eligible for Intermediate Camp and that those 12 or promoted to the seventh grade were eligible.

For recreation all youth went to a roller rink in DeWitt.

The next meeting will be at Gillett, April 22.

LAFAYETTE FIRST CHURCH MYF GROUP PRESENTS VARIETY PROGRAM

The senior MYF group of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, presented a variety program, Friday evening, March 15.

Earl Siadous was master of ceremonies and Lew Graham, MYF president, presented the welcome address preceding the program.

Others who participated included: Raoul Gerac, Ronald Goins, John Palmer, Glenn Abel, Mike Huckaby, Leah Waltermire, Jimmy Conley, Beth Beadle, Mary Lou Peck, Patsy LeBlanc, Linda Robinson, and Ann Campbell.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

CHARACTER BEGINS AT HOME

High school principals said recently that the fight against juvenile delinquency must begin at home. 5000 of these men and women were present at the 41st annual convention of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. A panel discussion at the closing session warned parents against trying to unload on the schools their responsibility for developing good character and high ideals in their children. Their topic was, "How can the school and the home cooperate in reducing delinquency among teenagers." There was no effort to shirk the school's responsibility. But there was honest recognition that the school cannot do it alone.

School and Church Important

A Portland, Oregon, principal, Howard F. Horner, said the most important role the school can play is to "educate parents" to accept their own responsibilities for guiding youth. "Character development by the school and church is certainly important but it is not sufficient to overcome the constant pressures of home and friends," he said. "Greater responsibility for character training is with the home where attitude toward others, ethical standards and a code of behavior are established."

Mr. Horner continued, "(The home) is also the most difficult place to effect an improvement, as most parents of problem children are unwilling to accept responsibility for their child's acts, or they assume a protective attitude in which they defend the youngster even after it has been proven he is in the wrong."

Overprotection

Overprotection by parents was deplored by Alvin R. Dittick of Cleveland, Ohio. "An adult example of attempting to pressure responsible officials to rescind carefully considered disciplinary measures scarcely improves the attitudes of youth nor reinforces the moral tone of the community" he said.

The principals heard the parental point of view from Mrs. C. W. Detjen of Webster Groves, Mo., who is chairman of the high school committee of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. She advised principals to establish friendly and cooperative relationships with parents before delinquency problems arise. At one point she was critical when she said, "There are still too many (principals) who feel that they do not want or need parents cluttering up the school."

Building Character

Hardly anyone with the youth-

Others on the program were Danny Able, Dianne Dillenback, Frances Gerac, Susan Davis, Jackie Duncan, Dick Parrish, Susan Peters, Laura Bates, Kent Mitchell, Alfred Arnould, George Guttlin, and Linny Montgomery.

Also on the program were: Jean Duhon, Yvonne Duhon, Donald Langlinalis, Nancy Stroud, and Barbara Hall. Members of the orchestra were Billy Simon, Mike Huckaby, Kent Mitchell, Darrel Broussard, Donald Langlinalis, David Titsworth, and Earl Siadous.

The program was in the form of a "mock radio program," and money raised will be used to support the MY Fund and other MYF projects.

Advisors to the group are the Rev. and Mrs. Ira Robinson and counselors are Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rohland. The Rev. Fred S. Flurry is the pastor of the Lafayette First Methodist Church.

Linda Robinson and Ann Campbell were awarded the prize for best performance.

"Power" Invites Contributions

"Power," Methodism's devotional magazine for youth, is inviting contributors, particularly youth in high school, college, the Armed Services, and employment to submit meditations for publication.

Suggestions about contributions were listed as follows:

THEME: "Christ Above All";

LENGTH: 250 words;

CONTENT: Scripture reading and prayer thought; personal experiences and ideas. (Please give author and title of book, hymn or poem for quotations.)

SEND TO: "Power," P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

BY: May 1, 1957.

"Your experience may help others to grow in Christian faith. We hope you will write us," the notice concluded.

ful accent would dispute the importance of home in building character. Few that are informed in this area would question the need for a creative partnership of home and school and church so that personality and character may be well-rounded and fully mature. To leave out any of these three is to short-change the younger generation and put a ceiling on the moral future of a nation. The schools have their share to do, but they cannot do it all. The church must rise to the demands of the time so that Sunday School will continue to be the most fruitful hour in the week for character training.

But both these institutions are effective in this area only with the fullest active cooperation of parents and home. Character like charity, begins at home.



Little Rock Conference Guild To Meet in Magnolia

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Little Rock Conference will be held in Magnolia, First Methodist Church, April 6-7 with Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney, Conference Secretary, presiding.

The theme for the meeting is "To Know Christ and to Make Him Known." Guest speakers will be Dr. W. Ferrell Pledger from Centenary College at Shreveport, Louisiana, who spent fifteen years as a missionary to India; Dr. Pearle McCain, a native of Arkansas, a missionary to Japan, who is on leave for this year, and Mrs. H. C. Pletz, Jurisdiction Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild from San Antonio, Texas.

The program will consist of reports from officers, a sharing period, Clinics, presentation of the Quadrennial Goals, a pledge service, with the meeting closing with the Holy Communion.

Conference officers are Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney, Secretary, Pine Bluff; Miss Anna Green, recording secretary, Little Rock; Mrs. Gordon Morgan, El Dorado, Chairman of Missionary Education; Mrs. Mason Comer, Lonoke, Chairman of Spiritual Life and Mrs. Charles Thomas, Prescott, Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

Miss Louise Phillips, president of the Magnolia Guild is general chairman for the hostess Guild. Registration will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, and Mrs. Dabney will convene the meeting at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Pletz' address will be Saturday afternoon; Dr. Pledger will



MRS. H. C. PLETZ

speak at the Saturday Evening Session, and Dr. McCain will speak on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Pletz is Jurisdiction Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild, and lives in San Antonio. A former student of Mary-Hardin Baylor and of Southwestern Theological Seminary, has served her conference, Southwest Texas, as Conference Secretary. She is owner and manager of the Alice Pletz Tours and has directed several tours to the Mission Interests of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Two years ago the tour went to Mexico, and this summer will tour the Philippines.

College President Speaks On Social Progress

Philadelphia (RNS)—Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, president of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., said here that this country is trying to legislate social progress and reform rather than promote it through education and moral suasion.

Dr. Hutchison, a Presbyterian clergyman, vigorously criticized this trend as one "undermining the common spiritual ideals on which the country was founded." He addressed 700 businessmen at a \$25 a plate luncheon sponsored as a benefit for the Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches.

"Legalism and force are being substituted for teaching and preaching" he declared.

"Inflamed by the fad for social progress and reform, we have embarked on what we call 'liberal movements.' Instead of persuasion, we would command. This was tried with Blue Laws and with Prohibition. We are trying it now in racial relations, by forcing desegregation on the South and by FEPC laws in the North.

"We are being taken into the camp of scientific humanism by an enemy whose creedal purpose is the use of force to secure social

Mrs. W. B. Landrum Cancels Speaking Engagements

Mrs. W. B. Landrum, field worker for the Woman's Division, has cancelled all her spring speaking engagements because of her mother's illness. She will not attend the Louisiana district WSCS and WSG meetings as was announced previously.

Mrs. Landrum is now staying with her mother, Mrs. G. D. Davis, 3316 W. 12th Street, Little Rock.

progress. We are beguiled by the idea that if we can save society each individual will be caught up in some kind of corporate salvation. We are intent on the good of many, disregarding the significance as well as the rights of the individual."

Dr. Hutchison said Christ dealt only with individuals, not with nations, "and his final word was 'Go teach'—not legislate—not brain wash, not terrorize, and not even hypnotize the social order with mass psychiatry."

"I believe that the teaching and persuading mission is the way of social reform, the way of peace, the way of salvation, the way of God," he said.

Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 9-10

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held April 9 and 10 at the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, with Mrs. M. E. Scott, president, presiding.

Dr. Pearle McCain, missionary to Japan, will speak at the concluding session. Her assistant, Mrs. Sumiko Kono, is a graduate of Seiwa College for Christian Workers in Nihinomiya, Japan.

Miss Kono was fifteen years old when the atom bomb was dropped, hospitalizing her with loss of white

blood corpuscles and the resulting ill health. Her health regained, she found herself with the responsibility of caring for the younger members of her family at the death of her mother.

In 1951 she was able to graduate from Kwassui College and give her life in Christian Service. At Seiwa she felt the strong significance of Christian Education and is devoting her life to this field, having worked with Dr. McCain in translating Christian Education material into Japanese.

PROGRAM

THEME: "To Know Christ And To Make Him Known"

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 P.M.

Organ Prelude	Mrs. Kent Miller
Worship	Mrs. Charles Ashcraft
Organization	
Sharing Period, Questions and Answers—All Conference Officers	
Officers' Report	
Address: "And Givest Each A Task"	Mrs. H. C. Pletz
Business	

EVENING SESSION—7:30 P.M.

Organ Prelude	Mr. Richard Morris
Scripture and Prayer	Rev. E. D. Galloway
Solo	Mrs. Lewis Hickman
Address: "Christian Missions Around the World"	Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin
Benediction	
Reception	Courtesy, First Methodist Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

MORNING SESSION—9:00 A.M.

Organ Prelude	Mrs. James Williams
Memorial Service	Mrs. Fred Harrison
President's Message: "To Know Christ and Make Him Known"	Mrs. M. E. Scott
District Reports	
Business	
Courtesies	
Address: "I Beheld Their Glory"	Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 P.M.

Organ Prelude	Mrs. Kent Miller
Panel: "Women in the Local Church"	Mrs. W. F. Cooley, leader
Mrs. H. King Wade, Sr., Mrs. J. William Russell, Jr., Mrs. E. C. Davis, Mrs. James Gannaway, Mrs. John Hefley, Mrs. Raymond Heien.	
Address: "United Church Women"	Mrs. E. D. Galloway
Stewardship of Literature	Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Mrs. Murray McLeod
Business	
Installation of Officers	

EVENING SESSION—7:30 P.M.

Organ Prelude	Mr. Robert Ellis
Scripture and Prayer	Rev. T. T. McNeal
Choir	
Address: "Preserve My Soul, O God"	
Address: "Witnessing in Japan"	Dr. Pearle McCain
Address: "A Witness in Japan"	Miss Sumiko Kono
Pledge Service	Mrs. James L. Verhoeff
Benediction	



MISS SUMIKO KONO



MRS. M. E. SCOTT

CENTENARY MASCOT RECEIVES NEEDED ATTENTION

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In previous years, students had financed Josephine's annual license tag and anti-rabies shot by soliciting coins in a mayonnaise jar placed on the Snack Bar in the Student Union Building. The matter had been neglected since 1955 and Josephine, meanwhile, had been living in the shadow of the dog-catcher's net.

"The college budget makes no provision for the care and feeding of Josephine," Dr. Mickle remarked, "So I guess the \$3 expenses will come from my pocket. However, we certainly couldn't have a Centenary coed associating with the riff-raff in the city dog pound. Now Josephine is properly certified for another year at Centenary."

MINISTERS TO ATTEND SEMINAR

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Section of the Methodist Board of Education's Department of Ministerial Education.

The group of selected ministers will talk with "some of the most important government, diplomatic, and international resource people in Washington," said the Rev. Dr. J. Richard Spann, Nashville, director of In-Service Training. He is in charge of the project.

"We hope that each minister who participates will return to his community and tell the people what he has learned in first-hand contact with these leaders," said Dr. Spann.

The seminar will have world peace as its theme.

INGLESIDE OPENS NEW BUILDING

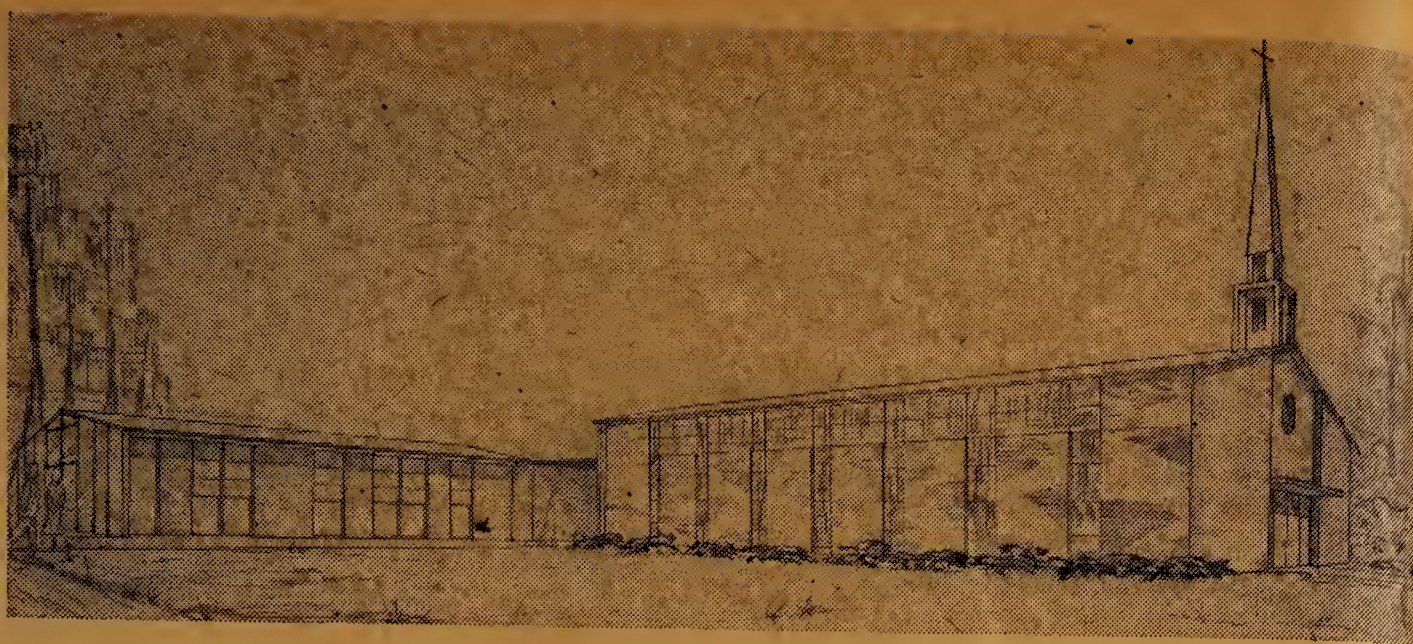
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departments of the Church School, Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior with complete facilities for worship, study, care, and training for these children of the Church.

At 11 A. M. on the same day there was held in the Sanctuary a service to celebrate the eleventh anniversary of the Church's life. As a part of the service its History will be reviewed and a view of the future given by laymen of the Church.

Ingleside was organized 11 years ago on March 10, 1946. In this eleven year period it has grown to be a Church of 492 members, with 411 members in its Church School of 21 classes. The Church has been served by three Pastors. It was organized by Rev. Luther Booth who is now Pastor of First Methodist Church, Winnfield, Louisiana. He was followed by Rev. Frank C. Tucker, Jr., who is now Pastor of First Methodist Church, Springhill, Louisiana. Its present pastor is Rev. W. R. Irving, Jr.

On Sunday afternoon there was open house in the new building and in the redecorated annex building. The Annex building has been redecorated by the Youth Division of the Church. In the new building the Teachers of the Children's Division were hosts in their respective rooms. Refreshments for the occasion were in charge of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Church.



Architect's Drawing of Master Plan of Building Program, Horseshoe Drive, Alexandria

New Alexandria Church Has Unusual Opportunity

Named Recently As 1000 Club Project For March-May

Methodists of the Horseshoe Drive, Alexandria, congregation hope to begin construction on the first unit of their church plan which will be located in a rapidly developing residential section in the southern part of the city. The large building site is centrally located in an area south of MacArthur Drive, a highway bypass which skirts the southern city limits of Alexandria. Several residential developments are shaping up in this area, including Cherokee Village, Penny Acres, Chandler Park, MacArthur Village, Plantation Acres, Jackson Extension and Horseshoe Gardens.

The site for the new church plant was made available recently by the Alexandria District Board of Missions. The property was purchased several months ago by the district organization and district leaders say that the property valuation has increased considerably during the time the property has been held. The site was deeded to the Horseshoe Drive congregation on March 15.

The Horseshoe Drive congregation was organized on Sunday evening, June 17 following a vesper service held in the Masonic Home for Children, which is also located on Horseshoe Drive. An official board was named, the board of trustees elected and other church officials selected, including the chairmen of the four local church commissions.

Since the June 17 organizational meeting, services have been held each Sunday under the direction of Rev. Otis Spinks, whose regular appointment is the Trinity Methodist Church in Alexandria.

Something of the opportunity which this congregation has in serving this large, fast developing residential area can be appreciated when one learns that in this area of more than 6,000 residents there is now only one other church. Furthermore, the Horseshoe Drive congregation has grown in number to more than

100 members and has an average attendance in its Sunday school of more than 70.

Tom Paul Southerland, superintendent of the church school, reports that there are five classes meeting each Sunday morning, including nursery, beginner, junior, intermediate and adult classes. In addition a Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting each Sunday evening in the home of Mrs. George H. Pitts.

The congregational program also includes a Woman's Society of Christian Service which was organized in June. With Mrs. George Pitts as president and Mrs. Roy Ussery as vice president and leader of the first circle, membership in the organization has increased to 30 and present plans call for the early organization of a second circle.

The need for the acquiring or building of a church plant to house the church's program was realized early, and in November plans for a building program culminated in a kick-off banquet at which time \$19,400 in pledges were recorded. Later other pledges brought this total amount to more than \$25,000.

A Building committee was named, consisting of W. C. Porter, chairman, Vernon Roark, Charles Wells, John McConnell, and Roy Ussery.

An architect was retained and he is now finishing working plans and specifications on the first unit of the church plant. Congregational leaders hope that construction of this first unit can begin in the latter part of May. An announcement is expected in the near future of the date for the ground-breaking service.

With the selection of the Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church as the third 1,000 Club project for the 1956-57 conference year, the construction of the first unit was assured. The first unit is expected to cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Of this amount more than \$30,000 will be paid by members of the Horseshoe Drive congregation and the \$10,000 from the Louisiana Conference 1,000 Club program will complete the financial phase of the program.

Thousand Club Report Second Call, 1956-1960

District	Membership Goal	Members Reported	Res. to Conf. Each Call	Paid to Conf. First Call	Paid to Conf. Second Call
Alexandria	184	140	\$ 920	\$ 920	\$ 920
Baton Rouge	316	174	1,580	1,580	1,580
Lafayette	136	149	680	680	680
Lake Charles	204	206	1,020	1,020	1,020
Monroe	264	265	1,320	1,320	1,320
New Orleans	232	1046	1,160	1,160	1,160
Ruston	244	87	1,220	850	710
Shreveport	420	380	2,100	2,100	2,100
TOTAL	2000	2447	\$10,000	\$ 9,630	\$ 9,490

Louisiana Conference

1957

Recreation Workshop

MAY 9-12

AT CAMP BREWER NEAR ALEXANDRIA

THE RECREATION WORKSHOP is a project in recreational leadership sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Board of Education and the Louisiana Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship.

WHO MAY COME: Camp leaders, Christian fellowship chairmen and advisers, ministers, directors of Christian Education, children, youth and adult workers who are responsible for or interested in a recreational program for the church.

WORKSHOP LEADERS AND COURSES

PHILOSOPHY AND HOW TO by WALLACE CHAPPELL, Youth Department staff member, General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee.

PARTY GAMES by RAY DeHAINAUT, Minister and Wesley Foundation Director, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

CONSTRUCTION OF EQUIPMENT GAMES by RAYMOND DORMAN, Pastor at Wilson, Arkansas, who has special skills in construction of equipment games.

NATURE CRAFTS (Major) and RECREATION FOR CHILDREN (Minor) by BOB FAKKEMA, Activities Director of First Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

FOLK GAMES by JOHN HASSLER, Recreation leader and Conference Director of Youth Work, Little Rock, Arkansas.

SONG LEADING by JIM LAMBERSON, Director of Youth Activities and Choir at First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.

SKITS AND STUNTS by TED TETHER, Director of Wesley Foundation at Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana.

JIFFY BAG by BEN YOUNGBLOOD, Director of Christian Education, Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.

GENERAL CRAFTS by MRS. JOLLY B. HARPER, special skills in several crafts, Ruston, Louisiana.

ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP

DEAN AND CHAIRMAN—Rev. Don Barnes, First Methodist Church
P. O. Box 1349, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

REGISTRAR—Miss Louise Sharp, Conference Director of Youth Work
P. O. Box 4156, Shreveport, Louisiana

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY—Dr. Bentley Sloane
P. O. Box 4156, Shreveport, Louisiana

WORSHIP LEADER—Rev. J. C. Skinner, Montgomery, Louisiana

BOOK DISPLAY—Rev. Ladelle Futch, Doyline, Louisiana

GENERAL INFORMATION

PURPOSE: To provide leadership training in various fields of recreation, to help interested youth and adults to develop new skills and techniques in recreation leading, and to explore together a true Christian philosophy of recreation.

AREAS OF STUDY: Each person attending will take one major and one minor class. Major areas are listed with the leaders. Minors will also be available in these areas.

COST: Rooms, meals, insurance\$ 9.00
Registration Fee (for program expense) 6.00
Total\$15.00

BOOKS AND RECREATIONAL MATERIAL: Books, pamphlets, and craft material will be on sale at the Workshop. Come prepared to purchase or order.

WHAT TO BRING: Bring your own pillows, bedding, blankets, towels, toilet articles, and clothes suitable for camp wear.

OPENING AND CLOSING SESSIONS: The Workshop officially opens with lunch on Thursday, May 9, and closes with lunch on Sunday, May 12 at 11:15 A. M.

For further information: Write to Rev. Don Barnes, First Methodist Church, P. O. Box 1349, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

REGISTRATION BLANK—1957

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE RECREATION WORKSHOP

Please give all the information requested below and return by May 1 to Miss Louise Sharp, Conference Board of Education, P. O. Box 4156, Shreveport, Louisiana. Registration fee of \$6.00 must accompany the application. Make money order or check payable to Louisiana Conference Recreation Workshop.

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Address.....

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"We Evaluate Our Work In Lives"

By Barbara Moss, M.D.,
Methodist Hospital
Inchon, Korea

Today a young widow came bringing her little three-year-old daughter from whom she had been separated for more than a year while the mother was receiving treatment here for tuberculosis of the spine. Now the mother is able to walk and is so happy to be able to take care of her child, that she brought us a string of eggs to show her gratitude.

Tomorrow is Friday, the day for our tuberculosis clinic, when we can expect to see over a hundred familiar faces. Among them will be one proud mother carrying an eight-month-old baby who smiles and plays happily, entirely unaware of his narrow escape from death a few months before, when his treatment began. The baby's father has TB of the spine and lungs, and has been unable to work for many months. Milk and vitamins from Church World Service and relief money from a WSCS are helping this family over a very difficult period.

Only in terms of the lives of these patients and many others is it possible to evaluate the events during the past year. We have built no buildings, we have not expanded, but we have matured and grown in ways which are intangible and cannot be put into words.

Mobile Clinic More Important

The Mobile clinic has taken on greater importance this year as we not only have been seeing patients, but also have been participating in the Wednesday evening worship services at the country churches we visit. Whenever possible we are combining our services with those of the audio-visual evangelistic workers who show movies of the life of Christ and endeavor to bring non-believers into the New Life, thereby strengthening the church.

Evangelistic Work

Last week Dr. Kim and Nurse Pak, Mr. Lee our driver, Ruth Stewart, R. N., from Seoul, and I made a 450-mile trip through the mountains of northeastern Korea to see patients and do evangelistic work in areas where the churches are new and struggling, and where there are no modern hospitals. We cannot know what effect our visit may have had on the folks there, but we all returned greatly refreshed in spirit to carry on our more usual tasks here at home. This year's program has included some teaching, such as: a course in psychology for the nurses' training school at the provincial hospital, from which most of our nurses are graduates; lectures to our staff on medical subjects of vital interest in our work; and a lecture in public health and preventative medicine, prepared for the students at the Inchon farm school. We have a Bible woman working with us now to specifically increase our Christian influence with the in-patients. She manages a small library for the patients, and acts as a social case-worker when we find it necessary to make contact with the patient's home.

We are endeavoring to use the facilities we have to the best advantage, to raise our standards of

"SHARE OUR SURPLUS"



More than half the world's children and adults go to bed hungry every night.

The "Share Our Surplus" program of American churches (through Church World Service) is one channel of giving some relief in the neediest and in emergency situations. Each dollar contributed sends many pounds of "surplus" food from America to the hungry. The U. S. Government gives from its vast surpluses; the churches—YOU—pay the shipping charges.

Teen-agers Help Migrant Families

A group of teen-agers in San Jose, Calif., who call themselves the "Diamantes Club," are helping needy families of migrant farm workers who cannot find winter work. A recent investigation turned up one family of 14 people, including 10 children, who were sharing a two-room shack with rats. Learning of the family and their desperate plight the Diamantes Club got busy. After first alerting the press, they rallied the residents of the Santa Clara Valley with doorbell and telephone campaign. As a result, the youngsters collected food, clothing and furniture and the family was put on its feet again.

Next, the plight of another family was tackled. Stricken by illness, this migrant family didn't know where to turn until the young club members arranged emergency aid which included an application for state aid for the children in the family.

The young people also saw that one of the local churches "adopted" the family last Thanksgiving and at Christmas. Because they had been helped by the Migrant Ministry, these Mexican-American teen-agers made their decision to help others.

Under the leadership of Mrs. James Goble, former chairman of

medical practice, and ever more effectively to witness to the purposes for which our Christian hospital exists.

A fund of \$1,500,000 with which some 800,000,000 lbs. of U. S. surplus foods will be distributed free next year to hungry people overseas, is the goal for the 1957 "Share Our Surplus" program by Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations in the U. S. A. This goal is announced by R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service, the agency of the National Council of Churches through which major church groups will make this contribution. Value of the commodities expected to be distributed during 1957 is estimated at more than \$35,000,000. The "Share Our

the Migrant Committee of the San Jose Council of Churches, they have made the plight of many of the migrant families in the area their main concern.

Scouts To Hold Fourth National Jamboree

America's youngest, newest and busiest city of over 50,000 persons will teem with excitement next July 12 to 18. At the moment it doesn't exist.

A 1,500-acre tent city will house the Fourth National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America at historic Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. In it boys from all walks of life, of all races and creeds will live together, exchanging skills, swap home-town products, and learn about the customs and traditions of many sections of the nation.

"The purpose of the 'jamboree,'" says Dr. Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, "is to strengthen the program of the individual unit and to provide an opportunity for boys to be associated with Scouts from all parts of their own country. This living together in a spirit of brotherhood and friendship is one of the continuing objectives of our movement and the basis upon which we undertake this gigantic task."

Valley Forge Park is owned and maintained by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which invited the Scouts to camp there. After the jamboree the Scouts will have the grounds restored to their original condition.

Survey parties are allocating 1,292 troop camp sites each 90 feet by 90 feet. There will be 38 sectional camps each comprising 34 troops of 37 Scouts or Explorers and three adult leaders, and also a sectional staff of forty leaders.

The Scout city will have its own water, electric power, and telephone systems, post offices, fire department, medical facilities, an amphitheatre seating 55,000 persons and even its own trading posts.

It will be a self-sustaining venture with each participant paying his own way.

Surplus" foods—mainly wheat, corn, rice, powdered milk, cheese—will go to hungry men, women and children in 28 countries in Asia, Europe and Latin America. They will be given in emergency relief to disaster victims; in supplemental feeding programs for widows, orphans and school children; in programs aiding hospital patients and aged people; and in assistance to refugees and others in distress.

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OBITUARY

LEWIS—Elnora Stanley Lewis, was born February 13, 1864, at old Austin, Arkansas. She was the second daughter of Omar and Jane Stanley, pioneers of White County, Arkansas. Although mother was blind for several years she was patient through it all. She was kind to everyone. We miss her so terribly much but we would not call her back to this world of suffering and heartaches. She is with her loved ones who have gone on before.

Her husband, our father, William Lewis, preceded her in death eight years ago. She was married to William Lewis in 1890 and to this union were born seven children, three of whom died in infancy. She loved her family and her God.

She joined the Methodist Church when a young girl and lived a good Christian life all down through the years. The life mother lived was expressed in the scripture Prov. 31: 20th to 28th verses. She was always wanting to help someone and lived for her family. Her daughters rise up to call her blessed. When the Lord saw fit to call her home on Dec. 7th, 1956, we know she was rejoicing as she walked through the pearly gates.

Her funeral was conducted at the Methodist Church in McRae, Arkansas, by her pastor, Rev. W. J. Stegall, and assisted by Rev. Chas. Trammell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and she was laid to rest in the Weir Cemetery to await the judgment morning.

Survivors are four daughters: Mrs. Vela Leach of Dodge City, Kansas; Mrs. Moline Fuller, Mrs. Hixie Davenport, and Mrs. Fleete Ernest, all of McRae; nine grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, two sisters: Mrs. Gertrude Morrison of Beebe, Ark., and Mrs. Emma Bode of O'Kean, Ark., and a brother, Charlie Stanley, of Memphis, Tennessee, together with a host of friends. She was 93 years old.

The following poem is dedicated to her memory.
"She always learned to watch for us,
Anxious if we were late.
In the winter by the window,
In the summer by the gate.
Her thoughts were all so full of us,
She never could forget,
And so we know that where she is,
She must be watching yet."

—Submitted by her daughter,
Mrs. Vela Leach

Resource Leaders Available For Young Adult Meets

Each summer the Department of Christian Education of Adults, General Board of Education, provides resource leaders for annual conference-wide meetings for young adults.

The service of the department was increased by training nine outstanding leaders in young adult work from various sections of the country. These persons and the staff of the Department of Christian Education of Adults will serve as resource leaders in young adult conferences.

Last summer these leaders represented the General Board of Education in twelve conferences, according to the Rev. Robert S. Clemmons, who is responsible for scheduling leaders in young adult meetings for the Department of Christian Education of Adults. Mr. Clemmons' address is P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

URGES ONE 'HOLY CHURCH OF GHANA'

Accra, Ghana (RNS)—An Anglican churchman declared here that the estimated 700,000 Protestants in this new British Commonwealth country should unite into one "Holy Church of Ghana."

The Very Rev. G. E. F. Laing, provost of Holy Trinity church, told students at the Gold Coast University College here that the existing denominational divisions are "silly."

Denominational groups in Ghana include Methodists, Presbyterians, Anglicans, Seventh-day Adventists, Evangelical and Reformed, and Assemblies of God.

Dr. Laing also urged that the church in Ghana be given full liberty "to develop its own manner of worship, indigenous architecture, art and music."

He said that tribal customs that were old in the Dark Continent when Christianity had scarcely arrived in the world are going to be brought into the Christian Church in Ghana now that the country has her independence.

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National Hospital Week Set For May

Announcement has been received that "National Hospital Week" in 1957 will be observed May 12-18. The slogan will be "Careers that Count," and the program will be directed toward education about hospital careers. The recruitment for National Hospital Week will emphasize the importance of encouraging people to enter all of the careers offered in hospitals.

All Methodist hospitals are urged to utilize this time to the best advantage in promoting the importance of the many medically-related careers. This is a real opportunity to create much interest among all age groups. The Board of Hospitals and Homes maintains contact with numerous young people throughout the country, with regard to hospital and home careers. This program is carried on through Conferences on Christian Vocations and in summer camps and institutes. "Methodist Service Projects," published by the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, and compiled in cooperation with Methodist

agencies, contains valuable information concerning hospital and home careers in Methodist institutions.

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LESSON FOR APRIL 14, 1957

"HOSANNA!" — "CRUCIFY!"

READ MATTHEW 21:1-11 and 27:20-26

MEMORY SLECTION: What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ? (RSV)

Our last four lessons have been based on incidents in the life of Jesus during Passion Week, beginning with Tuesday and continuing through the instituting of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. However, because this is Palm Sunday, we go back to the beginning of Passion Week when, on Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem at the head of a shouting multitude.

It is commonly believed that Jesus spent much of the time, during the last four or five months of His ministry, in Peraea which was east of the Jordan river. From that area He made only infrequent visits into Judea until His final journey to Jerusalem. He was, of course, in Bethany at the time of the resurrection of Lazerus. Some days later, He was again in Bethany on the way to Jerusalem. He spent the Sabbath before Palm Sunday in Bethany. While there a supper was made for Him at the home of Simon the leper. It was at this supper that Mary, the sister of Lazerus, broke the alabaster box and anointed Jesus with costly ointment.

Jerusalem At the Time of The Triumphal Entry

It was the time of the Feast of the Passover. Jews were in Jerusalem from all parts of the world of that day. With the Jew, patriotism and religion were so closely related that, at times, there seemed to be little distinction between the two in the Jewish mind. So hazardous was the situation in Jerusalem, at such times, that the Roman authorities usually strengthened their military forces there to put down threatened revolts.

The normal excitement, incident to such Jewish festivals, where the Jews usually discussed the promised Messiah, was intensified at this time by reports of the teachings and miracles of Jesus. It was in Bethany, only two miles away and only a few days previous, that Jesus had raised Lazerus from the dead. This and other amazing reports had created in Jerusalem such a tense, explosive situation that any unusual event of religious significance might easily set off an uncontrollable demonstration.

If we were to judge from earlier actions of Jesus, in the face of crises nothing like so tense as this, we would expect Jesus to quietly retire and take up His ministry elsewhere. He had done so on many earlier occasions.

Here, before the most dangerous situation Jesus had faced in His ministry, He threw aside all caution. He mounted a donkey and rode into Jerusalem in triumphal procession at the head of a shouting, singing throng of people who paid obeisance to Him as though

He were a king, acclaiming Him the Son of David which meant that they thought Him to be the heir of the throne of David. While this set multitudes to acclaiming Him as the promised Messiah, it hastened the plans of "the powers that be" in Jerusalem to kill Him. If death on a cross was not a part of the deliberate plans of Jesus, this was a very unwise move. It would appear that Jesus felt that the rest of His life's work was done and He was hastening on to the cross where He might seal His life's work with His own blood.

Lessons The Triumphal Entry Teaches

(1) The triumphal entry introduces us to a new kind of a King establishing a new kind of a kingdom. There was a wide difference in this triumphal entry and those often seen at Rome, when Generals or Emperors returned, at the head of their armies, from wars of conquest. There would be found the pomp, splendor and regalia of royalty and the trappings and military strength of Empire. Here a quiet humble Servant of God and man rides a beast of burden as peasants shout their acclaim. There was a wide difference between the kind of a kingdom this King was establishing and the kind of kingdom even His closest followers expected to see. They thought He was to be King of the Jews, a racial king. Instead, the kingdom He established is a universal kingdom. They were expecting a material kingdom of might and power with its center at Jerusalem. Instead, the kingdom He was establishing was a spiritual kingdom whose throne would be in the hearts of people. They were expecting a temporal kingdom. Instead, He was establishing a kingdom would endure through the measureless reaches of eternity.

(2) We learn here that it is easy to follow the crowd. "Hosanna and Crucify" is the subject of our lesson. It is easy to follow a crowd whether it is shouting "Hosanna" or "Crucify", but it is often hard to continue to shout "Hosanna" while the crowd is shouting "Crucify". It is easy to see, on this Palm Sunday, that enthusiasm without conviction is of little value. It is quite probable that many who made up the crowd about Jesus on Palm Sunday were also part of the crowd that stood outside the courts of Pilate and shouted "Crucify."

(3) There was a big difference in what Jesus and the multitude saw when they came in sight of Jerusalem. The multitude saw a great city with the grandeur of Solomon's Temple adding to the glory of its other beautiful buildings—a city as they thought that was about to be-

come the religious and political capital of the world.

Jesus saw a city that had forsaken its ideal and was about to be so completely destroyed that "there shall not be left one stone upon another." While the multitude shouted, Jesus wept in sorrow and disappointment, knowing that Jerusalem was to refuse this its last chance to accept Him for what He really was.

(4) There are some questions we might ask ourselves about this first Palm Sunday. If we had been there that day, would we have shouted "Hosanna" or "Crucify" or both? That question may have some importance. Much more important for us is the question: "Do we even now accept Him as our Lord and Saviour?" If we had been there, would we have laid our garments down for the Christ to pass over? It is much more important for us that we lay ourselves and our powers at His feet to be used in His service. If we had been there would we have even joined the Jerusalem procession? Much more important is it that we join the procession that is marching toward the new Jerusalem.

The Jewish Leaders Make Tragic Choice

In turning to the last part of our lesson, as found in Matthew 27:20-26, we pass over all of the period of Passion Week from the Triumphal Entry on Sunday to the trial of Jesus on Friday.

It was the custom of the Roman authorities in Jerusalem to release a prisoner during the Passover season. The Jews themselves were permitted to choose the prisoner to be released. This custom was followed, possibly, for two reasons. It was a means of appeasing the Jews on this great Feast Day. Also, the matter of deciding on the prisoner to be released might keep the minds of the Jews off more dangerous matters.

Since Pilate thought, according to Matthew, that "for envy they had delivered Him," (Jesus) he sought to put the Jewish leaders in an embarrassing position by forcing them to choose between Jesus and a convicted criminal, Barabbas, who had been a troublemaker and, in the seditions he had led, had committed murder. Hence, for the prisoner that was to be released he asked, "Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas or Jesus which is called Christ?" In the face of such a choice, the mob, inspired by the Jewish leaders, asked for Barabbas, and demanded that Jesus be crucified.

Pilate trying to save Jesus from their envious wrath asked, "Why, what evil hath he done?" Instead of giving a reasonable answer to such an important question, in which a Man's life is at stake, the crowd ignored the question and simply "Cried out the more... Let Him be crucified."

What Shall We Do With Jesus?

When Pilate saw that his plans to free Jesus had failed, since the crowd asked for Barabbas, he immediately recognized the fact that Jesus was still a prisoner in his court. Realizing that he must make some disposition of the prisoner at the bar, he asked the most important question which enlightened humanity has faced since the beginning of the Christian era, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"

Just as Jesus stood before the bar

in Pilate's court, where it was absolutely necessary for some decision to be made concerning Him, so He has stood at the bar of conscience of every enlightened person since that day and each person has been forced to make life's important, decision concerning him.

Some think they can escape the necessity of that choice by having nothing to do with Christ. Pilate tried desperately to avoid responsibility for the choice he made. He went through the farce of washing his hands in the presence of the multitude and declaring himself innocent of Christ's blood. He did not escape the responsibility of his choice. Today, after twenty centuries, multiplied millions of people every sabbath day re-indict Pilate for his craven decision when they say of Jesus, "Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried" under Pontius Pilate. It is quite probable, of course, that Pilate may not have known all that was involved in his decision about Christ. However, as a Roman Governor, he did know the difference in justice and injustice and in promising justice in his court, to serve his own ends, he stained his hands and his conscience with the blood of the Christ and all the waters of the seven seas could not wash off such a stain.

Great as was the responsibility of Pilate, as Jesus stood before him, it was not so great, spiritually, as the responsibility that faces each of us as we too must stand in the presence of the Master. We not only, like Pilate, have the responsibility for doing right, because it is right, but we also have full knowledge of the mission, the purpose, the love and mercy of Christ. If, with eyes wide open, we reject Christ, with all He stands for, our guilt for that decision will be infinitely greater than that of Pilate, who did not really know the spiritual implications of his decision.

Accepting Responsibility For World's Supreme Tragedy

Not only did the Jewish people make a tragic blunder in choosing the release of Barabbas instead of Jesus, they made the further, fatal mistake of volunteering to accept full responsibility for the crucifixion of Jesus. When Pilate was trying to get away from the responsibility of sentencing Jesus to His death, the Jews cried, almost in an irresponsible mood, "His blood be on us, and on our children." This statement did not, in any sense, relieve Pilate of his responsibility in the matter, but it did definitely mark these Jewish leaders with spiritual blindness and also with the guilt of crucifying an innocent Man. Pilate did it in order to avoid a disturbance that might affect his government, the Jewish leaders did it in an effort to preserve the spiritually barren shell of Judaism. The decision of the Jewish leaders was entirely lacking in vision; the decision of Pilate was entirely lacking in conscience and character.

"Hosanna"—"Crucify"

In our lesson for today we get a conception of the value, or rather lack of value of public acclaim. It is so easy for a fickle public to change from compliments to carping criticism, cheers to curses, commendation condemnation. In an earlier experience of Jesus, a crowd that one day would "come by force and make Him king" turned away from him the next day and would walk with Him no more.

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Nat'l Family Week Set For May 5-12

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — Thousands of Methodist churches are expected to observe National Family Week May 5-12, it was announced by the Rev. Dr. Edward D. Staples, Nashville, director, Department of the Christian Family, Methodist Board of Education.

May 5, first Sunday in National Family Week, is Children's Day in The Methodist Church.

During the special week, Methodist churches will have family nights, encourage worship in the home, make available literature and films on Christian family life, and promote the observance in other ways.

Promotion of the observance in The Methodist Church is the responsibility of the Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church, in cooperation with other Methodist boards and agencies.

Revs. James Major, A. N. Storey, and Karl Tooke, directors of the Area-Wide Every Member Canvass Program in the Little Rock, North Arkansas, and Louisiana Conferences, respectively, suggest a

TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. During week 6 of the EMC (April 14-20) a series of three-minute talks on Stewardship by laymen is begun, the Canvassers make up the Presentation Booklets, letters No. 2 and No. 3 and the Pictured Appeal Folders are prepared ready for mailing.
2. April 21 begins Week 7. Loyalty and Victory Sundays are announced in the bulletin and/or from the pulpit.
3. Letter No. 2 is mailed on April 22.
4. Letter No. 3 is mailed on April 23. This letter has the Pictured Appeal Folder enclosed.
5. The Canvassers must be trained for their work, and on April 25 each Canvasser should be notified by telephone of a training session to be held on the afternoon of April 28.
6. April 27 is the day to address the cards to remind the congregation of Loyalty Sunday. These cards will be mailed the following week.
7. Also on April 27, letter No. 4 (found on page 24 of the Manual) is mailed. This letter, addressed to all resident members, will arrive the following week. Its purpose is to urge every member to participate fully in Loyalty Sunday.

NOTE: Watch for suggestions from the conference directors in this space each week during the EMC program.

Ground Broken For Maplewood Parsonage



The Maplewood Methodist Church broke ground Saturday, March 23, at 2:00 p.m. for a parsonage, and construction will begin at once.

The building will be a three bedroom brick veneer with two thousand and six square feet of floor space. It will have most of the modern conveniences, including central heat and air conditioning. It will be located at the corner of Lauren and Audalia streets, in the new Beverly Hills subdivision. When completed, the parsonage will be valued at about seventeen thousand dollars.

The people of Maplewood are rather excited about the new parsonage, since they have never owned their own parsonage before. They have been renting from the Maplewood Housing Corporation since the church was organized.

Above: Rev. Sam Nader, Lake Charles District Superintendent, turns first spadeful of dirt. Rev. Loyd Williams is the Maplewood pastor.

Bartholomew Methodists Plan Restoration

The following is the history of Bartholomew Methodist Church, Bastrop, in Morehouse Parish which is the oldest Protestant church building still standing in Louisiana and which may have been the first organized Protestant church in the state, according to reports. Plans are now under way to restore the church to its original structure due to its historical value, and at the same time to make it a comfortable and safe place for worship services. Contributions for the restoration drive may be sent to the treasurer, Mr. LeRoy Martin, Old Bartholomew Restoration Fund, Bastrop, Louisiana.

Our beloved old Bartholomew Methodist Church here in Morehouse Parish is one of the best existing Louisiana examples of pioneering strength and simple faith which has made and kept our nation strong.

Bartholomew is the oldest Protestant church building still standing in the state and may have been the first organized Protestant church in Louisiana. Made of strong material, like its founders, it has stood through the years as sturdy as the men and women who hewed its timbers from the virgin wilderness.

Bartholomew Church, the oldest building in Morehouse Parish, still stands with open doors on beams carved at least one hundred nineteen years ago by some of North Louisiana's first settlers. While records do not exist prior to 1835, the church is believed to have been founded in 1807, just three years after the French flag was hauled down and the United States

took formal possession of the Louisiana Purchase. Bartholomew was founded by riders of the Delhi Circuit. In its earliest days the circuit rider rode horseback from Vicksburg, Mississippi, to fill the appointments here. It was in the Delhi District and the Lind Grove Circuit.

A paper was found in Mrs. Tilda (Continued on page 9)

World Service Receipts Up

Chicago (MI) — "Unless the nine million Methodists give \$4,265,000 for World Service during April and May, almost every general church agency will have to restrict its planned service to the field," the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg warned in a statement issued here April 3.

In his March report as treasurer of the church's Council on World Service and Finance, Dr. Lugg pointed out that March receipts for World Service had amounted to only \$794,464.34 in contrast to the \$1,036,962.86 received during March, 1956. This drop in March receipts brought the over-all gain for the ten-month period (June, 1956, through March, 1957) down to 11.37 per cent. A month ago—at the end of the third quarter—the increase over a similar period a year ago had registered 17.28 per cent.

"With every Methodist participating," Dr. Lugg hopefully added, "the annual World Service goal of \$12,200,000 can be achieved."

For the ten-month period, World Service receipts amounted to \$7,939,573.61.

North Baton Rouge Opens New Educational Bldg.

The North Baton Rouge Methodist Church had the formal opening of its Christian Educational Building last Sunday, April 7th. The church has just completed one-third of the proposed overall plant. The new building includes class and assembly rooms for the Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Young People's Departments.

The new facility is of a contemporary design with open corridors (Continued on page 9)



Saw

A Case of

Indecision

By
Rev. R. A. Teeter

in which a man toyed with a simple problem for nearly twenty years. Mr. J. _____ joined the Methodist church at the little town of A. _____. When he was a mature man with a family he moved to the larger town of N. _____, where he was successful in business. During a special campaign I suggested that he come into the fellowship of the church at N. _____. He said: "You know, I've been thinking about that ever since I moved here, but I haven't yet made up my mind to do it." I asked: "How long have you lived here?" With a somewhat sheepish grin he said: "seventeen years." Meanwhile the little town of A. _____ had ceased to exist and the church there had been abandoned. Mr. J. _____ belonged to a memory only not a fellowship of religious people. But that isn't unusual. Right now I can point to 150 names on a book but the people are not to be found. A Baptist pastor told me that he had 500 such names.

Well, maybe these names are still "enrolled in the Lamb's book of Life." But frankly, I doubt it. However I don't want to start an argument with the theologians. These wanderers are probably so badly mauled by the devil and his agents by this time that even Peter couldn't recognize them as fellow saints, sympathetic with backsliders though he is. Religion means decision, and decision means action. The man who can't decide in 17 years, or any reasonable fraction thereof, may have started with a good case of religion but it probably needs a thorough reconditioning by this time. It very likely has rusted, run out of gas or blown a fuse—maybe all three and more. Church life means fellowship—and that means association in worship, work and social activity. If a man can get that in a church a thousand miles away, let him have it. But can he? It is a memory and an illusion.

The prophet said: "why go ye limping between two opinions." The fellow who cannot or will not decide is sure to limp. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve . . ." I do not believe that any 17 year locust will get to heaven, or get very much out of this life either.

Modified Stand On Religious Presentations

Sierra Madre, Calif. (RNS)—The school board here which voted 3-1 in January to bar traditional Nativity plays from all the community's schools has modified its stand on the controversial issue.

It adopted as an amendment to the original action a comparison measure which bars the teaching of sectarian or denominational doctrines but permits the examination, discussion or presentation of moral and spiritual values in the school program.

Dr. Milton Valois, board president, said, "The feeling of the meeting was that the school will commemorate days of cultural and historic religious events of all creeds."

Summer Ecumenical Institutes Planned

A series of summer ecumenical institutes in the United States and Canada will feature outstanding Christian leaders from many parts of the world. "The Ecumenical Movement and the Local Church" is the theme for the summer courses for ministers and laity to be held in such key areas as Boston, Dallas-Fort Worth, Chicago, and New York-Philadelphia.

Among the twenty-five lecturers, most of whom will be in this country to attend the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches at Yale University Divinity School in August, is the Council's honorary president, the Right Reverend Dr. G. K. A. Bell, Bishop of Chichester. Dr. Martin Niemöller, Germany; Bishop Lesslie Newbigin of the Church of South India; and Metropolitan James of Melita, representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople at the W.C.C. Geneva headquarters, are to participate.

In the Dallas-Fort Worth area the Ecumenical Institute planned for August 26-30 will be held on the campus of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Sponsors are five seminaries in Texas and Oklahoma. The Boston area Ecumenical Institute is scheduled for July 8-12 at the Boston University School of Theology, sponsored by six leading New England seminaries.

2000 Methodists In 9 Summer Conferences

New York—(BM)—About 2,000 Methodists across the United States will study the home and overseas missions program of their own and other Protestant denominations in nine missionary conferences this summer. From Massachusetts to California, they will meet on lake shores, on college campuses, on camp grounds and in the mountains.

Through speeches and in discussion groups, the conferees will learn about the economic, social and political conditions in countries where Methodist and other Christian missionaries are at work. They will study techniques of informing church members more fully about missions and of stimulating persons to give money to support missionary programs. And they will hear of personnel needs in the home and overseas fields.

Leader Named For Safety Campaign

Chicago—The first step in the National Safety Council's program to help religious leaders conduct a crusade for safety has been taken with the appointment of John T. Kenna as director of the Council's Church Safety Activities division.

Mr. Kenna has been associate director for the Chicago-Northern Illinois region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He has been connected with that organization for 10 years, previously serving as regional director for Kansas and for Kentucky.

The action by the Council came as a result of a \$75,000 grant by Mr. and Mrs. Sherburne Prescott, of Greenwich, Conn., to assist churches and synagogues in a moral mobilization for safety. Mr. Prescott is a retired financier and chairman of the Greenwich Safety Council.

"We share the conviction of religious leaders that nowhere can the golden rule be practiced better than in traffic, and that nowhere can man better act as his brother's keeper than behind the wheel of a car," said Ned H. Dearborn, Council president. "This is the first step in establishing a special staff unit to work full time on the project."

Addressees will be given by mission board executives, overseas missionaries on furlough, home mission workers, overseas students and church leaders, professors of missions and leaders in the field of missionary education and cultivation.

The Rev. Dr. Karl K. Quimby, New York, director of missionary education for the Methodist Board of Missions, said that six of the conferences will be interdenominational and three will be for Methodists only. At each of the interdenominational conferences, he said, Methodists and other groups will have a period each day for discussion and study of their denominational missionary programs.

The interdenominational conferences are sponsored by the Joint Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Quimby said that Methodists who are especially encouraged to attend are missionary secretaries of districts and annual conferences, district superintendents, pastors, and chairmen and members of the Commission on Missions in local churches.

Dr. Quimby gave this information about the:

Southwest Conference on the Christian World Mission—Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark., June 30-July 5, interdenominational. The registrar is Mrs. R. C. Allmon, 204 East Kansas Street, Waters, Okla. Speakers and leaders will include: the Rev. Dr. J. Carter, executive director of the Department of the English Bible of the National Council of Churches; Dr. Harry Richardson, president of Gammon Theological Seminary (Methodist), Atlanta, Ga., the Rev. Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, executive secretary of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches.

Mt. Sequoyah Missionary Conference—Same place as Southwest conference, August 20-23, Methodist. The registrar is the Rev. Paul Womeldorf, Colcord Building, Oklahoma City, Okla. Speakers and leaders will include: the Rev. Robert V. Marble, Methodist missionary to India; Dr. Engle and Mr. Belcher.

Mt. Sequoyah Conference for chairmen of the Commission on Missions in local churches—August 23-25. Dr. Womeldorf also is registrar for this special conference.

MOSCOW BROADCAST FOSTERS ATHEISM

London (RNS) — The Moscow Radio broadcast the first of a series of lectures aimed at fostering atheism among Russian youth.

The lectures have been specially prepared by the All-Union Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge to "promote a materialistic outlook in the field of natural science" and to assist in "the atheistic upbringing of Soviet youth," the station said.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS

Amendments to the Social Security Act of 1954 granted a unique privilege to ministers of religion, members of religious orders (other than those who have taken a vow of poverty) and the Christian Science practitioners. No other group of the population was granted the privilege of individual election, though a number requested it. The Congress agreed that this privilege, if generally granted, would involve an adverse selection to the system, which would be unfair to the millions covered under Social Security who pay their contributions throughout their working life. The Congress, in effect, however, leaned over backward in this respect in order to avoid any violation of the established principle of separation of Church and State in our country.

With this privilege, however, the Congress laid a special obligation on those engaged in the profession of the ministry. The requirement of the Law is that the decision must be made by the time the income tax returns, for the second taxable year following the adoption of the amendment, are due. For most ministers this means, in effect, April 15, 1957. For those just entering the profession, or newly ordained, a similar two-year decision period is granted following their entrance into the profession.

Once made, the decision is irrevocable. Having elected coverage, a minister cannot in future years withdraw from the system; or having failed to elect coverage, he cannot, after April 15, 1957, enter the system. Ministers report as self-employment income, all their earnings including any regular salary, stipend, honoraria, or amounts paid to them on the occasions of baptisms, marriages, funerals, etc., although only the first \$4,200 annual income is taxable.

Any ministers having any question should be encouraged to get in touch with the local office of the Social Security Administration. Such local offices are located in every large center, and can usually be found in the telephone book listed under "Social Security Administration Field Office," or sometimes in larger cities, under the general classification of "United States Government—Health, Education and Welfare, Department of—Social Security Administration." The personnel of the local offices have an excellent reputation for sympathetic understanding of individual problems, and the administration has assured me they are most anxious to cooperate in securing the widest possible coverage for the ministers seeking the protection afforded by this amendment.

Report More Than 1500 Clergymen To Co-operate In Graham Crusade

New York (RNS)—More than 1500 clergymen have expressed their willingness to cooperate in the 1957 Billy Graham Crusade here, crusade officials announced.

Mr. Graham is scheduled to conduct an evangelistic campaign in Madison Square Garden from May 15 to June 30.

The officials also reported that a nine-week counsellor training program reached a peak enrollment of 4,500 at the end of the second week. They called it the most extensive training program in the Graham team's experience. Eleven weekly classes have been held in ten areas

making up metropolitan New York City. The counsellors, recruited from the lay membership of local churches, will assist in the rallies and in following up those who make "decisions for Christ."

Reflecting the interest demonstrated by the counsellor training program, they said, was the immediate response to the city-wide prayer meeting phase of the overall crusade program.

Using the facilities of Radio Station, WABC, the time from 12:15 to 12:30 noon each day, Monday through Friday, was utilized for the prayer-time program. Its slogan was "Noontime is prayer time for the New York Crusade."

The crusade officials said that more than 2,000 churchmen have been recruited as ushers and two complete choirs have been assembled. An average attendance of 1,500 voices per night is expected to fill the West end of the Madison Square Garden arena.

Auxiliary programs to augment the Madison Square Garden meetings are already under way, the officials reported. These include a program for young people, one for college and university students, and a series of pastors' workshops.

Moravians Report Progress In Restoring Early Music

Bethlehem, Pa. (RNS) — Rapid progress in restoring early American Moravian music has been made by the Moravian Music Foundation, Donald M. McCorkle of Winston-Salem, N. C., executive director, reported here.

He told a meeting of the foundation's trustees that it is winning prestige as one of the most important research-publication groups in the United States.

The non-profit foundation was created by the Moravian Church last April to develop research in 18th century early American music. It plans to make unpublished sacred and secular music available for public performances and research throughout the world.

The denomination's early music is being restored in connection with the 500th anniversary of the Moravian Church being observed this year by members throughout the world.

A highlight of the observance will be a festival of early Moravian music here June 23-30, under the direction of Thor Johnson, conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. McCorkle said several research articles on Moravian music have appeared in the country's leading scholarly magazines and other articles are in process of publication. Many universities have asked to join in the research, he said.

The foundation has printed three articles on Moravian music in a non-commercial series which is available to libraries, schools of music and interested lay people, Mr. McCorkle said.

He said the foundation will soon publish Moravian music which has been out of print for more than 100 years. The series, he said, will be

Berliners Balk Plan To Tear Down Famed Church

Berlin (RNS) — Popular sentiment balked plans to tear down remains of the war-bombed Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial church—one of Berlin's best loved landmarks—to make room for a modern style structure.

The church's board of trustees had approved the proposal, but changed their minds after announcement of their plans created

a storm of protest in which even a Communist East Berlin newspaper joined.

They compromised by announcing that they would retain the war-blackened, 350-foot high tower and probably erect a small church adjacent to it.

Symbol of postwar Berlin, the tower stands in the center of a traffic circle at one end of the

Eviction Notice Served On Methodist Ministers

Chicago (RNS)—An eviction notice has been served on a young Methodist minister who is trying to integrate Negroes into his congregation.

He is the Rev. David K. Fison, 35, pastor of South Deering Methodist church in the Trumbull Park housing project area, long the scene of racial disorders.

The landlord, Matt Kral, said he is asking Mr. Fison to leave his apartment because of the minister's efforts to integrate the church. He claimed that the clergyman is acting in opposition to the wishes of the majority of residents in the area.

"If Fison is to stay in this community, I don't want him living in my building carrying on in opposition to the way the majority of us feel," Mr. Karl said.

Mr. Fison said the eviction notice was delivered by Patrick J. Allman, an attorney who has represented white persons arrested in racial disorders at the Chicago Housing Authority site. It ordered him to vacate by April 15.

The clergyman said he was told by Mr. Allman that some white residents in the area have threatened violence unless he leaves the community.

Rector of Historic Church Opposes Restaging Patrick Henry Talk

Richmond, Va. (RNS)—The rector of historic St. John's Episcopal church, where Patrick Henry made his famous "give me liberty or give me death" speech, announced his opposition to restaging that "purely political" event in the church as part of the Jamestown Festival.

The Rev. James Edwin Bethea said St. John's "has a great deal more history and importance as a church than as a national shrine."

He made this statement in saying that he had not been informed of, had not authorized, and "certainly am not eager" for a re-enactment of the Convention of 1775.

The event, tentatively scheduled for June 1 by the Richmond-Jamestown Festival Committee, probably will be cancelled as a result of Mr. Bethea's views.

The clergyman, agreed, however, to re-enactment of the convention on March 29 for about 75 visiting newspaper, magazine, radio and television writers who were to attend the formal opening of the Jamestown Festival on April 1.

Mr. Bethea said he does not ap-

called "Moramus Edition," to be published by Boosey and Hawks of New York and London.

prove the idea of holding other re-enactments for the public or special groups.

"I just think the church is so much more important for its history as a church and a parish than for its incidental political significance," he declared.

"After all, the only reason the convention was held at St. John's was because it was then the largest public building in Richmond."

Laymen's Movement Plans Conference On "New Kind of Man"

New York (RNS)—The Laymen's Movement for a Christian World will sponsor a series of conferences, seminars and retreats during 1957 to focus attention on the need to "create a new kind of man" capable of meeting the challenges of tomorrow's world through the application of Christian principles in everyday life.

Announcement of the series was made at the group's annual business meeting here. The first such conference, which will study "Spiritual Frontiers in Tomorrow's Busi-

Urges Attack By Religious Groups On "Spiritual Enigmas"

New York (RNS)—A Protestant editor proposed here that 55 religious groups join in an attack on "spiritual enigmas" corresponding to the assault scientists of 55 nations will make on "natural enigmas" during the International Geophysical Year beginning July 1.

The proposal was made by Dr. John C. Slemp, editor of Missions Magazine. It appeared in the April issue of the American Baptist publication.

"We might find that the basic concerns of man are not physical, but spiritual, and that his future on this planet depends not so much on his knowledge of science as on his understanding of himself and his fellow men," Dr. Slemp said.

Observing that during the International Geophysical Year scientists will probe the mysteries of the earth's surface, the atmosphere above it, the sun and its radiation, the weather, and the like, he said.

"All of these are enigmas man would like to break open: They suggest others that are as baffling and as difficult to penetrate as: man's inhumanity to man, the resistance of myth and magic to advancing knowledge, the greed and the graft that turn men into animals, the ill will and the unbrotherliness that one sees in every land, the wars that destroy cities and bury civilizations in the dust."

"These are some of the enigmas of man's life on this planet that should engage the interest of some kind of moral and religious I.G.Y.," Dr. Slemp added. "What if fifty-five religious denominations, not to mention fifty-five nations, should unite in that undertaking? It would be an adventure second to none that men have ever experienced. It might even turn out to be the most important single task to which men had ever set their hearts and hands."

Kurfuerstendamm, the city's most popular shopping and hotel thoroughfare.

Known to Berliners as the Gedächtniskirche, the Memorial church was dedicated in 1897 to Kaiser Wilhelm I who died in 1888. Mosaics in the west lobby depicting the Hohenzollern rulers survived the Allied air attacks which shattered the building on Nov. 23, 1943.

On special occasions, services have been held in the nave under the open sky. Original plans for a new church called for an outlay of about \$500,000.

ness," will be held in Rye, N. Y., in connection with the movement's annual conference there May 3-5.

Plans also were announced for the publication of a book on "Questions Men Ask About Religion." Purpose of the volume is to clarify religious problems which most frequently disturb lay people.

The meeting approved the integration of operations at Wainwright House in Rye, N. Y., spiritual retreat and conference center, with the over-all program of the movement. It voted a total budget of \$112,000 for 1957.

In another action, the delegates decided to continue efforts to raise \$25,000 for remodeling and beautifying the United Nations Meditation Room at its headquarters building here. Some \$13,000 has already been raised for this purpose, Weyman C. Huckabee, secretary-treasurer of the movement, reported.

The meeting approved a person-to-person campaign seeking more active members. Last year, the group was told, membership increased by 178 to reach a total of more than 1,600 in the United States, Canada and 14 foreign countries.

Enthusiasm Without Conviction

NEXT Sunday is Palm Sunday, a day in which there is a special study of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. If we were reading the New Testament for the first time and came to this day in the life of Jesus, as He rides at the head of a shouting multitude with waving palm branches and loud hosannas, we would think that Christ had at last reached His goal as a leader of men.

It developed, however, before Passion Week had passed that this noisy demonstration of the multitude about Jesus on Palm Sunday was largely enthusiasm without conviction. It seemed to be a mass enthusiasm that gathered strength as it went along, at least so long as it did not cost anything to shout.

When the enemies of Jesus in Jerusalem began to close in on the Master, the Palm Sunday enthusiasm began to fade out until the cry had finally changed entirely, from hosanna to crucify. Our concern for Christ, the church and religion should be based on positive definite convictions, if that concern is to stand when the testing times come.

Russia Turns To "Bomb Rattling"

IN other days, when sabers were considered rather potent weapons for swashbuckling military leaders, we frequently heard the term "saber-rattling." When these saber-carrying leaders became restless, in their military idleness, and began to cast about for reasons for making war on somebody, their belligerent talk was called "saber rattling."

Today we have the equivalent of that military pastime of another day being exercised by the communist leaders of Russia. The ominous thing about this modern "swashbuckling" is the fact that, instead of sabers, our Russian leaders are rattling A-Bombs and H-Bombs.

The constant aim of Russia, for some years, has been to break up the NATO organization, so that Russia and its satellites would be the world's strongest military pact. When the Suez crisis developed, and England and France broke with America in their determination to put Nasser down by force, communist leaders thought the break had come, and the isolation of America but a matter of time.

The Bermuda conference disillusioned them and they came to realize that the NATO pact is much stronger than temporary differences. Their hope of the years seems to have gone "aglimmering." The tightening of protective alliances and the establishing of strong military bases within easy reach of Russia has led its leaders to move out on another course. That course has led to what we are calling "bomb rattling."

Rather frightening warnings have been sent to Norway and Denmark, predicting some dire results if these nations allow military bases to be established within their borders. Bulganin, in a note to Norway, states that it "might have to pay dearly for the bases which are built in Norway." He states also that "One might ask what would happen if several bombs (hydrogen) were used against Norway?"

Having seen what happened to Hungary under Soviet domination, these threats of destruction do not have the frightening effect on the smaller nations about Russia that they once did. Terrible as it is, even to imagine, the freedom loving people in the free nations about Russia seem to fear the possibilities of hydrogen bombs less than they fear Russian domination.

Easter And The Future

EASTER for the true believer has many lessons, not the least of which is facing the future with assurance and hope. Easter forever teaches that regardless of what one's present state or that of the world may be, with and in Christ ultimate victory is assured.

Twice during the past week we have heard acquaintances say, in effect, that if our individual futures were revealed to us, each of us would quickly seek out a way to end it all and be done with everything. They were speaking facetiously, but they were revealing a point of view which is often expressed in many areas of life. When conditions in any situation appear hopeless and dismal, the chances are that the spirit of Christ is not there. When there is an absence of hope in an individual's life, there is also an absence of the spirit of the Resurrected Christ.

There is, in all of us, an innate curiosity about the future. Generations come and go, the world changes, but the soothsayers and the fortune-tellers we still have with us. They continue to flourish because enough people want that peek into the future that these cunning, crystal-gazers propose to give. We say that a person is mature and of sound judgment if he can take a set of given, present facts and come up with future's likelihood.

Jesus was of such maturity, spiritually. During the last few months before the end, He knew that He was caught up in a chain of circumstances and events that could lead to but one place, death. Yet, even with that knowledge in his mind, he continued in the course which finally ended on a cross. Yet that was not the final end, for Easter morning proved that the course that He had chosen months before was right.

We can relive this experience of the rebirth of hope and confidence each Easter if we choose. If we assess our present course in life and what experience teaches is the probable future, and find there is little hope and confidence, then we are on the wrong course, and the Spirit of the Resurrected Christ does not possess our souls.

God has mercifully hidden the complete future from our eyes. Much of our future is as yet undetermined. Our decisions and actions will determine it. Easter points the only way of confidence and love, the way of Christ.

Elevating Our Giving

THE Area-Wide Every Member Canvass program now in progress in Arkansas and Louisiana is putting the experience of Christian stewardship on the highest possible plane. This lifts the whole matter of one's materialistic giving up to the level where God through His Church can accomplish the hitherto impossible.

Whatever one may think of the scriptural rule of the tithe, it does hold up for everyone to see a yardstick by which one's giving may be measured. What anyone does about it is a matter between him and God. Stewardship is the recognition that life and its blessings are entrusted to us for use in that way which will glorify God and advance His Kingdom of righteousness. The Scriptural suggestion of a tithe points the way by which all those sincerely interested in Christian stewardship of life may know they are properly giving in such a way to glorify God and His way.

The obligations of Christian stewardship are nonetheless upon those Christians who prefer to reject the principle of the tithe. For those who are determined to work out their own salvation in this matter, the obligations of stewardship may be even greater. This is pitting one's own estimate of the claims of stewardship against the historical Scriptural tithe principle. If the final result is a greater glorification of God and advancement of His Kingdom, then the Christian is on sure ground.

In either event, the Every Member Canvass will squarely place before every Methodist of these two states Christian stewardship on its highest level. Many of our churches have been operated on the basis of minimum budgets to just "get-by" instead of endeavoring to meet the great opportunities of service of our day.

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That Endless Line Of Splendor

By Leon M. Adkins *

This is the first of a series of articles dealing with World Service and World Service agencies of the Methodist Church. The accompanying chart indicates the General Conference approved distribution of World Service dollars. This first article deals with the General Board of Education. Articles in succeeding weeks will be concerned with other World Service agencies.—Ed.

Let My People Go!

Just one layman heard the voice of God in the local church of Burning Bush. But through him God set human freedom in motion which has become an endless line of splendor. With the light of divine freedom in their eyes men have borne this flaming torch through the centuries.

With a warm heart and a disciplined mind a priest of the Church of England declared, "The world is my parish." Its scope was as wide as the earth itself and its reach was as deep as the direst need of a drunken miner. By John Wesley the people called Methodists have been led into a mission in Christ to the closest and to the most distant child of God.

Let my people go! Free them from the bondage of men! Free them from the tyranny of things! Break the shackles of all evil! Set every last person free to become! The voice of God is not silenced by the crash of guns or the thundering roar of atomic blasts. Every man placing his trust in violence thinks he has heard the beckoning voice of peace. How can they know except they be taught, and how can they learn without a teacher?

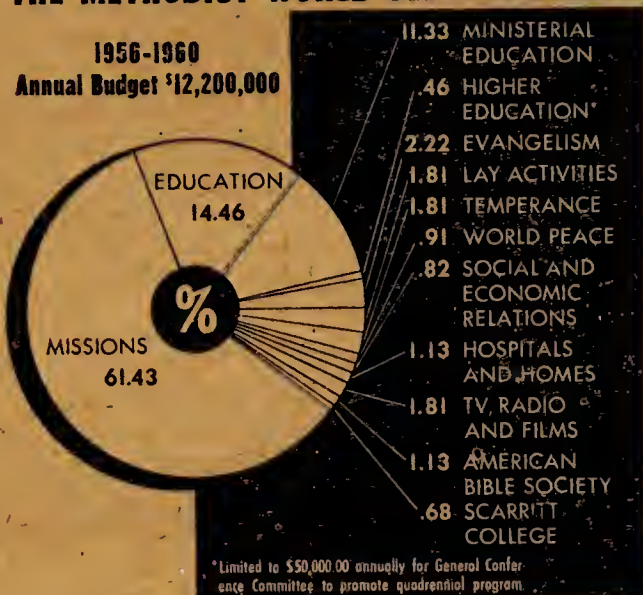
They're a restless people, these Methodists, they'll not be satisfied until that line of splendor moves into every home, enters every college, redeems every land, marches with banners through every business and industry, till nation with nation, race with race "inarmed shall live as comrades free." To this we Methodists have dedicated ourselves.

Every local church has no greater purpose, no more thrilling mission, than to share in this line of splendor. Set on a busy street or in the great open spaces, your church, through worship teaching, fellowship, and service, hears the voice of God and keeps unbroken that endless line. It moves on the feet of little children, with the energies of youth and on the shoulders of maturity.

"Is your church transforming its community?" your bishop asks every church in your area. This is its basic responsibility but its scope reaches beyond the local community. The strength of your church's witness is conditioned by its concern and its contribution for transforming the world community. And that world

DIVISION OF THE METHODIST WORLD SERVICE DOLLAR

1956-1960
Annual Budget \$12,200,000



ANNUAL FIXED SUMS	PENSIONS	\$200,000
	PENSIONS FOR DEACONESSES	\$ 45,000
	THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY	\$100,000
	SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	\$250,000

community. And that world community includes your own local parish! To segregate the two is to pauperize others by paternalism and to sin against your own soul through pride. The redeeming work of Christ at the doorstep of your church and among the people of Sarawak is one. Your church is a redemptive fellowship which exists not to save itself but to save others. You and your neighbor are among those others. The layman of Burning Bush found his own freedom in response to the voice calling, "Let my people go!"

Let My People Know!

Are we not misled when we think that our World Service giving is expended to save the world—only that world beyond our local church? Giving through World Service is a two-way relationship. It blesses him that gives and him that receives. It ministers to us in that the act of giving sets us free. It ministers to others in that gifts of love meet physical and intellectual needs and—what is even more important—the need of belonging together. This fellowship is "the golden cord close binding all mankind" till there is "one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth." Your local church grows in transforming effectiveness right in its own community as the magic carpet of World Service giving bears you on your saving, Christly mission.

World Service is not a faceless blur of a "good thing to do." It is your own personal involvement in a fellowship with others that makes Christ known and wins the struggle for the minds and skills of men. "Let my people know!" saith the Lord, "and they will let my

people go!" Go with those World Service dollars of yours. As your own personality made negotiable, they can take you into more exciting Christian ministers than you ever dreamed.

In your hands rests the life of a disease racked brother, and by your skillful teaching a thousand Christian nurses "heal these hearts of pain." Your voice in a hundred languages speaks the good news in pulpit, field and jungle. Upon your invitation thousands of married couples meet in national and regional family life conferences. These are leavening Christian-bred children and youth who can bring back to spiritual health those who have been love-starved into delinquency. You are laying the bricks of new churches in expanding or neglected areas, teaching the classes in outpost church schools. You've made it possible for hundreds of young people to meet with competent and dedicated leaders for training in Christian witness missions which have added thousands to our Methodist Youth Fellowships.

This line of splendor in which you march side by side with nine million other Methodists beats a thoroughfare for freedom across wilderness and sea and into your own church. Your World Service dollar gave leadership school training last year to 160,000 church school teachers and in addition made possible skillful, consecrated guidance to thousands of vacation school leaders, adult workers with youth and teachers of adult classes in local churches. 10,000 adults will be the counselors to more than 100,000 young people in our denomination's summer camps in 1957. Chairmen of your commissions on membership and evangelism, education, missions, and finance in your own church will increase their skills through the investment of yourself in your World Service gift. Yes, this line of splendor never ends, and it does not pass you by. Read again the pamphlet—which your pastor has secured for you from 740 Rush Street in Chicago—in "World Service Agencies of The Methodist Church." Let my people know and their stern impassioned stress will beat a broader thoroughfare of freedom through and to every church and mission of Methodism. Let my people know and they will give....

Let My People Be!

These restless Methodists came to the 1956 General Conference bearing nearly ten million World Service dollars but their hearts cried out, "They are not enough!" They left that General Conference determined, by God's grace, that there shall be two and one-half million more this year—beginning now! Across the whole denomination Annual Conferences and local churches have with one voice said, "Amen, let it be so." And what a job you've done! In the first nine months you have exceeded by 17.28% your World Service giving of last year. Such response expresses the spiritual stature of our people.

Naturally we ask how much must be received by May 31 to reach our World Service aim. It means that we shall forward to the treasurer of World Service in Chicago in April and in May two and three-quarters times as much as we averaged in each of the preceding ten months. Can we do it? The answer remains the same as before. "We can, and we will." Every acceptance fully met this first year will keep that line of splendor unbroken and undimmed.

Our Gospel puts first emphasis on what we are and what we can become. "Let my people be," saith the Lord, "then shall they know and do." We know the need is great and meeting it will release the saving spirit of Christ to serve this present age. One layman said, "It's not the size of the need that determines the size of my gift but how big I am." Jesus warned his disciples not to get too elated because the demons were overcome, "But rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven." Our relationship to Him is the answer. The spiritual stature of each Methodist determines how far he sees and how he gives. We grow in stature as with Moses in Burning Bush church we turn aside to see and respond to God's calling voice, "Let my people go!"

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THE BEST IS YET TO BE

The test of a good mind is whether it keeps growing. Consider the case of Winston Churchill. In his autobiography he tells us that in the winter of 1896 near the end of his 22nd year, a strong desire for learning came upon him. He began to feel himself wanting in even the vaguest knowledge about many large spheres of thought. So he resolved to read history, philosophy and economics.



He asked his mother for books on these subjects and for two years he devoured them. He says: "It was a curious education, but I approached it with an empty, hungry mind and with fairly strong jaws; what I got I bit." Winston Churchill's mastery of English and sweeping grasp of history are the results of his continuing mental hunger.

Like Churchill, we are lured by the more yet to be learned. This, I think, is partly what Jesus had in mind when He said, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." The meek are those who are modest enough to know they do not know it all and so keep on seeking and learning.

Back in 1886 the United States Commissioner of Labor surveyed the condition of the world and declared all the necessary railroads and canals had been built, a sufficient network of international communications had been established and an adequate merchant marine had been developed.

Then he added society should settle down and enjoy what had been accomplished because the next 50 years would see no advance comparable to that of the preceding half century. Yet at the very time when the Commissioner thought inventive progress had come to a stop, Thomas Edison was 39, Henry Ford was 23, Charles P. Steinmetz was 21, Mme. Curie 19, Robert Millikan 18, Orville Wright 15, Marconi 12 and Einstein 7.

I think of all these in this atomic age when I hear men talking about the twilight of civilization and the inevitable war which would mean the end of life as we know it. Who knows what future Edisons and Fords may be growing up around us?

The spirit of faith keeps building even during the days of danger and destruction. This has been the spirit of America, for as Jefferson said, "It is part of the American character to consider nothing as desperate." If we have the faith of our fathers and supremely above all others in Christ, we not only obey God when He calls us forth to new frontiers but we keep going, refusing to settle down in things not final.

Those who believe in things beyond this world are the ones who do the most to improve this world.

This is a point to remember when the Communists sneer at Christianity as offering "pie in the sky by-and-by," instead of real improvement of earthly conditions. Communism boasts it will give a better life here and now rather than the hope of heaven hereafter.

But the testimony of history is that those who believe in immortality treat men with more dignity and care. To the Communist, youth are so much livestock to be fed and fattened into work hands or war material. To the Christian, youth are immortal souls of immeasurable value because Christ died for them and of infinite possibility because they live beyond this mortal life.

This is why life is worth more along the Mississippi than along the Volga. This is why living conditions, as I myself have seen, are infinitely better in our American cities than in Leningrad and Moscow.

When does a person pass his prime? Physically, perhaps in the 50's. Mentally, maybe in the 60's. But spiritually, a man never passes his prime until he thinks the best is behind him. As long as he believes "the best is yet to be," he is still growing in spirit.

John Buchan, late Governor-General of Canada, said when we are young we speak of climbing the hill of the years. But Buchan reminded us that when we are going up a hill, we have to turn around to get the long view, whereas when we are descending a hill, the long vista is straight ahead of us.

Jesus never talked of "the good old days." To the godly man the long best view is ahead.

The Layman's Column

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On A Wide Circuit

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"HE IS RISEN, INDEED!"

A TWO-WAY LOOK AT PALM SUNDAY

Ever since Jesus Christ came to earth in human form, many of His followers have been prone to take his ministry too lightly. They have been able to know but little of the great joy of living the Way fully and richly. The very experience of Palm Sunday left many who called themselves disciples with no deep or lasting quality of joy. After all, this Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem meant little more than a parade to some people. To be sure, they cast down their coats, and pulled off palm branches to throw into the path of the Saviour. But it was spring and they didn't need coats anyway. And as for the palm branches, they did not cost the crowd anything. In fact, from then until now it has always been easy for some people to conjure up great sacrifices which other people could make when the times required them.

But, fortunately for the human race, there were those who had caught a far deeper and richer meaning of Palm Sunday. There were the former blind—their eyes still glistening in the bright sunshine—looking to Jesus with great joy and thankfulness. There were those who had been lame, but who were now using their newly-found strength to run beside the Master as He passed. They had been able to lead others who were lame in body or in spirit to Him who had healed all their infirmities and all their diseases. There were those who had been unable to speak all their lives until Jesus touched them, and their tongues were loosened so that they could shout for joy. Here were those who had lived under the loathsome curse of leprosy who now mingled freely with the crowd because they were whole.

All of these were among the throng who sang and shouted for joy that first Palm Sunday. Some of them stooped to pick up palm branches after Jesus had passed. They would save them to tell their children and their children's children of the wonderful story of Jesus and His healing love. We can pray that we might be their spiritual descendants today. We, too, might join with the redeemed and healed

One may well imagine the despair, the frustration, the utter hopelessness of that intimate group of followers and friends of Jesus—and even of the crowds that had heard his preaching and experienced his healing—during those thirty-six hours (or more) following his crucifixion.

To the faithful women who kept the long Friday vigil and who, after the Sabbath, went to anoint the body in the stranger's tomb, they were hours of deepest sorrow. Only a mother who has seen a son executed as a criminal by the state—though she knew his innocence—can begin to realize the feelings that stirred in the hearts of the Marys and of Salome. Death is so final! . . . the grave is so silent! . . . there is no appeal from the sentence!

And the eleven men who had staked their all these three years upon this man whom they had come—perhaps reluctantly—to acknowledge as the Christ, the long-sought Messiah! Huddled together in a Jerusalem room, one of their earlier number a suicide, they knew themselves suspect, defeated, lost. Only a week earlier, they had hoped somehow to see Jesus enthroned as the king of their people: had he not himself spoken of fulfilling the age-old hopes of Israel? But Rome was easy victor. He had not lifted a finger, he had not even spoken a positive word, to claim that kingship. Their hopes (either of earthly reward as king's ministers, or rewards in that rather strange "Kingdom of God" about which Jesus talked) were as dead as the body placed in the tomb last night. Their years had been wasted; their ambitions had been crushed; their exaltation had been dashed to the ground. Perhaps, when all this excitement died down, Matthew might get that job as tax-collector back again—though

of all generations and sing with Charles Wesley:

*O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great redeemer's praise;
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.*

his heart just wasn't in it yet. Perhaps Simon Zelotes could rejoin his revolutionary friends in Canaan: or was it really worthwhile to be a religious non-conformist? Phillip had followed John the Baptist, and then Jesus: both had met ignominious death. What was ahead for him? Peter and the others could always go back to the Lake and their calling as fishermen. But, one may be sure, they weren't going off again with any idealist, no matter how attractive . . . Death is so final! . . .

Could there conceivably have been greater dejection, greater sense of defeat, than enveloped these men and women over that Sabbath day (Saturday)? Their utter dejection must have been shared by hundreds of others—men and women; and even the children who remembered his loving arms.

Then, on the third day (Sunday) something tremendous happened. It would have had to be tremendous to change that defeated handful of followers into a joyous, victorious, singing, and testifying band—and to send them "out to win the world." From the very depth of defeat they rose to the highest pinnacle of victory ever reached by man. Jesus (now assuredly the Christ) rose from the dead! Nothing less than the removal of the cause of despair could have overcome despair; nothing less than Christ's resurrection could have made beaten men the eventual conquerors of all that Rome stood for.

"Explain" through science, or "rationalize" by logic or philosophy, if we will, the fact remains that Christ arose and appeared, after his physical death, to the satisfaction of his followers. They knew that he walked with them, he spoke to them, he gave them final instructions, and he gave them a Power that still moves and works among men. No imposter, no psychological quirk—nothing less than the Risen Master himself—could have made the witnesses of an ignominious execution into such spiritual conquerors.

What these eleven men did through the succeeding half century or more after they came into contact with the Resurrected Christ is the most vivid proof of that resurrection. And what we see in our own day and age of individual men transformed by the Power of the Living Christ—their putting off the old and putting on the new—is vivid proof that he is living and working among us today. We may profit from the memory of great men who have moved through our history: but only the Living Christ gives us Living Power to conquer every current problem.

"Christ is risen! . . . He is risen, indeed!"

THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST FOR ALL OF LIFE

Yesterday, Today And Tomorrow

MRS. JESSIE GILSTRAP, Bentonville,

President, North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society



Mrs. C. A. Bender, New York, staff member of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, Bentonville, president of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society. Mrs. Bender was a special guest at the Woman's Society Conference.

JESUS, CHRIST, the same yesterday, today and forever.—Heb. 13:8. As we evaluate our YESTERDAYS, we discover a rich heritage that has come down to us from women who have made special contributions to the Christian life of all of us. It makes us feel very humble, indeed, as we review the highlights of our own North Arkansas Conference, the history of which is, perhaps, unique in that it comprises the blending of officers and interests of four separate and distinct units of the work.

Prior to the year 1914 this conference which now covers the entire northern section of the state, was divided into two smaller conferences—the Arkansas and White River. The union of these two conferences came after much cultivation and no little opposition, but results have proved the wisdom of the action.

Early Records

The first record we have of any "WOMAN'S Work for Women" in the White River Conference was at El Paso in White County in 1882. The first annual meeting was held in connection with the Annual Conference at Batesville in 1884. In 1889 the Woman's Board met in Little Rock. It was at this meeting that the Scarritt Bible and Training School was founded. It was later sanctioned by the General Conference and located at Kansas City. In 1892, for the first time, the conference minutes were printed. In 1894 their first missionary, Miss Esther Case, was sent to Saltillo, Mexico. Total collection of the Foreign Society up to the union was \$37,000.

The Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church South, held its fourth annual Board Meeting in Little Rock in 1895.

In the Arkansas Conference, the oldest organization of which we have any record was at Russellville in 1877. At Ft. Smith in 1880, the Conference Woman's Missionary Society was organized by the same "brethren" that had organized the three auxiliaries that formed the first conference. The first annual meeting was held at Dardanelle in 1881. At this meeting the president asked for "testimonials for Jesus, or for experiences as to what the Missionary Society had done for them, or what they had been doing for the society." Not one refused to respond. The Bishop was called upon to encourage the women in their work and he said he thought "when the church authorized this society, they inaugurated the grandest movement of the times, and he hoped the day was not far distant when every preacher could report a Sunday School and a Missionary Society in every charge." Our present Discipline of the Methodist Church says that "there shall be a Woman's Society of Christian Service in every Church."

First Pledge

At the annual meeting held at Eureka Springs in 1896, the first recorded conference

pledge, \$500.00, was made. The conference was now supporting three foreign scholarships and three Bible Women. In 1903 Missions Study was reported for the first time.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Arkansas Conference was organized in Conway in 1901 and held its first annual meeting in Conway in 1902, with ten delegates present.

The year 1909 was the last year of separate organizations. In 1910 the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies met in "joint" session at Ft. Smith. In April 1915, the recently united Woman's Home and Foreign Societies of the two conferences, "most happily and peacefully became one in officers and purposes" at the union session held in North Little Rock. The new society met in Jonesboro in 1916.

Two Societies Unite

The splendid organization of these united societies is one of the important contributions to our present great Division Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. Note the historical significance of the word "WOMAN'S" which was used throughout the early societies and is carried in the name of our present organization—not "WOMEN'S" but "WOMAN'S" Society which also signifies that it is for each individual woman.

The year 1927 stands out as the year that Miss Nellie Dyer was sent to Korea. The conference reported 160 auxiliaries and 3847 members, with a pledge of \$20,778.25. Note the growth as you compare these figures with the ones you will find in the 1956 Annual Report—the number of Woman's Societies—297, members 12,246, pledge \$58,000, Wesleyan Service Guild, 111 units, members 2,708, pledge \$11,228.62. This thrilling growth of interest in the missionary work was evidenced by increased numbers and increased giving is surely an inspiration and a challenge to all of us.

I was intrigued by the splendid message of the first president of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society, which forms a part of the heritage we revere. Mrs. Henkell Pewitt said, "The year 1940 came to us with greater solemnity than any we had known in our lifetime—the year the women's organizations joined hands to become the new Society of Christian Service. We are the custodians of this rich heritage and the values built up during these years." She stated that the "new organization reaches around the world. It has assets of more than sixteen million dollars and spends more than four million a year for current work." Compare with our present organization of nearly two million members with assets of more than twenty-seven million dollars.

Our Literature

One significant statement made by this first president that challenges us today was,

"perhaps our greatest concern should not be for the primitive church in Africa or India, or the suffering church in China but for the COMPLACENT church in America." She emphasized the need for rural work which is still a focal point of interest today, and she proved her farsighted grasp of the value of our literature when she said, "Perhaps there is no single agency that will have more to do with providing the background for genuine unity in our organization than the literature." One very interesting bit of history in this connection is that the General Conference which met in Baltimore, in 1840 was petitioned for the publication of a religious periodical for the benefit of females. The conference passed the resolution and the paper appeared in 1841 under the name of "Ladies' Repository and Gleanings from the West." We agree with Mrs. Pewitt that our own publication, the Methodist Woman, is, indeed, a "ladies' repository," of benefit to "females," and it has met with unprecedented success. The World Outlook, enlarged and improved, is the great general missionary organ of the church and is therefore a "repository" for "gentlemen" as well as ladies. And we are also very proud of our own Arkansas Methodist which we now share with the Little Rock and Louisiana Conferences. We are truly grateful for the space given our work in its pages and for the wonderful interest shown by the Wayland family. Working together they have made it the finest publication of its kind today. Much of the credit for the success of the Woman's Page is due to Mrs. E. T. Wayland who edited it from 1942 to 1951. Mrs. Wayland was also the first Vice President of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and has been one of its most loyal and devoted workers through the years. This is easily understood when we read from her first report—"Having joined hands with the womanhood of Methodism north, south, east and west, we face the future with a growing optimistic faith that the women of the church will meet the challenge of the new day with a consecration and vision that will make us more than conquerors through Him that loved us. Toward that goal let us move with humble prayer and heaven-born courage."

Wesleyan Service Guild

One important and distinctive part of the Woman's Society is the Wesleyan Service Guild which came into being in 1921 to meet the needs of the gainfully employed women. It held its first conference in Chicago in 1924 and became a part of the Woman's Society after unification. Since the first quadrennium it has tripled its membership and its giving.

Today

As we leave our YESTERDAYS that speak to us with the voice of experience, we are
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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. GEORGE PEARCE, JR., pastor of the First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, was guest evangelist in revival services held at the Gilliam Methodist Church, March 24-31, where Rev. J. L. Beasley is pastor.

REV. JACK MIDYETT, pastor of the Haynesville Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the evening worship service of the First Methodist Church, Minden, Sunday, April 7, where Rev. Dan R. Robinson is pastor.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Men's Club of the Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Logansport, are: Major Howard, president; Frank Greer, vice-president; and Willie C. Patterson, secretary. Rev. Dell S. Durand is pastor of the church.

REV. JOLLY B. HARPER, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, was guest preacher in revival services at the Franklin Methodist Church, March 24-29. The Rev. Mr. Harper preached at the three services Sunday, and twice daily Monday through Friday. Rev. Albert S. Hurley is pastor of the church.

ONCE EACH YEAR the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Minden, prepare and serve a dinner to the ladies who are members of the W.S.C.S. and The Wesleyan Service Guild in recognition of the outstanding contribution they make to the program of the church. This dinner will be held at the church on April 15. Rev. Dan R. Robinson is pastor of the church.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Men's Club of the Iowa Methodist Church are: Thomas S. Tutt, president; Horace Denison, vice-president; C. H. Findley, Jr., secretary-treasurer; and Crawford Mount, program chairman. The Club was recently organized and plans to hold its meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Rev. E. W. Day is pastor of the church.

THE LOGANSPORT Methodist Church will observe a twenty-four hour Prayer Vigil starting Thursday night, April 18, with Holy Communion, and followed by thirty minute periods of prayer in the Chesley Price Prayer Chapel. The Prayer Vigil will close with a Good Friday service in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. Rev. J. B. Grambling is pastor of the church.

REV. ELMER GILLESPIE of Lafayette, was the guest evangelist in revival services held at the Greensburg Methodist Church, March 17-23. A covered dish luncheon was held at the church after the morning service Sunday. Services were held each night Monday through Saturday. A fifteen minute devotional was heard each morning over radio station WABL. Rev. J. R. Woodward is pastor of the church.

DR. ROBERT S. REICH, professor of landscape architecture at Louisiana State University, demonstrated unique worship centers, and altar decorations, at a meeting held at the Reilly Memorial Methodist Church, March 12. One decoration was made from immature corn, some were made from weeds. Dr. Wm. E. Trice is pastor of the church where the demonstration was held.

MRS. FRANK LEACH was elected president of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, Leesville, at a meeting held Monday night, March 25. Other officers elected included Mrs. C. D. Conerly, vice president; Mrs. Louise McAllister, recording secretary; Mrs. Wilma Self, treasurer; Mrs. Milton Goins, promotion secretary; and Mrs. Ava Hernandez, coordinator. Rev. Oakley Lee is pastor of the church.

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES to be held on the Simsboro-Antioch charge include services at the Simsboro Methodist Church Monday and Wednesday nights, April 15 and 17, at 7:30, and a Sunrise Service at 6:00 o'clock Easter Sunday morning. Special services will be held at the Antioch Methodist Church Thursday and Friday nights, April 18 and 19, at 7:30, and two

services on Easter Sunday. Rev. L. M. Sawyer is pastor of the church.

THE SENIOR CHOIR of The University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, presented a sacred cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois, Sunday evening, March 24, under the direction of Gunvard Hansen. The soloists for the performance were Constance Brown, contralto; James Keyser, tenor; Dan Scholz, bass; and Katherine Hansen, soprano. Dr. Wm. E. Trice is pastor of the University church.

MRS. GLENN LASKEY, member of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, and also a member of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, was elected president of the United Church Women of Louisiana at the annual meeting held at the Lakeview Presbyterian Church in New Orleans. Other officers are Mrs. George F. McCaskey, vice president; Mrs. A. B. Blum, historian; and Mrs. Carl Conrad, leadership education chairman. All are from New Orleans except Mrs. Laskey.

THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS entertained the members of the Fellowship class of the West Lake Methodist church with a supper Thursday, April 4. The supper was the close of an attendance contest in which the Fellowship Class won. Serving on the hospitality committee were Rev. and Mrs. Rex Squyres, Mrs. T. P. Fontenat and Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Jones. An after-dinner speech was made by John M. LeTard. The Rev. Mr. Squyres is pastor of the church.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, sponsored a barbecued hamburger supper at the church Saturday, March 30, to raise funds to buy a piano for the Sunday School department of the church. Jim Derr, retiring president of the club was general chairman of preparations. Those assisting with the project included Andry Schurtz, Bill Lyford, William Ford, Dirk Gordon, P. J. O'Pry, Bill Wroten and Bill Rentrop. Rev. E. B. Emmerich is pastor of the church.

DR. GLENN L. ARCHER of Washington, D. C., who is the executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, was speaker at the following places: April 2, 10:00 a.m., Temple Baptist Church, Ruston; April 2, 7:30 p.m., at the First Methodist Church, Monroe; April 5, at First Methodist Church, Tallulah; April 7, First Baptist Church, Pineville; and April 9, First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge. His subject was "The Ramparts We Watch." The meetings were open to all Protestant denominations.

LAKE CHARLES MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION was host to ministers from throughout Southwest Louisiana at a "pastoral counseling" clinic Monday, April 1. Inter-denominational; the conclave was held at the First Methodist Church and was planned as one of the contributions of local religious organizations in the observance of Mental Health Week. Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, pastor of Wornall Roads Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo., lead the clinic. Dr. Hudson is known as a preacher, teacher, writer and counselor. Dr. Carl F. Lueg is pastor of the host church.

MISS BARBARA LUTTRELL attended the Career Orientation Clinic held at Highland Park Methodist church, Dallas, Texas, which was sponsored jointly by that church and Southern Methodist university. Miss Luttrell is a member of the Louisiana Methodist Conference Youth Council and was chosen by the conference director of youth work to attend the clinic. Only one girl was invited from Louisiana. Miss Luttrell will be a speaker on the program of the youth conference to be held in Shreveport June 3-7. She is a senior in the DeRidder High School.

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES will be held in the sanctuary of the First Methodist

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES ON TV FROM WASHINGTON

CBS Television's annual full-hour presentation of the traditional Easter Sunday services from Washington's famed National Cathedral will be presented over CBS Television Sunday, April 21, 10:00-11:00 a.m., central standard time. This marks the seventh consecutive year that CBS Television has taken the country's viewers to the National Cathedral on Easter Sunday for the colorful Episcopal services.

The broadcast, originating in Washington, will be composed of a Mass celebrated by the Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr., Dean of the Cathedral. The Right Rev. Angus Dun, Episcopal Bishop of Washington, will deliver the Easter Sunday sermon. The entire CBS Television coverage of the services will be narrated by Canon G. Gardner Monks.

This special CBS Public Affairs program is being produced by Ted Ayers. The Associate Producer is Beryl Denzer.

MRS. T. A. TATUM SUCCUMBS

Mrs. T. A. Tatum, Waco, Texas, mother of the Rev. Eskel L. Tatum, pastor of First Methodist Church, Oak Grove, passed away March 28, after a long illness.

Other survivors include her husband; three sons, A. K. Tatum, Centerville, California; H. S. Tatum, Dallas, Texas; K. J. Tatum, Galveston, Texas; and one daughter, Mrs. T. G. Moore, Arlington, Texas.

Church, Monroe, by the pastor, Dr. G. W. Pomeroy. All working people have been urged to take advantage of the special services. The choirs from the three high schools will provide the music on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The church choir will be in charge of the music one day and the Memorial Methodist Church choir will provide the music service one day. There will also be Maundy Thursday services, April 18, at which time Communion will be served. The final service for Holy Week will be held on Good Friday night at 7:30.

REV. JOHN A. GIECK, pastor of First Methodist Church, Waterproof, was presented a life-membership pin at a meeting of the Waterproof P. T. A. Wednesday, February 13. Presenting the pin was Miss Miriam Watson, chairman of the Life Membership Committee, who said, "Rev. Gieck, the man whom you have chosen is known to us all for his unselfish giving of himself to help others. He not only performs his own duties well and to the fullest extent, but he also works untiringly to make our community a better and safer place for us and our children. The Parent-Teacher Association could not have chosen a more deserving member for its life membership award."

THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE BOARD of Lay Activities of the Methodist Church conducted a school of instructions for church workers Monday, March 18, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans. Participants in the school included Rev. Karl Tooke, Louisiana conference director of stewardship; B. F. Jackson of the Methodist board of education; Earl McLeod of the Methodist board of evangelism; Lloyd Daugherty of the Methodist board of lay activities, all of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. W. J. Leppert of the general board of missions, New York City; and Rev. Luman Douglas, host pastor.

THE MEN'S BIBLE CLASS of the Abbeville Methodist Church entertained members and their wives at a barbecued chicken dinner Wednesday evening, March 27. Speakers for the occasion were Dr. Z. T. Gallion and Brigadier General W. D. Hass, Jr. About one hundred were in attendance, and joined in the singing of religious songs following the meal. It was decided at the meeting to send a cash donation of \$20.00 to the Methodist Children's Home, Ruston, to purchase shoes and clothing for Billy Jones. According to the reporter, Jerry R. Marshall, this was decided as a follow up of the Sunday School lesson for March 24, entitled, "How Shall We Be Judged?" J. H. DiCarlo is president of the Men's Class, and R. M. Bentley is pastor of the church.

REUNION NOTICE

Former students and faculty members of old Mansfield Female College, which closed its doors in 1930, will hold their second reunion at the Methodist Camp, on Caney Lake, near Minden, Louisiana, on May 4 and 5. This is the second such affair, some hundred women and one man, having attended in the spring of 1956.

This event is open to all former students regardless of whether they were in the model school or college department, and regardless of whether they graduated. Former faculty members are especially welcome and are urged to attend.

Anyone wishing to get more information or to register should contact Mrs. Daisy F. Bergeron, Post Office Box 1055, West Monroe, Louisiana at once.

BARTHOLOMEW METHODISTS PLAN RESTORATION

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Johnson's Bible giving details of the dedication service of Bartholomew Church on June 25, 1835. Church records dating back to 1847 and covering a period of forty-two years were burned in a parsonage fire a number of years ago.

As a young man John McCory came to this vicinity asking for a home. He was born in 1815 and was grandfather of the John Morris of Bastrop. When passing Bartholomew Church, he saw a crowd assembled and stopped. Masons were performing the rites of the first Masonic burial at the church. Mr. McCory, being a Mason, took part in the ceremony.

Dedicated in 1835, this remarkable building is a living monument to those pioneers who braved Spanish, French, and Indian hostility to carry the American dream of freedom westward.

Generations of sons and daughters sleep in Bartholomew's large, shady cemetery. In 1956 Samson Snyder of Bastrop deeded an additional plot to the original thirteen acre cemetery surrounding the church. Among the monuments, we find those of Rev. John B. Eddins, his wife, and baby who died during an epidemic of yellow fever. All were buried here in 1853. Rev. Eddins was pastor at Bartholomew in 1848 and 1849.

This ancient Methodist sanctuary is the prime source of pride of Morehouse citizens and is still the spiritual heart of the community.

Time has made few structural changes in Bartholomew. The church was lighted by homemade candles for many years. The late S. J. Harrell recalled attending evening services at Bartholomew in 1877 when candles were still in use. His active membership extended from the era of candlelight and wood heaters through modern day electric lighting and butane heating.

Our old church has been handicapped at various times by adverse conditions and spiritual lethargy, but always a faithful few held on. The late S. J. Harrell, a faithful efficient steward for more than thirty-five years, has been a prominent factor in helping the

Willson Lectures Delivered At Centenary College



Willson lecturer of the 1957 series at Centenary College was Dr. Wyatt Aiken Smart, third from left, who concluded the three-day lecture series on Thursday. Dr. Smart is shown with, left to right, Miss Bonnie Harrel of Winnfield, who presided at one of the meetings; the Rev. James McLean, director of religious activities at Centenary, and, at extreme right, the Rev. R. Leonard Cooke, vice president of the college. Dr.

Smart spoke on the topics, "An Inductive Creed," "The Validity of Religious Experience" and "Only-One Sun," and used as his general theme suggestions for formulating active religious life on the college campus. He also spoke daily at the First Methodist Church in Shreveport during his stay in the city. (Photo by Sidney Gräs)

NORTH BATON ROUGE OPENS NEW EDUCATIONAL BLDG.

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and completely air-conditioned. Manson and Thomspen were the architects and Walker Construction Company was the contractor. The Church Building Committee is composed of Vernon Cagle, Chairman; James Auter, Harvey Johnson, Haskell Sunmral and Bob Crump. Rev. James L. Stovall is the pastor.

The church now has a membership of over 1,000 members and has approximately 400 in Sunday

church weather the storms.

The two-story frame building is a remarkably constructed edifice. Its corner uprights are made of hand-hewn tree trunks put together with wooden pegs. Side boards are of heart pine, securely fastened with hand forged, square headed iron nails from the blacksmith shop. Notches in the floor still remain as a memorial to family slaves who worshiped at a rail pegged into the floor near the rear entrance.

The construction of the church was a combination project of members of the Methodist church and members of the Masonic lodge. The upper story was originally reserved for Masonic rituals, but has been utilized by the Bartholomew Church School for many years.

This old church is a significant landmark of Louisiana. Many leading men and women have gone out from its fostering care to play their parts in the affairs of this and other states. May Bartholomew's song be a source of spiritual uplift to all who may come within the scope of its influence.

School every Sunday. It is expected that within a year the church will begin work on the next phase which will include the fellowship hall and additional Church School facilities.

The Official Board voted recently to air-condition the present Church Sanctuary. The contract for this was granted to the Baton Rouge York Company.

The North Baton Rouge Methodist Church launched this past Sunday (April 7th) a combination Budget and Building Fund Campaign. The Church is seeking \$38,075.00 for the regular Budget and \$30,000.00 annually for the Building Fund. Mr. Sam Goode is the General Campaign Chairman for the local church. Rev. Karl Tooke, Conference Director of Stewardship, is the Director of the Campaign.

New Iberia Men's Club Meets

The Men's Club of the New Iberia Methodist Church held its regular monthly session in the Fellowship Hall of the church, Thursday night, March 28, and ladies night was observed at the dinner meeting. Speaker for the evening was Ensign T. Raamot of the New Iberia Naval Jet Base.

The culinary department was under the direction of A. C. Whithead and Voorhies Bonin, Jr., assisted by Louis Milner, G. B. Dorr, James Hester and L. V. Jennaro.

Mrs. Edwin Bernard furnished the floral decorations, assisted by Mrs. G. B. Dorr, and Mrs. Park Druhot.

The club has sponsored many projects at the New Iberia Church where the Rev. W. R. Wendt is pastor.

Asbury Adds Temporary Structure



The above picture is a temporary Sunday School building which has been built by the Asbury Methodist Church. It will help to ease crowded conditions in the Sunday School until the next permanent unit can be constructed. There are five rooms, each 14' by 20'. The building is finished inside with sheetrock and has adequate rooms in spite of the temporary nature of its structure.

Shreveport MYFers Hold Christian Witness Mission

A Christian Witness Mission was conducted by the Shreveport MYF Sub-District on March 22 and 23 in which ten churches participated. The Mission opened with a training session at the First Methodist Church where each local church has sent selected teams. The night of instruction was under the direction of Kenneth Ellzey, Sub-District President, and Jim Lamber-son, one of the Sub-District Coun-selors. They were aided by the presence of three Centenary Col-lege students, Geraldine Carnahan, Mary Lou Gassen, and Harold Price, who spoke of their experi-ences in a previous Witness Mis-sion; and Miss Louise Sharp, Con-ference Director of Youth Work, who presented the program and purpose of the Christian Witness Mission.

The Churches were divided into four area groups for a fellowship and instruction breakfast Saturday morning which was followed by the teams of two visiting through-out the day in the homes of their local church prospects and inactive members.

Sixty-one visitors went to work all over the Sub-District, and re-ported back for a sharing time at Noel Memorial Methodist Church Saturday night. These figures are just an index to the up-lifting day the Shreveport Youth spent wit-nessing for Christ: One-hundred-thirty-one persons were reached, sixteen commitments were made for church membership, and sev-enty-two made known their inten-tions to become an active part of the church's life and program. To add life to the figures they report-ed, they told of thrilling experi-ences they had as they found warm response and deep interest in those to whom they went in the name of Christ.

This Mission has turned loose on the Youth of Shreveport a new in-sight into the Witness of the Christian Life, as well as a deep concern for being a part of it.

Allied Youth Receives Award

Washington, D. C.—Allied Youth, Inc., has been selected to receive the George Washington Honor Medal presented annually by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Mr. Raymond C. Lewis, Al-lied Youth Executive Director an-nounced today.

The award, granted for "out-standing achievement in helping to bring about a better understand-ing of the American Way of Life" is the fifth Freedoms Foundation award for the national educational group.

Allied Youth, founded in 1931, operates as an extra-curricular ac-tivity in the nation's high schools and several communities. Its pro-gram features scientific alcohol education and personality develop-ment for teenagers. Each Post holds at least two monthly meet-ings; one an educational meeting to discuss alcohol information; the other a social meeting featuring "Fun without Drinking" for the younger set.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT NAMES MYF OFFICERS

Dan Wilford, son of the Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Wilford, was elected president of the Forrest City MYF at a district-wide meeting at the First Methodist Church, For-est City, Sunday night, March 17.

Other officers elected are: vice president, David McKelvey, Earle; and secretary-treasurer, Miss Jan Anderson of the First Methodist Church, Helena. The Rev. Gaither McKelvey, Earle, is district director.

After a social period and a busi-ness session, Miss Regenia Wat-son, Jonesboro, showed pictures of the Wesley Foundation of Arkan-sas College to the group which represented almost every town in the district.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Evangeline

The Evangeline Sub-District MYF from New Iberia, Abbeville, and three Methodist churches in Lafayette: Asbury, Davidson Me-morial, and First, held a spring retreat at the Longfellow-Evan-geline State Park in St. Martin-ville, March 22 and 23.

The theme for the session was "Reverence to God." Each group attending was responsible for a certain phase of the program such as recreation, clean-up, singing, vespers, and morning watch.

Highlighting the activities was the election of officers for this year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Groves and Miss Bonnie Black are the MYF counselors.

International Youth Exchange Project Planned

The Division of the Local Church, General Board of Educa-tion, is cooperating in a new in-terdenominational project.

This project, the International Christian Youth Exchange, will bring European high school youth to this country for one year to live in American homes and to study in American schools, and will make the same provision for American youth to live and study abroad.

Purpose of the project is to pro-mote good will, understanding and peace among nations, according to the Rev. Joseph W. Bell, of the staff of the Division's Youth De-partment that is sponsoring the program as it relates to the Meth-odist Church.

About 100 young people from western European nations will be chosen. It is expected that at least 20 of these will be sponsored by Methodist churches and live in Methodist homes.

Of the 25 youth that are expect-ed to spend the year in western Europe, it is hoped that at least five can be Methodists.

Other denominations cooperating so far in the project are the Church of the Brethren, Disciples, and Evangelical and Reformed. Doubt-less others will do so, Mr. Bell said.

The Youth Department is respon-sible for finding and choosing homes of American families that are Methodist and sponsored by

Baton Rouge District MYF Reports Mission Tour, Rally, Essay Contest



RODNEY HENDRICK
District MYF President

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

YOUR PASTOR

If you are a typical Methodist youth, you have a great deal of re-spect for your pastor. You know him to be a man of God who is de-voting his life to the ministry of the Christian gospel. When he came to your church, you accepted him as a sincere, earnest, Christian leader, and whatever his weakness-es may have been, you have seen through them to the strength of character and the spiritual inspira-tion which are exemplified in his life.

But, it's not always so with a few persons in the church. They are inclined to be critical of every action, motive, and word. One of my congregation brought me the following answer to the hyper-critics, and I thought you might be interested in reading it. It is entitled "Your Pastor and Mine."

"If he is young, he lacks experi-ence; if his hair is gray, he is too old; if he has five or six children, he has too many; if he has none, he is setting a bad example.

If, If, If

"If his wife sings in the choir she is being forward; if she does not, she is not interested in her hus-band's work. If he speaks from notes, he has canned sermons and is dry; if he speaks extemperan-ously, he is not deep."

"If he spends too much time in his study, he neglects his people, if he visits a lot, he is a gadabout. If he is attentive to the poor, he is playing to the grandstand; if to the wealthy, he is trying to be an aristocrat. If he uses too many illustrations, he neglects the Bible, if not enough, he is not clear. If he condemns wrong, he is cranky; if he does not, he is a compromiser. If he preaches an hour, he is

Methodist churches or groups with-in Methodist churches. It is also responsible for processing applica-tions for young people who want to spend a year abroad.

For further information write Rev. Joseph W. Bell, Youth De-partment, General Board of Edu-cation, P.O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

The Baton Rouge District MYF, of which Rodney Hendrick is pres-ident, will sponsor a mission tour for high school seniors April 12 and 13.

One senior from each church or charge is eligible to go on the tour of Methodist missions in southern Louisiana which will be directed by Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham, of Baton Rouge.

The district's annual youth rally was held April 8, at the Baton Rouge Junior High School, accord-ing to the district secretary, Mar-jorie Reynard. Guest speaker for the event was the Rev. Luther L. Booth, pastor of the Winfield First Methodist Church, who has served at Camp Brewer as counselor and preacher. Theme for the rally was "Looking at Ourselves."

Other activities of the Baton Rouge District MYF reported in-clude the run-off for the essay contest held March 21. Theme for the essay was "Is Moderation the Answer to the Alcohol Problem?" Miss Gwen Norgress, of Live Oak Methodist Church and a member of the Capitol Sub-district, was the district winner in the essay con-test.

Nettleton MYF Meets

Members of the Nettleton MYF went to Craighead Forest for the March 31 meeting. An evening vesper service followed a picnic, and the group returned to the church in time for a business meet-ing and the evening service.

windy; if less, he is lazy." (My folks in this instance prefer the lazy type!)

Offensive or Hypocritical

"If he preaches the truth, he is offensive; if not, he is a hypocrite. If he fails to please everybody, he is hurting the church; if he does please everybody, he has no con-victions. If he preaches tithing, he is a money-grabber; if he does not, he is failing to develop his people. If he receives a large salary, he is mercenary; if a small salary, it proves he is not worth much. If he preaches all the time, the peo-ple get tired of hearing one man; if he invites a guest preacher, he is shirking responsibility.

So what! They say the preacher has an easy time."

A Good Test

Now let me hasten to say, lest the letters-to-the-editor section gets clogged, that I have found very few laymen who typify this de-scription of hypercritics. In fact, wherever I have been I have found the laymen most gracious and long-suffering, and as my best friends would say, that is a good test, because with me around they have learned what "long-suffering" means!

But it doesn't do any harm oc-casionally for young folks to real-ize the tremendous tasks which their pastor faces in the work to which he has been called of God. Criticism of the clergy is always welcomed by most of us, providing, that with it comes an honest per-sonal effort on the part of the critic to help better the situation in his church. Remember, you and your pastor are in Christian partnership!



WITH THE DISTRICTS

Conway District

Officers of the Conway District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met in executive session in the parlor of First Methodist Church, Morrilton, Friday morning, March 29.

Mrs. C. A. Hughes of Russellville, district president, who was in charge of the meeting, called to hear reports and make plans for the annual meeting of the district in May. The Atkins society will be hostess for this meeting, scheduled for May 14.

Other officers present were: Mrs. George Metzler and Mrs. R. J. Goss, North Little Rock; Mrs. S. J. Lyons, Little Rock, Mrs. Ray Wood, Oppelo, Mrs. C. C. Pettin-gill, Plumerville; Mrs. F. D. Rhode, Conway; Mrs. M. H. White, Potts-ville; Mrs. Rife Hughey, Atkins; Mrs. John Page, Dover. Mrs. Pryor Cruce and Mrs. Charles Massey represented the local W.S.C.S.

Plans for the visit to Morrilton of Dr. Pearl McCain were announced by Mrs. Audra Basham, District President of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Miss McCain was honor guest at a Guild dinner in Pierce Hall, First Methodist Church, at 6 p.m. At 7:30 she addressed a general convocation in the church sanctuary. All local groups, both Guild and W.S.C.S., were invited to send representatives.

Hope Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Hope District met in the home of Mrs. J. S. Hopkins in Nashville, March 14, with the president, Mrs. Raymond Harris presiding. Thirteen officers answered the roll call.

Reports were heard from district secretaries. The Pledge for 1957-58 was raised \$50.00, making it

\$9900.00. A scholarship to the school of missions will be offered to the local society having most members present at the district meeting in McCaskill, April 24. The Nominating Committee will report at that time.

Camden District

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Camden District met Friday March 15 at Martel's Lakeside Lodge, Magnolia, Arkansas, for the Quarterly Meeting. Mrs. Walter Birch, president, opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. C. H. Atkins, Secretary, read minutes of last meeting and Mrs. C. Z. Couch, treasurer, gave a financial report. Reports were given by the others present concerning their lines of work: Mrs. A. C. Hale, vice-president; Mrs. J. M. McKinnon, Promotional Secretary; Mrs. John G. Rickey, Youth Work; Mrs. Laura T. Fooks, Children's Work; Mrs. Wilmer Lewis, Student Work; Mrs. Claude Clark, Missionary Education; Mrs. J. M. Curtis, Literature and Publications; Mrs. D. O. Wilson, Supply Work; Mrs. Allen Fincher, Status of Women. Mrs. H. K. Calkins was elected Secretary of Christian Social Relations, replacing Mrs. Howard Elder, who was elected to same place in Little Rock Conference work.

Present also, and giving reports from the Conference work were: Mrs. M. E. Scott, president; Mrs. Charles Primm, Secretary of Missionary Personnel and Mrs. Glenn Martel, Missionary Education.

Lunch was served in the dining hall. Mrs. Scott gave the invocation. Following lunch a workshop was held by various committees and plans completed for the Annual Meeting at Stephens.

Reporter—Mrs. J. Rickey

A Message From Edith Martin

Harrison, Arkansas,
March 23, 1957.

Dear Friends in the North
Arkansas Conference,

It hardly seems possible that most of my furlough has flown by and that I shall soon be returning to the field. I shall fly from New York on Pan American, Flight 150, on April 15th and shall arrive in Lodja, one of our mission stations, the 19th.

I have had a good furlough but it has been too short to do all that I have planned. I am happy that I met many of you who do so much to build the Kingdom of God into the hearts and lives of people everywhere, but I regret that I was unable to visit more of your churches.

I am grateful to each of you for all you do for our African people and for me. Thank you "with dirt on my head" for the "Love Offerings" which will help in many places. Thank you for the piano which will help our people to

make a joyful noise in harmony with the rest of the world, for the typewriter to help in the literature program, for the school and sewing supplies and a sewing machine to help us do our work more efficiently. Thank you.

If I can be of any help to you as you study the Congo as one of the Lands of Decision in this quadrennium, please call on me. If the Congo gets more help in the immediate future, I believe that it will become a Christian nation, but time is running short. We must help her more if she takes her place with the rest of the nations as a Christian country.

Continue to remember us in your prayers.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Yours and His,
Edith Martin,
M.M.C.C. Tunda Station,
par Kibombo, Congo Belge,
Afrique.

(I appreciate letters.)

Shreveport District Guild
Elects Officers

Three officers were re-elected and three new officers named at the annual meeting of the Shreveport District Wesleyan Service Guild at its meeting at Noel Memorial, Shreveport, March 31.

Re-elected were Mrs. Arlene Tyler, Noel, district secretary; Mrs. Dollie Brown, Mangum, Christian Social Relations; and Mrs. Juanita Oliver, Noel, recording secretary.

Miss Hazel Cooper, First Church, was elected missionary education; Mrs. Rachel Rogers, Plain Dealing, spiritual life; and Mrs. Betty Hill, Mangum, publicity.

The officers were installed by Mrs. B. F. Patterson, president of the district Woman's Society, and will serve two years. Eighty women attended, representing 17 churches.

Principal speakers were: Mrs. C. I. Jones, president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society; and Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Shreveport, who recently attended the Conference on Missions, at Buck Hill Falls.

Mrs. Dorothy Risley, president of the Noel Memorial Guild, was hostess at a fellowship hour.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Bill McBride was leader of the monthly program of the First Church, Van Buren Society, March 19, with Mrs. Bob Vandergriff and Mrs. Bob Hardcastle assisting. Mrs. R. S. Wilson, president, conducted the business session. Mrs. Pauline Faber, Mrs. J. Y. Dollar, Mrs. Jesse Johnson and Mrs. Wilson gave reports on the Conference Annual Meeting.

The Second Church, New Orleans, Woman's Society president, Mrs. W. J. Helmke, gave a splendid report at the fourth quarterly conference. Of special interest was the formation of a Wesleyan Service Guild, and a Prayer Circle for shut-ins.

Members of the Prayer Circle are visited, a prayer calendar and necessary literature given them, and every effort made to make them feel a part of the W.S.C.S. With 135 women members of the church, over half, are already members of the Woman's Society or Wesleyan Service Guild.

Jurisdiction Recognition has been received for two study classes. Mrs. Cammack, Literature Secretary, had honorable mention in "The Methodist Woman," being one of the first twenty-five women in the United States to send in renewal of all subscriptions.

A Day Apart was held by the members of the Executive Committee of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on March 29. Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson, Little Rock, former secretary of Spiritual Life for the Little Rock Conference, was the leader.

The last session of the study "Mission Field, USA" was held recently by the Floyd, Louisiana, Woman's Society in the home of Mrs. Wilton Talley. The devotional was given by Mrs. J. S. White, after which Rev. J. B. McCann, pastor, told some of his experiences as chaplain of a hospital and a jail. Mrs. C. E. Holly, teacher of the course, led the discussion. Impersonations, a panel discussion, and acting out scenes of pastoral counseling in family life were some of the ways used to present the lessons. As a result of the study, nine subscriptions to

"Power" are being sent to service boys and college students from the community, and two subscriptions to "The Mature Years" to "golden-agers."

The Guild of First Methodist Church and Grand Avenue Church of Stuttgart held the study "Paul's Letters to Local Churches" in February at First Church, with an enrollment of 30 and an average attendance of 25. Leaders were, from First Church: Mrs. Louis Fuess, Mrs. Troy Pfeifer, Mrs. Mark Vaught and Mrs. Byron Morris; Grand Avenue: Mrs. Dee Baker, Mrs. Ross Beard, Mrs. Lee Sayre, Mrs. Kathryn Linton, Miss Marie Petter and Miss Rosaline Grandgeorge.

Mrs. Dee Baker made poster outlines, and Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Naomi Hanks arranged the worship centers. A social meeting followed each of the four sessions. An offering taken is to be sent to a missionary to be decided upon later.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

According to Statistician Albert C. Hoover, of the Methodist Church, Chicago, the (national) Woman's Society of Christian Service of that denomination now numbers 1,790,441 which is noted as a gain of about 23,000 members over the figures of a year ago. This makes the Methodist WSCS the largest denominational group of church women in America, and probably the largest in the world. The Society is organized into 31,061 local societies in as many churches spread across the United States. Its national president is Mrs. J. Fount Tillman of Lewisburg, Tenn. During the past year, the local societies paid a total of \$17,225,263 for work and services within their own parishes (such as furnishings for the parsonage, help for community need), and in addition \$10,152,759 for missionary and other services "outside the local parish."

For once the urge to speak mastered my modesty, and I was on my feet saying strongly, "I'm much more concerned to have a good pastor than a great preacher—especially one with a heart for the great and growing multitude to which I belong, the aged and near-shut-ins. Many know that for some years now this group has been my major interest, and to do something for them my distinct sense of mission. I've written much in their interest, and letters have come from them by the score and hundred from across the continent. In many places I've gone out of my way to

To make the matter vivid in my

Similar letters come from many states. A man of evident refin-

And so the last word of my little speech and needs to be sounded in every church: "I'm sure that no pastor today can minister adequately to the growing multitude in every community that need him: the aged and shut-ins, the lonely and discouraged, the straying and lost. The only remedy I see is a true pastoral ministry supplemented by a group of trained lay men and women, logically built round the church officials as a nucleus."

JUNE 1st, 1956 THROUGH MARCH 30th, 1957

THE LOUISIANA METHODIST

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, IS

Methodist Children's Home

Sunday

Offerings Received On Easter Sunday And Harvest Day in October Are The Sole Means of Support
For This Great Ministry of Methodism For Those Who Need God's Love—
Homeless Children

From Bishop Martin

From the healing and helping ministry of Christ came the Christian concern for human welfare. And out of John Wesley's devoted ministry to the sick, the needy and the orphans, grew the awareness of "The People Call Methodists" that we must serve mankind in his most urgent requirements, his mental, moral, and physical well-being and development.

Our Children's Home at Ruston gives Louisiana Methodists the opportunity to meet those needs in the lives of the children who are cared for there. And certainly there could be no more appropriate time than this season for the making of our gifts to such a sacred cause. I trust there may come a splendid response when the offering is recieved on Easter Sunday.

Paul E. Martin,
Bishop,
Arkansas-Louisiana Area

Our Easter Appeal

Our appeal to you at this time is an urgent one. The cost of living continues to rise, and the cost of operating the Home is greater today than it has ever been. This would be true even if we were carrying on the same program as that of a few years back. However, this is not true, for our program has been considerably enlarged and our facilities increased. We have a number of additional workers, new buildings and added expenses in practically every department of operation. The day in which we live demands more skilled workers, and our work is no exception.

We depend entirely upon the love offerings of Easter Sunday and Harvest Day for our means of carrying on this great work. We are very grateful for the two days set aside by our Louisiana Conference when all our Churches and Church Schools are asked to observe "Children's Home Day" with a special love offering. The secret of our support, and the strength of our support, lies in the response of ALL our congregations observing these days and giving some kind of offering.

We want to thank you for your interest in the Home and for your fine support in the past. Please do your best in helping us to provide the best for those who have been committed to our care.

C. B. White
Superintendent

Easter Sunday Offerings Should Be Sent To

Dr. C. B. White, Superintendent
Louisiana Methodist Children's Home
Ruston, Louisiana



Webb Hall, Methodist Children's Home



Ellen McGill Sullivan Cottage

Louisiana Methodism Has A Responsibility For The Homeless Children Of Louisiana

The Story of Methodism

By Bishop Ralph A. Ward

Our Methodist Church served on the mainland of China for over a hundred years. But until recently it undertook no organized work in Hongkong or Taiwan (Formosa).

In Hongkong live about three million Chinese. Less than 7% are Christians, either Catholic or Protestant. In Taiwan live about ten million Chinese. Not over 2% of them are Christians.

To Taiwan and also to Hongkong had migrated during the short period of a few seasons four million Chinese evacuees and refugees, about two million to each region. Among these millions were thousands of Chinese who had been members of our Methodist churches or related to its institutions elsewhere. Most of them came from regions of China where the language was different from the language of Taiwan and Hongkong. Since Mandarin, the national language of China, was a common language for them, our work has been conducted in Mandarin rather than the local languages.

Thus our Church as Methodist people came ahead of our Church as an organization. This has happened repeatedly in other parts of the world during other periods. The coming of these Chinese people occasioned our organized work in Taiwan and Hongkong.

Missionaries Sent

In 1949 a missionary family and a single missionary lady of our Methodist Board of Missions had been transferred to Hongkong to serve as branch treasurers for remitting funds to our people in regions on the mainland of China under differing and mutually antagonistic military regimes. They were also to assist our people coming to Hongkong.

In the early winter of 1953 our first Methodist missionary family was sent to Taiwan. Subsequently other Methodist missionaries were added in these regions. There came also two well trained and experienced Chinese Methodist pastors to Hongkong. British Methodist missionaries had long served in Hongkong though the chief British missionary work among the Chinese was in regions on the main-

land where our Church was not working. In 1949 there were in Hongkong two strong Chinese Methodist churches of British affiliation. They and the British Methodist missionaries extended a hearty welcome and cooperation to our Church and its members and workers.

Work Developed Rapidly

Our own work developed rapidly and with stability in both Taiwan, which is under the Nationalist Government of China, and in Hongkong, which is a part of the British Commonwealth. Our membership has come from as many as sixteen different provinces of China and the territories of at least six Annual Conferences there. Inevitably our evangelism and service must reach into the non-evacuee communities in which our people live in both regions.

The session of General Conference at Minneapolis in 1956 recognized this new growth of our Church and authorized its formation into a Provisional Annual Conference when it had as many as nine full ministerial members. In December 1956 this condition was fully met. The Taiwan-Hongkong Provisional Annual Conference was duly organized at a session in Hongkong with eleven ministerial members and duly elected lay delegates from the constituent local churches.

New Work Is Stable

The number of our experienced Chinese pastors is small. But young men of suitable promise have already entered our ministry. An ever increasing number of laymen who have their own employment and vocation have given themselves for voluntary service in the work of our churches and institutions. Our new local churches are stable, well-organized and outreaching.

We have made a small but significant contribution in social service through personal relief and in the establishment of Wesley Village, a place for resettlement of 500 refugees where a wholesome community life has developed with a growing Christian group at its center. Money is available for a second under-



New Cantonese Methodist Church, Hongkong

taking of this sort in the immediate future. We have reestablished publication of the "Upper Room" and kindred materials in the Chinese language for the spiritual help of our people and their training in the special methods and emphases of our Church. We have contributed an important share to the founding of an interdenominational Christian University in Taiwan and a similar Christian College in Hongkong.

Reestablish College

Alumni of Soochow University which was founded in China by our Methodist Church in the early part of the present century and became one of the strongest institutions there, reestablished one of the Colleges of Soochow in Taipei on their own initiative. With its 1200 students it is a special opportunity for the continuing of good history written by Methodism in China for over half a century.

The organization of the Taiwan-Hongkong Provisional Annual Conference is another milestone. It is much more than that. It further continues the evangelism and service of our Methodist Church among the Chinese people with whom and for whom it has served elsewhere for over a century. It serves among a Chinese population of over twelve million.

REPORT OF EVANGELISM AND ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Each quarter during the current conference year, the churches of the Little Rock Conference have filed reports of the total additions to church rolls and the average attendance at Sunday School. This report, sponsored by the Little Rock Conference Board of Evangelism, for the third quarter is begun this week and will be concluded next week . . . Editor.

Arkadelphia District

Charge	Additions		Average S. S. Attendance
	Vows	Cert.	
Amity	6	1	70
First, Arkadelphia	3	7	336
St. Andrew, Arkadelphia	5	10	101
Arkadelphia Ct.	..	2	59
Bismarck	9	3	57
Dalark	17	7	106
Delight	11	2	104
Friendship Ct.	6	1	120
Glenwood	3	3	119
Gurdon	18	22	199
Hot Springs Ct.	..	..	48
First, Hot Springs	17	43	413
Grand Ave., Gardner	9	32	385
Oaklawn	8	45	226
Pullman	1	8	140
Tigert	6	7	70
First, Malvern	11	27	404
Keith, Malvern	14	10	141
St. Paul's, Malvern	7	30	103

Mt. Ida	12	3	112
Morning Star	10	4	50
Murfreesboro	11	5	155
Okolona Ct.	2	3	181
Oma-Point Cedar	..	..	52
P. Grove-Ft. Lake	..	..	98
Rockport Ct.	2	2	65
Shorewood Hills	4	4	113
Sparkman	1	3	101
TOTAL	191	284	4128

Camden District

Bearden	4	15	97
Bradley	2	1	80
Buckner Ct.	8	1	105
Calion-Quinn	2	2	104
CAMDEN—			
First Church	9	37	646
Fairview	5	9	330
Timothy-Westside	10	11	115
Chidester Ct.	1	4	105
Columbia Ct.	1	1	142
Dumas-Lisbon	1	4	81
EL DORADO			
Centennial-Bethel	2	6	34
First Church	28	85	912
St. Luke's	3	8	..
Vantrease	12	32	303
Emerson Ct.	14	6	105
Harmony Grove	..	1	75
Holly Springs	4	2	140
Huttig-Bolding	..	3	60
Junction City	1	2	57
Lewisville	4	18	128
Liberty-Silver Hill	..	..	40
Louann-Buena Vista	..	..	67
MAGNOLIA			
First	8	34	445
Jackson Street	21	33	233
Magnolia Ct.	17	16	155
Marysville-Fredonia	3	2	102
Norphlet	2	6	105
Parker's Chapel	..	..	..
Pleasant Grove	8	9	160
Smackover	1	11	227

Stamps	10	182
Stephens	2	4
Strong	3	35
Taylor Ct.	3	135
Union-Rhodes Chapel	3	83
Village	3	126
Waldo-Willisville	6	2
TOTAL	188	388

Hope District

Ashdown	2	4	191
Bingen Ct.—Bingen	..	..	40
Avery Chapel	..	..	36
Biggs Chapel	2	..	35
Doyle	..	..	15
Friendship	..	..	29
Sweet Home	..	..	35
Blevins Ct.—Blevins	..	..	32
Bethel	..	..	..
Macedonia	..	..	17
McCaskill	..	..	15
Sweet Home	..	..	47
Boyd-Fouke	3	..	28
Boyd	2	..	14
Fouke	..	..	..
Center Point Ct.	..	..	..
Bluff Springs	1	1	30
Center	..	..	20
Wakefield	1	2	46
DeQueen	6	8	140
Dierks-Green Chapel	..	..	..
Dierks	8	1	76
Green's Chapel	1	..	37
Doddridge Ct.	..	..	..
Doddridge	..	..	30
Olive Branch	2	2	70
Silverina	..	..	21
Emmet Ct.	..	..	..
Emmet	1	60	..
DeAnn	2	..	25
Holly Grove	..	..	25
Midway	6	..	55
Foreman	6	60	..
Hatfield Ct.	..	..	..
Hatfield	6	8	60
Cove	1	..	20

Gillham	3	1	20
Old Cove	..	..	12
Vandervoort	..	..	15
Wickes	..	2	40
Hope	8	16	515
Horatio Ct.	..	..	..
Horatio	1	6	37
Walnut Springs	5	..	25
Williamson	..	..	22
Lockesburg	1	6	59
Mena	1	20	203
Mena Ct.	..	..	..
Mt. View	5	18	58
Cherry Hill	..	..	25
Shady Grove	2	..	60
Mineral Springs	1	5	101
Nashville	10	13	185
Prescott	..	13	194
Prescott Ct.	..	..	..
Carolina	1	..	84
Richmond Ct.	..	..	..
Richmond	1	9	50
Ben Lomond	..	..	33
Ogden	..	..	35
Wades Chapel	..	..	48
Wilton	1	..	28
Rondo Ct.	..	..	..
Rondo	9	4	58
Harmony	..	..	55
Holly Springs	8	..	35
Pleasant Hill	6	3	40
Springhill Ct.	..	..	..
Springhill	4	5	55
Texarkana Churches	..	..	..
College Hill	3	7	189
Fairview	12	13	200
Few Memorial	..	1	76
First Church	28	22	442
Winthrop Ct.	..	..	..
Winthrop	..	3	30
Allene	..	..	20
Chapel Hill	..	..	25
Mt. Ida	..	..	30

(Continued next week)



MEMORIALS FOR MARCH, 1957

IN MEMORY OF:

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Mrs. J. M. Harrison by Rev. J. M. Harrison
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Mrs. M. J. Lewellen by Mary and Harold Rogers
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Mrs. Alfred Maddux by Esther Mae and Amos Walker
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Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Jones by William E. Byrd

Roscoe Sanders by Dr. H. D. Cammack
Roscoe Sanders by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham
Mrs. Porter John by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Carnahan
Clara Marks Sadler by Grace Childress
Berry Davis by Mrs. Mary McG. Nobles
Mrs. Mollie Casey Naylor by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Carl Lee
Mrs. F. A. Naylor by Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Davis
Mrs. J. W. Hammock by Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Floyd
Mrs. Clara Sadler by Miss Edna M. Ashcraft
Mrs. Mollie Casey Naylor by Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Williams
Roscoe Sanders by Mrs. Leslie J. Serrett
Mrs. Guy M. Sadler by Martin L. Wilson and Miss Sybil Wilson
Mrs. Mollie Casey Naylor by Mrs. W. G. Rye and Mrs. W. T. Robinson
Mrs. Tom I. Brown by the Intermediate Department, First Church, Camden
Mrs. Claude E. Norton by Mrs. Mary Nobles
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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gunn by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bowman
Dr. John E. Parsons by Miss Glenore Walker
Mrs. Chester Hellums Wells by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blackwell and C. G. Blackwell
Mrs. Ada McGough and C. G. Gordon by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Bemis
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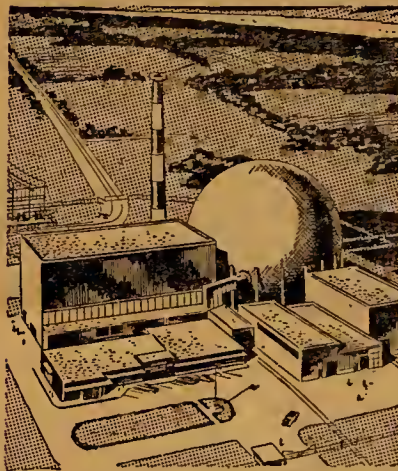
if there had been no crucifixion, there would have been no resurrection. As Jesus, on the cross, placed His life in the hands of God, the Author of all life, He dramatized the words He had spoken some time before by making an example of Himself. These are His words; "Whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall save it. What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his life?"

As we strive to have the Spirit of Christ for All of Life TODAY

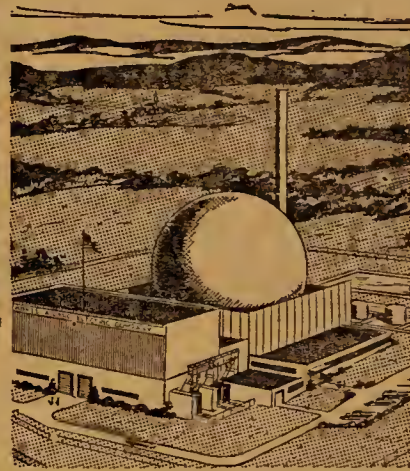
and TOMORROW, let us be on the alert to find a new vision of life's purpose that will help us to drop our old selfish ideas about human relationships and to usher into the world a clearer understanding and appreciation of the Kingdom of God, so that all men may be able to accept and enter into it. Let us incorporate in our daily creeds and daily living, the purpose of our great society and be ever mindful of our goals as we witness for Christ.



Enrico Fermi atomic power plant is under way near Detroit through the joint efforts of 18 electric companies. A group of equipment manufacturers and the Atomic Energy Commission are also associated in the project.



Dresden, Illinois, plant is being developed by 7 electric light and power companies, their equipment manufacturers, with AEC co-operation.



Yankee atomic-electric plant, being developed by 12 New England electric companies. Equipment manufacturers and AEC are participating.

YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

(Continued from page 7)

grateful beyond words for the glorious heritage of our founding mothers that challenge us TODAY to give of our best to the Master.

TODAY—that moment between two eternities—YESTERDAY and TOMORROW—influenced by all that has preceded and to influence all that follows, I wish to pose this personal question for each of us—"Am I measured up to the example set by the dauntless women who have gone before? The works of these women testify to the fact that they had the "Spirit of Christ for All of Life" because "by their works ye shall know them."

How can we have the Spirit of Christ for all of life in order to reach the goals set for this quadrennium? One simple answer is to practice the Holy Habits of a Spiritual Life. Here are seven practices that will be helpful: 1. Attend church regularly. 2. Pray every day—Pray without ceasing. Through prayer we develop spiritual strength and confidence. 3. Read the Bible every day. It is the blueprint of life and in it we meet God. 4. Observe Family Devotions. "The family that prays together stays together." 5. Grace before meals. The habit of pausing to thank God before eating is as old as Christianity itself. 6. Witness for Christ. "What we do speaks louder than what we say." 7. Share God's gifts.

What of TOMORROW?

In thus bringing the will of God

to prevail in us individually and collectively lies the possibility of changing the destiny of the world. This is the challenge to each one of us. For specific action I commend to you the recommendations of the secretaries of the various lines of work, the challenges given by the missionaries, deaconesses and Christian workers everywhere and the opportunities that we see as we study the needs of the world and our responsibility to do something about these needs.

As we approach another Easter time let us rejoice in our faith that no matter how the present conditions in the world may seem to be defeating the ideals of Jesus, that the "resurrection" will follow, at which time Christ will come again in His glory in the hearts of all men. The crucifixion which preceded the glorious resurrection seemed at the time to be a crushing defeat for Christ's cause. But,

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LESSON FOR APRIL 21, 1957

HE LIVES—THEREFORE, MAKE DISCIPLES

READ MATTHEW 27:55 THROUGH 28:20

MEMORY SELECTION: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

(RSV)—Matthew 28:18-20

We have been studying lessons taken from the Gospel of Matthew since the first Sunday of January. We come that study today with Matthew's record of the resurrection of Jesus. These lessons have been based on carefully selected portions of the life of Jesus, beginning with the visit of the Wise Men and ending with His resurrection and the Great Commission.

The record of the resurrection is the most heartening, encouraging fact to be found in world history. Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is good reason for faith in our own survival after death and such a faith makes all the difference imaginable in life here. The doctrine of the resurrection has been the most important battleground over which the friends and enemies of the Christian church have fought for the centuries past. This has been true because both friends and foes of Christianity have felt that faith in the resurrection is vital to the existence of the Christian church.

There have been many other questions raised about the life and ministry of Jesus. Was He born of a virgin? Did He live a sinless life? Did He perform miracles? These and other questions have been asked. So far as we are concerned, if we can believe in the resurrection of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospels, we can believe anything else the Bible teaches about Him. If we cannot believe in the resurrection, we are not too much interested in the many other questions that are raised about Him.

The Message of Easter

The real message of Easter is embodied in the words the angel spoke to Mary in the dawn of that first Easter morning, "He is not here; for He is risen."

This immortal epitaph raised over the tomb of Jesus is the only one of its kind in history. On countless numbers of our older grave-stones we find inscribed the words, "Here Lies," followed by names, dates, etc. The inscription over the grave of Jesus is altogether different. Instead of the state-names, dates, etc. The inscription reads, "He is NOT HERE." So it is that the Easter message which should stir the heart of the world on this Easter Sunday is the same that set afire the hearts of the followers of Jesus two thousand years ago, "He is NOT HERE for He is risen."

We read of a lad from an underprivileged home who was converted in a service led by the Salvation Army, only a short time before Easter. He heard for the first time the thrilling story of God's love, the crucifixion and the resurrec-

tion. During Passion week a business firm down town had a crucifixion scene in its front window. The lad was standing and intently looking at the scene when a man came up beside him and also stopped to look at the display. The lad began telling him the crucifixion story which he had so recently heard. The man was not paying much attention to the boy and soon turned to walk on. He had gone but a few steps when he felt a tug at his coat. There was the boy again, looking up into his face. The lad said, "Say mister, I just wanted to tell you that He rose again." That is the Easter story which we, with something of the faith and earnestness of the boy, should tell those about us today.

Why Was Faith of Disciples Renewed?

(a) *The world and the church have a common faith about Christ to a certain point.* Informed enemies of the church agree with us that such a Man as Jesus Christ lived about twenty centuries ago. They agree that He had intimate followers whom He trained and led to believe in Him as the Christ. It is commonly agreed that Jesus was crucified by His enemies. It is commonly accepted, also, that because of His crucifixion, the disciples lost faith in Him as the Christ. Informed enemies of the church agree also that this faith was reborn. Why was this faith reborn? It is in the answer to that question that the Christian and atheist radically and at times violently disagree.

(b) *How the world explains this reborn faith.* Since the disciples did come back from the pit of despair, with new faith, courage and an indomitable will to preach the gospel of good news such action must have an explanation. The following are the most plausible explanations the wisest atheists of earth have been able to offer thus far.

(1) The first explanation was that His disciples came and stole His body away and went out to preach that He arose from the dead. That theory was very short-lived. (2) The theory has been advanced that the story of the resurrection was simply a myth that grew up in later years. The fact is that faith in Christ's resurrection was immediate and immediately affected the lives of those who knew Him best. (3) The "Hallucination" theory has been advanced. The disciples only thought they saw Jesus but really did not. The trouble with that idea is that people on twelve different recorded occasions "thought" they saw Jesus after His crucifixion; on one of these occasions five hundred people were present. (4) Some

have advanced the "swoon" theory; Jesus only fainted on the cross and revived in the cool of the tomb. If, under such circumstances, Jesus could have dragged Himself back into the presence of His disciples, with His body broken by the crucifixion, His disciples would have taken Him in and nursed Him back to health, if possible, but they would never have believed in Him again as a God. (5) Others say Jesus really did appear to His disciples after His crucifixion, but only as a Spirit. The Record says that Jesus challenged the disciples to handle Him and see that He was not a Spirit.

(c) *The disciples believed in the resurrection only when they saw Jesus.* No one of them would believe Christ had risen until he personally saw Him. It was not easy for the disciples to believe that Christ arose from the dead. When the women returned from the grave, Easter morning, and told the disciples that they had seen Jesus alive, Luke tells us that, "Their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not." When the two disciples saw Jesus as they journeyed to Emmaus and hurried back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples, Luke says, "Neither believed they them." When Jesus appeared to the ten as they were gathered together, the ten thought they had seen a Spirit until Jesus proved Himself to them. When these ten told Thomas, who was absent, about seeing Jesus, Thomas refused to believe any of them until He too had seen Jesus with his own eyes.

The apostles went out to preach the doctrines of the resurrection because each of them had personal, convincing evidence that Jesus was just as much alive as they were alive. With that faith, they went out to "turn the world upside down."

Resurrection A Primary Truth In Early Church

Whatever some individuals of the church today may think about the resurrection, a study of the New Testament will reveal, without a doubt, that the disciples and the early church lived, and believed and taught the fact of the resurrection of Christ. That fact was basic in their planning and in their teaching.

When Peter discussed, before one hundred twenty disciples and other followers of Jesus, the matter of selecting some one to take the place of Judas who betrayed Jesus, he said it was important that he be a man who had been with them from the time of the baptism of John until the ascension of Jesus. The purpose for which such an one was to be selected was, according to Peter, "TO BE A WITNESS WITH US OF HIS RESURRECTION."

In that very effective sermon Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost, about one half of the sermon, as recorded, was about the resurrection of Jesus. When Peter answered his critics, after the healing of the man at the Temple Gate, again much of his statement was a discussion of the resurrection. After being imprisoned Peter again, in his defense, speaks at length about the resurrection. Paul attributes his conversion to seeing the risen Christ as he was journeying to Damascus. Six times Paul tells of having seen Christ. One needs but to read the 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians to realize how

firmly and clearly Paul believed in the resurrection of Jesus.

Why The Christian Church Believes In The Resurrection

(a) Because every other attempt to explain the empty tomb is harder to believe than the simple story of the resurrection, as told in the Gospels.

(b) Because the resurrection is the only satisfactory explanation of the empty tomb.

(c) Because the resurrection is the only satisfactory explanation of the renewal of the faith of the disciples in Christ as divine.

(d) Because the resurrection is the most satisfactory explanation of the twelve different appearances of Christ after His crucifixion.

(e) Because the resurrection alone can satisfactorily explain why Jerusalem believed the preaching of Peter on the Day of Pentecost.

(f) Because of the Christian church itself that has lived across the centuries. A live church could not have been founded on a dead Christ.

All Authority . . . Has Been Given To Me

Jesus could say some things after His resurrection that would likely have tested, to the breaking point, the faith even of His trusted disciples if He had said them before His resurrection. This opening statement of the Great Commission is such a statement. Jesus is stating here that all power or authority in heaven and on earth are in His hands. Such a statement would have staggered the faith and confidence of anyone but for the fact of His resurrection. However, since the disciples were in the presence of the resurrected Christ, and were as sure of His resurrection as they were sure that they themselves were alive, such a statement seemed to be perfectly in order. It was on the basis of such an experience that they readily accepted the Great Commission as an authoritative command from on high.

Therefore . . . Make Disciples

Having demonstrated to His disciples and to believing Christians in every generation that He had the divine right to command, Jesus gave to Christendom the Great Commission, "Go...make disciples of all nations."

The doctrine of the resurrection and the Great Commission are very closely linked together. Jesus, in effect, tells us that we are not to think of the resurrection as a great fact proclaimed simply for our personal comfort and encouragement. The fact of the survival of human personality after death is one of the urgent, major reasons for telling of the saving, redeeming power of Christ to the ends of the earth.

If we live in this world for a few years and die like flies to be no more forever, what happens to us in our brief lives loses much of its significance. If, however, we crown human life with the crown of immortality, then what happens to us every minute we live is of infinite importance. If our spirits are immortal, we shall live on after every star and planet of God's great universe has burned out and has ceased to be.

It is not at all surprising that the urgency of the Great Commission follows so closely the fact of the resurrection. It is the fact of the resurrection that makes the Great Commission a compelling, imperative mission if the church is to keep faith with the risen Christ.

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Stresses Role Of Christian Conscience

Cincinnati (MI)—The "Christian conscience" is playing an increasingly important role in American politics and government, Dr. Ernest S. Griffith of the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., told the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Social and Economic Relations here recently.

"In the field of politics, standards of individual morality have steadily advanced as the spoils of office are increasingly being replaced by the obligation to serve," Dr. Griffith said.

Dr. Griffith, director of the Library's legislative reference service, was recently named dean designate of American University's School of International Service to

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Revs. James Major, A. N. Storey, and Karl Tooke, directors of the Area-Wide Every Member Canvass Program of the Little Rock, North Arkansas, and Louisiana Conferences, respectively, suggest a

TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

During Week 7 of the EMC (April 21-27) letters no. 2, 3 and 4 are mailed on the days already indicated, Reminder cards for Loyalty Sunday are addressed, and Training Sessions for Canvassers are planned.

April 28 begins Week 8. A layman speaks for three minutes at morning worship on Stewardship, and in the afternoon the first of two training sessions is held for the Canvassers. For a suggested program see page 30 in the Manual.

On April 29 letter no. 5 (found on page 24 of the Manual) is mailed to the non-resident members with a Commitment Card and return stamped envelope enclosed.

On April 30 the Materials Chairman will give to the Visitation Chairman Commitment Cards for every member on the Master List.

On May 1 cards reminding the congregation of Loyalty Sunday are mailed.

The second training meeting for Canvassers is held on May 3. See page 33 in the Manual for a suggested program. These training lessons are a "must."

On May 4 the whole congregation is called by telephone and urged to attend church

on May 5, Loyalty Sunday.

NOTE: Watch for suggestions from the conference directors in this space each week during the EMC program.

LEADERS COMPLETE EMC PLANS



Meeting in Little Rock last week with Bishop Paul E. Martin were the conference directors of the Every Member Canvass Program which is now in the final weeks of its schedule.

Shown above, conferring with Bishop Martin are, L to R, Rev. A. N. Storey, Conway, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Town and Country Commission; Rev. Karl Tooke, Shreveport, director of stewardship, Louisiana Conference; and Rev. James T. Major, Little Rock, executive secretary, Little Rock Conference Town and Country Commission.

The program, which has been in progress since early this year, reaches a climax in local churches throughout Arkansas and Louisiana on Sunday, May 5, designated Loyalty Sunday, and Sunday, May 12, which will be Victory Sunday. During this period it is expected that members of Methodist Churches of both states will be visited by fellow church members who will receive their pledge for next year's church budget.

Kenner Opens New Sanctuary

The Kenner Methodist Church conducted opening services in the new sanctuary at the Sunday morning worship hour, April 7, according to the pastor, the Rev. M. David Felder, who conducted the services.

An open house was held from 3 to 5 p.m. in the new sanctuary and the completely remodeled education building. Sunday night a

pageant, "Light Before Dawn," was presented by the young people of the church.

Participants in the opening service were members of the building committee who are James Taylor, chairman, David Tillman, M. C. Keese, Douglas Morgan, Harry Silbey, Mrs. Horace Bailey and Joe Cerevela.

The new edifice, constructed at a cost of \$70,000, will seat 300 and contains a pastor's study, choir room, church office, and education-

La. Layman Heads Joint Radio Committee

J. C. Love, Jr., Ruston layman, is the new chairman of the Joint Radio Committee of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions of The Methodist Church.

Other officers elected at a recent meeting are, vice-chairman, the Rev. Dr. J. Henry Chitwood, pastor of First Methodist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., and secretary, the Rev. Dr. Stewart Clendenin, pastor of First Methodist Church, Beaumont, Texas. All officers will serve until 1960.

The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, will be the speaker for all 12 programs of the Methodist Series of The Protestant Hour next fall.

The Protestant Hour is a radio worship program. Its twelfth annual Methodist series will begin November 10. The 30-minute broadcasts, to be heard on about 300 stations, will have music by representatives of Methodist colleges as well as the messages by Dr. Goodrich.

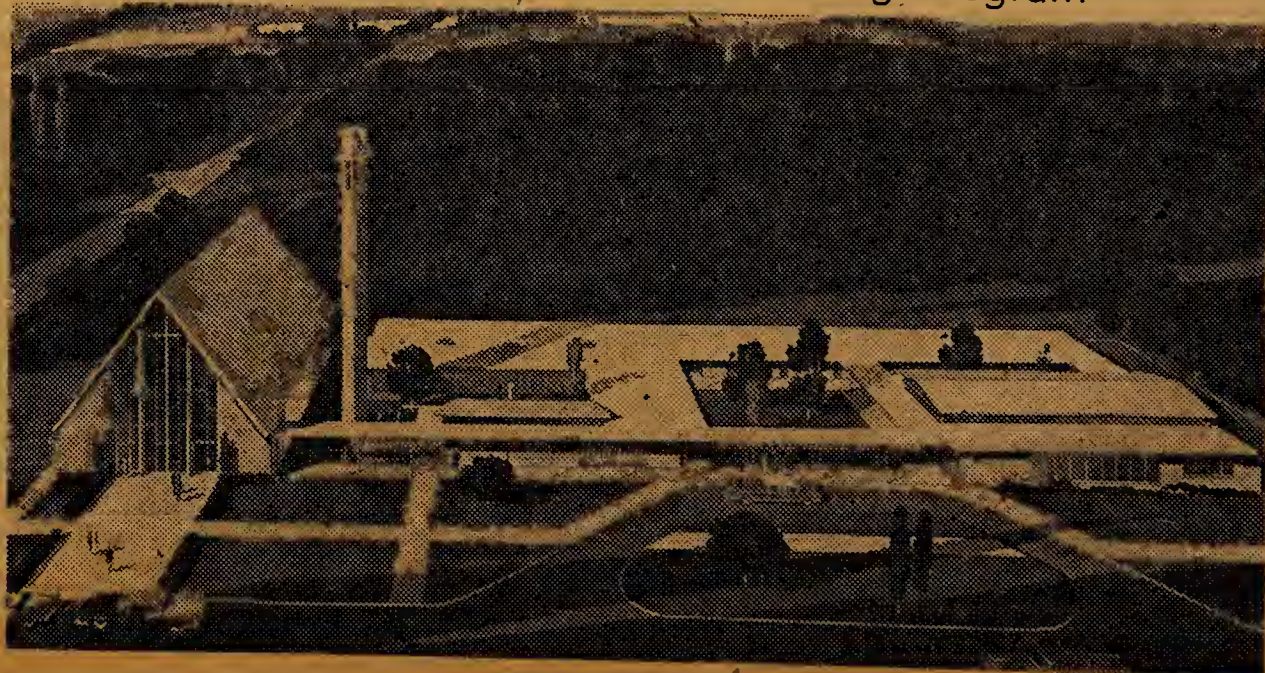
Dr. Goodrich was chosen as the speaker at a recent meeting of the Joint Radio Committee of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions of The Methodist Church.

This year, for the first time, the national Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission will promote the Methodist series, in cooperation with the joint radio committee of the two jurisdictions.

al classrooms.

The entire project was financed by the church under the Broadway Plan, which consists of interest-paying bonds, according to J. E. McCoy, who served as chairman of the fund-raising campaign.

North Baton Rouge Engaged In Overall Building Program



Pictured at right is the architect's drawing of the new Christian Educational Building, North Baton Rouge Methodist Church, which was opened for use for the first time on Sunday, April 7. The new facility included class assembly rooms for the Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Young People's department. Rev. James L. Stovall is the North Baton Rouge pastor. Vernon Cagle was chairman of the Building Committee.

Ground Broken For New Methodist Seminary

Washington, D. C. (MI)—Ground was broken here April 5 for the Methodist Church's new \$3 million Wesley Theological Seminary, the first Protestant seminary in the Nation's Capital.

The ceremony marked the start of construction of the seminary's administration building, chapel and first dormitory. Official opening of the school, accommodating 350 students, is set for the fall of 1958.

The Westminster (Md.) Theological Seminary, founded in 1881, will move here as the nucleus of the new institution.

The school is the first Methodist seminary in this country to be named for the Wesleys, eighteenth-century clergymen of the Church of England who launched Methodism as a movement within the British church.

The ceremony was led by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, president of the seminary's Board of Governors, and the Rev. Dr. Norman L. Trott, president of Westminster Seminary and who will head the new school.

Bishop Oxnam paid tribute to the "Christian stewardship" of Sebastian and Stanley S. Kresge of Detroit who, through the Kresge Foundation, recently gave \$1,500,000 to help establish the seminary. The sum is to be matched by Methodist churches and individuals.

Wesley seminary is one of three new theological schools planned by the Methodist Church. A second is to be built at Delaware, Ohio, in connection with Ohio Wesleyan University, and the third is projected in the vicinity of Kansas City.

Gideons Reach 35 Million Distribution

Chicago (RNS)—The Gideons International, an Association of Christian businessmen, has now reached the 35-million mark in distributing Bibles and Testaments.

Although The Gideons was organized July 1, 1899, it was not until 1908 that the first twenty-five Bibles were placed in a small hotel in Iron Mountain, Montana. In the 49 years which have followed, the ministry of The Gideons has expanded to include placing Bibles in motels, hospitals, penal institutions, airplanes, trains, ships and on school teachers' desks, in addition to hotels.

The New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs is distributed to members of the armed forces, to school children (from the fifth through twelfth grades), and to those in the nursing profession. Also, Bibles and Testaments are being sent to more than twenty foreign countries in which The Gideons have local groups or "camps."

The Association now has 16,000 members organized in approximately 800 cities in the United States. Another 6,000 members are foreign Gideons.

The Gideons since its founding has enjoyed a very close relationship with the Church. In order to be a member of the Association, an applicant must first be a member and in good standing of an evangelical Church. The purpose of The Gideons is to win converts to Jesus Christ.

AT EASTER TIME

The Disciple's Prayer

Almighty God,
Why did my Master die?
Why did He die upon the cross?
To die a wasted death
Is life's one greatest loss!
I followed Him, wherever led;
I had such hopes, but now . . . He's dead!
My God! Why did He have to die?
O please, please tell me why.

The thunder roared above,
The sun refused to shine its light,
Dark winds howled o'er the earth,
The day had turned to night.
The temple veil was rent in twain,
The way our hearts were torn with pain.
O God! Despair and doubts arise
When goodness like His dies!

You say He died for me?
Was I the cause of this great blow?
He should not die for me,
I did not want it so!
I prayed the world would crown Him king,
That love would reign and hearts would sing
His praise! Instead, they crucified!
Let me know why He died . . .

. . . . I know! He died to show
That good can win where evil's cursed,
That sin will kill the best,
But love can save the worst.
As one of us God came to earth,
To show sin's bane and love's great worth.
Praise God! He died to show the way
For men to live today.

Amen! Amen! Amen!

Norman F. Simmons
Oak Ridge, Louisiana

Claims Filed For War Damage To Mission Property, Philippines

Washington, D. C. (MI) — The Methodist Church in the Philippines has filed 26 claims totaling \$2,466,000 with the federal government for damage to church property during World War II.

The Methodist claims, largest of any Protestant group, are among 102 claims totaling \$26,713,000 being considered by the United States Foreign Claims Settlement Commission.

Roman Catholic organizations have filed 34 claims for a total of \$14,221,000. The 44 Protestant claims total \$3,508,000. Other claims are those of individual clergymen and non-Christian religious groups.

The claims follow a Congressional amendment permitting reconsideration of claims by religious groups in the Philippines which are affiliated with denominations in the United States.

The amendment, adopted in 1956, was designed to enable Protestant groups to file new claims. Previously, some Protestant agencies had opposed legislation for reconsideration of claims on the basis that it would chiefly benefit Roman Catholic schools, missions and hospitals in the Philippines whose original claims were denied because of little or no connection with Roman Catholic agencies in the United States.

More than \$17 million was paid by the United States under the original war claims to American religious organizations whose

schools, hospitals and missions suffered damage during American military operations in the Philippines

Bolivian Diplomat Praises Protestant Missions

New York (NC)—The American Institute in La Paz, Bolivia, has been the main source of his country's democratic leaders, the Ambassador from Bolivia to the United States told a meeting of Protestant mission leaders recently. Speaking at the annual dinner in New York of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, the Hon. Victor Andrade declared that not only was he a student but had also taught at the Methodist school for almost six years.

"Against an often turbulent political background," the ambassador told the group, "the steady influence of the American mission schools in my country has served to awaken the social consciousness of the people."

Declaring that at one time a majority of Bolivian government members were graduates of the American Institute, the ambassador said that, although their politics differed, their training was based on the same Christian principles which he felt were largely responsible for many of the reforms undertaken in the "new Bolivia."

A survey by the Ohama (Neb.) Council of Churches among leaders, concerning problems "that should arouse Christians," showed that the most pressing problems are juvenile delinquency, housing conditions and race relations. The leaders felt that the Christian conscience had had some success in finding effective expression in community affairs, but a majority felt that more should be done, especially in the fight against juvenile crime.

or gave aid to American forces.

The government commission has expressed the hope that the new claims can be settled for approximately \$10 million, to be paid through the sale of private property in this country which was confiscated from German and Japanese citizens.

Chicago Wesley Hospital Superintendent Heads National Methodist Association



Ralph M. Hueston, (left) superintendent of Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital, will direct activities of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes during the next year. The Rev. C. A. Sweazy, (right) superintendent of the Methodist Home of Kentucky, Versailles, Ky., and outgoing president of the Association, hands him the president's gavel at the annual convention of the Association held recently in Chicago.

Bishop Oxnam Gets Automobile Workers Award

Atlantic City, N. J. (RNS)—Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., received a United Automobile Workers freedom award here for "his distinguished services to mankind."

UAW President Walter Reuther presented the award at the union's

Church Related Colleges Now Total 744

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — A total of 744 of the 1,886 colleges and universities in the United States are controlled by religious groups, the U. S. Office of Education reported here.

There are 474 Protestant colleges and universities; 265 Roman Catholic; and five Jewish, the agency said in its annual Education Directory.

An additional 481 colleges and universities are under private control but have no religious affiliation, the report stated. Some 661 institutions of higher education are publicly controlled, including 282 municipal institutions, 630 state colleges and universities, and 10 federal institutions.

Co-educational institutions now number 1,444, while 223 colleges enroll only men and 249 only women. About 500 of the institutions are not full accredited four-year colleges.

Graham Sees Swing From Theological Liberalism

Buffalo, N. Y. (RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham told nearly 600 delegates to the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals here that he saw "an emergence from the extreme theological liberalism" of the last few decades.

He said the NAE "stands at the crossroads—it must steer a course between the extreme fundamentalism that God has by-passed and too much of a position of tolerance."

Mr. Graham also said he saw "genuine spirit of inquiry on the part of the average American" into religion. Discarding a message he had planned for the convention, the evangelist devoted most of his talk to his New York Crusade opening May 15.

"A spiritual awakening in New York City could touch the world, because New York, in a sense, is looked on as the capital of the world," he said.

Mr. Graham said that during his New York Crusade some of his friends may be surprised to find him appearing on "some unusual television programs."

"I'll speak on any TV program I'm invited to, where it is physically possible, as long as I can preach the Gospel with no strings attached," he said.

The evangelist said he avoids embarrassing "any minister who feels that he can't support my crusades."

"I have patterned my preaching and my work a great deal after that of the late Dwight L. Moody, who was careful to avoid controversy or argument," he explained. "I'm sure that many of the extreme fundamentalists today would never be able to support Mr. Moody."

convention here. It was given to five other national figures last year on the union's 20th anniversary. But Bishop Oxnam was in Europe at that time and was unable to receive it in person.

Mr. Reuther, in a short speech, hailed the bishop for his services to the nation, the labor movement and human liberties.

Bishop Oxnam, in accepting the award, called Mr. Reuther "the most courageous and creative leader in American labor today."

He also told the 4,000 delegates that as early as 1908 the churches adopted a statement recognizing the right of employers and employees alike to organize and bargain collectively with representatives of their own choosing.

At the convention here Bishop Oxnam was appointed to the UAW's review board established as a public watchdog group against any possible corruption and racketeering among the union's 1,385,000 members.

Other clergymen named to the board were Msgr. George G. Higgins, director of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, and Rabbi Morris Adler of Detroit.

Gideons Present 35,000,000th Bible

Chicago (RNS)—Gideons International presented its 35,000,000th Bible to an executive of the world's largest hotel. The handsome blue-leather, India-paper volume was accepted by George McSwain in the tower of the 3,000-room Conrad Hilton hotel here. Mr. McSwain, administrative assistant to the executive vice-president of the 29-hotel Hilton group, observed that Bibles give much comfort to the guests who occupy Hilton's 25,000 rooms. "In fact, guests let us know whenever they fail to find a Gideon Bible in their room," he said.

Peter J. Zondervan of Grand Rapids, Mich., president of the 22,000-member Bible-placing league, brought along 475 Bibles to replace those that were damaged or lost in hotel service. "Conrad Hilton is wholeheartedly in favor of this program," Mr. McSwain said.

Mr. Zondervan, co-owner of the evangelical Zondervan Publishing House, said the special presentation Bible was symbolic of the 35

Methodist Evangelist Speaks On Boston Common

Boston (RNS)—Dr. Alan Walker, Australian Methodist evangelist, spoke to a group on Boston Common in the first of four weekly Christian Demonstration he will hold there.

Dr. Walker is serving as Visiting Professor of Homiletics and Evangelism at Boston University until June. He recently completed a year-long Mission to America sponsored by The Methodist Church. In August he will leave for Europe to conduct missions in Scandinavia, Germany, Switzerland, England and Ireland.

The evangelist was introduced to the audience on the Common by Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord of Boston who said that open-air meetings were an old tradition of the Church.

He recalled that George Whitefield, one of the first Methodist preachers to visit Boston, preached on the Common some 200 years ago when he was refused permission to speak in a church.

million copies placed in hotels, hospitals, jails, motels, trains, ships and airplanes by Gideons since 1908. In recent years, the Gideons also have begun issuing New Testaments to members of the armed forces, nurses, school teachers and students. The organization maintains its international headquarters here. The special gift Bible bore the familiar Gideon emblem—a pitcher.

Report Brewers Marketing "Teen Brew"

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—The Methodist Board of Temperance reported here that a Sheboygan, Wis., brewer is marketing to high school students a "Teen-Brew" containing alcohol. But no reference to the alcoholic content is made on the label, the board said.

"It's bottled like beer, foams like beer, tastes like beer, looks like beer," the Methodists said.

"It even contains some alcohol but not quite enough to make it taxable

Tell Communist Infiltration Tactics

Santiago, Chile (RNS) — A one-time Communist editor told the fourth International Catholic Rural Life Congress here that a Communist infiltration of South America would follow the same pattern used in China and other Red-dominated countries.

Douglas Hyde, a convert to Roman Catholicism who was editor of the Daily Worker in London, England, said the Communist tactic is to ascertain the views and desires of the people and then take them back to the people as Communist demands.

"This is exactly what I would expect a Communist Party working in South America to do," he said.

"A vigorous Communist Party in an area such as this would go among the people," Mr. Hyde said, "discover what their grievances are, what injustices they suffer, what they desire most, and would then conduct agitations around these issues, making them the basis of its propaganda platform."

One thing which is certain, he added, is "that those wishes of the 'little people' would never be granted under Communism."

"The Communists' main purposes," he said, "would be to get the support of the masses for just so long as it is required for Communism to get the power."

Mr. Hyde said this was "exactly the pattern followed in Russia and countries like Hungary and Communist China, where the landless peasants were promised land."

Handicapped Layman Gets Award For Campaign Against Church Steps

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—A 55-year-old Oklahoma City layman, crippled by polio, who has conducted a one-man campaign to have architects design churches and public buildings with street-level entrances was named recipient of the annual President's trophy as "Handicapped Man of the Year."

Hugo Deffner, an insurance agent, is an active member of St. Luke's Methodist church in Oklahoma City which constructed a street-level entrance in response to his suggestion.

Mr. Deffner, who will receive the trophy from President Eisenhower at the White House on May 23, was struck by polio at the age of 20 when he was a farmhand. After

two and a half years in bed, he managed to get on his feet by the use of crutches. Ten years ago, however, he fell on the steps of a public building and injured his shoulder so severely that he has been confined to a wheel chair ever since.

From his wheel chair he has conducted the crusade for which he is being honored by the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

Mr. Deffner said the only reason public building and churches have steps is that architects think they help create a more impressive structure. He said the steps discourage many crippled persons and aged people from going to church.

Church Colleges Get Ford Grants

New York (RNS)—Many church-related colleges and universities are expected to benefit from the Ford Foundation's \$25,000,000 appropriation for a five-year extension and development of the National Woodrow Wilson Fellowship programs.

The appropriation was made, the foundation said here, to attract "able college students into the academic profession" and thus relieve a "mounting shortage" of college teachers.

Opportunities Easter Brings

EASTER is the high day of the year in the church program. The season of the year, the nature of the Easter services, and the character of the hopeful message Easter proclaims all combine to give added meaning and incentive to Easter activities.

This special day in the church calendar offers special opportunities to people inside and outside of the fellowship of the church. As a result, many more people attend church services on Easter Sunday than at any other time of the year.

Each individual of us should examine the motives which lead us to the house of God for the Easter services. If normally we do not attend church services regularly, we should not go Easter merely as a form of penance for our failures at other times, and forget it for the rest of the year. However, whether we have been regular in attendance or not, we should go Easter Sunday. If we have been irregular in the past, we should go Easter Sunday in a spirit of repentance for the past, and to sincerely consecrate our lives to Christ and the church for the future.

Of course we know, also, that we have poorly observed Easter, if we simply make it an occasion to display our spring finery. It is not out of order to be dressed well for this special day, but what we wear is a minor, insignificant part of a proper observance of the day.

Easter Sunday offers opportunity for Christian people to have their faith and religious purpose renewed. Christians should be better Christians after Easter is past. Easter is also a wonderful time for a large number of people to give themselves to the church and the Christian way of life for the first time. Many people have the impulse to do this, with the coming of the Easter season. They should give free rein to that impulse.

From the standpoint of the church, no other season of the year offers such opportunities as does the Easter season. The message of the church will be heard Easter Sunday more eagerly by more people than on any other day of the year. No leader of the church can afford to take such an opportunity lightly.

There should be, everywhere, a sincere, forthright effort to present the message of the church in an interesting, understandable, convincing manner. Easter generally offers to the minister his largest opportunity for an effective, fruitful ministry. For such an opportunity he should be devoutly thankful and to such an opportunity he should give his best in service.

We Are Being Evangelized

WHILE we are sending our missionaries abroad, perhaps we should not overlook the fact that we, too, are being evangelized. One of the most beautiful houses of worship in America just being completed is a Moslem mosque in Washington, D. C., which was built at a cost of \$1,250,000. This money was contributed by fifteen Moslem countries.

Calls to prayer are heard in Washington from the one hundred sixty foot tower of the mosque over loud speakers which play tape recordings made by prominent Moslem leaders in Cairo. Here in America is heard the call to prayer that has been heard so long in Moslem countries, "There is no God but God, and Mohammed is His Messenger."

The mosque, built on Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, is built at a thirty degree angle to the street so that those praying there may always pray with their face turned toward Mecca.

A rather interesting sidelight to this pretentious effort at evangelization in America is a fact reported in Religious News Service only a few days ago. This news report states that there are now 80,678 fewer Christians in Turkey, a Moslem country, than there were twenty years ago. This decrease of Christians comes in the face of the fact of an increase in population in Turkey of about 45%, during the last twenty years. We might well ask ourselves, "Who is evangelizing whom?"

We Make Many Pledges

MOST Methodists approached about making pledges to church budgets respond in a fine manner, knowing that to operate the church's financial program church leaders must have some basis for estimating what the church's income for the next year will be. This is a sound business-like approach to making plans for the year's operation. Occasionally, church leaders encounter members who will not make a pledge, saying that they do not believe in pledging specific amounts for the church.

Methodists who decline pledge-making would do well to consider how much pledging, in a sense, they experience in many of the other areas of life. For example, at this season of the year Uncle Sam wants to know how much our "pledge" will be on our income tax for the year, and, mind you, involuntarily we pay one-fourth of that amount as we declare what the tax will be. There are utility services in our homes and businesses. To secure these services we must pledge that we will pay for the amount of service our needs require, paying a deposit to insure that we will make good on our pledge. In some instances, payment must be made in advance for services.

Indeed, our whole economy is based on a certain amount of "pledging" between consumers and those who supply various needs. Certain specified amounts are pledged out of incomes today, which according to recent published reports are greater than they have ever been before. This record installment buying would indicate that this sort of "pledging" is very much a part of the American way of life. Payments on houses, investments, appliances, automobiles, etc., take a right sizable amount out of the average family's income.

We should make a specific pledge to support a local church's budget, not because this is the way that we handle many of our other obligations, but because of our love for God, what the church is doing for the world and for us as families and individuals. We are simply pointing out that pledging is not an uncommon experience in everyday living. Why should we ever become fearful and fretful of pledging just when a local church's budget is concerned?

We Have A Responsibility

WHETHER we like to admit it or not, we all bear part of the responsibility for the social misfortunes about us.

Many social evils are permitted to multiply with only partial restraint. Social conditions continue to exist which contribute in a substantial measure to social breakdown. In any free society there are those whose choices bring hardship and suffering to others. The desire for profit, not necessarily an evil in itself, oftentimes results in the use of methods which leaves innocent victims bereft of life's necessities. A careless attitude, selfish motives, the hard spoken word, unbridled passion, inflamed prejudice, all these and a host of other personal and social expressions leave in their wake weakened social conditions.

One of the fruits of such expressions is the broken family, with children who are denied comfort, love, and security, all of which are necessary for their development and maturity. These unfortunate ones become the responsibility of society. If society does not provide for them, the chances are that everyone is the loser.

Methodists of Louisiana have a ministry at this point which merits their continued support. The Methodist Children's Home in Ruston renders distinguished service to homeless children, most of whom have come from broken homes. Special offerings will be received on Easter Sunday to continue this sacred work. Give generously. This is your responsibility.

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Burks Appointed To LSU Staff

Edgar E. Burks has been appointed academic counselor in the junior division at Louisiana State University and will leave his post as director of the Centenary College evening division on June 1.

Burks will work in a general advisory capacity with LSU students, assisting them in planning courses of study and fulfilling degree requirements. Burks, who was trained in educational psychology, said the new position also will offer opportunities for advanced training in his speciality on the LSU campus.

A graduate of Centenary College, Burks earned his MA degree in psychology at LSU and has taken additional advanced courses at Texas University.

While at Centenary, Burks, also served variously as director of veterans' affairs, director of admissions and director of the student placement bureau. He also has taught education and psychology courses on the campus and currently also serves as Centenary baseball coach.

OTHER CENTENARY NEWS

The Rev. James A. McLean, director of religious activities at Centenary College, was guest speaker Sunday at the 11 a.m. service at the Methodist Church in Vivian. The Rev. Kenneth McDowell is pastor. The Rev. Mr. McLean spoke on the topic, "Getting Ready for Church."

Centenary College was represented by seven ministerial students last weekend at the annual "Louisiana Day" program at Perkins school of theology, Southern Methodist University, in Dallas, Tex. Those who attended are Jesse Adams, John Johns, Warren Livingston, Ann Anstead, Mary Catherine Armbrust, Betty Bentley and Earl Cantrell.

Dean R. E. Smith, teacher of the Four Square Bible Class in Shreveport and dean emeritus of Centenary College, was guest speaker recently at a meeting of the Methodist Student Movement. Dean Smith spoke on the topic, "Traditional Doctrines of the Methodist Church." Emily Learner of Baton Rouge, president, presided, and the Rev. James McLean, faculty sponsor, assisted with the arrangements.

STRESSES ROLE OF CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE

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be opened next year in Washington. He is vice president of the National Academy of Economics and Political Science.

"One moral frontier after another has been crossed," Dr. Griffith said, in tracing the effects of "demands of conscience and the spotlight of religious principle" on the nation's domestic affairs.

"We must be respected and trusted, and secure in this respect," Dr. Griffith said, "and trust will have an unconquerable strength against a Communist world built on terror and deceit."

He urged that the United States be "a partner in the saving and development of a free world order," with a "magnetic quality" about our culture.

"If in our handling of the terri-



Pictured above is Mrs. Emily Sparks Johnson on her 100th birthday, receiving Holy Communion from her pastor, Rev. William P. Fraser, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Plaquemine. Mrs. Johnson is a long time resident of Plaquemine.

Emory Professor At Oak Ridge This Week

The Oak Ridge Methodist Church in Oak Ridge, Louisiana, is having a Holy Week Revival this week, April 15-21. Dr. Claude H. Thompson from Emory University, Georgia, is the evangelist. Services are being held Monday night through Saturday night at 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. each day. The revival will reach its climax on Easter Sunday morning when Dr. Thompson will preach at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Thompson is widely known throughout Methodism both as a preacher and a teacher. He has been professor of Christian Doctrine at Emory University's Candler School of Theology since 1951. He served in the same position at Asbury Theological Seminary from 1947-50 and as visiting professor to Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in the Spring of 1951.

Dr. Thompson also held pastorates for fourteen years in the Wilmington, Baltimore and Newark Conferences of the Methodist Church immediately before joining the faculty at Ashbury Theological Seminary.

bly difficult problem of race relations," he warned, "we do not keep our eyes steadfastly on the goal of the intrinsic equality of individuals before God in all the rights that belong to a child of God, then the one and one-half billion persons of the world whose skin is not white may raise the serious question as to whether or not their destiny belongs to us."

"In the world scene we must appreciate that the uncommitted world is not basically uncommitted because of fear. More basic is the fact that their people have by no means yet decided what they wish to have as the architecture of their future."

He said that these people are turning to the Soviet Union and to the United States "in a peculiar sense with the great question: 'What do you have that is worth the having which we can use?'"

"Fortunate for us it is," Dr. Griffith added, "that our Christian conscience is in the forefront of those forces which are not resting content until the enormous progress already made continues in these fields of clean government, respect for personality without reference to race, an enlightened capitalism, and a respectable leadership."



DR. CLAUDE H. THOMPSON

Gentilly Bible Class Elects Officers

Election was held recently in the Ladies Bible Class at Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, and the following officers were installed: Betty Caston, president; Jane Gilliland, first vice-president; Effie Little, second vice-president; and Evelyn Kiese, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Kiese is also pianist for the beginning hymn session every Sunday.

This class has been very active in the church renovation program according to church leaders, and in co-operation with the W. S. C. S. and the Men's Class, have paid for the painting of the church recreation room and installation of venetian blinds. They have also contributed one lighting fixture for the church sanctuary. At present, their project is the church nursery.

The class is well attended every Sunday and teaching rotates among the members. The ladies meet in the church recreation room along with the Men's Class in many cases, husbands and wives attend the two classes. Last year, both classes financed a folding wall to make the room into two classrooms. This wall is closed on Sunday after both classes meet together for coffee and hymn singing. Most of the members of the Ladies Class are active in other work at Gentilly and are a strong link in its chain of progress. The Rev. E. P. Drake is pastor at the Gentilly Methodist Church.

Methodist Celebrates 100th Birthday

One of the oldest saints in Methodism is Mrs. Emily Sparks Johnson, member of the First Methodist Church of Plaquemine. She celebrated her 100th birthday on March 26, by receiving Holy Communion in the morning with her pastor, Rev. William P. Fraser, whose birthday was also March 26, and enjoying a birthday party in the afternoon with the ladies of the Woman's Society.

Mrs. Johnson was born Emily E. Sparks, March 26, in Baltimore, Maryland, the daughter of Daniel C. and Amelia Lemmon Sparks. She was brought to Louisiana by her parents in 1863. Her mother who was born in England died in 1864 and her father died in 1879. Emily and her three brothers and four sisters were brought up at a community located five miles south of Plaquemine at the site of an ancient Indiana battle on the fork of Grand River. This battle gave the community its name of Indian Village.

From old Bible records, it appears that the little church in the fork, the spiritual center of the community in those days, was the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This came to be known as the Barbay Church because of the long and arduous labors of a minister by that name.

Emily was married to Clarence C. Delano, a railroad man, in 1874 in the Episcopal Church in Rosdale. The Delano's lived in Plaquemine where Emily became active in the First Methodist Church. She lived the remainder of these one hundred years in Plaquemine, marrying a second time after the death of her first husband, to Richard E. Johnson, a mail carrier, who died in 1921.

Emily had only one child which died in infancy. However, she adopted a nephew, Lawrence W. Briggs who now resides at Jennings, Louisiana.

Enjoying remarkable vitality and vigor Mrs. Johnson walked fifteen blocks to church until she was 98 years of age. A little more than a year ago, having outlived all the members of two generations, she was placed in a nursing home. Her last request as she was placed in an ambulance to go the home was "Get me my Bible." Her Bible is always under her pillow and her thoughts are often of her church. She is bright and cheerful at all times and her religious faith is a source of inspiration to all.

Golden Meadow Men's Club Meets

The Methodist Men's Club of the Golden Meadow Methodist Church met on April 1st for their regularly monthly meeting. New officers elected for the new year are: Walter Hunter, Jr., president; Eddie Guilbeau, vice-president; L. L. Moore, secretary; and Sonnie Charpentier, Sr., treasurer.

The Freeport Sulphur Co., was in charge of the program, showing a film relative to the sulphur mining industry. Rev. R. H. Harper, who is retired and living in Lafayette and a former pastor of the church, was a guest of the club for the meeting. There were 34 men present.

PALM SUNDAY

Some time ago I sat one evening on the Mount of Olives looking across the City of Jerusalem as the sinking sun touched the dusky domes to gold. In my imagination I pictured the royal personages who once had moved through the streets of the Holy City.



I thought of King David's gallant figure as he fought for his beloved capital and dreamed the designs of his temple. I thought of King Solomon and the splendors of his reign, which have stirred the hearts of my Jewish friends ever since.

My mind encompassed also the Crusaders who came to rescue Jerusalem from the Moslem Turks in the name of the Christian kings of Europe. I recalled the breach in the Jerusalem wall made a generation ago to permit the royal entrance of the proud German Kaiser Wilhelm. Then my thought came to World War I, when the British General Allenby entered the conquered city on foot. The City of Jerusalem has seen many kings and conquerors.

But why was I sitting there pondering the fact? What had brought me and other pilgrims then, as always, thronging the city? Not the mere desire to see the site of David's citadel and Solomon's temple, not to see the scars of the Crusaders and the tracks of Kaiser Wilhelm and General Allenby.

No, I had come because of another who was called a King: One who had entered the City of Jerusalem on a certain first day of the week now popularly called Palm Sunday.

Compared with the other historic entrances, that Palm Sunday procession gave the least promise of lasting force. No uniformed bands played martial airs. Whatever the impression of that entrance, the followers of Jesus melted away in the next few days as the first flakes of snow melt quickly on a wet sidewalk. By Friday the little furor was over.

Yet the professed followers of the crucified King now number some 600,000,000. The procession grows with each passing year. Nineteen centuries have led our hymn writers to address Him as King Eternal.

Let us think, therefore, not about something said on the spur of the moment amid the enthusiasm of Palm Sunday, but about a scene years later.

Paul and Silas had come in from their preaching tour to the town of Thessalonica in Greece. For three Sabbaths they had preached in the synagogues of the city, trying to convince the people that Jesus was the Christ.

Many, both Jews and Greeks, believed. But the enemies of Paul gathered a mob and made an uproar before the house of Jason, where Paul was staying. They dragged Jason before the city officials charging: "These who have turned the world upside down are come hither also, whom Jason has received; and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another King, one Jesus."

Here, then, years after the first Palm Sunday, we see those early Christians charged with disobeying Caesar because they said there is another King, one Jesus. Caesar, on Rome's imperial throne, certainly did not seem in much danger from this Galilean rival. But this Galilean King with His crown of thorns was to outlast the Caesars.

Why? Why will countless congregations this week be singing to Him, "Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come?"

One answer is to be found in the nature of Christ's rule. When the crowd brought Jesus before Pilate for trial, Pilate asked, "Art thou the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight."

Pilate was puzzled. He asked, "Art thou a king then?" Jesus answered: "Thou sayest I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one who is of the truth heareth my voice."

Thus spoke a man who knew the rightness of His position was not dependent upon military force or popular votes.

Christ's appeal lasts because His principles are as eternal as truth. At first sound His sayings sometimes seem impractical, and men call Him a dreamer. But when men and nations ignore Christ's counsel, they drift into a nightmare of depression or war.

The Roman soldiers laughed at the King who rode a lowly beast of burden, but Christ has proved Himself a ruler who serves. And that is the kind of rule the world eventually wants.

The Thessalonians thought Christ's first followers were turning the world upside down. Actually, they were trying to turn the world right side up.

The Layman's Column

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AN EASTER MEDITATION

One of the touching stories that surround the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the one about Mary Magdalene and her experience at the empty tomb on that first Easter morning. The memory of seeing her Lord hanging in agony on the cross was still a fresh and cruel one. The following day, a Jewish sabbath, had been spent in frightened anxiety as she, with other followers of the Way, had come together behind closed doors, expecting on the morrow a raid by Roman soldiers who might drag them also to the terrible death of crucifixion. Thus Mary was torn with emotions of fear and sorrow as, early the next morning, she slipped through the quiet streets, past the Roman guards, to the tomb outside the city where they had laid the Master's body.

But she had not expected the scene that she faced when she came to the tomb. The stone had been rolled away! The Master's body was gone! The last reminder of His earthly life had disappeared, perhaps forever. She could not leave this holy place, though, so she stood there a while, weeping. As daylight slowly overcame the shadows in the valleys, she looked again into the tomb. She was surprised to see two angels sitting on the stone where the body had lain. But they gave her no comfort. She turned to go, her eyes fixed on the ground . . . Someone spoke to her. "Why do you weep? Whom are you seeking?" It couldn't be anyone but the gardener, she thought. Without looking up, she begged to know where the body had been carried. Then the "stranger" spoke again, but this time in a very familiar accent. It was the same voice that she had heard when she had been restored to her right mind sometime before. He had called her name! She knew now that it could be no other. Raising her eyes slowly from the ground she beheld her Lord. In ecstatic joy she fell to her knees and

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

HAVE YOU BEEN RUNNING LATELY?

Most of us readily recall the confusion that overcame the centipede when someone asked him to explain the order in which he extended his legs in walking and running: concentration on this sub-conscious automatic act threw him into utter frustration.

Well, the dictionary makers who try to define the verb to run are thrown into almost as great a dither. "To move over the ground by using the legs more swiftly than in walking"—(walking being defined as "advancing by alternate steps, so that one foot is set down before the other is taken up") seems to be the best they can do. But voluntary running (except, I suppose, in a planned race) is as much a matter of emotion as it is of motion. One runs sometimes in fear, sometimes in anticipation, sometimes in joy, sometimes in eagerness and excitement. The heightening of the emotion is conveyed to the legs and their pace is quickened almost involuntarily. The lethargic, unconcerned, unenthusiastic person never runs—either on legs or in spirit.

When the demented man—nicknamed "Legion"—possessed of many devils, saw Jesus a long ways off, Mark tells us "he ran and wor-

ried through her tears, "MY MASTER!"

You and I are so much beset by sorrows and fears that we too often miss the holy joy of meeting the Master face to face. But as long as we look at the ground, seeking human answers, we cannot see Him. Let us turn our eyes up toward Him this Easter Day and every day. Then we can find out of our own experience that the risen Christ stands by our side, ready to guide, to guard from sin, to forgive when we stumble. Let us learn anew the unspeakable joy that comes to us when we recognize Him in the midst of life, so that we too may be led to cry with great joy in our hearts, "MY MASTER!"

shipped him." Here was a man in agony and need, to whom every minute counted, and he was too eager for help either to await Jesus' coming to him, or to have friends carry him to the Healer. He ran hopefully, expectantly.

In the Master's story—rather incorrectly called the Parable of the Prodigal Son—Luke focuses our attention on the forgiving father. The chastened son was coming to his old home—rather hesitantly and fearful, we would think—"But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him." The father ran, sped forward by compassion. "And," Jesus implied, "God the Father is like that: He runs to meet and forgive every repentant child who takes a step in his direction."

Zaccheus was short of stature. Perhaps he had an inferiority complex as well. But he wanted very much to see Jesus. Zaccheus hadn't thought to invite Jesus to his home. But when he saw the crowd approaching, he ran ahead down the road and climbed a tree so that he could observe the Teacher as he came along. Eager anticipation hurried him along as he had never run before. And Jesus not only stopped and talked with the man, but went back to his house as a self-invited guest.

But the most excited runners in the Gospel—and perhaps in all history—were the women who "did run to bring his disciples word" of Jesus' resurrection; and the return race of Peter and John to verify the word of the women. The women, we are told, ran with mixed "fear and great joy;" the disciples ran with eager hope that soon became belief. They all ran themselves; they did not send out a survey party to make a report.

Whether it was dire need, or loving forgiveness, or wistful anticipation, or eager excitement that caused men to run, they were richly rewarded. A leisurely walk would never have done for any of these occasions. Who was it said he could tell a man going to church—or a minister—by his well-controlled gait?

Sometimes I wonder if we run enough—if we hope enough, love enough, forgive enough, anticipate enough, tingle enough with eager excitement to make us run—for the gifts that can be ours from God and through our faith. Or are we so careful to be sure to "set one foot down before the other is taken up" that we can neither run—nor take wings?

Knowing Christ And Making Him Known

Mrs. M. E. Scott, El Dorado



MRS. M. E. SCOTT

AS we consider the theme for this annual meeting, "to know Christ and to make Him known," may be aware of our first goal for this new quadrennium.

That each member commit herself to the spirit and principles of Christ for the whole world.

What does it mean, to know Christ?

How do we go about following this command?

There are several ways that we may know Christ. I want to speak of four.

Through Bible Study

First we may, "know Christ," by a study of the Bible.

How do we hope to be followers of His if we have never taken the time to read and study to find out about Christ; His life on earth, His obedience to the will of the Heavenly Father, His humble, fervent seeking of that will, His concern, His compassion for all men, His tenderness in His ministry to the sick and down-trodden, His patience, His understanding, His forgiveness of those who would seek to trap Him by word or deed, and above all, His great love for all men, "And He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem." Not because He wanted to die, but because He loved His fellow-men so much that He was willing to die in order that men might be saved. So as we learn to know Christ, He becomes our personal Savior.

Through Prayer

We also learn, "to know Christ" through prayer. Prayer is not so much an asking of God, asking for material things, asking that we be spared from suffering, from want, from the common ailments of every day life, but it is more, a giving.

A giving of ourselves, our wills, our service to Him. Someone has said, "praying is a dangerous thing." If we would pray as Christ prayed, we must remember that we put ourselves and all we have in God's hands, and what He would do with us would not always be the things that we had hoped.

The members of the early church were praying men, and we are told that, "First, they gave themselves to the Lord." "To commit ourselves to the Lord," we must practice in our lives the law of love no matter how we were chosen to serve, no matter the place in which we serve, we now have that place, and that responsibility. Christ says to each of us, "go and bear fruit." We must prove ourselves, that all men will know that we are His disciples. And His promise goes with us, "Lo, I am with you always." What greater promise could we ask than this?

The tasks before us are great. Our problems are at times seemingly insurmountable, but strength comes through struggle, and when one prays for strength and has struggle, He must remember His prayers are being answered.

Through the Holy Spirit

"We learn to know Christ," through the witness of the Holy Spirit.

We are told that the communists do not mind if a man is religious, as long as His re-

ligion remains ceremonial, but when the Spirit of Christ, which calls for action, is there, they object.

Someone has said, "Christ died that His spirit might go aboard to dwell in each of us."

What does the spirit of Christ do for us? How does it help us to know Him? First, it brings a gift of assurance, of comfort, a certainty of sins forgiven. This certainty causes Him to be sawn asunder, crucified upside down, to bear all manner of torture. Why? They were sure, filled with the Holy Spirit.

Second, the Spirit of Christ in us brings a sense of companionship in our aloneness. Loneliness is one of the evils of modern mass civilization. There is no place so lonely as a railroad station, or a hotel with 3,000 rooms with no one to say, "Hello." Loneliness causes much of the heartache of our time. This is often the reason people away from home and those who live alone without the ties of friendship go to a pub for a cheap beer, companionship, someone to talk to, to be with. But there are those who have God in their rooms and the Holy Spirit present with them and are never alone.

When Christ's Spirit dwells in us, one's eyes see good, our hands do good, and our tongues tell of His love. We become inspired to witness, to serve, to sacrifice. He is a daily present possession, not some future, but now, forever.

Through Lives of Good People

"We learn to know Christ," through the lives of good people.

While men may not read the Bible or understand the workings of the Holy Spirit one thing is certain; they do read the lives of those who follow after Him. The Bible reminds us, "We are living epistles known and read of all men."

As we study our heritage as Christians, the pages are filled with the saints of yesterday, the disciples, Paul, St. Francis, Brother Lawrence, Martin Luther, John Wesley, who said, "My Spirit bears witness with His Spirit that I am a child of God."

As we read of their lives given in sacrificial service to Christ, we are made aware again and again that Christ does dwell in the Spirit and lives of those who commit themselves to Him.

Accept Responsibility In Total Program Of Local Church

Each of us is first a member of The Methodist Church, and as such we should accept responsibility for the program of our church, as we seek to meet the needs of the children, youth and adults within our own church family, through our extra missionary sessions with children and youth, our serving on the commissions, working with choir, teaching in the church school, serving on the official board, helping to create a fellowship among the members of the church, undergirding the financial program, and by helping in every way that we can to promote the program of our church, keeping in mind always the purpose of the program, that men may be won to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Responsibility Beyond Local Church

As we seek to make "Christ known," we do not stop and are not content when members of our own family and community, "know Him," but our concern stretches out to all mankind, in all areas of life in all the world.

We make Him known as we seek to minister to people through our institutions of learning from kindergarten through college and seminar, in healing ministry of hospital and mobile clinic, through work with rural people in villages and countryside, in cities through community centers, Bethlehem houses, and hostels, seeking to meet needs wherever they are found, caring for children from broken homes, for the aged and the retarded and forgotten. We witness for Christ through sacrificial service.

Recruitment

To make "Christ known," we must confront the local church with the challenge of recruitment of missionary and deaconess service.

Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, Executive Secretary of deaconess work for the Woman's Division, says, "recruitment continues to be one of our major concerns." During the past year, 13 deaconesses have retired, 8 have withdrawn (five for marriage and one has transferred to foreign work). This represents a loss of 27 from the active list. During this same period only 14 have been added to the deaconesses under appointment, 30 are in training, several are in the process of completing their training.

The same situation exists in the foreign work. From every field comes the call for trained workers. The Woman's Society now has work in 32 countries of the world. Included in these countries are the so-called countries of decision—Sarawak, Bolivia, Nepal, countries open for the gospel of Christ. Can we call ourselves followers of Christ and sit idly by and see the doors of these countries close for lack of workers?

Fellowship Without Barriers

"To make Christ known," we must create a fellowship without barriers in local church and community.

"Something there is, that does not love a wall."

The neighbors in Robert Frost's poem, spoke profound truth. The "something" in us that holds fellowship as basic in the Christian experience is repelled by the idea of barriers. How can the two exist together? Fellowship is inviting and inclusive; barriers are forbidding and exclude. We need to look, each of us, at our own church and society, to see how near we are to the ideal.

Are we practicing the principles in the charter of racial policies? Welcoming into worship and service all who seek to follow Christ? Urging persons of all cultures and races into the fellowship and activities of the church?

Usually when we speak of barriers of fellowship we immediately think of the difference in race. There are so many other barriers that we seldom think of. How do we treat the new-

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Little Rock Summer Leadership

*This Sign Marks The Turn-off To Camp Tanako
From State Highway 171.*



THE REV. JOHN HASSLER, Little Rock Conference Director of Youth Work; Director of Conference Youth Camp.

Monticello District

Activities At Camp Keeener

Preachers' Retreat.....	July 1-3
Junior Camp I.....	July 8-11
Youth Rally.....	July 15
Intermediate Workshop.....	July 15-17
Senior Workshop.....	July 18-20
Junior Camp II.....	July 22-25



JOE WHITE, Little Rock Conference Methodist Youth President.



THE REV. EVERETT VINSON, Director Senior Camp No. 1.



THE REV. BOB TRIESCHMANN, Director Senior Camp No. 2.

Little Rock

SENIOR CAMPS

Conference Youth Camp.....	Director—Rev. John W. Hassler
Work Camp.....	Director—Rev. John W. Hassler
Senior Youth Camp I.....	Director—Rev. Everett Vinson
Senior Youth Camp II.....	Director—Rev. Robert Trieschmann
Older Youth Camp.....	Director—Mrs. Edward McLearn

INTERMEDIATE CAMPS

Little Rock District Intermediate Camp.....	Director—Miss Mary Sue Sheple
Little Rock District Intermediate Camp.....	Director—Rev. John B. Hays
Monticello District Intermediate Camp.....	Director—Rev. R. O. Beck
Hope District Intermediate Camp.....	Director—Rev. W. D. Golden
Arkadelphia District Intermediate Camp.....	Director—Rev. Clint Burleson
Pine Bluff District Intermediate Camp.....	Director—Rev. Everette Patton
Camden District Intermediate Camp.....	Director—Rev. Gerald Fincher
Small Church Camp.....	Director—Rev. Harould Scott

JUNIOR CAMP

Arkadelphia District Junior Camp.....	Director—Mrs. Ralph Clayton
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ADULT ACTIVITIES

Adult Fellowship.....	Director—Rev. George Meyer
Adult Workers With Youth.....	Director—Rev. John W. Hassler
Children's Workers' Laboratory.....	Director—Mrs. W. F. Bates
Young Adult Conference.....	Director—Rev. George Meyer



Inside View

Conference Training Program, 1957

Where The Campers Live At Tanako



Summer Activities

Camp Tanako	May 29-May 31
Camp Tanako	June 3-7
Camp Tanako	June 10-14
Camp Tanako	June 17-21
Camp Tanako	June 28-30
Camp Aldersgate	June 10-14
Camp Aldersgate	June 17-21
Camp Tanako	June 24-28
Camp Tanako	July 15-19
Camp Tanako	July 22-26
Camp Tanako	July 29-August 2
Camp Tanako	August 5-9
Camp Tanako	August 13-16
Camp Tanako	July 1-5
Camp Tanako	June 21-23
Camp Tanako	July 5-6
Camp Tanako	July 8-13
Camp Tanako	August 2-4

Other Dates of Interest

Annual Conference Youth Night	First Church, Hot Springs	June 4
Woman's Society of Christian Service	Mt. Sequoyah	June 24-29
School of Missions		
Little Rock Conference Woman's Society	Henderson State Teachers'	July 15-19
of Christian Service School of Missions	College, Arkadelphia	
Leadership School and Institute of	Mt. Sequoyah	July 15-26
Church Music		
M. Y. F. Workshop	Mt. Sequoyah	August 9-16



Tanako's New Chapel



THE REV. RICHARD MURRAY,
Director of Adult Work, Texas
Conference; Resource Leader for
Young Adult Camp.



DR. M. LEO RIPPY, Director of
Christian Education of Adults;
Resource Leader For Adult Fel-
lowship.



THE REV. WALLACE CHAP-
PELL, General Board Represent-
ative to be Resource Person at
Older Youth Camp.

Youth Urged To Support Foreign Economic Aid

Nashville, Tenn., April 7, 1957—Methodist young people are asked to "bombard" their Congressmen with mail demanding strong U. S. foreign economic aid, in the current (April 12) issue of CONCERN, national Methodist youth news magazine published here.

CONCERN's special eight-page report, prepared by Editor H. Donald Winkler, points up the factors that endanger passage of the kind of foreign aid deemed necessary by many national leaders and international experts. The issue summarizes basic facts about present international assistance programs.

Congressional hearings on U. S. economic and technical assistance programs will be held in April, with bills scheduled to come to a vote in May or June.

CONCERN urges Methodist youth to act in this "critical hour" which, it says, threatens the progress and very existence of peoples in underdeveloped countries around the world. In a guide to action, it asks them to write their Congressmen, to encourage friends and family members to do likewise, and to conduct studies toward better understanding of the world's needs and this nation's foreign aid policies.

"Or," it concludes, "if you don't believe in helping people, don't do anything. Doing nothing will also affect your government's policies."

Particularly pertinent for Christian youth are the statements on the need for increased economic aid made by various Christian organizations.

Both the National Conference of Methodist Youth and the United Christian Youth Movement have called for reduction of military expenditures and increase of economic aid and technical assistance, preferably channeled through the UN.

CONCERN is published every two weeks by the National Conference of Methodist Youth, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The MYF of the First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, was host to youth from Malvern, Gurdon, Bismarck, and St. Andrew (Arkadelphia) Methodist churches for a sub-district meeting in March.

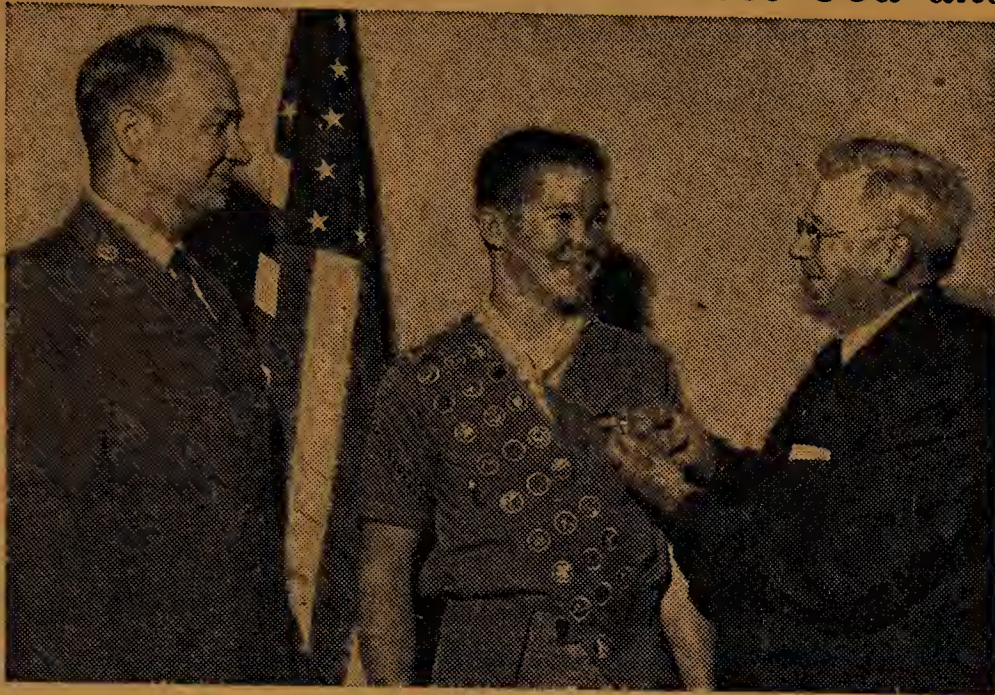
Central

The Central Sub-district had the election of new officers on April 9, at the Clinton Methodist Church. They are as follows: President, Charlotte Hink; Vice President, Sherry Lewis; Secretary, Susan Siglar; Treasurer, Donna Smith; and Reporter, Martha Wallace.

The chairmen for program areas are: Faith, Jam Patton; Witness, Sharon Guthery; Out Reach, Donna Smiley; Fellowship, Sandra Pate; and Citizenship, Mollie Reed.

Installation of officers will be at Culpepper, May 6th at 7:30; according to reporter Martha Wallace of Clinton.

Alexandria Scout Receives God and Country Award



Pictured—left to right, are: Jackson L. Grady, scout executive, Eagle Scout Bill Pitts, and Rev. O. W. Spinks, pastor of the Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church.

Presentation Made At Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church

Eagle Scout Bill Pitts of Troop 29, Alexandria, was awarded the God and Country Award during services Sunday morning of the Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts participated with their son in the impressive ceremony conducted by Rev. O. W. Spinks.

Jack Grady, Scout Executive of the Attakapas Council, commended Scout Pitts, his parents and his minister and explained the significance of the God and Country Award.

The award is given by the National Protestant Committee on Scouting to outstanding Scouts who fulfill a prescribed schedule of service and study related to his church. He is counseled throughout by his own minister.

Also present Sunday were two other Eagle Scouts who hold the God and Country Award — Larry Pitts, older brother of Bill, and Gordon Randolph, Jr., of Troop 168, Colfax.

The Horseshoe Drive church is only 10 months old, so to have a "God and Country" awarded is especially outstanding, according to a spokesman.

National School of Alcohol Studies Scheduled

The Youth Department of the General Board of Education is co-operating with other agencies in promoting a National Youth School of Alcohol Studies.

The school will be held at Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan, July 29-August 4, 1957.

One of the purposes of the school is "To equip youth and their leaders with facts and techniques for a program of education and action which will be made a part of the total youth program and be carried out in the local church Methodist Youth Fellowship."

Attendance is limited to two persons per annual conference. Those eligible to attend are the conference chairman of Christian Citizenship, or an alternate selected by the conference youth council; and the conference director of youth work, or the advisor for the program area of Christian Citizenship.

Applications of persons who have previously attended a National School of Alcohol Studies will not be accepted.

Registration folders, when available, will be sent to the executive secretaries of conference boards of education. All registrations will channel through the conference director of youth work to Rev. Joseph W. Bell, Youth Department, P.O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

"The alcohol problem is an important social problem that demands clear thinking and strategic action on the part of Christian youth and their adult leaders," said Mr. Bell. "Sending a delegate to the Youth School of Alcohol Studies affords an opportunity to do something toward solving it."

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

PIOUS MASQUERADE

Lots of excitement recently out in the home state of Kansas. My father has kept me supplied with clippings from newspapers which detail the fabulous story of a village pastor whose past caught up with him with a bang. For six months prior to Valentine's Day, The Reverend Dean Barton served with apparent effectiveness as the pastor of the Christian Church in Elmdale, Kansas, a village in the Flint Hills whose last claim to fame came when the plane bearing Notre Dame coach Knute Rockne crashed nearly more than 25 years ago. He found seven members when he arrived and there were 55 members of the congregation, with 15 receiving instruction from him, when the curtain was pulled revealing his past record of criminal delinquency.

Dramatic Stories

The man called Barton arrived in Elmdale with stories of his heroism as a prisoner of war in Korea. He captivated groups with his dramatic story—and incidentally raised considerable money for Korean relief. He was caught up when the county sheriff took seriously the pseudo-pastor's expressed anxiety about the loss of identification papers including his discharge papers. Investigation led to questioning which resulted in his admission that he isn't a minister at all. He was charged with illegally performing a marriage on December 2, 1956, and given a six months jail sentence.

The Roof Fell In

Then the roof fell in. As word spread about the masquerade and his real name of Calvin Laskey became known, the FBI reported that this man had been in and out of jail for twenty years and had been convicted 26 times on felony charges. He had visited by request of legal authorities prisons in Arizona, Minnesota, Massachusetts and Alberta, Canada. He had against him desertion charges from the

James Chapel MYF Elects Officers

The MYF of James Chapel held the election of officers for the coming year with twenty-one present at a recent meeting.

Gene A. Hayt was elected president; Clifford Hano, vice president; Grocie Hayt, secretary-treasurer; and Alice Persick, program chairman. Rev. John C. Bonds is pastor; and Pearl Gordon, reporter.

U.S. Army and Navy and the Canadian army. He escaped from a mental hospital in Montreal in 1935. As of now he has returned to finish out his residence in the Deer Island prison in Winthrop, Massachusetts, from which he escaped in 1946.

What kind of a preacher was he? "The best we ever had," said one 88 year old member at Elmdale. The village was stunned with the news. "The man was very pious," reported an insurance agent who loaned Laskey \$120.00.

"Human Interest" Involved

Why retell this story here? First it is "human interest" as news coverage has testified. Certainly the purpose here is not to suggest you check up on your parson's past! Rather it is to call attention to the fact that piety is not a matter of words and deeds alone. Psychologists have commented that this man suffers from a split personality.

Most of all I see here the evidence that time tells all. You can fool some of the people some of the time and so forth. You cannot build your life on falsehood and misrepresentation. This is God's world and it is a world of truth and goodness. God's true children are they who live naturally in this kind of world.



Louisiana Districts Hold Annual Meetings

Ruston District

Ruston District Woman's Society of Christian Service met April 3, 1957 in the First Methodist Church in Haynesville, Louisiana for the Annual District meeting, with Mrs. R. S. Wynn, President, presiding.

Mrs. C. W. Camp, local society president, welcomed the two hundred guests, and Mrs. Wynn responded.

The Worship was given by Mrs. Henry C. Blount of Ruston, La.

New Officers elected were, Vice-President, Mrs. Leslie Hamner; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jas. Spencer; Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. Zollie Meadows; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. T. D. McFarland; Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. R. E. Carter; Secretary of Literature and Publication, Mrs. George Goodwin; Secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. Ivan Weaver; and Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. J. R. Bevil. Mrs. C. I. Jones of New Orleans, president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, was the guest speaker. Mrs. Jones attended the Centennial Session of Methodism in India after which she visited Southeast Asia en route home. Mrs. Jones also showed pictures of her trip during the noon hour. Mrs. F. C. Haley of Homer, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, told of her trip to Buck Hill Falls, Pa. where three hundred Methodist women from every part of the U.S.A. spent four days in a "Conference of Missions," considering

Shreveport District

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Shreveport District, Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, April 2. The President, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., presided over the meeting. Dr. B. C. Taylor gave the Invocation.

After the business session, Mrs. T. Haller Jackson told of the recent Conference on Missions held at Buck Hill Falls.

Mrs. Glen Bryant, past president of the district had Honorary Life Memberships presented to Mrs. Jack Toombs, of Vivian, and Mrs. W. C. McDonald, of Rodessa, expressing the love and appreciation for their help during her term of office. Mrs. Bryant now resides in Venezuela.

During the lunch hour, Mrs. C. I. Jones, Conference president, showed pictures of India and told of her recent tour there.

The Memorial Service was presided over by Mrs. Jack Toombs.

Highlights of the Jurisdiction meeting were presented by Mrs. Maurice Tatum. Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Jurisdiction Promotion Secretary, installed the new officers, and dismissed the meeting with prayer.

"Missions in the World Today."

An impressive memorial service was directed by Mrs. E. C. Meek with several local ladies assisting.

Installation of new officers by Mrs. Wideman Watson of Homer closed the service for the day.

Districts of Little Rock Conference Plan Annual Meetings

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—April 18, 10:00 a.m. Hamburg
Mrs. M. E. Scott, Mrs. George Meyer, speakers

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—April 23, 9:30 a.m. Grand Avenue, Hot Springs
Mrs. M. E. Scott, Mrs. J. L. Verhoeff, speakers

HOPE DISTRICT—April 24, 9:30 a.m., McCaskill
Mrs. M. E. Scott, Mrs. Charles Primm, speakers

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—April 25, 9:30 a.m., Asbury, Little Rock
Mrs. M. E. Scott, Mrs. Milton Teague, speakers

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—April 26, 9:30 a.m., Wesley Church, Pine Bluff
Mrs. M. E. Scott, Mrs. George Meyer, speakers

CAMDEN DISTRICT—April 30, 9:30 a.m., Stephens
Mrs. M. E. Scott, Mrs. L. B. Tooley, speakers

Fayetteville Dist. Holds Annual Meeting

The Fayetteville District annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at Fayetteville Central Church, April 1. Mrs. Alfred Hathcock, President of the Fayetteville Society, gave the welcome to all visitors. Mr. J. O. Fleming presided at the organ and Mrs. C. C. Yarrington led the singing.

Dr. Roy Bagley, District Superintendent, led in prayer.

Dr. Pearl McCain, Missionary to Japan, was introduced by Mrs. E. H. Hook. Dr. McCain told of her work in Japan for the past five years. Some of the high points of her message were of changes in Japan, their religions, the United Church of Japan and religious education.

Mrs. Alexander then introduced Professor Keith Peterson, who explained many of the political problems of southeast Asia. The morning session was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. Raymond Dorman.

The Fayetteville ladies served a luncheon, during which time Mrs. Roy Bagley, district secretary of missionary personnel, announced the annual "Missionary Tour" for youth and urged each society to send representatives from their youth group.

Mrs. R. K. Bent, Fayetteville District president, explained the "Better Beds Project" for Mt. Sequoyah. She also had charge of the afternoon session, and led in singing of the theme hymn of the conference annual meeting, "Breathe on My Breath of Life," followed by prayer.

Roll call showed six ministers, four conference officers, twelve district officers, and two hundred and eight women present. During the business session the following officers were elected: Mrs. Lillian Fountain, president; Mrs. Leo Schneider, vice president; Mrs. Arch Thompson, secretary; Mrs. Russell Broyles, treasurer; Mrs. T. F. Chandler, secretary of promotion; Mrs. Harold Womack, secretary of missionary education; Mrs. F. M. Meads, Christian social relations; Mrs. Laura Etta Robertson, Wesleyan Service Guide; Mrs. R. K. Bent, spiritual life; Mrs. Ray-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. G. B. Kornegay and Mrs. U. E. Hackett at the Sunday morning worship service, March 31 at the Wakefield Memorial Church, Cameron, Louisiana. Mrs. Kornegay is currently serving as president of the society and Mrs. Hackett served as second president of the society after it was organized.

As a result of the study "Youth In A Responsible Society—A Christian's Concern," the Woman's Society sponsored a Parent-Youth supper at the Jefferson Methodist Church, March 31. After supper group singing was followed by a special number by the Youth Group. Speakers for the occasion were Mrs. Paul Lezina, Mrs. W. R. McDaniel, Rev. Ted Howes, and the special speakers Trooper Rolan Cuppola, who spoke on "Teen Age Problems in Jefferson Parish." Sixty persons attended the meeting. Mrs. James T. Adams was in charge.

The Woman's Society of St. Luke's Church, El Dorado, finished its study on Paul's Letters March 26. Mrs. F. L. Williams led the six sessions, and an average attendance of 86%. As action from the study the society voted to buy Volume 9 of The Interpreters Bible, and to leave the church open each Wednesday for prayer.

mond Dorman, literature and publication; Mrs. Carl Watson, secretary of supply; Mrs. V. Harris, secretary of children's work; Mrs. Ernest Standley, secretary of youth; Mrs. George Ivey, secretary of students; Mrs. Lillian Holt, status of women; and Mrs. Roy Bagley, missionary personnel. Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, president of the Conference, installed the officers.

Twenty-three women, who had attended the conference annual meeting at Forrest City, gave a summary of the year's work in a skit "Taking our Place in the Pictures of Fayetteville District Woman's Society."

Mrs. Raymond Dorman gave the devotional, which closed the session. It was entitled "If you would be my disciple, love one another."

Little Rock Conference Elects New Officers



The Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service elected two new officers at its meeting at Hot Springs April 9, 10. Mrs. Joe Carmichael, Warren, was elected secretary of Missionary Education to succeed Mrs. Glenn Martel, Magnolia. Mrs. Carmichael has served as vice-president of the Monticello District Society. Mrs. Walter Birch, Camden, was elected secretary of supply work to succeed Mrs. S. C. Johnson, Little Rock. Mrs. Birch served the Camden district as president and secretary of promotion.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. DAN ROBINSON, pastor of First Methodist Church, Minden, was guest preacher at the evening worship service of the Haynesville Methodist Church, Sunday, April 7, where Rev. Jack H. Midyett is pastor.

REV. HARVEY G. WILLIAMSON, pastor of First Methodist Church, Coushatta, was guest speaker at the Ringgold Methodist Church morning worship service Sunday, April 7, where Rev. Roy Grant is pastor.

REV. E. J. BARKSDALE, pastor of the Parker Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the guest preacher in revival services at the St. James Methodist Church, Marrero, April 14-19, where Rev. Tom O. Crosby, Jr., is pastor.

REV. JOHN WINN, pastor of the Metairie Methodist Church, was guest preacher at the St. James Methodist Church, Marrero, Sunday evening, April 7, where Rev. Tom O. Crosby, Jr., is pastor.

REV. KIRBY VINING, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest speaker at the Men's Club of the Haynesville Methodist Church, March 28. Ivan Weaver is president of the club, and Rev. J. H. Midyett is pastor of the church.

ENSIGN TONIS RAAMOT of the New Iberia Navy Auxiliary Air Station, was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Men's Club of the New Iberia Methodist Church, Thursday, April 4. Rev. W. R. Wendt is pastor of the church.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR of the First Methodist Church, Minden, participated in the morning worship service, Sunday, April 14, under the direction of Mrs. Lenora Swearengin and Mrs. J. D. Brown. Rev. Dan. R. Robinson is pastor of the church.

THE OAK PARK METHODIST CHURCH of Lake Charles observed a Prayer-Vigil, March 30, 6:00 p.m. to March 31, 6:00 p.m., with many members of the church participating. Reports from the pastor, Rev. Hubert A. Gibbs, are that the results were good.

THE EAST POINT Methodist Church was host to a community covered dish supper Friday night, April 5, at which time good food and fellowship was enjoyed by the members of the church and several visitors from the community. Plans for the occasion were under the direction of the pastor, Rev. F. M. Durham.

DR. B. C. TAYLOR, superintendent of the Shreveport district, was guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Mansfield Rotary club, March 20. Rev. Merlin W. Merrill, pastor of the Mansfield Methodist church, was in charge of the program and introduced the speaker. Dr. Taylor used as his subject, "The Christian Ideal."

REV. ROY GRANT, pastor of the Ringgold Methodist Church, was guest preacher in revival services at the First Methodist Church, Coushatta, March 31-April 7. Rev. Paul Cassels, pastor of the Shongaloo-Whitehall Charge, led the singing. Rev. Harvey G. Williamson is pastor of the church.

REV. VIRGIL CULPEPPER, pastor of the Wakefield Memorial Methodist Church, Cameron, will direct services at the church each night during Easter week. The fourth quarterly conference was held at the church on March 31 with Rev. Sam Nader, district superintendent presiding.

REV. A. O. JERNIGAN, associate pastor of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, and Rev. Robert Parrott, associate pastor of the Munholland Methodist Church, Metairie, exchanged pulpits for the evening service Sunday, April 14. Both used as their topic: "The Meaning of the Cross."

GROUND-BREAKING ceremonies for the new sanctuary and educational building of the Bethel Methodist Church at Indian Mound were

held at the morning worship service, Sunday, April 7. Services were under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Ted Smith, followed by a dinner-on-the-ground for members and friends of the church.

REV. JAMES F. STONE, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church, Austin, Texas, will be the guest speaker in revival services to be held at the Zachary Methodist Church, April 28-May 3. Services will be held each evening Sunday through Friday at 7:30 and each morning Monday through Friday at 10:00 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Stone is a former pastor of the church where Rev. J. W. Ailor is now serving.

HOMEcoming was observed at the Claiborne Methodist Church, West Monroe, Sunday, April 7. Rev. Falcon Hearne, a former pastor, spoke at the morning hour. Other Methodist ministers taking part in the afternoon service included the Reverends Bob Hearne, I. A. Patton, J. E. Hearn and Reeves. The building committee presented plans for the new educational building that has been planned for the church. Rev. R. D. Anders is the pastor.

REV. HENRY A. RICKEY, superintendent of the Conway district, North Arkansas Conference, has been elected a member of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches. He is a graduate of Northwestern State College, and one of a small number of alumni elected to membership. Phi Kappa Phi has chapters in 75 colleges and universities. The Rev. Mr. Rickey will be initiated Saturday, May 18, at 12:15 p.m.

F. H. "BUSS" DELANEY used as his topic "Higher Education in Liberal Arts" in speaking to the Men's Club of the Benton Methodist Church, Tuesday, April 2. Scotty McIntyre served as program chairman for the meeting. Mr. Delaney, director of the Greater Centenary College Development Program, was also guest speaker at the noon luncheon meeting of the Shreveport Lions Club, April 3. Rev. L. A. Carrington is pastor of the Benton church.

REV. EDWARD HARRIS, superintendent of the Baton Rouge district, conducted a quarterly conference session at the Varnado Methodist Church, following an impressive service in the church at which the new organ was dedicated. In the ceremony of dedication, Rev. Mr. Harris spoke in tribute to the late Mrs. Marguerite Fornea, who was president of the WSCS at the time the organ project was adopted by the ladies of this organization. Rev. A. N. Baum is pastor of the church.

THE MOTET CHOIR of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, presented the "Requiem" by Brahms, at the church Sunday evening, April 7. This was the first in a special series of programs planned for the pre-Easter season. Baritone soloist for the presentation was Ray Rabke. Marvin C. Genuchi, minister of music at the church directed the oratorio. Mrs. Russell Hudson was the organist. The concert was open to the public. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor of the church.

THE BROADMOOR METHODIST CHURCH opened its 1957-58 campaign for its "Second Mile in Stewardship" on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. with a covered dish supper at the church. Movies and slides of the beginning and growth of the church were shown and preliminary plans for the next unit were presented for approval. Tentative plans include a budget of \$20,000 for operating expenses and \$15,000 for the building fund. The church was organized in June 1955, with Rev. J. P. Woodland as pastor.

THE NORTH BATON ROUGE Methodist Church opened its new Christian Education Building at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, April 7. At the special ceremony the building committee presented the new facilities to Sam Goode, church school superintendent, and Granville Davis, education commission chairman. Members of the committee are: Vernon Cagle, James

Auter, Bob Crump, Haskell Sumrall and Harvey Johnson. Rev. James L. Stovall is pastor of the church.

THE SLIDELL METHODIST CHURCH, looking forward to the future expansion of the church and the community, has purchased a plot of ground on which to build a new church with adequate educational space and a new parsonage. The location of the site is directly across the street from the Municipal Playground and fire station, bounded by Third, Fourth, Erlander and Bouscared streets. Plans to begin construction in the near future are under way. Rev. John T. Redmon is pastor of the church.

THE OAK PARK METHODIST CHURCH, Lake Charles, will observe a three hour Good Friday service, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. The following ministers will participate: Rev. W. F. Howell, Vinton; Rev. Edward Haug, Sulphur; Rev. Loyd Williams, Maplewood; Rev. Rex Squyres, West Lake; Rev. Taylor Wall, St. Lukes Church, Lake Charles; Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid, Simpson Church, Lake Charles; and Rev. Alton A. McKnight, DeQuincey. They will use the last seven words of our Lord from the cross. Communion Service will be observed on Thursday evening, April 18. The choir will sing the responses in the long ritual. Rev. Hubert A. Gibbs is pastor of the church.

DR. THOMAS A. CARRUTH of Nashville, Tenn., director of the Prayer Life Movement of the Methodist Church, conducted a prayer mission at the Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, Thursday evening, April 6. Participating in the mission, sponsored by the New Orleans District Board of Evangelism, were the Rev. Luman Douglas, Rev. Allen Jernigan, Rev. M. D. Felder, and Mrs. C. J. Tackberry, district president of the W.S.C.S. A reception in honor of Dr. Carruth followed the mission in the church parlor. A prayer breakfast was held in the Pine Room of Holsum cafeteria on Friday morning, April 5, with Dr. Carruth as the speaker. Rev. Luman Douglas is pastor of the church.

CHAPLAIN (COL.) WILLIAM B. ESTES, post chaplain at Fort Polk, was the guest speaker at the morning service at the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, Sunday, March 31. Chaplain Estes made the D-Day landing in North Africa in 1942. He organized the religious work for all the military government teams in Japan and also served in Korea. He was decorated with the Legion of Merit by the United States and with the Distinguished Service medal with the Silver Star by the Republic of Korea. He has served as supervisory chaplain for the military district of Washington and is now senior colonel of all Protestant chaplains in the United States Army. Rev. J. C. Whitaker is pastor of the DeRidder church.

THE GRACE METHODIST CHURCH of Lake-side, just beyond the Pineville city limits, held services in its new sanctuary for the first time Sunday, March 24. This sanctuary was formerly occupied by the Pollock Methodist congregation. It was purchased from the Pollock group in October 1956, and moved to the Grace church property. Since that time it has been completely renovated and redecorated and provides adequate facilities for a congregation of 200 members. A two week revival will be held from April 28-May 10, with Rev. Charles Wages, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Marshall, Arkansas, as evangelist. The Grace Methodist church is a part of the Palestine charge, where Rev. E. W. Sandel is pastor.

R. G. LeTOURNEAU, industrialist and layman missionary, was guest speaker at the Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Monday evening, April 15. The service marked the beginning of the church's observance of Holy Week. He addressed the Men's Club prior to the main service; according to Robert Hill, club president, who stated that Mr. LeTourneau, a contractor and builder of land leveling equipment from Longview, Texas, had cleared unexplored parts of South America with his equipment at his own expense. His extensive traveling to fill speaking engagements at churches and other organizations is also accomplished at his own expense. Other guest speakers conducted services at the church throughout Holy Week. Rev. Ira W. Flowers is pastor of the church.

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A Halfway Merchant



By Rev. R. A. Teeter

UPPER ROOM Schedules Lay Number

Lay men and women are the authors of all the meditations in the May-June issue of The Upper Room. This is the eighth annual Lay Witness number of the world's most widely used devotional guide.

The writers include 29 occupations and their work varies from homemakers to Senators. There is a physician from Alaska, a stenographer from British Columbia, a lawyer (who is also a congressman) from Arkansas, teacher from Sarawak, an executive from a great retail establishment in New York City, a laborer from Israel, and a nurse from Connecticut.

One of the writers has been in a wheel chair for 24 years, and, although she cannot walk across the room, her thoughts are carried around the world through her meditation that will be read in 34 editions and Braille. It will also be on Talking Book records, the first Lay Witness number since the Talking Book edition was started.

In an editorial in this issue, Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of The Upper Room, says:

"In these days one of the thrilling chapters of Church history is being written by lay people who are witnessing for Christ. On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon laymen as they met together in the upper room. They went out to be witnesses. A day has been set in the Church calendar to commemorate that great event. It is called by some Whitsunday and by others Pentecost Sunday. The Holy Spirit came with power upon men in that day so that they became witnesses. No less is the Holy Spirit working in the lives of men and women today."

finite place for Christian leadership for women in the world today. There are still many women in the world who have not reached full rights of citizenship. Some do not enjoy freedom of expression and some have no opportunities for education. Our task is to help promote their social welfare and to bring to these women the enjoyment of all these privileges of life and the knowledge of Christ.

Missionary Task—To Make Christ Known

An impossible task you say—"to make Christ known to all the world." This is the great missionary task of the church. We are not alone in it but one, a part of a great company, a sisterhood of Methodist women which stretches out and beyond the work of our own Woman's Society of Christian Service and beyond the Woman's Division, one with Methodist women from many lands and races. This was brought forcefully to mind last summer at the World Federation of Methodist Women, of which we are a part, met at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. They assembled from all parts of the world, 35 units, from Europe, Africa, Southeast Asia, South America and the islands of the sea, delegates representing 4,500,000 Methodist women. They came with their problems, their different methods of doing things, but with one great common bond, "To Know Christ and To Make Him

Program Leaders at Woman's Society Conf.



Included among those featured on the program of the annual meeting of the Little Rock Conference Women's Society last week at the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, were, above l to r., Dr. Pearle McCain, Methodist Missionary now on furlough from Japan; Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblyn, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock; Miss Sumiko Kono, Japan and Kansas City; and Mrs. M. E. Scott, El Dorado. Dr. McCain, a native of Arkansas, has been on Methodist Missionary service in the Far East since 1929. She has served in both China and Japan. She and Miss Kono, a student at the National Training School, Kansas, City, addressed the closing session of the Women's Conference. Dr. Shamblyn spoke to the conference twice, on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. Mrs. Scott, conference president, presided at the various sessions, and delivered the president's message on Wednesday morning. The message is printed elsewhere in this issue.

Scholastically, Coeds Are Tops At Centenary

The theory of "masuline superiority" was debunked at Centenary College, at least insofar as things intellectual are concerned.

Figures released by Mrs. Nelle W. Brown, college registrar, prove that it's the coeds who make the higher grades on the campus. The girls topped the boys right down the line when it came to scholastic averages for the fall semester.

The coeds earned an average of 1.61 of a possible 3.00, while the males trailed badly with an average of 1.15. Sorority members averaged 1.70, and the male students who belong to fraternities averaged 1.40. The scholastic average for all students, men and women and sorority and fraternity members included, was 1.38.

The sorority groups were paced by Alpha Xi Delta sorority with an average of 1.73. Zeta Tau Alpha came in second with 1.71, and Chi Omega ranked third with an average of 1.68. However, even the lowest-ranking of the sorority groups placed higher than the top-ranking fraternity group. Kappa Sigma fraternity members averaged 1.52, with Kappa Alpha and Lambda Chi Alpha averaging 1.42 and 1.28, respectively.

"No one seems very much surprised except the males," Mrs. Brown observed. "My records show that the girls consistently lead the boys when it comes to grades. It's just that that male students hate to admit the fact."

KNOWING CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

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come to our community and church? Is he made to feel welcome. Some people are not made welcome in our churches because of dress, or social or economic standing in our communities. Perhaps he is from a different country and culture. Do we welcome him to our church and make him feel wanted? The part of the country from which we come, the social patterns of various age groups, our very vocabulary can be largely responsible for making us feel that somebody else is different, and would not be at home in our fellowship. Do we not think the Christian church is big enough to admit of such differences? How can we make Christ known to these people if we continue to shut them out?

"To make Christ known," we must speak boldly in His name for justice and peace for all people.

We must as individuals learn to stand up and speak out. We must have convictions and be willing to stand for those things that we know are right and just. There is a de-

Known."

They were at this meeting affiliated with the World Council of Methodist Churches, and as such adding to their number many of the older churches of Methodism, Britain, New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, West Indies, altogether eight new units. Truly we would seek to carry out Christ's command that, "we might all be one, so that others might believe."

Meditation—Commitment

We should consider three stages in our time for meditation. In the first period we will perhaps hear only outside noises. Many people do not get beyond this stage.

The second period, we hear the noise within our own souls. We have not stayed long enough yet. The third period, the outside noise and our own askings are quieted, and it is then God speaks to us, and we go forth refreshed.

Emphasis is placed on witnessing for Christ in all areas of daily living, by word and deed. Man is so prone to say one thing and act another. We must learn to love God and spiritualize all our actions.

Many would be Christian if we would be more Christian.

The third emphasis is on leadership training. All offices and lines of work are important. Everyone must have a place, a task to perform. We must make opportunities for all to work and grow.

Andrew saw the lad with the fishes and brought him to Christ, that men might be fed. Andrew brought Peter, his brother, to Christ and Peter went out to help found the Christian church.

Surely we in our Woman's Society of Christian Service have a task to perform, but we do not work alone. We are one of a great company of consecrated Christian women. Let us commit ourselves to Him and go forward.

"For life's broad horizon keeps moving away and tomorrow is still on the edge of today and always beyond what we had fought for and won."

The goal is in the distance, still urging us on; our work is unfinished until all women are in the fold, until people everywhere "know Christ."

REPORT OF EVANGELISM AND ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE (Continued from last week)

Each quarter during the current conference year, the churches of the Little Rock Conference have filed reports of the total additions to church rolls and the average attendance at Sunday School. This report, sponsored by the Little Rock Conference Board of Evangelism, for the third quarter is continued from last week when reports from the Arkadelphia, Camden, and Hope Districts were printed. The following concludes the third quarter report.

Little Rock District

Charge or Church	Additions		Average S. S. Attendance
	Vows	Cert.	
Austin: Concord	9	1	90
Mt. Tabor	5	5	40
Mt. Zion	2	5	37
South Bend	1	1	27
Bauxite	1	1	111
Benton: First	11	15	436
New Hope	14	1	51
Point View	2	3	19
Park View	12	26	169
Bethel	1	1	49
Pride Valley	1	1	23
Bethlehem	10	2	40
Hebron	3	2	35
Providence	1	1	22
Oak Grove	3	3	22
Smyrna	3	3	53
Bryant	1	1	234
Carlisle	5	21	48
Carlisle Ct.:	15	2	23
Hamilton	15	2	90
Walter's Chapel	2	10	
Des Arc	2	10	

New Bethel	1	2	34
DeVall's Bluff	1	1	43
Brasfield	1	1	35
Pepper's Lake	1	1	32
Douglassville	3	32	210
Geyer Springs	16	44	173
Hazen	1	4	96
Hickory Plains	1	1	30
Cross Roads	2	2	1
Johnson's Ch.	7	1	1
Old Austin	1	1	28
Asbury	21	51	539
Capitol View	9	26	125
First, Little Rock	15	107	817
Henderson	8	38	354
Highland	15	55	465
Hunter	17	23	161
Oak Forest	18	41	303
Pulaski Heights	51	120	878
St. Luke	13	67	220
St. Mark	9	3	44
St. Paul	19	69	323
28th Street	2	12	143
Winfield	28	101	597
Lonoke	10	16	158
Eagle	1	1	31
Mabelvale	12	18	143
Markham	9	16	63
Mt. Carmel	1	1	44
Congo	1	1	44
Mt. Pleasant	1	5	51
Mt. View	1	1	32
Primrose	4	2	118
Roland	1	1	27
Martindale	1	1	9
Salem	3	12	104
Sardis	5	1	69
Traskwood	8	1	43
Ebenezer	1	1	50
TOTALS	401	956	

Monticello District

Good Hope	1	1	25
Wagon	1	1	25
Wheeler Springs	1	1	25
Crossett	2	25	268
Extra	1	1	38
Mt. Tabor	1	1	26
Waller	6	1	54
Dermott	4	11	166

Dumas	1	6	178
Green Hill	1	1	51
Valley	1	1	12
Lacey	1	1	49
Eudora	2	14	103
Fountain Hill	1	1	21
Hickory Grove	1	1	19
Pine Hill	1	1	24
Zion	1	1	23
Fordyce	3	14	260
Hamburg	3	17	178
Hampton	1	1	75
Harrell	1	1	12
Faustina	2	1	67
Hermitage	1	1	15
Ingalls	1	1	30
Jersey	1	1	25
Kingsland	1	1	46
New Edinburg	1	1	18
Hebron	1	1	32
Lake Village	7	21	101
Arkansas City	5	6	29
McGehee	4	24	253
Wesley	14	29	43
Monticello	6	9	242
Martin's Chapel	11	1	67
Montrose	1	1	42
Parkdale	1	1	46
Portland	1	7	63
Star City	8	8	118
Cornerville	5	1	23
Mountain Home	1	1	22
Chambersville	1	1	14
Temperance Hill	1	1	18
Thornton	1	1	54
Stony Point	1	1	20
Newton's Chapel	4	1	94
Selma	1	1	23
Tillar	1	1	54
Winchester	1	1	17
Warren	7	9	292
Watson	1	1	50
Kelso	1	1	28
Andrew's Chapel	1	1	18
Mount Pleasant	1	1	18
Rock Springs	1	1	40
Wilmar	1	1	60
Miller's Chapel	1	1	12
Wilmot	1	8	42
TOTALS	101	213	3768

Pine Bluff District

Almyra	2	3	76
Altheimer	4	7	68
Wabbaseka	1	1	28
Bayou Meto	1	1	47
Brewer	1	1	10
Lodge's Corner	1	1	42
Carthage	1	1	34
Tulip	1	1	14
Cypress	1	1	8
DeWitt	1	10	213
England	6	9	148
Gillett	5	10	154
Glendale	1	1	18
Redfield	1	1	30
Grady	1	1	150
Humphrey	1	3	47
Keo	1	1	35
Humnok	1	1	36
Leola	1	2	34
Hunter's Chapel	1	4	22
Little Prairie-Campshed	1	1	40
Point DeLuce	1	1	18
Prairie Union	1	1	18
Pine Bluff-Carr Memorial	8	5	231
First Church	19	87	410
Good Faith	7	12	127
Hawley	1	5	145
Lakeside	24	71	450
St. Luke	12	16	75
Center Grove	4	1	37
Wesley	16	38	111
Sulphur Springs	4	1	51
Whitehall	5	9	83
Rison	5	16	78
Mt. Carmel	5	1	16
Roe Ct.	1	2	104
Rowell-Mt. Olivet	1	1	138
Prosperity	7	1	38
St. Charles	1	4	33
Pleasant Grove	1	1	150
Sheridan	2	5	28
Moore's Chapel	1	1	32
New Hope	1	1	41
Sherrill	1	4	32
Tomberlin	1	1	15
Tucker	1	1	269
Stuttgart-First	9	12	9
Grand Avenue	1	1	246

CAMDEN DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT

Additional Money Not Before Reported for October, 1956.

Church and Charge	Dist. Supt.	Episc. Fund	Conf. Claim.	MS CH	Conn. Item	World Serv.	W. W. Comm.	Ch. Sch. Day
Bearden	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 30.00
Bradley							48.50	15.00
Buckner	25.00	6.00	20.00		5.00	25.00		4.00
Oak Grove	10.00	5.00		5.00	3.00		2.00	2.00
Sardis	10.00		10.00			10.00		
Shiloh	2.50	2.50						
Calion							29.35	
Quinn							6.42	5.00
Camden—								
Fairview	86.67	17.00	130.00	17.00	20.83	200.00	57.00	50.00
First Church	67.00		100.00		50.00	668.00		250.00
Timothy	30.00	6.00	45.00	6.00	5.00	33.75	15.00	1.25
Westside								10.00
Centennial	10.00	2.00	20.00	2.00	5.00	10.00		
Bethel	10.00	2.00	15.00	2.00	3.00	10.00		
Chidester							25.00	
Columbia Ct.—								
Harmony	25.00	10.00	14.50	10.00	12.00	25.00		5.00
Philadelphia							6.86	
El Dorado—								
First Church							300.00	300.00
Vantrease Mem.						100.00		50.00
Harmony Grove	37.50	7.50	56.25	7.50	6.25	33.75		
Holly Springs—								
Mt. Olivet	13.25	2.50	19.50			18.00		
Junction City							14.15	20.00
Beech Grove	5.00	1.00	7.50	1.00	2.50	15.50		
Liberty							4.60	5.00
Silver Hill							7.70	
Louann—								
Buena Vista	50.00	10.00	75.00	10.00		30.00	5.00	
Magnolia—								10.00
First Church							47.55	
Jackson Street								
Marysville—							9.40	
Fredonia								20.00
Norphlet	90.00	27.00	100.00	27.00	20.00	100.00	20.00	20.00
Parker's Chapel					125.00		30.00	
Stamps							28.35	40.00
Stephens						100.00		10.00
Strong	67.50	13.50	101.25					
Taylor	60.00	12.00	90.00	12.00	9.00	70.00		
Union—								
Rhode's Ch.	15.00		30.00			75.00	13.60	
Village	45.00	18.00	67.00	18.00	12.50	36.25	10.00	10.00
Lydesdale							20.30	
TOTAL	\$659.42	\$42.00	901.00	117.50	279.08	1558.25	700.78	847.25
MINIMUM SALARY, PASTOR: Timothy \$3.00; Vantrease \$25.00; Mt. Olivet \$1.25; Buena Vista \$5.00; Total \$34.25								
ADVANCE: First Church, Camden \$110.00; Timothy \$6.25; Harmony \$12.00; Harmony Grove \$6.25; Norphlet \$25.00; Stamps \$125.00; Village \$25.00; Total \$284.50								
STUDENT DAY: First Church, El Dorado \$100.00; Vantrease \$35.00; Stephens \$25.00; Total \$160.00								
MYF: Buckner \$1.00; Bradley \$4.24; Camden First Church \$15.00; Marysville \$13.00; Parker's Chapel \$15.00; Village \$5.00; Total \$53.24								
ANTI-RACING: Camden First Church \$50.00; Total \$50.00								
1000 CLUB: First Church, El Dorado \$10.00; First Church, Magnolia \$10.00; Total \$20.00								
DISTRICT FUND: Camden, Timothy \$9.00; Total \$9.00								
RACE RELATIONS: Stamps \$35.00; Total \$35.00								
CAMP: Stamps \$25.00; Total \$25.00								
WEEK OF DEDICATION: Buckner (Oak Grove) \$3.00; Total \$3.00								

Status of Hungarian Refugees Still Undefined

The fact that Congress has framed no legislation to define the status of Hungarians brought into this country as so-called "parolees" was deplored by a Church World Service executive recently. The "parolee," it was explained, does not have a permanent residence visa as other immigrants do.

Speaking at an executive committee meeting of Church World Service, A. Roland Elliott, director of CWS Immigration Services, declared that church groups, eager to help, are asking what the government proposes to do about those already admitted as well as the 40,000 still waiting in Austria to come to this country. "Among the thousands admitted temporarily to other countries," he said, "there are many who should be reunited with relatives in the United States, but our government has as yet made no provision for them."

Of the Hungarians brought in under the recent "crash" program, some 85 per cent are doing well in their new environments, Mr. Elliott reported. However, CWS must still work with some 15 per cent to help them with health, vocational and other adjustment problems, he said.

Nearly 35,000 refugees from other lands, including 5,787 Hungarians, have been settled in new homes and jobs with the aid of Church World Service since Jan. 1, 1954, he reported to members of the National Council of Churches' relief and rehabilitation agency. Noting that 5,000 more arrivals are expected during March and April, Mr. Elliott also said that a total of 100,000 refugees have been cared for through CWS in the past decade. Of these 62,000 were brought in under the former Displaced Persons' Act, he said.

"We need to keep alive a spirit of warmth and welcome for those knocking at our gates," Mr. Elliott

Leaders Suggest Church-State Discussions

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — A monthly "dignified hour" of discussion on Church-State issues over national radio and TV networks was suggested here by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Dr. Glenn Archer, executive director, declared in a letter to the Columbia Broadcasting System, that "such hours of honest controversy would gain an immense and interested audience and would serve to promote tolerance and understanding."

"We believe the American people would be better off if the issues which cause friction between great religious groups in this country were brought out into the open and frankly discussed," the letter said.

Dr. Archer said he "deplored" the cancellation by CBS of a talk on "Protestant-Catholic Tensions" by the Rev. Thurston N. Davis, S. J., editor-in-chief of America, national Jesuit weekly. The talk was to have been delivered on CBS' Church of the Air on March 10.

However, he said CBS was "well within its rights in suggesting that such partisan opinions should not be presented to the American people without an opportunity for the hearing of the contrary point of view."

As possible participants with Father Davis in a discussion of Church-State issues, Dr. Archer suggested Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, a vice-president of POAU; and Paul Blanshard, author of American Freedom and Catholic Power, special counsel for POAU.

concluded, and asked for prompt action in this session of Congress on the recommendations President Eisenhower has already made which would provide greatly needed changes in our present immigration policy.

OBITUARIES

CHRISTIE—Mrs. Jane "Jennie" Elizabeth Christie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John N. and Martha Anna Almond, was born near Arkansas Post, Arkansas, on February 29, 1876.

When she was eleven she gave her heart to the Lord and became a member of the Methodist Church at Campshed on the Little Prairie Circuit, where she grew to young womanhood. She answered the call to Life Service and gave her life in marriage to the Rev. William Walter Christie, the young pastor of the Hatfield Circuit. On April 24, 1895, they were married in the home of one of her relatives in DeWitt, Arkansas. Rev. T. H. Ware, Presiding Elder of the Pine Bluff District, performed the marriage ceremony. For nearly 45 years they ministered unto the Lord together. During all that time she was ever true to her high calling of keeping the parsonage home for her preacher-husband and the Lord.

Deprived of the blessings of children for many years they became devoted foster-parents of Hudson George and Mary Mickle, whom they most tenderly loved and reared and trained for lives of rich, Christian Service. These faithful children have grown up to call them blessed and have abundantly returned their love with tender, constant care.

After her husband's retirement in 1939, they lived in their own quiet little home near Magnolia and very close to where he was born in 1866. Christie's Chapel, where he was baptized, received into the Methodist Church and from whose Quarterly Conference he was recommended for License to Preach the Gospel, was in sight of their home. Of course the associations were sweet to them. As she continued to live there for over 12 years after his going, she saw the little children grow. She watched them lovingly and rejoiced as they went in and out to serve the church and community. She loved God and His world and by day or by night she was never alone.

On the 29th of December, 1956, she slipped quietly away to be with the Lord and her loved ones. She is survived by her son, Hudson (Christie) George and a daughter, Mary (Mickle) Christie both of Magnolia; a brother, R. P. Almond of Brinkley, Ark.; a sister, Mrs. Anna Lounsbery, Long Beach, Calif.; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

After a very beautiful service by her pastor, Rev. C. B. Harris, in the church she loved and in the presence of her loved ones and friends, her body was placed by her attending loved ones by the side of that of her companion. As her very dear friend, Rev. T. N. Armstrong, recited for the concluding words of her husband's service, so let it be said of her, "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."—A. J. Christie

TURNER—Mrs. Pattie Turner, born February 6, 1871, passed away April 2, 1957. She was survived by three sons and four daughters: Mrs. Walter Powell, Mrs. Roy Collins, Mrs. Marion Morris and Mrs. Giles Foster, all of Hope and Spring Hill; George M. Turner of Bastrop, Louisiana; Robert Turner of Shreveport, Louisiana and F. F. Turner of Spring Hill. Also, she is survived by one brother, Jere C. Turner, and one

sister, Mrs. W. D. Downs; eighteen grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Pattie Turner joined the Spring Hill Methodist Church in early life, and lived her entire lifetime in Spring Hill. The sermon was preached by her pastor, the Rev. H. A. F. Ault, at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 1957, in the Spring Hill Methodist Church.

USSERY—About midnight on January 27, 1957, the Lord called our loved one, Mrs. Eola Parks Ussery, to her heavenly home. But she had been wise and laid up her treasures over there, and gently answered the call and left this world to be with her Savior and loved ones over there. She was a consecrated Christian and the pastor paid her the highest tribute, when he said "we have lost our most spiritual member."

Early in her life she became a member of the Methodist church; serving as a leader, and had held most of the offices of the church; being secretary-treasurer at the time of her passing. She was a devoted Christian and inspired others to live for God by the beautiful charitable life she lived. She always saw the best in people and could look over their faults and forgive their trespasses. Words are inadequate to describe the beautiful Christian life she lived and how we miss her. She was interested to the last; even though her health was failing. She attended church the last Sunday that she lived; and that week talked over the telephone to me and said she couldn't do much now, but she could still pray and do some things for the church.

She was united in marriage when very young to Charles E. Ussery and to this union were born five girls and five boys. Two boys, Alvin and Charles H., and their father preceded her in death. Surviving her are the daughters, Mrs. Eola Barrett, Mrs. Etta Zellars, Georgetown; Mrs. Ethel Waggoner, Pollock, Mrs. Myrtle Aicklen, New Orleans, and Mrs. Artie Mae Axtater, Waveland, Miss.; and sons: Mr. Edward Ussery, Georgetown; Mr. Roy Ussery, Alexandria; and Dr. A. E. Ussery, Arcadia, La.; also seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She had been a resident of the Georgetown community since the early 1900's and pioneered Christianity through this country. She

went long distances in those years to church and prayer meetings, taking her children, inviting and encouraging others to go.

Funeral services were conducted at the Selma Methodist church by Rev. E. L. McKay, pastor, Rev. Raymond Crofoot, a former pastor, assisted by Rev. Arrington and Rev. Harris. Pall bearers were close friends of the family; Messrs. Frank Amberg, Robert Davis, G. L. Barrett, W. W. Lyles, A. L. Adams, and Billie Piggott; who lovingly placed her earthly remains between her husband and mother in the Georgetown cemetery.—By one who loved her.

A reprint of the Cherokee New Testament for the Cherokee Indians has just been completed by the American Bible Society. The first Testament was published in 1862. The new publication is the sixth printing of the Cherokee Testament. Cherokee is the only American Indian language to have been reduced to written form by one of its own people, Sequoia or George Guess. He discovered that 86 symbols would represent the sounds

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LESSON FOR APRIL 28, 1957

GOD'S GREATEST CREATION

READ 2ND CHAPTER OF GENESIS.

MEMORY SELECTION: *The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

—Genesis 2:7

With today's lessons we begin Unit V which has for its general subject, "The Beginning of Man and His Faith in God." There are five lessons in this Unit. The first, which we study today, has for its subject, "God's Greatest Creation."

After studying thirteen lessons taken from the Book of Matthew, the first book of the New Testament, we now turn to the study of ten lessons taken from Genesis, the first book of the Old Testament. These studies in Genesis will carry us through Sunday June 30th. In each of the four Gospels there is a reference to Moses which seems to give some authority for the theory that Moses, may have written this first book of the Bible. However, nowhere does the Book of Genesis claim Moses as its author. Neither does any reference to Moses or his writings, found in the New Testament, directly infer that he wrote either of the books of the Pentateuch.

Most of us will find that these lessons from the Book of Genesis will be somewhat more difficult of interpretation and application than the lessons we have been studying in the New Testament. However, lessons from the Old Testament do hold basic truths that it was necessary for man to learn before he could appreciate the more spiritual revelations of the New Testament.

Age Old Questions That Have Troubled Man

(1) Where did man come from? Since the origin of man antedates any pretense of authentic history, unless we accept in principle the revelations of origins, as set forth in the Book of Genesis, we are absolutely without anything that even approaches a satisfactory explanation of the origin of man or of anything else of the universe about us, living or of dead material.

The theory of evolution as an explanation of the origin of man, is only a theory. No one knows any better than the scientist how incomplete, how unsatisfactory, how undemonstrable and how impossible of definite proof this theory is. Let the theory of evolution carry us back as far as the most flexible imagination can go, there must still be something back there for evolution to work on—something to "evolve." Evolution, of course, makes no pretension at beginning with nothing and producing something. Even if we accepted, literally, the theory of evolution, the "something" which evolution must have with which to make a beginning must have been produced

by a Creator of some kind. It is our feeling that a Power that could create one germ of life out of nothing, might just as well create man himself. Hence, wherever we begin, we prefer to say with Genesis, "In the beginning God."

(2) What is man? This question, if answered at all, is also answered by the Book of Genesis. There are those who assert that man is only a glorified beast and even a descendant of the beast and some of them live like it. The Christian prefers to believe, as taught by the Book of Genesis, that we are sons and daughters of the King of Kings and Lord or Lords and we may live like it, if we will.

(3) Where is man going from here, if anywhere? This is a question that has stirred the hearts of men throughout human history. The New Testament tells us that "Christ...abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel," (Tim. 1:10) It is true that the larger revelation regarding the immortal nature of man is found in the New Testament. Nevertheless, we believe that the Book of Genesis also gives us "Intimations Of Immortality."

(4) Where did the consciousness of sin originate? If we accept Genesis as a revelation from God, we realize that the consciousness of sin in human life came with the first conscious transgression of the will of God. According to Genesis, the advent of sin into the world followed very closely the advent of man into the world.

(5) Why is suffering in the world? This question is as old as the ages but it is asked over again in practically every human life. If we have an answer to that question at all, it too is found in the book of Genesis, where we are taught that suffering had its beginning as a result of breaking God's law.

Man, God's Greatest Creation

The subject for our lesson today is "God's Greatest Creation." Our lesson teaches us that man is "God's Greatest Creation" because:

(1) God created man in His own image. When man, in addition to becoming a living being, became a "living soul" he took on some of the attributes of his Creator.

(2) Man is created with the power to have communion and fellowship with his Creator. Down across the centuries we have had examples of people who have felt that they have come in contact with a Power outside themselves and above themselves who has blessed their lives with His conscious presence.

(3) Man is a creature of two worlds. According to revelation, we live here a life of preparation for a large and bigger world. We are taught that the character of life we live here determines the character of life we will live hereafter.

(4) Genesis tells us that man was created to have dominion over all else. It is true that man thinks of all lower forms of life in terms of their power to serve him. Animals, fowls; fish, fruit and the choicest flowers are thought to serve their highest purpose as they serve the needs of man. Demanding so much of the rest of the world, man really should be a superior being to justify the demands he makes.

(5) Man was created with the power to reason. The intellectual attainments of man so far excel all other forms of life that such powers seem to link him to a Power of super-intelligence.

(6) Man alone, of all forms of life, has a moral conscience—a sense of "oughtness." There is something in the life of man that approves or disapproves a course of conduct as morally right or morally wrong. That quality belongs to man alone because man is "God's Greatest Creation."

(7) As man stands before these two courses of conduct, one right and the other wrong, he is conscious of a power to choose either course he will. Man has freedom of will and freedom of choice.

(8) Man has the power of speech which enables him to communicate his thoughts to those about him and, with his marvelous inventions, to communicate those thoughts to others on the other side of the world.

(9) Man has the power to improve his conditions. Other forms of living things have about the same brain-power throughout life, generation after generation, century after century. Not so with man. Man has been growing intellectually across the centuries and we believe will continue to grow intellectually across the centuries to come. No beast or bird, of its own volition, across the centuries has improved its "way of life" to the slightest degree. Neither does there seem to be any desire or will to do so. Man is ever alert for ways and means of improving his "way of life" and is making progress in that endeavor today as never before.

When we consider all of these unusual powers of man, it is little wonder that we say that man is "God's Greatest Creation." Creation itself is an imponderable mystery and the most incomprehensible fact of creation is the creation of man.

God The Creator of All Things

While man is "God's Greatest Creation," we should keep in mind that God is the creator of all things. There are various forms of life about us by the millions. None of these forms of life came into existence because of anything man has done. Although man has the highest form of intelligence we know about, we are fully conscious that man, after all of his intellectual growth, does not know how to produce one tiny germ of life. Man can build skyscrapers of steel and stone but "Only God Can Make A Tree."

Paul put it a little differently

when he said, "I have planted, Apollo watered; but God gave the increase." We can create conditions which make the growth and development of life possible, but God must give the life if there is to be life where there was none.

We should realize, also, that God's creative powers did not end with the records of Genesis. God is still creating and the most helpful agency He uses in our world in His creative processes is man. The many developments and improvements in the world of today are the results of the creative power of God at work through the minds of men.

Bible Reveals Two Truths Vital To Man

The Bible reveals two truths that are of transcendent importance to man.

(1) The first of these truths, so important to man, is the fact that God made him. That fact gives dignity and eternal value to human life. Wherever that fact is denied in the world, human life is cheap and the dignity and value of human personality is largely ignored.

(2) The other truth so important to man, as revealed more clearly in the New Testament, is the fact that God loves him. It is not enough to believe that we are but a cog in the wheel of God's creative powers as He brings the universe into being. It is the fact that the God who created us also loves us that gives to life its larger meaning.

Marriage A Part of Divine Plan In Creation

After God had created man, the Record says that God said, "It is not good for man to be alone; I will make an help meet for him." Thus God built into the very plan of creation the institution of marriage. There may be circumstances under which it is better for a man or a woman to remain single. However, the consensus of opinion from the dawn of creation until now is that, "It is not good for man to be alone." Since marriage was a part of God's plan for life from the beginning, we do hurt to one of the most sacred relationships of life when we trifle with marriage or take it lightly.

What Genesis Should Mean To Us

The Genesis story of creation has been a focal point of controversy across the years. Often, in such controversies the major truth we should learn from the creation story is lost in the resulting confusion.

Let us keep in mind that the creation story, as told in Genesis, is not a scientific treatise on the origin of things. It is certainly not a complete history of the origin of all things up to the time man began to inhabit the earth. No one would expect to find a complete record of such a stupendous occurrence crowded into the few verses of Genesis which record the creation story.

The important thing to us about the creation story, which we should never lose sight of regardless of any controversies that may arise, is the fact that it recognizes God as the Creator of all things. Just how it all happened is not so important as the fact that it did happen in accord with the will and command of God. All else is of secondary importance.

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MYF Annual Conference Set For June 3-7

The Annual Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Louisiana will be held on the Campus of Centenary College, Shreveport, June 3-7. The three leaders of this annual youth meeting will be Miss Sally Murry, president of the Conference Youth Council; Miss Louise Sharp, Conference Youth Director; and Rev. Tracy Arnold, Dean.

This Annual Conference for Methodist Youth is an official delegated body made up of one youth between
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Bishop Moore To Deliver Jones Lectures At Rayne Memorial, New Orleans



BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., will give the C. I. Jones Memorial Lectures, April 28-30, at the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans.

The April 28, Sunday lectures will be at 10:55 a.m. on "The Redemptive Ministry of The Church," and at 7:30 p.m. on "The Adequate Gospel." Monday and Tuesday the lectures will be at 10:30 a.m. and at 8 each evening. Topics for the four lectures will be "The Ministry of Memory—The Authentic Mission of the Church," "The Transforming Cross," "Christ's Quest and Ours," and "Life's Supreme Choice."

The Jones Lectures were established by Mrs. C. I. Jones in the summer of 1948 as a Memorial Lectureship in memory of her husband, the late Clarence Ira Jones. The 1957 series will be the ninth to be given since the lectureship was established at the Rayne Memorial Church.

Other speakers who have delivered the lectures include: Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Dr. Roy L. Smith, Bishop Paul E. Martin, Dr. Charles R. Goff, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, and Dr. Paul Hutchinson.

This year's speaker, Bishop Moore, is resident bishop of the Atlanta Area which includes the North and South Georgia Conferences. He is president of the Methodist Board of Missions, chairman of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, and a former president of the worldwide Council of Bishops.

Bishop Moore has served as an evangelist in Georgia, and among the churches he has served are Travis Park Methodist, San Antonio, Tex., and the First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala. He was elected to the episcopacy in 1930, and was assigned to the Pacific Coast Area. His first foreign assignment was in 1934 when he was sent to Tokyo and given supervision of the church in Japan, China, Korea, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Belgium, and the Belgian Congo. In 1940 he was assigned to the Atlanta Area, and from 1952 to 1954 was given the additional responsibility for episcopal supervision of the Geneva Area, which includes nine European countries.

Bishop Moore is a native of Georgia, and is the author of several books which include "The Sound of the Trumpets," "Central Certainties," "Christ after Chaos," "Christ and our Country," "The Mighty Saviour," and "Immortal Tidings in Mortal Hands."

author of "The College Seeks Religion," "Freedom's Holy Light" and numerous articles for religious and educational journals.

Lay Leaders Endorse EMC Program

Conference Lay Leaders of the three conferences of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area issued statements this week regarding the Every Member Canvass program which is now in its final stages of promotion in the Area.

These leaders include Roland M. Shelton, Little Rock, Little Rock Conference; Robert P. Lay, Gilliam, Louisiana Conference; and Charles A. Stuck, Jonesboro, North Arkansas Conference.

In his statement, Mr. Stuck said: "The job of making an every member canvass in our churches is long overdue. Methodist laymen and ministers both have shied away for too long from the idea of dedicating a definite and proportionate part of their incomes to the work of the Kingdom. I sincerely hope that during this campaign thousands of our people will begin to learn the rich spiritual rewards that come from the dedication of a definite part of our living to God's work. I ask very earnestly that all of our laymen give this serious and prayerful thought."

Mr. Lay made the following statement: "May I take this opportunity to express my feelings about the EVERY MEMBER CANVASS program that is now in progress in our Area. I think it is the finest thing the Area has done together. It has brought renewed interest in our Church. It has brought a Revival of Religion to individual members who have worked in the program."

Mr. Shelton commented as follows: "The Every Member Canvass program of the Methodist Churches in the Little Rock Conference is one of the most progressive steps that the Church has taken thus far. It will serve not only to increase the total amount of giving within the Area, but will also increase the number of individual contributors in each local church. I am most heartily in favor of it."

Moral And Civic Foundation Holds Annual Meeting

The board of trustees of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation was appointed to serve as a committee to ask churches to count their members again and donate 25 cents per person to the foundation at the group's meeting in Baton Rouge, April 9.

Dr. Carl Lueg, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, and president of the foundation, made the appointment after adoption of the motion in the morning session held in the Baton Rouge
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The Revs. James E. Major, A. N. Storey, and Karl Tooke, directors of the Area-Wide Every Member Canvass Program in the Little Rock, North Arkansas, and Louisiana Conferences, respectively, suggest a

TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. Week 8 of the EMC (April 28-May 4) is a week of preparation for Loyalty Sunday, May 5. Letters, reminder cards and telephone calls are used to insure a large attendance. Canvassers meet for training sessions on Sunday and Friday. Commitment cards are prepared and distributed.
2. Sometime before or during Week 8, the Advance pledges from the canvass workers should be secured. The procedure for securing these pledges may be as follows: first, the General Chairman will solicit the Pastor's pledge; then the Pastor will solicit the General Chairman's pledge. Then, together they will call on the various committee chairmen.
3. The Visitation Chairman will call on the Division Leaders. They will call on the captains, who will in turn, solicit the Canvassers on their teams.
4. May 5 is Loyalty Sunday and the beginning of Week 9. Pastors and General Chairmen should study carefully pages 34-36 of the Manual. These pages describe the activities of the day.
5. On May 7, Letter No. 6, over the signature of the General Chairman, is sent to every individual who has made a pledge during the Canvass.
6. Every possible effort should be made to complete all calls during the week so that every person can enjoy the privilege of sharing in the service on Victory Sunday, May 12.

NOTE: Watch for suggestions from the conference directors in this space each week during the EMC program.

Centenary Names Baccalaureate Speaker

The baccalaureate address at Centenary College will be delivered this year by Dr. Merrimon Cunigim, dean of the Perkins school of theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.

Dr. Cunigim will speak at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 26, in the Brown Memorial Chapel at the traditional baccalaureate services. Commencement ceremonies will be held in the evening in Centenary's outdoor amphitheater.

Dr. Cunigim is a son of the late Dr. Jesse Lee Cunigim, president of Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville, Tenn., from 1921 to 1943, and Mrs. Maud Merrimon Cunigim, who now resides in Nashville.

He earned his AB degree at Vanderbilt University, his MA at Duke University and the BA degree in history at Oxford University, England, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. Dr. Cunigim also holds a diploma in theology from Oxford. He has a BD degree in religion from Yale University as well as the PhD in religion and education. He holds the honorary Litt. D. degree from Central College.

Formerly director of religious activities at Duke, he also has served as professor of religion at Emory and Henry College and at Denison University. From 1944 to 1946, he was a navy chaplain serving aboard the battleship USS Tennessee. He became chairman of the department of religion at Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., in 1946, and resigned that post in 1951 to accept his present position at SMU.

Dr. Cunigim, who holds many memberships in professional, educational and religious groups, is the

Saw

Some Bad

Bread

By
Rev. R. A. Teeter

that had been ruined by some defective yeast, and there was a large quantity of it. A friend of mine set up a small town bakery on a "small business" loan. He did not have a wide experience as a baker and used some defective "leaven," with disastrous results. The bread came out defective too. He was my neighbor and gave me some of it—which was a bad policy. He gave some of it to other people and soon his bakery had a bad name. He had to close up shop. It all started from a little bad leaven. This leaven imparted its nature to the bread, the bad bread started a bad report, business became bad and failed—a sort of chain reaction.

Jesus said: "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." That's Matthew's account. Mark says: "Pharisees and Herod." Luke says: "Leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy." It all adds up to the same thing: a hard, narrow, selfish, immoral, unspiritual, cruel way of life, carried out under the false pretense of being religious. The teachings and practices of these various groups were bad leaven. They would impart their nature to those who had close association with them. As bad leaven spoils bread, so would they spoil life.

Jesus also said: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven. . . ." Of course he was speaking of good leaven—unspoiled by any sort of contamination. A good housewife would never spoil three measures of flour by carelessly using bad leaven. Much less would she give bad bread to her family and her neighbors. She will be careful to use good leaven—that which transforms flour into edible bread, and she will gladly share the results with her children. Now the kingdom of heaven is like that. It is careful not to spoil anything, careful to transform the elements of the daily life into something higher and better, careful to share the best.

May 26 Set As Rural Life Sunday

Rural Life Sunday, the fifth Sunday after Easter, is a day set apart in Protestant churches for emphasizing the meaning of Christianity for rural life. It will be observed this year on May 26.

According to the National Council of Churches, which promotes the day, Rural Life Sunday is designated for "the invocation of God's blessing upon the seed, the fruits of the soil and the cultivators of the earth, and for the consideration of justice for agriculture and the spiritual values of rural life."

City churches as well as those in town and country are asked to observe Rural Life Sunday. Rev. Glenn F. Sanford, director of the Department of Town and Country Work of the Methodist Board of Missions, states that observance may be set for another spring Sunday if a church cannot have it May 26.

"There are many ways in which the day may be observed," he said. "In some places city and country pastors exchange pulpits on Rural Life Sunday. Often a number of rural churches come together for a joint observance which features a mid-day meal and afternoon program. Agricultural organizations, such as 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers, Farm Bureau, Grange and Farmers' Union, often are willing to share in the services."

Typical of many observances last year was the following program in a rural Methodist church in North Carolina:

The first event, following Sunday school, was a picnic dinner. After this a service was held in the sanctuary, which was decorated appropriately. On the altar table, instead of the usual flowers, were vases of oats and some miniature farm machinery. In front of the altar itself was a two-horse plow, behind which were a hoe, rake and shovel. In front of the plow was a bale of hay.

Sharing in the service were the county farm agent, the 4-H Club leader, the home demonstration agent and the county soil conservationist. The pastor led a service of dedication. Seeds and plants were placed on the altar as symbols of the dedication of the crops. A bottle of milk symbolized the dairying and cattle industry. An egg symbolized the poultry industry.

Spoonsful of soil were brought from various farms, placed on the altar in a container, and mixed. At

Methodism To Hold National Race Relations Conference

CINCINNATI (MI)—A large-scale national conference on race relations was projected and publication of several documents on social issues approved as The Methodist Church's Board of Social and Economic Relations met here March 26-27.

The 46-member board is the church's official agency "to implement actions of the General Conference and of the Methodist Social Creed and to make available to the church membership resource materials relating to the field of social and economic questions." Its national headquarters are in Chicago.

Members of the Board attending from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area were Alton B. Raney, Little Rock layman, and Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, pastor of First Methodist Church, North Little Rock.

In his annual report to the board, General Secretary A. Dudley Ward called attention to five interracial leadership training conferences held since last September and listed plans for six more similar meetings between now and December.

Tentative plans were made to hold the national conference on race relations late in 1959. No exact date or site was selected. Other agencies of the church will be invited to cooperate in the project. An attendance goal of 1,000 was suggested.

Three major studies on social issues were authorized. Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., is working on a study booklet on "The Church and Agricultural Life," and Dr. Elizabeth E. Hoyt of Iowa State College, Ames, is author of a study on "The Ethical Implications of Social Security." A study by Dr. Haskell Miller of Westminster Theological Seminary on "Child Guidance and Juvenile Delinquency" was approved.

Interracial leadership training conferences planned for the rest of this year were announced as follows:

Detroit, Mich., April 29-30.
Indianapolis, Ind., May 1-2.
St. Louis, Mo., May 9-10.
Austin, Texas, Sept. 12-13.
Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 29-30.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 6-7.

alcoholic beverages," Clayton M. Wallace, executive director, National Temperance League, Inc., said today.

"While national prohibition was the method of dealing with the liquor question under the 18th Amendment," said Mr. Wallace in a statement, "today we live under the 21st Amendment, which gives to each state the right to deal with the liquor question in its own way."

"Under the 21st Amendment, a state may have a liquor monopoly system, a license system, local option, or state-wide prohibition. Under the 21st Amendment, there is a persistent effort to dry up 'wet' territory through local option, with small steady gains toward the 'dry' side.

"Texas has 144 dry counties with 80 more partly dry and only 30 still wet. Oak Cliff, Texas, a Dallas suburb with 225,000 population, voted dry last fall. Polk County, largest dry county in Florida, faced the possibility of a wet-dry election this month. No election was held because the liquor interests could not get enough signatures on their petitions to call up the election. Regardless of public sentiment on national prohibition, there is a real growth in dry sentiment at the local and state levels.

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NAT'L FAMILY WEEK, MAY 5-12

Church families throughout the United States and Canada will take part in a series of special programs between May 5-12, set aside annually as National Family Week. Under the theme, "God Is Our Hope," programs for local Protestant churches have been prepared by the National Council of Churches. Dr. Frank P. Fidler announced last week. Dr. Fidler is chairman of the National Council's Family Life Department and associate secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the United Church of Canada.

"Most of the deep continuing hopes of the human heart arise and have their fulfillment within family relationships," Dr. Fidler declared. "Home and hope belong together."

Many family church services will dramatize the fact that the Christian congregation is a family of families. They will include family nights, discussion programs, outings and retreats. Parallel observances by Jews, Roman Catholics and social agencies will also mark National Family Week.

the close of the service the speakers and men of the church scattered the soil on the church lawn, indicating how inseparably farms are related to each other and to the church.

A suggested program for this year's observance is available from the Department of Town and Country Work, Methodist Board of Missions, 1701 Arch Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa. (Single copy 5c; 100 copies, \$1.50.)

Questions Gallup Poll On National Prohibition

"The Gallup Poll on National Prohibition (published locally in Washington Post-Times Herald, April 9) fails to reflect many significant trends in America against

lain, describe his congregation:

"A chapel filled with patients with great anxieties . . . the paralyzed, the blind, the man with the stump and one with his face half gone; those with polio and others facing serious operations; the man with an unhealing wound, patients gasping for breath to live by and a faith to sustain them, and the man with the cloudy mind seeking to rehabilitate himself and to be restored to his loved ones."

On his hospital rounds Chaplain Austill makes as many as 1200 "pastoral visits" a month. To every new patient he gives his calling card which has this verse on the back: "Be strong and of good courage, fear not nor be afraid, for the Lord thy God is with thee. He will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

One patient told Chaplain Austill: "I want that card to keep with me all the time." He had found sleep after many restless nights.

Points Out Non-Military Chaplaincy Challenge

"One hundred hours spent visiting ward patients."

That sentence introduces the monthly report of a Methodist chaplain, the Rev. William E. Austill of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Boston.

But behind that single sentence is the story of a special ministry provided daily across the country by 110 Methodist clergymen serving in VA hospitals, correctional institutions and state hospitals. Together with 500 military chaplains, they comprise a unique portion of the Methodist clergy whose work is little known by the church at large.

Chaplain Austill, reporting to the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C., states that his first year at the Boston hospital has presented "one of the most challenging and rewarding congregations I have ever encountered."

Let Chaplain Austill, an experienced pastor of the New England Conference and a former military chap-

Abbe Pierre Warns Prosperous Western Nations

Geneva (RNS) — Abbe Pierre, French apostle of the poor and shelterless, warned here that the prosperous nations of the West may find themselves stripped of their wealth unless they help the underprivileged countries.

He spoke at a public meeting under the auspices of the International Institute for Research and Action Against World Poverty and the Abbe Pierre Institute which were inaugurated here last February. The latter group was formed to finance the work of the institute.

Abe Pierre said "the latent antagonism between East and West" could be superseded by a situation where the hungry and despoiled would turn in hatred against the wealthy and selfish.

"It is a horrible fact," he declared, "that some countries are bursting with wealth, while others starve. If we do not prepare our children to identify their happiness with the happiness of others, if we continue to make them live in materialism, they will one day curse us because they will be the most miserable of human beings."

The Capuchin priest stressed that "if the people of the West find themselves one day dispossessed of

their wealth it will be because they have shown themselves unworthy of it."

He said it is important that people should see that aid "comes from below, not from above, that the poor aid the poor."

"Such action," he said, "is more useful than years of parliamentary debates. The law of love is contained in the simple phrase, 'first help those who suffer,' and the most fragile societies or communities become powerful in applying it."

Dean Pike Urges "Significant" Religious News

New York (RNS)—Dean James A. Pike of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine here told a group of religious publicists and journalists that religious news must be interesting, significant and important if it is to command space in American newspapers.

In an address to the 28th annual convention of the National Religious Publicity Council, he warned that "newspapers now have a tendency not to run many of the items that used to run as church news."

The clergyman, noted for his own writings and television program, said newspapers are no longer interested in stereotyped reports of "bazaars, the election of officers to the altar guild, and routine sermons."

"I don't think this news is spreading the Gospel of Christ too much anyway," he added.

Dean Pike also said religious publicists must "simplify" the "complicated subjects" with which they deal "without losing the deeper meaning."

He said the higher standards of newspapers should be regarded as a challenge by religious public relations officers to help shape church programs in terms of what the press considers news.

"It is not just enough to publicize what is being done," he declared. "If our publicity is to be effective the public relations director should suggest what is communicable and what types of activities make sense in terms of communication. Often what is done receives little attention in the press because no thought is given to its interest to readers."

Dean Pike urged the religious

Missionary Couple Adopt Son of Borneo Head Hunter

St. Petersburg, Fla. (RNS)—An American-Dutch medical missionary in West Borneo and his wife have adopted the three-year-old son of a Dayak head-hunter and are rearing him to become a Christian leader some day among his own people.

The Rev. Dr. John G. Breman, 51, saved the boy's life when, as an infant, he was given up for dead by his father and Borneo witch doctors. He and his wife brought the baby to their hospital-mission and nursed him back to health.

Sometimes called the Albert Schweitzer of West Borneo, Dr. Breman is on a tour of the southwest to raise funds for the hospital where he has worked for 30 years. With him are Mrs. Breman and the adopted son, named Paul.

The missionary also hopes to raise enough money to establish a home for orphans in Borneo, one of the islands making up the Republic of Indonesia, formerly known as the Netherlands East Indies. He is affiliated with the American Gospel Mission of Indonesia, Inc., of Bellflower, Calif.

publicists to strive to promote news of events which indicate "that the Church is alive to the world in which it seeks to carry out its mission."

Protestants Ask Bigger Foreign Aid Program

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches, urged the special Senate subcommittee on foreign aid to favor a bigger and stronger program of American technical and economic assistance to underdeveloped countries.

Other Protestant leaders made the same plea on behalf of their denominations.

Stressing the moral issues which he said are involved in the program, Dr. Blake told the subcommittee that "church people across our land are arising in support of a more dynamic program of technical cooperation and economic aid."

"I assure you that theirs will be an increasingly mighty voice in the land on this issue during the days immediately ahead," he said. "The fact is that the American people as a whole will respond to moral and spiritual leadership for these programs."

"They will accept necessary taxes to help others if they understand what is at stake and if intelligence and generosity go hand in hand in our programs. They will support constructive foreign policies which take new and dynamic initiative toward peace with justice and freedom."

W. Point Plans First Easter Sunrise Service

West Point, N. Y. (RNS)—The United States Military Academy will hold its first Easter sunrise service in Michie Stadium here.

Several thousand persons, including cadets, post personnel and civilians are expected to attend the Protestant service which will start at 6 a. m.

It was arranged by four West Point Protestant chaplains and the Newburgh (N.Y.) Ministerial Association. Guest preacher for the service will be Dr. Liston Pope, dean of Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.

A thirty-foot white cross was installed on the football field for the service.

On Easter Sunday, the United States Military Band will sound church call for cadets, residents of the post and members of churches in the Hudson River Valley. The cadet choir will be augmented by voices from the Stewart Air Force Base choir and ten churches. Also singing the responses will be a 70-voice children's choir.

Recorded Message On Lives Of Saints

Chicago (RNS) — By dialing Webster 9-1515, Chicagoans can now hear a brief recorded discourse on "Lives of the Saints."

This newest venture in the field of recorded telephone inspirational messages was devised by Robert W. Ward, 33, a member of Immaculate Conception Church, Elmhurst, Ill.

He is president of Stockmarket News Inc., a firm supplying recorded phone reports on stock market and board of trade activity.

This is the first time the "dial-a-devotion" idea has been applied to saints' lives, Mr. Ward believes.

The messages "are presented through the courtesy of De Prato

Brothers Statuary Co.," according to a closing announcement. Statues of many saints have been sculptured in this firm's studio.

To save suburbanites the expense of toll calls, Mr. Ward has arranged similar services in Elmhurst and Wilmette under the sponsorship of local undertakers.

Mr. Ward prepares the messages from standard works on the saints' lives, and then has them double-checked for accuracy.

Every day at midnight a new message on the saint being commemorated that day will be placed on the four answering machines in his office.

Priest Tells Of Torture During Imprisonment In China

Hong Kong (RNS)—Franciscan Father Fulgence Gross of Omaha, Neb., said here that he suffered "physical and mental torture" during the six years he was a prisoner of the Chinese Communists.

He described his experiences in an interview at the Catholic Center here a week after his arrival in Hong Kong. The priest was freed from a Shanghai prison on March 28 upon the completion of his sentence for alleged espionage.

Communism Suffers Setbacks in W. Europe

New York (RNS)—Communism in Western Europe has suffered "serious setbacks and lost its influence as a dynamic movement," Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee said here.

For the first time since World War II, he said, every country in Western Europe is free "from the internal Communist threat of control or seizure."

Dr. Slawson spoke before some 1,000 civic leaders from 600 communities across the country attending the committee's 50th anniversary observance. He based his address on the results of a survey of Communism in Western Europe made by the committee's offices in nine major European cities.

Dr. Slawson said the breakdown of Communist power in Western Europe was chiefly the result of three major developments:

1. Events in Russia and the satellite countries which showed that

Father Gross said that although his experience had been "physically horrible" it was "spiritually wonderful and I was never sad."

On the day of his arrival here, he was interviewed by about 40 reports but balked at giving any details of his imprisonment, telling the newsmen, "Some of you may be Communists."

Displaying manacle-scarred wrists, the 53-year-old priest said his Red captors beat and punched him and once pressed a sword against his neck, threatening to decapitate him if he did not "confess."

"I thought I was going to die then for sure," he said, "but that was only the beginning. They conducted trial after trial, one of which lasted 18 days. During this trial I was forced to stand for three full days without sleep, and my hands and feet were manacled."

Father Gross said the charges of espionage on which he was arrested at Tsingtao in 1951 were not true and he never confessed to them.

Communism has not fulfilled any of its major promises to abolish oppression and exploitation and establish a system of equality.

2. Admissions made by Soviet leaders concerning terroristic methods of totalitarian rulers.

3. Uprisings by the people in Hungary, Poland and Eastern Germany which demonstrated to Communist followers that Communism represents a denial of all aspirations for a free society.

Pledging Is A Family Affair

ONE aspect of the Every Member Canvass program now in progress in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area that needs emphasis just now is the matter of handling the pledges of various members of families. It is not uncommon, we are told, for the head of the family to make one pledge for the entire family, with the result that various members make no pledges as individuals. If this is true in your family, consider the possibility of splitting that family pledge among members of the family.

One possible reason for the necessity of the present emphasis on pledging is that many adult church members had little experience as children in making pledges. One of the finest opportunities to teach Christian stewardship is during those childhood days when young church members are open to suggestions about fulfilling their Christian obligations. What better way than to split the family pledge in such a way that each one feels that he or she is having a substantial part in supporting the work of the Kingdom.

Another acceptable practice where children are provided regular allowances is the encouraging of those children to pledge a proportionate part of that allowance to the church budget and pay that pledge with a degree of regularity.

In any event, pledges should be considered a normal practice by all members of the family, with the sum total of the pledges representing a proportionate part of the total family's income. In this manner, giving to the church becomes a normal practice which will be followed throughout the years to come. Where there is need for a greater understanding of the why of church support, heads of families should secure from their pastor any number of several pieces of good stewardship material which is being produced by the Methodist General Board of Lay Activities, and various family members should study this literature.

Church Attendance And Being A Christian

NOW that Easter is over, this is perhaps a good time to think about church attendance. The chances are that your church had its largest attendance last Sunday that it has had all year, and that it will have for several months to come. This does not necessarily have to be the case, but this is the usual pattern. Why is it that so many people find their way to their church on Easter, and attend with something less than a degree of regularity thereafter?

Part of the answer to this question may possibly be understood by examining the results of a recent Gallup poll on church attendance. The poll apparently was conducted to determine the differences, religiously, between Americans and Britons, and concerned answers to questions about being a Christian and believing every word of the New Testament, and being a Christian and attending church services. The interesting thing about the results concerning church attendance was that more Britons believed that one can be a Christian without attending church services than Americans, while three times as many Americans attend services than Britons.

The poll reveals that 78% of Americans believe that a person can be a Christian without attending services, while 85% of Britons hold to the same belief. On the other hand, the survey found that 51% of Americans were in attendance on a typical Sunday early this year, while only 14% of the Britons were in church on the same Sunday.

In questioning ourselves at the point of the necessity of attending church to be a Christian, we must answer that we believe it is possible but very improbable. It would take a very exceptional person to become a mature Christian without the stimulus of Christian worship and fellowship, and most of us are just average people, especially at this point. There are far more people who

become mature Christians within the Christian fellowship than outside of it.

We believe also that this survey points out an even more significant fact. One of the reasons why Americans do not attend church with a greater degree of regularity is that too many of them believe that one can be as good a Christian outside the church as within its fellowship. The fact that less Britons attend than Americans seems to substantiate this point of view.

Attend your church regularly, and you will be a better Christian for doing so.

Clear--But Still Very Cloudy

WE had the announcement some days ago that the last obstruction of the Suez Canal had been removed, and that the canal is now "clear."

We would say, in the words of our caption, that while the channel of the canal may be "clear," the general situation regarding the canal is "still very cloudy." It is not likely that the free world will leave this vital water-way entirely in the hands of Nasser, a sympathizer with, and a protege of Russia. Nasser has proved himself too erratic and irresponsible to allow him to have full charge of a situation so vital to the survival of the free world.

What will be done to clarify the situation is in no sense "clear" at the present time. Every effort is being made to solve the problems related to the canal peacefully. It is quite possible that these efforts will be successful. Nevertheless, "clear" as the canal may be at present, the formula for the solution of the real problems the canal poses is not yet in sight. It would appear, at the present time, that a high degree of patience, tolerance and a sincere spirit of cooperation will be necessary before the skies are entirely "clear" over Suez.

After Easter--What?

PRE-EASTER activities in The Methodist Church are so demanding on the time and energy of the pastor and other church leaders that, having passed the Easter period, there is often the temptation to relax. Not only is there the temptation to relax, there is often the necessity for doing so, in order to preserve a proper balance between physical strength and a consuming zeal for service.

Whatever may be our course in the post-Easter season, it is plainly evident that it was not a time for relaxation for the early church. The fact is that the work of the early Christian church had its real beginning following the first Easter Sunday.

The apostles had been the companions and pupils of Jesus for the three years they were associated with Him in the work of the kingdom. Jesus had been their leader and teacher, and had directed their activities up to the time of His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane.

When the apostles had become convinced of the resurrection of Jesus, they were brought, for the first time, face to face with their real responsibility as followers of Christ. In this first post-Easter period things happened in a rapid succession of important events.

With the conviction that Christ had arisen from the dead, hesitancy, timidity and fear were gone from the lives of the apostles. They came out of hiding, courageous, daring and with a burning zeal that no form of persecution could quench. With the Great Commission ringing in their ears and stirring their hearts, a new world opened up before them. We moderns are told that "Life Begins With Forty." For the apostles, life really began with the resurrection.

If the fact of the resurrection so stirred the hearts of the apostles that their zeal and activities were multiplied manifold, we are wondering if our hearts and lives should not have been stirred with something of the same zeal as a result of our facing again, through the Easter period, the reality of the resurrection and the living Christ. Should not the glorious fact of the resurrection stir our hearts to a more active, tireless zeal in the Master's service?

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Personal Testimonies Which Are Further Evidence
That Even In The Smallest Churches . . .

The Every Member Canvass Works

The following statements are actual testimonies from the persons indicated, who have had experience with the Every Member Canvass program. The statements were recorded by Rev. A. N. Storey, secretary of the Town and Country Commission, North Arkansas Conference, who is serving as the Every Member Canvass Director in the North Arkansas Conference.

This concludes a series of articles which this publication has presented, showing the effectiveness of Every Member Canvass programs in churches of all sizes.

REV. RICHARD E. CONNELL,
Superintendent Batesville District

It is useless to say that we have problems, and we have problems in every district, as well as in every church. Some of our chief problems concern finance. Of course this problem has been facing us all the years.

Beginning last year with the aid of Rev. A. N. Storey, who is our executive secretary of Town And Country Commission, we started off to do some work in this district. I first want to mention an outstanding success we had in the church at Melbourne. It was struggling to carry out the program on a low salary. We suggested to them that if they would have a system, a financial system, they would not have such trouble.

They asked for an explanation. When that was given they heartily entered into the plan, with the results that at the end of the first year, they had more than \$600 balance in the treasury. The first time I was in their church they had 14 in Sunday School, 17 in the church service, and the offering was some three or four dollars.

This past year the same church carrying on full time service averaged \$75 per Sunday throughout the year. It all came about through an Every Member Canvass.

Many of our churches through all these years have carried a low budget and had a very hard time. The Every Member Canvass was staged and they more than doubled their budgets.

For instance, we understand that last year one church paid a \$145 total, and the first two months this year raised about \$350. This has come through the Every Member Canvass.

Another place where the Every Member Canvass has been carried out is at Charlotte Circuit of five or six churches. It's been struggling through the years in a low budget but after the Every Member Canvass was carried out, the salary was raised more than \$400, and they were doing it easier than they had ever done it before.

I want to mention also that the program was put on at Salem with success, and Cotter with great success. At Mountain Home they are finishing up their campaign successfully.

I want us to notice that this program is working in our smallest churches as well as in our larger churches. We are happy that the Town And Country Commission is doing this outstanding piece of work, and is going to solve many of our problems not only in our small rural churches but in our town churches, including the smallest to the largest.

REV. VERNON ANDERSON,
Pastor at Concord

We needed to take immediate steps to correct a decision made in an earlier quarterly conference. Bro. Hubert Martin, one of the charter members of this church, and I took in hand the task of conducting an Every Member Canvass.

We approached every member of the church who could be located. In many instances we encountered some who were doubtful of success, but in every instance we encountered those who were anxious that it should succeed, and who were willing to participate in the Canvass itself.

Immediately things began to happen. At the end of our very first day we had pledges to the church's budget for \$2140 for the 1955-56 church year. We immediately gathered together the members for another quarterly conference, and approved the budget, which included a pastor salary of \$700.

We have realized what the church could do. No longer were we relegated to the role of people waiting to see what their fellow man would do, but instead we were stepping out on our own. We were asserting our intentions and then we were watching. We had the privilege of being a group working together and promoting the program of even a small church.

From an average of three and a half to fourteen dollars per week, the average of three months of this church immediately rose to some \$50 per week. I hold this is not peculiar to the Methodist church in Concord, but will work in any church of any size in which there is an honest endeavor to assess the ability, and to look with confidence into the tomorrow, that cannot belong to ourselves alone, but must belong to our community, our homes, and to our Lord.

PERRY MATTHEW,
Layman, Calico Rock

We entered into the Every Member Canvass a year ago because we knew that something had to be done. For years we had been coming to the end of the conference year with \$700, \$800 and \$900 to make up. We felt that if we could sell the story of Methodism to the members, that this could be eliminated.

We started the Every Member Canvass under Bro. Storey's directions. We went out in teams selected by the leaders of our church and we talked the various phases of the budget to these members in their homes, discussing the programs and the necessity of the various causes.

To our surprise we got about twice as many pledges as we were expecting. We secured more than two-thirds of our budget in pledges, almost all by the week, and in a few cases monthly. This helped, of course, and gave a lot of spiritual life to the members.

The association, the conferences, the explanations all helped to develop better fellowship among church members. We had better attendance. From the time that we started our Every Member Canvass, we had been previously getting \$40 per Sunday. This increased; within a month's time we were averaging \$85 per Sunday and averaged through the year, \$92 per Sunday.

At the end of the year we had money in



the treasury instead of having to go out and try to get our budget. I can heartedly endorse this Every Member Canvass not only from the financial angle but from the spiritual and fellowship benefits.

It has built our church spiritually. It has cut down some of the feeling that was hurting the church. It has made more toward good fellowship. It's part of my church. This is my church. Everyone feels that he is a part of it.

They are putting in. They put in each week: some of the children a dime, and adults, of course, a substantial payment, but it has been very successful. I recommend it to everybody.

ED B. HODGE,
Charlotte Methodist Church, Layman

We have been trying the Every Member Canvass this year. It has been a great success. We have been able to pay all of our obligations. We came out with a \$140 balance.

I think it is a very good plan. You reach members that you don't reach in other ways. We have members that are paying that are unable to come to the services. I think it is a very good plan.

ELBERT JERNIGAN,
Charlotte Methodist Church, Layman

Since our church started on this new program, the attendance of the church and church school seems to be much better and the members seem to be more interested. The attendance and spiritual life of the church seems to be better, and finances seem to be considerably better than they have been during the 40 odd years of the church.

Question: What kind of system did you use before you started this Every Member Canvass and weekly contributions?

Usually, we figured up a budget and the number of members, and then we went around trying to collect; if they didn't have enough just before annual conference, we usually paid the preacher off and left off our benevolent items.

Question: How has it been coming since this Every Member Canvass?

Our church at Charlotte pays the preacher regularly every month and we are up to date on finances.

BILL HAWKINS,
Layman, Bellefonte-Bergman Charge

Before we set up this program we had a church just dragging along and we saw that something had to be done. Bro. Storey came to our assistance. In a series of meetings, a system was planned for us to go by which we did, the Every Member Canvass. We found it to be very, very good.

Before we had this canvass our church offering was something like \$10. Under this new system, the Every Member Canvass, pledges are running around \$70 a Sunday. Average attendance is double if not treble and because of these things, I think the Every Member Canvass works very nice.

Another reason for our church's growing,
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ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA PROGRAM THEME:

EVERY MEMBER CARING - EVERY MEMBER SHARING

EASTER

Most of us try hard to keep thoughts of death from intruding upon us. In ancient Greek legend the river Styx separated the region of the dead from the land of the living. And the name "Styx" comes from the verb "to hate," "to loathe." From the days of the Greeks down to our own, the river of death has been regarded as a dark and fearsome stream.



Easter commemorates the day when Christ established a bridgehead on the other side of the river Styx. Christ not only convinced His followers that He had effected a crossing of death's dark stream but also that He had gone to prepare a place for them.

At this Easter time let us watch Christ, the conquerer of death. Let us see how He makes preparation for the invasion of death's domain.

Some years ago, a distinguished physician asked me to read a story in a current magazine. It was the story of two men who had been boon companions. They were connoisseurs of good food, good wines, and the comforts of life in general. They dined frequently and elaborately together.

At one of these festive dinners one of the friends dropped dead. Later his spirit returned to tell the other of his experiences in the life beyond. It was a story of emptiness. During his earthly life he had acquired so few tastes except for the perishable. Consequently he had no training which could get satisfaction when his bodily appetites were gone. Death simply ushered him into a dreary waste of emptiness.

That story has lingered in my memory, for it is a verification of Jesus' principle when He said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

Our natures have both physical and spiritual compartments. If we

fill our lives with material interests, if the main things which matter to us are money and foods and physical pleasures, then someday we shall hear the words, "You can't take it with you." But if, on the other hand, we fill our lives with ideas and ideals, with the love of beauty and the bonds of friendship, with the values of good will and gracious memories, then we have something we can take with us.

We say of certain persons, "They are full of life." We mean that they are abounding with vitality. They radiate energy, sparkle with enjoyment and kindle the spirits of others. And such fullness of life is more than physical.

Christ came to make men alive to beauty, to enrich the joys of human comradeship, to set men loving the laughter of little children and copying the contentment of birds, to help men feel the thrill of seeking truth and pursuing the perfection of goodness. His enjoyment of life seemed so independent of physical limitations. And He came to impart that quality of eternal living to us so that we might be full of life, the kind of life we can take with us. Thus Christ prepares His followers for the invasion of death.

Physical science is catching up with Our Lord's declaration that "life is more than meat." These loves of ours which are linked with unseen dear ones in distant places, these memories which make events of yesteryear as vivid as the sights of this moment; these imaginations which contain pictures indestructible by bombers; these hopes which enable us to build our castles in Spain while we plough our corn in Iowa—all these are invisible and yet very real. These are the compartments of the spirit which Christ fills with the treasures we can take with us. Thus does the Captain of our salvation prepare His followers for the invasion of death's domain.

Shortly before his death the late Edward M. Cameron delivered a whimsical little lecture to his body. He said in part: "Now you are growing old . . . you are running down . . . When you can go no further, I shall leave you and be free . . . A power greater than you and I started us on our journey. Your journey is approaching its end and you are aware of it. My journey has scarcely begun, and I know it because I have never been more alive. Our separation is therefore not one of sadness but of joy."

"You are very weary and want to stop. I am longing to alight from this slowing vehicle and go on without you."

Thus spoke a man who had learned the Easter faith.

The Layman's Column

By Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR METHODISTS

Practically all Methodists and many people holding other beliefs are acquainted with The Upper Room, the small magazine of daily devotionals for individuals or families. Recently I have received three double-faced records of the Upper Room meditations, to be used by blind persons. These are long-playing records and should be very helpful to those who are unable to read because of defective sight. I shall be glad to send them to any one who requests them if he will promise to return them after a reasonable time. It may be that several will want them. Write me at the address below.

Quite often someone wants a small and easily read book on the subject of Methodist beliefs. A booklet by Mack B. Stokes is very helpful. I have a supply of them and they can be had for 50c each. If my supply runs out, I'll purchase more in order to supply what requests should come in.

Most pastors order several copies of The Discipline in order for their members to purchase them at the church office. If your pastor has run out of copies, I have several of the new 1956 Discipline. The cost is \$1.50 each. Every Methodist worker should have a copy. Methodist laymen especially should have a copy in their libraries for constant reference. It contains the statements by The General Conference on war, race, capital and labor, liquor, and other subjects of interest in our day. If you want to know exactly what your church says on these and many other subjects, you should order one.

The Church Lay Leader usually has little knowledge of his office and what is required of him. A booklet entitled The Church Lay Leader, by Lloyd Bertolf, is the official booklet from the General Board of Lay Activities on this subject. It will be sent free to any interested person.

Do you want organizational material on

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

BOYS . . . CONSCIENCE . . . BOMBS . . . NEW TESTAMENT.

There are languishing in American federal jails today scores of young men whose conscience forbids them to take up arms against their human brothers. Some can trace their conscientious objection to definite church or parental teaching; some have found it only in the general "Spirit of Christ let loose in the world." But certain courts and agencies have declared these men must submit to the mass decisions of men—not to the calmer counsel of the Spirit.

And there are still—and have been for more than a decade—other men languishing in prisons in Germany because they obeyed the orders of their government ("the mass decisions") and did not refuse to execute orders that should have seemed "immoral" to them. These were the "crimes against humanity" that were prosecuted at Nuremberg as murder, extermination, enslavement, and deportation.

Twenty-two German leaders were convicted of these crimes in 1947, the first time in modern history that leaders of a vanquished nation were held criminally responsible for waging aggressive warfare. (The U. S. prosecutor at first demanded that all 2,000,000 members of the Nazi party be declared guilty of war crimes.) The principal argument against the 22—including some generals and admirals—was that a soldier has the right and the duty to refuse to obey an order that is "immoral"—and these men did not do so.

One German general—one who conspired secretly to overthrow Hitler, through the general came from a long line of disciplined and unquestioning officers—told the court: "I was in the awful dilemma of one who had the duty

Methodist Men clubs? It will be sent to you on request. There is no cost attached to it. It gives complete information on the organization of a club. I have other pamphlets also which can be sent to those interested. Write me for any of these materials mentioned at Box 565, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

of a soldier and also a duty which I considered higher. Innumerable of my old comrades were in the same dilemma. I chose the solution for the ideas I esteemed higher. The majority of my comrades esteemed duty to the flag higher and more essential. You may be sure that this is the worst dilemma a soldier can face."

If the generals and admirals were, as they said, powerless to prevent war and atrocities that went with war (and what war is free from atrocity?), what can be expected of the mere boys who form the rank and file of the services—American or German—boys who have been "conditioned" to obedience without question? They are on the horns of the dilemma, also; if they have a conscience against war and its atrocities, their own land may jail them; if they have no objection and "obey as soldiers," the enemy may jail them. Indeed, a whole new series of problems is arising in this area of conscience—and will be even more complicated if there is ever again a major war:

1. The losers of the struggle—and it could be a whole nation—are liable to be tried and sentenced for "preparation for and conducting aggressive war." The U. S. A. set the pattern at Nuremberg, even as it set a pattern for "shortening war" at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

2. There are growing numbers of youth who are expressing conscientious objection to nuclear war that will decimate civilian population; these are youth who have no similar objection to war with "conventional" weapons. What will governments do to this type of CO?

3. There is at least one case now pending of a soldier (U.S.A.) who was converted to the Christian way of life after induction into the service. The chaplain had led him to read his New Testament; and from the N. T. he learned that it is wrong to kill or to teach others to kill. He asked for discharge, but instead was court-martialed (five and a half years in prison and dishonorable discharge) for disobedience. Questions: Can conscience develop in uniform? Why not court-martial the chaplain who led to this boy's pricking of conscience?

Said the Nation, commenting on this case: "Our country and its politicians talk mightily of God and Freedom, but when it comes down to cases, both concepts can give way to gunnery without arousing the moral wrath of any public spokesman. Religion is all right, of course—in its place. Gunnery is transcendent."

It was the Nuremberg verdict that declared: "To initiate war is not only an international crime, it is the supreme crime."

Consistency may be a jewel—but a mighty rare one!

At Work For God

Editor's Note: The following are articles which explain some of the ways World Service dollars are spent, and to point out the importance of World Service giving.

Board of Evangelism

"It overwhelms the imagination." "I had no idea that one Board could do all that!" "It sounds like a pageant of triumph." "God only knows how much good the Board of Evangelism has done throughout Methodism—and throughout the whole world."

Such was the kind of comments made by the members of the General Board of Evangelism—most of them being new persons on the Board—at its recent Annual Session, when staff member after staff member read the report of the work of his department from the illustrated book, *VISION*, especially prepared for the occasion. And yet the staff members were only informing, in all humility, the Board of the work entrusted to them and telling something of the evangelistic and devotional accomplishments during the year.

Everyone present had heard of many of the various tasks and projects as they had been promoted in Areas, Annual Conferences, Districts, and local churches—as indeed has nearly every working Methodist—but they had not visualized them as a whole and in their total impact upon the nation:

1. The Commission on Membership and Evangelism in the local church, its work and direction.

2. Community-wide surveys to find persons who are unchurched and uncommitted to Christ either in theory or daily practice.

3. Visitation evangelism with its tested procedures and marvelous results in having trained laymen to witness for Christ in homes.

4. "Four Nights for God, United Evangelistic Mission", "Week of Lay Evangelism", "One Great Day of Witnessing," etc.

5. The Prayer Movement which is doing so much for the spiritual life of America in all its facets: Prayer Revivals, Prayer Vigils, Prayer Chain, Prayer Groups, in homes, etc.

6. The cultivation of the devotional life of individuals and families, through (1) grace at meals, (2) daily Bible reading, (3) the use of *THE UPPER ROOM* as a guide to daily devotions, (4) the family altar, etc.

7. Spiritual Life Missions and Revival to activate inactive members and to deepen the spiritual life of all members, establishing them in the Holy Habits.

8. Community evangelism in the "Mission to America" and other preaching crusades, using radio, TV, and all possible public mass media, both inside and outside the church.

9. The Church Attendance Movement, designed not only to bring people to church but to serve an evangelistic purpose by finding prospects and winning them to Christ.

10. Christmas Conferences for younger ministers and their wives to develop them spiritually.

11. "Seventy Evangelists"—young seminary ministers laboring for Christ under specific direction during the summer vacation months.

12. "Christian Witness Missions" by young people for young people, in cooperation with the Board of Education.

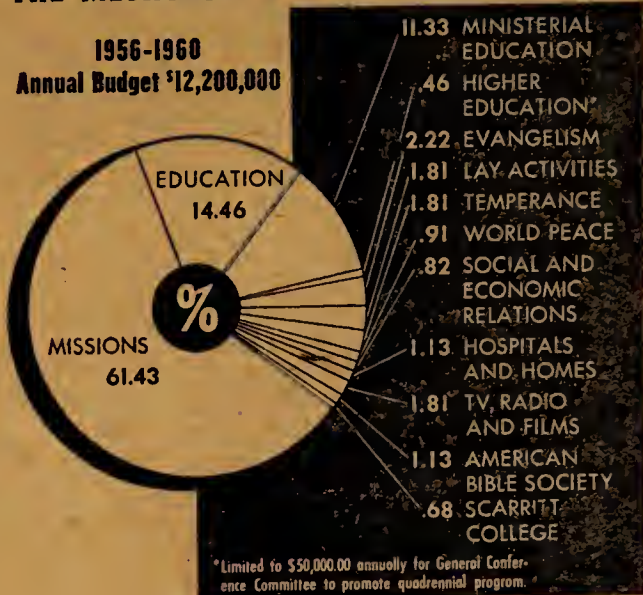
13. Evangelistic missions in Korea, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Cuba, Brazil, Hawaii, and Alaska, in cooperation with the Board of Missions.

14. World Wide Communion, "Christmas for Christ," and "Tell America About Christ" emphases.

It is not often that a person realizes that all these and other vital projects and programs emanate from a single Board of the Church: the

DIVISION OF THE METHODIST WORLD SERVICE DOLLAR

1956-1960
Annual Budget \$12,200,000



ANNUAL FIXED SUMS	PENSIONS	\$200,000
	PENSIONS FOR DEACONESSES	\$ 45,000
	THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY	\$100,000
	SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	\$250,000

General Board of Evangelism which is supported by World Service money.

When one considers the work of this Board, and with it the total work of the other great boards and agencies of The Methodist Church, one may truly exclaim: "God only knows how much good the Methodist World Service Dollar accomplishes!"

The World Service fiscal year closes May 31. In no other way can you invest your money for so many magnificent Kingdom purposes as in contributing to World Service in your own local church. You will want not only to pay up now, but also to increase your contributions now.

Board of Hospitals and Homes

The healing and helping ministry of our Church is carried on by generous Church members who give of their resources through World Service. Without the contributions which come to the Board of Hospitals and Homes through World Service, the great humanitarian cause of hospitals and homes in the United States would be greatly handicapped.

The General Board of Hospitals and Homes which is the service, standardizing and coordinating Agency for the 209 Methodist hospitals and homes in this country, carries on its work through 1.13% of the World Service dollar. Although this is a relatively small amount on which to operate such a widespread and "life-giving" service, these institutions constantly attest to the value of the Board's counsel and guidance.

The Board works in such areas as institutional services for hospitals, homes for older persons, child care agencies, nursing education, and in planning and policy making, volunteer activity, personnel services, lifting spiritual standards, and providing consultation on all forms of operation in its affiliated hospitals and homes. It is recognized that the general Board has saved the Church and Local Methodist groups millions of dollars by advising against the acceptance of ill-advised projects. The Board encourages, promotes, and helps to institute and maintain the highest quality scientific and Christian service to the more than a million persons who are cared for each year in Methodist hospitals and homes.

Even on its small budget, the work of the Board goes on and becomes increasingly important in our Church's health and welfare interest.

This great and worthy work is dependent on World Service giving; and World Service giving makes possible better Christian health and welfare for more and more people.

Board of Lay Activities

Methodist World Service gifts among other things make possible the existence and work of the agency which is this year bringing together 5,000 Methodist Men on the Purdue University Campus.

The General Board of Lay Activities which sponsors the conference—just as it sponsored a similar one in 1954—is a World Service agency, charged with such responsibilities as organizing Methodist Men, promotion of stewardship, the Every-Member-Canvass, lay speaking, and adequate support of the ministry.

Costs of these national conferences of Methodist Men are cared for by registration fees, but World Service gifts care for many of the other expenses connected with pursuing a vigorous program of lay activities in over 100 Annual Conferences and 600 districts.

The Board has a small professional staff, but these men multiply the effect of their efforts by radiating them through an unpaid staff composed of 100 Conference lay leaders, more than 600 district lay leaders, and over 30,000 local lay leaders—the latter being the "front-line fighters" who receive staff helps, co-ordination, and program assistance from staff members of the General Board.

Of each World Service dollar, 1.81 cents goes in support of the General Board of Lay Activities.

American Bible Society

Largely through World Service gifts, it has been possible for the American Bible Society to aid greatly in the work of Bible distribution to India, Pakistan and Ceylon. In connection with the centennial celebration of the work of The Methodist Church in these countries, Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, Secretary of the American Bible Society, on his recent visit to India, presented a centenary edition of the New Testament in Hindi to Governor Munshi of Uttar Pradesh at the Lucknow meetings. Dr. Holmgren, himself a Methodist, is the Bible Society's official representative on the Council of Secretaries of The Methodist Church.

"Today the Bible Society is distributing the Scriptures in India at the rate of about a million copies each year," commented Dr. Holmgren. "While this is a notable achievement, it will be seen that it actually means we are only keeping pace with the rise in literacy, and falling far behind the growth of population. To meet this astonishing need for Scriptures in India, the Bible Society has set itself to provide every literate Christian with a copy of the New Testament and every literate non-Christian with a Gospel Portion."

Some of India's best known public leaders have been Bible readers, among whom were the beloved Mahatma Gandhi and Rajah Ram Mohan Roy, a pioneer in education and patriotism. Today, Prime Minister Nehru, it is said, also relies a great deal upon the teachings of the Bible, and Rajk, Minister of Health, is a devout Christian and reader of the Bible.

In India, the American Bible Society works through the Bible Society of India and Ceylon, which last year distributed 1,124,50 copies of the Scriptures in nearly 100 languages and dialects.

Besides the 25,000 copies of the Methodist Centenary Bible which were published in ten languages last year with funds from the American Bible Society, 656,000 copies of the Sermon on the Mount in 15 primary languages of India and Pakistan were also published with American Bible Society aid.

Still other funds made possible the supply of Bibles to 3,700 needy Christian homes which were without copies previously.

Moreover, as these lines are being written two illustrated Gospels containing scores of handsome photographs of Bible lands and people are on the presses in Gujarati and Oriya. Methodist World Service dollars made available to the American Bible Society provide an increasing flow of Scriptures to Southern Asia.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. SAM NADER, superintendent of the Lake Charles District, was speaker at the Easter Evangelistic Services held at Ft. Polk, Chapel 3, April 14-19.

REV. E. J. BARKSDALE, pastor of the Parker Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, is the guest preacher in a series of revival services at the St. James Methodist Church, Marrero, where Rev. Tom I. Crosby is pastor.

REV. E. W. SANDEL, pastor of the Palestine Methodist Church, Pineville, was the guest preacher in a Lenten revival at the Wesley Methodist Church, Alexandria, April 14-19. Rev. Clyde T. Shaw, pastor of the church was in charge of the music for the services.

DR. GLENN L. ARCHER, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Washington, D. C., addressed a citizens meeting Saturday evening, April 13, at the First Methodist Church, Jennings, where Rev. Robert Crichlow is pastor.

MISS TENNIE V. SEVERTSON, for the past ten years Director of Christian Education of Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport, has resigned her position with the church, to be effective May 1. Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor of the church.

DR. WM. E. TRICE, pastor of the William B. Reilly Memorial Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was guest evangelist in pre-Easter revival services, April 7-12 at the Vivian Methodist Church where Rev. Kenneth McDowell is pastor.

DR. GUY M. HICKS, superintendent of the Ruston District, preached in revival services at the Centenary Methodist Church, Franklinton, April 1-7, where Rev. J. H. Sewell is pastor. According to reports the revival was a successful one.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR of the Gretna Methodist Church presented "The Holy City," an Oratorio by A. R. Gaul, Sunday evening, April 14. Soloists were: Mrs. Edward Henderson, Mrs. Glenn O. McWilliams and Henry Kirkpatrick. The choir was under the direction of Mrs. Glenn O. McWilliams with Mrs. C. G. McLellan at the organ. Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh is pastor of the church.

THE CLINTON METHODIST CHURCH has raised one half of its Building Fund, and plans for the new church are in the hands of the architect. The goal is \$80,000 and the balance is in pledges. Clinton and Clear Creek Churches are looking at house plans, getting ready to build a new parsonage. The parsonage will be located on land given by Mrs. Mary Harely Sanderson and Mrs. Martha Haney Footner in memory of their mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Haney, life long members of the Clinton church. Rev. George W. Harkins is pastor of the Charge.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the Fairbanks Methodist Church was host to the Methodist Men of Sterlington at the regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, April 15, at the Fairbanks church. The main speaker was Rev. W. M. Allen, pastor of the Sterlington Methodist Church. The group was also privileged to hear a short talk by Ferril Earl, president of the Sterlington Men's Club. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Rev. David Corley, pastor of the Fairbanks Church, was present at the meeting.

THE NORTH BATON ROUGE METHODIST CHURCH held Holy Week Services each night Monday through Thursday, April 15-18. Guest speakers for the occasion were: Monday, Rev. A. G. Taylor, pastor of the Blackwater Methodist; Tuesday, Rev. W. P. Fraser, pastor of the Plaquemine Methodist; Wednesday, Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr., pastor of the Live Oak Methodist, Watson; and Thursday a service of Holy Communion was conducted by the pastor, Rev. James L. Stovall. The choirs of the church presented special music for the services.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES for Clinton and Clear Creek were held in Clinton. Monday night Rev. John Shearer from Jackson was the speaker; Tuesday night Rev. George Horne from Deerford was speaker; and Wednesday night Rev. H. W. Darden, Presbyterian minister, was speaker. Thursday night Holy Communion was observed at the Clear Creek Church and a Prayer Vigil was begun. These services were concluded Friday night with a worship service led by the pastor, Rev. George W. Harkins, closing the Prayer Vigil.

A COURSE OF STUDY has recently been completed at the Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, on "Paul's Letters to Local Churches." The study periods were held on Friday nights and were well attended. A new course on this book began on April 9, and is held for women of the church who have children in school and could not attend the night classes. Mrs. Iris Sewell, who is also a church school worker, teaches the classes as those in attendance follow the subject from their own Bibles. Rev. E. P. Drake is pastor of the church.

REV. D. W. POOLE, pastor of the Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie, was guest preacher in revival services held at the Sevier Memorial Methodist Church, Ferriday, March 24-29. The pastor, Rev. J. P. McKeithen, reports that the revival was a success and that there was an addition of 21 members to the church. Others were received into the church on Palm Sunday. The church also reports having initiated the Every Member Canvass program on Tuesday evening, April 9, when a congregational dinner was held.

REV. R. R. BRANTON, superintendent of the Lafayette District, preached at the morning worship service of the McGowen Memorial Methodist Church, Jeanerette, Sunday, April 7. Quarterly Conference was held in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. Fifteen members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the church were recognized at the morning service and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to them, together with Counselors of the Youth Department, Mrs. Taylor May, and Mrs. Dennis Stewart. Rev. A. M. Martin is pastor of the church.

DR. L. D. HAUGHTON, superintendent of the Methodist Home Hospital of New Orleans, was guest speaker at the Logansport Methodist Church, Sunday morning, March 31. Dr. Haughton's presence in Logansport was a part of the program of the church to present to the congregation the leaders of the various institutions of the Methodist Church in Louisiana. Recently Dr. C. B. White of the Methodist Children's Home spoke and following Easter, Dr. Bentley Sloane will speak. Rev. J. B. Grambling is pastor of the church.

BISHOP HERBERT WELCH, New York City, N. Y., is the subject of an article, "The Bishop and the Scandal Sheet" in the May issue of *Guideposts*. The article was written by Dr. Howard M. LeSourd, Dean Emeritus of Boston University School of Public Relations and Communications, and now Business Manager of the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry and is the father of *Guideposts'* Managing Editor, Len LeSourd. The article relates a decision involving five boys and a college prank faced by Bishop Welch at the time he was President of Ohio Wesleyan.

MISS JACQUELINE KERSH of Daytona Beach, Florida, has been named assistant director of the editorial department of the Methodist Board of Temperance at Washington, D. C. She will do editorial research and help edit the agency's newsletter, it was announced by the Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooten, general secretary of the board. A journalism graduate of the University of Tennessee, where she edited the campus newspaper and was chairman of the publications board, Miss Kersh worked two years as a reporter for the Daytona Beach *News-Journal*. For the last two years she has been on the editorial staff of the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission in Nashville, Tenn.

DR. GOFF NAMED CBS GUEST PREACHER

The Rev. Dr. Charles R. Goff, pastor of Chicago Temple, Chicago, Ill., will be the guest preacher on the Columbia Broadcasting System's radio program, Church of the Air, Sunday, May 5 at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

The 30-minute network program will be produced in the studios of Station WBBM, Chicago. It will be broadcast by approximately 100 CBS stations across the country, but some will record the service for broadcast at a different hour.

Chicago Temple is First Methodist Church in Chicago. It is noted for serving thousands of visitors to Chicago's Loop.

THE TRADITIONAL three-hour Good Friday union service held jointly by area churches was conducted in the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 19. Meditation and music commemorated the seven last words of Jesus on the cross. Officiating ministers were: Rev. Cleburne Quaid, pastor of Simpson Methodist, Lake Charles; Rev. E. R. Haug, pastor of Henning Memorial Methodist, Sulphur; Rev. Taylor Wall of St. Luke's Methodist, Lake Charles; Rev. Loyd E. Williams of Maplewood Methodist; Rev. Albert N. Jones of First Christian, Lake Charles; Rev. Rex Squyres of West Lake Methodist, Lake Charles; Dr. Carl F. Lueg, and Rev. Louis M. Coppage, both of First Methodist, Lake Charles.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES at the First Methodist Church, Jennings, consisted of an Easter cantata, "He Lives Again," by J. W. Kinney, which was presented at the church Sunday evening, April 14, by the sanctuary choir, under the direction of Mrs. Harvey Laing. Mrs. Lowell Moore was at the organ. "Events of the Passion" was the theme of sermons for Holy Week Services held at the church, April 14-18 sponsored by the Jennings Ministerial Association. Speakers for the services were: Monday, Rev. L. B. Titchie, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church; Tuesday, Rev. Robert Crichlow, pastor of the First Methodist Church; Wednesday, Rev. Harold Jackson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church; and Thursday, Rev. John Morgan, Evangelical United Brethren church pastor.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES were conducted at the Melville Methodist Church, April 14-19 with the following pastors participating: Sunday morning, Rev. Fred S. Flurry, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette; Sunday evening, Rev. J. C. Zerangue, pastor of the Krotz Springs Charge; Monday, Rev. Byrl Moreland, pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette; Tuesday, Rev. Dan Tohline, pastor of the Church Point Methodist Church; Wednesday, Rev. J. Phil Woodland, pastor of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge; Thursday, Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, Jr., pastor of the Live Oak Methodist Church, Watson; and Friday, Rev. R. E. Walton, pastor of the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas. Other than Sunday morning the services were held at 7 p.m. Rev. O. L. Golson, Jr., is pastor of the Melville church.

PRE-EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES sponsored by the Alexandria-Pineville Ministerial Association began Monday noon, April 15, at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria. According to the chairman of arrangements, Rev. Eugene Brink, the services were scheduled daily from noon to 12:30 p.m. to make possible attendance by working people as well as others in the community. Preachers and worship leaders for the services are as follows: Monday, Dr. R. Houston Smith and the Rev. Otis Spinks; Tuesday, Dr. J. Henry Bowdon and the Rev. Thurston Brice; Wednesday, the Rev. Robert Ratelle and Chaplain Thoburn Spiecher; Thursday, the Rev. Eugene Brink and Capt. Howard Kostner; and Friday, the Rev. John Neville and the Rev. Robert Potter. Mrs. Don Riddle was organist for the entire series. This was, according to Rev. Mr. Brink, the first time the local ministerial association has sponsored pre-Easter services. Serving on his committee were Rev. Potter and Chaplain Harold Hawkins. The services were broadcast each evening Monday through Friday.

MSM Treasurer Heads Centenary Ministerial Club

John Johns of Mansfield, who also serves as treasurer of the Methodist Student Movement, has been elected president of Kappa Chi, ministerial club at Centenary College, for the 1957-58 school year.

The new vice president is Gaynelle Morgan of New Orleans, also an active member of the MSM and currently serving as its publicity chairman.

Other new officers of Kappa Chi are as follows: corresponding secretary, Geraldine Carnahan, Sulphur; recording secretary, Emma Lou Stewart, Springhill, and treasurer, Paul Durbin, Monroe. Jim Bean of Shreveport and Harold Price of Logansport were named co-chairmen in charge of "Quest," the daily worship service sponsored by Kappa Chi for students of all denominations.

Other committee posts are the following: publicity, Gary Walters of Lake Providence, Ed Kennon of Minden and Rupert Pickett of Shreveport; fellowship, Jerry Woods, Tyler, Tex.; projects, Larry Robertson, Bossier City, and worship, Tommy Bergerson of New Orleans.

M Y F ANNUAL CONFERENCE SET FOR JUNE 3-7

(Continued from page 1) the ages of 15 and 23 from each local church, and one adult worker with youth to every four youth. The youth representative must be elected by the Young People of the local church. He or she should be the president of the M.Y.F., morning or evening group or one elected to represent the church. Only the official delegate is entitled to vote.

The program of the conference will be built around the experiences of Christian fellowship, worship and inspiration, personal enrichment through study, skills in leadership and business of Louisiana Methodist youth.

Dr. D. L. Dykes, pastor of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, will be the platform speaker each evening.

Rev. Glenn Mingledorf will represent the Youth Department of the General Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.

Delegates will be placed in the dormitories of Centenary College and in the homes of Methodist people of Shreveport.

The total cost will be \$12. A registration fee of \$1.65 should be sent to Miss Louise Sharp for each delegate who plans to attend.

Every church in the Louisiana Conference where there are any young people between the ages of 15-23 is urged to elect and send a delegate to this important youth conference.

Programs carrying full information will be mailed to the pastors.

MORAL AND CIVIC FOUNDATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

(Continued from page 1) First Methodist Church.

Dr. Dana Dawson, pastor of the host church, welcomed some 30 persons who attended the 16th annual

Berwick Methodists Break Ground For New Parsonage



The Berwick Methodist Church held the ground breaking ceremonies for their proposed parsonage at 11 o'clock Sunday morning April 14. The parsonage will be located on John Street in the Golden Farm addition of Berwick. The contract price by the Lawrence Construction Co., the lowest bidder, is \$17,435. The lot purchased some months ago is valued at about \$4500.

The parsonage will be a frame building with 3 bed rooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, a large screened back porch, a study, and a car port.

Pictured, left to right are: Mrs. J. V. Wisemen,

vice-chairman of the Official Board; Rev. Arby W. Coody, pastor; Mrs. T. J. Johnson, oldest member of the church; Mrs. M. F. Allen, Church School Superintendent; Mrs. Elwood Driskill, member of Building Committee; Mrs. C. W. Forgey, widow of the first chairman of the Building Committee; Mrs. Charles Bowman, member of the Building Committee; Mr. Percy Francis, member of the Building Committee; and Mr. Gene Lawrence, contractor.

The present Building Committee chairman, Mr. M. F. Allen, was unable to be present.

Bethel Church Begins Construction of New Sanctuary, Educational Building

Ground-breaking ceremonies for a new \$60,000 sanctuary and educational building were held at the Bethel Methodist Church at Indian Mound, April 7.

The Rev. Ted Smith, pastor, conducted the ceremonies as part of the regular morning worship service.

The first spadeful of dirt was turned by Tom Brown, oldest man in the church and Mrs. Laura Rarver, oldest woman in the church. Leroy Shaffet represented the official board at the event. Johnny Gross, chairman of the building committee, represented the committee. Miss Johnnie Sue Gross represented the children. Miss Dale Jones represented the youth of the church, and Mrs. Adiene Devall, the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Herman Stockwell and Bevy Reames each tured a spade of dirt as honorary stewards.

The foundation for the new structure has been poured. The church now has approximately \$22,000 in the building fund and \$14,000 in pledges to be paid over a period of three years.

convention of the foundation. Dr. Glenn Archer, Kansas attorney and educator, addressed the afternoon session and an evening session at the First Baptist Church.

The foundation, organized 17 years ago, is dedicated to combating alcoholism, narcotics traffic, and juvenile delinquency.

Dr. Lueg made the president's report, and the group's director, Dr. W. Earl Hotalen, outlined the group's future in an afternoon session, according to newspaper reports.

N. O. First Church Men's Club Meets

New Orleans, First Methodist Men's Club, held its regular monthly meeting on Friday April 12, advancing it one week due to Good Friday falling on the regular meeting night.

The meeting was well attended, and dinner was prepared by two of the men and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde F. Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. McCreary. The meal was served by Bros. Robert Ruano, Wm. Cook, Jack Laird, Jack Simpson, Asa Chandler, Sky Holzemer and Harry Miller, who are stewards. Reports were made by Chester Couleer, secretary, and James Harbison, treasurer. President Wm. J. Michon welcomed and introduced three new members into the Club. They are Wm. Hanson, W. F. Malone, and Leo A. Stoutenburg.

Harry Miller is now distributing among the members, the "Methodist Layman," a booklet packed with interesting subjects on the activities of the average Methodist Layman throughout the country. Following the dinner and busi-

PEARL RIVER CHURCH HOLDS DEDICATION SERVICE

On April 14, 1957, a special service was held in the Pearl River Methodist Church to dedicate the new church school building.

The order of worship was carried out by music, the call to worship, The Invocation, special hymns, the Scripture lesson, the address, the act of presentation, prayer, and dedication responses.

The ministers present were the Rev. Frank Lankford, pastor of the church, and Dr. Virgil Morris, District Superintendent of the New Orleans District.

Dr. Morris delivered the address in which he emphasized, "Joy of Stewardship and Giving, and Christian Life as it Relates to the Family Circle."

Mr. Edwin Mayfield, Sunday School superintendent, presented the cancelled note. The presiding minister burned this note at the altar.

The choir, directed by Mr. G. L. Hutto, and accompanied by Mrs. R. L. Hudson, wore new robes for this special occasion.

After the prayer of dedication, the service closed.

ness meeting program chairman Al Hanson introduced the speaker Rev. Hy. W. Dorsey, who spoke on "CHRISTIANITY IN BUSINESS." Fred E. Selby is publicity chairman.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

DIRECTIONLESS YOUTH?

Those words are not mine, but are the title of an editorial I recently read in a metropolitan newspaper. The editorial writer was commenting that college professors, parents, and others are beginning to speak frequently of the seeming difference between the present generation of youth and other recent generations. To their elders, many of today's youth appear as directionless.

Now let's grant that every age of elders since the time of Socrates—and probably before his time too—has bemoaned what is happening in and to the younger generation. The adults of today are the youth of yesterday about whom their elders were so concerned! Some of us in that category give rise to the thought that our elders should have been more concerned than they were! But back to today's youth.

Material Prosperity

They are growing up in a period when our nation has been experiencing great material prosperity. Compared with previous generations, life for today's youth has been easy on them. Money has come easily, and a huge teen-age market is a relatively new and interesting factor in the United States economy.

Our editorial writer went on to comment that not knowledge, but the semblance of knowledge is accessible to the youth of today. They seem to know all about life and to have had experience of it, and often are not easily reached by parents or other elders. The overtones of atomic age provide general fears for teeners, and for many have created an attitude of "eat, drink, and be merry today, for tomorrow may bring the bombs." This with an easier upbringing than previous generations, and a damaged hope for the future—all this is not without its affect on today's youth.

A Danger—But - -

But our friend goes on to point up the danger that these new children of prosperity and the atomic age are likely to become the directionless, the godless generation. Certainly that danger is evident in our time, but just how far we should roll with the punch of it and thus save our strength for reaction, or whether we should stand up toe to toe with it here and now—this is the question.

If youth is directionless it is because the older generation has failed to provide direction and moral purpose. And it is not yet too late for the o.g.'s to get on the ball to instill wholesome purpose and moral integrity into the youthful mind and heart.

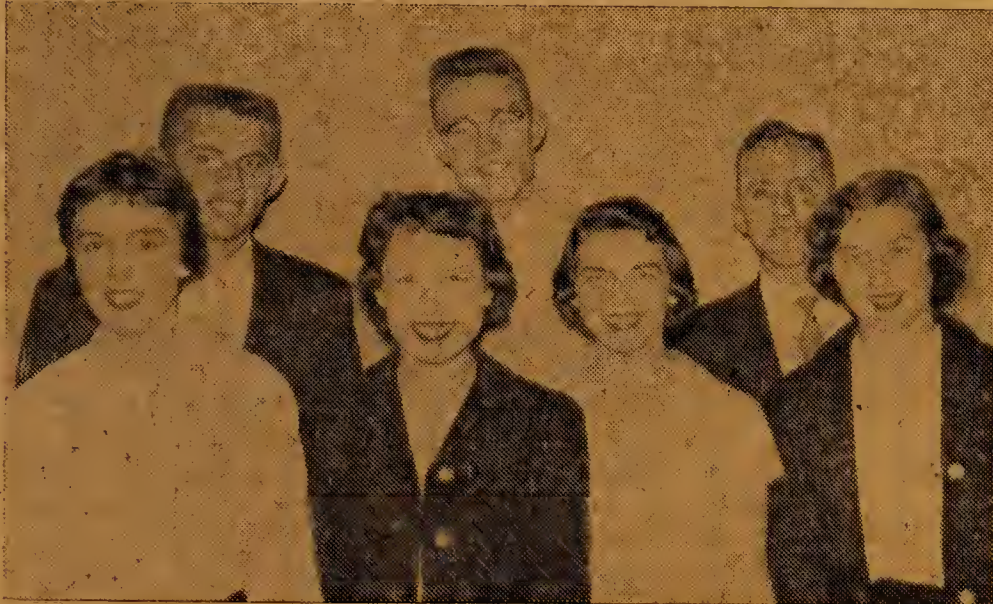
Well, for my money, that's precisely where the church and the home must work together. If there is love in the home with loyalty to the church and its ideals, then youth will receive its proper endowment of moral purpose and ethical ideals. And there need be no fear of the future as to youth's direction and sense of purpose.

Admittedly there are youth who are directionless in a kind of drifting, deadly hopelessness. But with-

Camden District MYF Completes Camp Tanako Project



Pictured above is the Rev. Virgil C. Bell (2nd, left), Camden district director of youth work, presenting a check for the installation of two drinking fountains at Camp Tanako to the Rev. John Hassler (extreme right), Little Rock Conference director of youth work. Looking on are Miss Eugenia Stewart (extreme left), Magnolia, outgoing district MYF president, and Dr. Neill Hart (2nd from right), district superintendent. The Methodist youth of the district have raised more than \$435 toward the installation of the fountains.



New Camden district MYF officers installed at the April 15 meeting are (front row, left to right): Carrie Burnham, vice president; Freda Dial, secretary; Nelda Clark, treasurer; and Ann Alspaugh, reporter. (Back row, left to right): Clarence Evans, president; Jack Vandergrift, representative to the conference council; and the Rev. Virgil C. Bell, district director of youth work.—Methodist Information Photos.

New Officers Installed

By Jeanne Mason
Methodist Information

A check for more than \$435 was presented to the Rev. John Hassler, Little Rock Conference director of youth work, by the Camden District MYF at the April 15 meeting at First Methodist Church, Camden. The money is to be used for the installation of two drinking fountains at Camp Tanako. The Rev. Virgil C. Bell, district director of youth work, made the presentation. The MYF'ers raised the money through pledges and special projects.

In addition to the presentation of the funds, new officers were installed, and the Rev. Mr. Hassler was the inspirational speaker for the evening. New officers are as follows: Clarence Evans, president; Garrie Burnham, vice president; Freda Dial, secretary; Nelda Clark, treasurer; Ann Alspaugh, reporter; Jack Vandergrift, representative to the conference council.

Charles Wesley Is "Greatest Hymn Writer," Motive Says

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—Charles Wesley, who will be honored by Methodists during 1957, is called "the greatest hymn writer in the English language" in the May issue of "motive," magazine of the Methodist Student Movement.

Charles Wesley was the brother of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. He was born December 18, 1707, lived in England, and wrote about 6,500 hymns. Methodists around the world will this year commemorate the 250th anniversary of his birth.

In an article in "motive," the Rev. John Bishop, a British Methodist, gives Charles Wesley more credit than John Wesley for the fact that "Methodism has maintained its evangelical orthodoxy now for two centuries."

"The fact is due not so much to John Wesley's convincing sermons and clear commenting," says Mr. Bishop, "as to the influence of Charles Wesley's hymns. And the reason is that his hymns presented the Scripture or the doctrine, not as a truth or a dogma to be accepted, but as a glowing experience to be enjoyed."

Mr. Bishop is currently completing doctoral work and teaching at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. He also is serving as pastor of Simpson Methodist Church, Paterson, N. J.

The May issue of "motive" is called the "Methodist Heritage" issue and will be available the first week in May. It will have 19 articles dealing with distinctive emphases of Methodism, Methodism's contribution and share in ecumenicity, and other related subjects. Included will be the little-known original Wesley Order of Morning Prayer.

The issue is planned to tie in with studies of Methodism at national Methodist Student Movement meetings and in local Wesley Foundations and Wesley Fellowships.

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WESLEY SUB-DISTRICT HOLDS MEETING

The Wesley Sub-District held its monthly meeting at the First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, April 15. Flora won the attendance banner.

Following a business meeting, the group heard Miss Louise Sharp, Shreveport, director of youth work in the Louisiana Conference. Also, the intermediate MYF presented a program.

The next meeting for the Sub-District was set for Montgomery, and officers will be elected at that time, according to Janice Davis, reporter.

out going too far overboard, my observations would be that not many of these kind of teenagers have a vital relationship with the church. Those who have become a part of the Christian fellowship in a vital way, have found the supreme purpose of Christian faith and discipleship. So may you!

Youth Awarded Medal For Bravery, Service

Washington, D. C. (MI)—A 19-year-old Methodist youth of Lawrenceburg, Ind., Lawrence Edmund Zernach, has been awarded the government's Young American Medal for Bravery and Service.

Young Zernach received the award for saving the life of a 14-year-old boy in 1955 at a Methodist Youth Fellowship picnic at the Clifty Falls State Park, near Madison, Ind.

The youngster, Gordon Teaney, Jr., had slipped from a ledge and was dangling precariously 100 feet from the ground. Hearing a frantic cry for help, young Zernach worked his way down the cliff at the risk of his life and pulled the boy to safety.

Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., said the award was made upon the recommendation of a Department of Justice committee headed by J. Edgar Hoover.



ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD IN DISTRICTS

Lafayette District

The First Methodist Church of Lafayette, La., was hostess to one-hundred-four registered members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Lafayette District of the State at an all day meeting on April 10, 1957.

The program began with music by Mrs. V. L. Wharton, an opening worship by Rev. Fred Flurry and a welcome by the hostess Society President, Mrs. T. A. Cockram. The District Officers Hour was introduced by the District President, Mrs. P. D. Lambert, and led by Mrs. George Thomas, District Promotion Secretary. The following officers gave reports and recommendations for the coming year:

Wesleyan Service Guild — Mrs. Ross Walters, in place of Miss Marilyn Carter; President—Mrs. P. D. Lambert; Recording Secretary — Mrs. M. A. Reber; Missionary Education—Mrs. P. D. Lambert in place of Mrs. Kenneth Trumps; Secretary of Supply — Mrs. John Dowling; Children's Work — Mrs. Martin Welch; Youth Work—Mrs. A. S. Hurley; Student Work—Mrs. Fred Flurry in place of Mrs. John Love; Missionary Personnel—Mrs. Robert Miller; Christian Social Relations—Mrs. A. L. LeMaire; Literature and Publications—Mrs. Willard Barnhill; Status of Women—Mrs. Houston; Treasurer — Mrs. Paul Lasseigne; Spiritual Life—Mrs. M. S. White; Promotion—Mrs. George Thomas.

Mrs. Lambert introduced several guests: Mrs. Compton, President of the Lake Charles District; Mrs. Welch from the Ruston District; Mrs. Brunson, Miss Swartz, and Miss Wilmena Hooper from the Indian Mission in Dulac, and visitors from the McDonnald Center in Houma. Two Zone leaders, Mrs. Beldon Fox from New Iberia, and Mrs. Nat Whittington, from Lafayette and eight pastors' wives were also present.

The guest speaker of the morning was Mrs. F. C. Haley, Woman's Society Conference Secretary of Missionary Education from Homer, La. She had just returned from a Mission Conference in Buckhill Falls, Pa., and she took the audience on a word picture of that trip and that Conference.

After a luncheon, served by the ladies of the Lafayette Society, a beautiful Memorial Service, for those members who have passed away during the past year, was led by Mrs. R. R. Branton, wife of the District Superintendent.

These District Officers, to serve for the next two years, were presented by the research committee and accepted unanimously by the Society:

Secretary of Supply—Mrs. John Dowling, Opelousas; Secretary of Christian Social Relations — Miss Clare McKennon, Opelousas; Promotion Secretary — Mrs. Kenneth Trumps, Crowley; Secretary of Literature and Publications—Mrs. Martha Hayes, Iota; Secretary of Spiritual Life—Mrs. Willard Barnhill, Church Point; Secretary of Missionary Education and Service — Mrs. Robert Collie, Lockport; Secretary of Student Work—Mrs. Fred Flurry,

Lafayette; Vice-President — Mrs. Eloi Girard, Lafayette; Recording Secretary—Mrs. M. A. Reber, Lafayette.

The meeting dates for the four Zones of the District will be held on the following dates and at the following places:

Zone I—Church Point, May 7-10 a.m. to 12 noon

Zone IV—Wesley Methodist, Crowley, May 14, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Zone III—Donaldsonville, May 21, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Zone II—New Iberia, May 22, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

These meetings will include local society President's reports and officer Training.

Mrs. Houston, Houma, La., was elected to the Advisory Board of the Indian Community Center in Dulac.

The new Societies added to the District in the past year are in the Methodist Churches in Lockport, Grand Isle, Golden Meadow, Race-land, Berwick, and Patterson.

A telegram from the Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Ruth Jones, was read and it expressed her regret at not being able to attend the District Meeting.

A vocal solo, "Trust in the Lord" by Davis, was given by Mrs. M. Eloi Girard, accompanied by Mrs. V. L. Wharton.

The newly elected officers of the District were installed by and the benediction of the day given by the District Superintendent, Rev. R. R. Branton.—Mrs. M. A. Reber

Batesville Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Batesville District met in the home of Mrs. Ben Jernigan in Batesville, April 11, 1957.

Mrs. L. T. Zarub of Bull Shoals, District President opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. W. B. Womack of Tuckerman, District Secretary of Spiritual Life, gave the devotional.

Plans were made for the annual District meeting in May. The Oil Trough Society will be hostess for this meeting, Thursday, May 9. Registration will begin at 9:30 with Worship Service at 10 o'clock. Officers training will be held. Miss Mildred Osment, Conference Vice-President, will be the guest speaker. Each lady is asked to bring a sack lunch, and drinks will be furnished by the hostess society.

Mrs. W. R. Clark of Calico Rock was elected Secretary of Children's Work.

The president appointed the following ladies to serve as a District Project Committee: Mesdames Connell, Kaylor, Barnett, and Jernigan. This Committee is to report at the District meeting, May 9.

Mrs. Connell expressed thanks to the societies of the District for their contributions to the District Parsonage Fund. \$600.00 was given.

A delicious luncheon was served at noon. Mary Chaffin gave the invocation.

The following District Officers answered roll call and gave reports: Mrs. L. T. Zarub, Bull Shoals,

Societies Present Studies In Interesting Ways



Pictured above is one of the worship centers prepared by Mrs. A. E. Allen, First Church, Monroe, for the study "Youth In A Responsible Society."

Monroe, First Church

"Youth In A Responsible Society" was taught in an interesting fashion to members of the Woman's Society of First Methodist Church, Monroe, Louisiana. Mrs. Mike John, Jr. used a variety of techniques in her teaching, including a panel of youth who discussed questions asked by the leader, and a discussion of Juvenile Services available in Monroe by Mrs. David I. Garrett, Sr.

Mr. Buster Crowley, Chief Probation Officer of Ouachita Parish, discussed the problems of juveniles who become involved with the law. Positive aspects of youth received emphasis as the group tried to stress the importance of a community climate where youth can develop to its fullest and best.

Interesting and challenging worship centers were provided for each

of the classes by Mrs. A. E. Allen. The class met requirements for Jurisdictional Recognition.

Hartford

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Jones Memorial Methodist Church of Hartford, Arkansas, concluded a study course of "Paul's Letters to Local Churches" on Tuesday evening, April 9.

The lessons, led by Mrs. O. R. Findley, were presented in four sessions of one and one half hours each. The first lesson was studied April 1, the second April 5, the third April 8, and the concluding April 9, at 7:00 P.M.

During the second session Mrs. Mark Adair received the book titled "The Greatest Faith Ever Known" written by Fulton Oursler and April Oursler Armstrong.

Special music for the study sessions was presented by Mrs. H. N. West, Mrs. W. M. Bowen, and Mrs. B. A. McConnell.

A map committee including Mrs. A. E. Burch and Mrs. S. M. Riddle traced the missionary journeys of Paul.

Mrs. B. A. McConnell set up a worship center which was used during the entire course, and each evening the devotional was led by several members who were appointed by Mrs. Findley.

McGuire, West Monroe

A Symposium of "Youth In A Responsible Society — A Christian's Concern" has been a topic of study by the McGuire Woman's Society this current quarter. As an outgrowth of this study, a final session was held April 10, at the church.

Speaker for this session was Major John B. Whitfield, who for 15 years worked in the Monroe City Police Department, and as a state trooper for two years.

Participating in the discussion was Mr. Robert C. Canedo, presently located at Northeast State College as a Clinical Psychologist in special education.

Mrs. Walter Frank was the teacher of the course.



Period Set Aside For Emphasis On Efficiency In Church Program

By Ira A. Brumley

The period from March, 1957, through March, 1958, has been designated as a time for emphasis on efficiency in the program of the church.

How efficient is the program of Christian Education in your local church? The efficiency of the church school depends upon having an efficient leadership. There are a number of ways by which the local church school membership and leadership can be made more efficient in the work of the church school.

Our formal training program is one of the means widely used to develop more efficient leadership in our church schools.

The period immediately following Easter and the Every Member Canvass should be a good time for many local churches to conduct a one-unit training school.

Another means of making the local church school more efficient would be through sending representatives to the conference and jurisdictional leadership programs during the summer months. There will be special opportunities in the conference for the training of leaders in the youth field and in the adult field. The Youth Assembly offers a splendid opportunity for training of adult workers as well as youth workers in the field.

There will be three opportunities on the conference level for workers in the adult field.

The Jurisdictional Leadership School will offer splendid opportunity for training of select local church workers as well as district and conference workers.

Informal training enterprises in the local church and on the sub-district and district basis also offer opportunities for making your church school leadership more effective.

The General Board of Education has prepared special materials for helping interpret the program for our workers. The following leaflets would be of special value: A Guide to a Study of Adult Work in the Church School, leaflet No. 4113-B; A Self-Study Guide for our MYF, leaflet No. 2468-B; The Methodist Program for the Children's Division, leaflet No. 183-B. A copy of each of these may be secured from The Service Department, General Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. These materials will suggest other materials which each local church should have.

A new leaflet, Recruiting and Training Church School Workers, leaflet No. 745-B, is also available.

Each local church should have a copy of booklet No. 542-B, List of Booklets and leaflets on Christian Education.

Remember that the success of your church school will depend upon the efficiency of its workers.

OTHER NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

Rev. Robert Clemmons in Adult Conference

Rev. Robert Clemmons, Director of Young Adult Work of the Methodist Church, is to be in our North Arkansas Conference Adult Leaders' Conference, July 1-3.

The North Arkansas Conference is planning to conduct this year for the first time a conference-wide meeting for leaders in the adult program of the church school. This meeting will be for superintendents of adult divisions, teachers and presidents of adult classes, and other adult class or divisional officers.

The program will begin with the completion of registration between 10:00 and 11:00 A. M. on Monday, July 1, and will close with the morning worship on July 3.

Dr. Meredith Eller of Fayette, Missouri, is to be the Bible lecturer for this Adult Leaders' Conference.

There will be discussion group periods in which various phases of adult work will be discussed to be followed by reports from the groups.

There will be periods for recreation and fellowship.

This program promises to be a very rich one for any local church adult leader.

Your church should begin plans at once to be well represented in this program.

Senior Adult Conference

The Senior Adult Conference is to be held this year at the same time of the Adult Leaders' Conference, July 1-3. Registration will be completed between 10:00 and 11:00 A. M., July 1, to be followed by a Bible lecture at 11:15.

Since the Adult Leaders' Conference is being held at the same time, this will make it possible for more senior adults to take advantage of this special opportunity.

The Senior Adult Conference will be held as a separate program from the Adult Leaders' Conference, except for the Bible lectures, which will be a joint program for the two groups, Dr. Meredith F. Eller of Fayette, Missouri, being the Bible lecturer.

The Senior Adult Conference has been held for a number of years, and while the groups have not been large, no group coming to the Hendrix Campus during the summer has a better time than these senior adults.

Young Adult Conference

The fifth annual Young Adult Conference of the North Arkansas Conference is being planned for June 8 and 9, registration being completed between 2:00 and 3:00 P. M. on June 8. The program will be completed at 4:00 P. M., June 9.

This conference is being held over the weekend to give a larger number of young adults an oppor-

Scriptures Are Printed In 1109 Languages

Some part of the Bible has been published in 1109 languages and dialects as of December 31, 1956 according to a statement issued by the American Bible Society. Seventeen new languages have been added to the list since the last report.

Languages in which the whole Bible has been published total 210. Languages in which the whole Testament has been published total 271, and languages in which at least a Gospel or other whole book has been published total 628. Total languages in which some part of the Bible has been published is 1,109.

Three complete Bibles were published for the first time last year in the following languages: *Bemba*, spoken in North Rhodesia; *Nimbi Ijo* in Nigeria and *Marovo* for use in the Solomon Islands.

Nine whole New Testaments were published for the first time, three of these being issued by the American Bible Society; *Kuskokwim Eskimo* for a group in Alaska; the *Navaho* New Testament for this group of Indians in the southwestern part of the United States and the *Tzeltal* New Testament, one of the many languages spoken in Mexico.

There are some 80 or more languages in which short passages or collections of passages have been published, but in which no complete book of the Bible has appeared.

tunity to take part in the program. The program will be under the leadership of Mrs. W. H. Provost of Marked Tree, president of the Conference Young Adult Fellowship.

Planning Session

A planning session for planning the summer adult conferences was held at Newport, First Methodist Church, Wednesday evening, April 24, 7:30 P. M. The purpose of this meeting was to plan details concerning the three summer adult conferences.

Board Executive Says Local Church Division Emphasizes Evangelism

In his report to the General Board of Education that met recently in Atlantic City, Dr. Leon M. Adkins, general secretary of the Board's Division of the Local Church, emphasized the part evangelism is given by the division in its program of Christian education in the local church.

Said Dr. Adkins: "The common concern of members and staff of this division binds us in the closest kind of a 'general church' fellowship. We welcome this relationship in which we consecrate ourselves that every local church shall be a colony of heaven—a Christly community where the climate shall favor the nurture of all persons in

OPERATION SUSPENDERS

"Operation Suspenders" was a "snap" to the boys and girls of the Junior and Primary Departments of Hawley Methodist Church, Pine Bluff.

The suspenders are being sent to a boys' orphanage near Hahn, Germany, in response to an appeal by Captain Ralph Hayes, to his sister, Mrs. N. E. Camp, superintendent of the Primary Department of Hawley Methodist Church in Pine Bluff.

Captain Hayes, a member of the Methodist Church, was touched by the need of the boys in the near-by orphanage, and he and others in his company are helping in various ways to help them.

The boys and girls of Hawley Church extended this gesture of friendship to help carry out their own "Good Neighbor" Policy.

Exchange Project For Teen-Agers Is Planned

At least 20 Methodist families in the United States are expected to have teen-age "sons or daughters from Europe" for a year under a new program of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

The project, which will bring European high school youth for a year of study in United States schools and homes, is scheduled to begin this summer of 1957.

"The host family is expected to maintain the student like a son or daughter," said the Rev. Joseph W. Bell, of Nashville, "furnishing food and lodging and assuming responsibility for social and physical welfare." Mr. Bell is a staff member of the Board's youth department.

Purpose of the program is to promote goodwill, understanding, and peace among nations. Under the plan, at least five Methodist youth of the United States will have the opportunity to live for a year with families in other countries.

His way, leading to dedication in His service and to redeeming fellowship in His kingdom.

"This quadrennium's emphasis upon the local church plays the spotlight upon the nature and effectiveness of our division. Are the church schools of Methodism winning persons to Christ, teaching them His way, enlisting them in making 'the kingdoms of this world the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ?'"

"Competent and dedicated staff members aided by equally devoted secretarial and service personnel are striving to help produce positive answers to that question," Dr. Adkins said.

Sermon On The Mount Insights

By J. Carter Swaim

Editor's Note: This is one of a series of articles based on the Sermon on the Mount which have been written by Dr. J. Carter Swaim, Executive Director of the Department of the English Bible, National Council of Churches. We invite your response to this series.

THE MOUNTAIN REVISITED

Jonathan Swift considered that "the two noblest things are sweetness and light." Many suppose that Christianity is summed up in what Matthew Arnold calls "the pursuit of sweetness and light." In the Sermon on the Mount, however, Chris-

tianity is described as salt and light. Jesus did not say that Christians were to be the sugar of the earth. Sugar is not so necessary to life as salt, nor is it so widespread in nature. Sugar may cause disease; salt may be used in the cure of disease. Sugar, too, is easier to adulterate than salt.

There are some who act as if Christianity were nothing but sweetness. In an effort always to be agreeable, they accommodate themselves to existing prejudices, rebuke no wrong, speak no stern word. In one of his plays Shakespeare writes:

"Your fair discourse hath been as sugar,
Making the hard way sweet
and delectable."

Elsewhere the bard says:

"With devotion's visage
And pious action we do sugar
o'er
The devil himself."

A few sweets are desirable, but life cannot be sustained upon them. Too much of them leads to obesity, diabetes and gangrene. So men are quickly fed up with honied words and come

"To loathe that taste of sweet-
ness, whereof a little

More than a little is by much
too much."

"You are the salt of the earth," said Jesus, and added: "if the salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot

by men." One translation at this point reads: "it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." That can still be understood, but plainly the Revised Standard Version expresses the idea in the phrases that are common in the 20th century.

An ancient writer tells how salt that had become unfit for use was sprinkled in wet weather upon the slopes and steps of the temple, so the feet of the priests would not slip. But this is not the function salt was intended to serve, and it is still true that salt that has become corroded is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out—far from the household uses it was intended to serve.

THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS WORKS

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and I think, a big reason, is all of us working together in harmony for the upbuilding of this church, and the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

MATTIE SEARS, Member Spring Creek

I have been Superintendent of the Spring Creek Sunday School for 25 years. We met in January at my home with Bro. Casteel and Miss Mary Chaffin and started the Every Member Canvass.

We had 35 active members in our church last year. Our budget was \$151, but in the Every Member Canvass, \$443 was pledged. I think the Every Member Canvass has worked wonders.

Many of the people that we visited said that they were glad that we came, said they had been neglectful of the church, and that they were going to take more interest in their church work than they had. There has been more interest shown in church work, people are talking more about the church, about its work.

Question: Mrs. Sears, let me ask you a question: Most of the people that you visited, did most of them make some pledge to the church?

Yes, most of them made pledges, and there were some tithers, I believe about eight tithers.

Question: Mrs. Sears, do you think that if we took the Every Member Canvass next year, that we would have equal success, or would we have greater success?

"I believe so. I believe we would, and I would advocate it for every church.

ELMER J. HOLIFIELD, Superintendent Jonesboro District

I feel that the Every Member Canvass is being properly planned and executed to make the work of the church more pleasant. We are happy to say at Lake Street, Blytheville, Fisher Street, Jonesboro, and Caraway, the Methodist program is succeeding in a very exceptional way because of the Every Member Canvass.

NELSON HAIG, Caraway, Layman

About 1947 we changed from plate collection with no personal contribution records, to an envelope system. This system we devised was our own. This envelope was given out each Sunday morning and taken up as soon as contributions had been placed in it.

About this time we went to full time, increasing our budget about ⅔ over the previous year. We built a new church with pledges covering the cost.

Last fall as collections were running low, I knew we would never be able to pay out. We talked to our district superintendent and asked him to help solve our problem. He said he would get Bro. Storey to discuss the Every Member Canvass and help us to install that system. We were so far behind we were will-

ing to give any system a chance.

After hearing it explained, we decided to try it in our church. We passed the information along to all members by informal discussions, and by making individual contacts with our members.

Our weekly average in giving jumped from \$45 to \$75 per week, and we were able to pay all of our obligations in full by the end of the conference year. This year we are holding our own, even though we are going through our summer months and money is scarce.

Since this system has done so much to help us in meeting our budget, I would recommend this system very highly to any church. I think in making this recommendation that I am speaking the mind of all members of our church.

Before the Every Member Canvass, we would have to get out and make a drive to raise approximately \$1,000 at the end of each conference year to meet our obligations. At present, we have no need for having to do this. The people are giving regularly, so we heartily recommend this system.

REV. W. T. LINGO, Fisher Street, Jonesboro

Last February we acquired the services of Rev. Storey to direct us in the Every Member Canvass. The pledge system had been tried before in the Fisher Street Methodist Church but with little success. I am happy to say that after we carried through the program Rev. Storey had directed, we were delighted with the results.

We recommend the Every Member Canvass as the best means of being a success in the work of the church. Not only does it help the church financially, but it helps the individual who pays regularly to grow spiritually.

MR. BRUCE, Layman, Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro

I would like to comment on the success of the Every Member Canvass program which was recently conducted by our church. Everyone is aware that the church, like a business or home, cannot function properly without a sound financial program.

In order to develop a financial program we must first arrive at a budget of expenditures which is suitable to our needs.

We at Fisher Street realize for the past couple of years we have been in a financial strain inasmuch as our budget expenditures exceeded our income. We also knew that in order to have sufficient funds to operate our church, we would certainly need the cooperation and participation of each member. We could not be assured of this participation unless every member was contacted individually.

We launched the Every Member Canvass with the determination that we must and would succeed. Our carefully selected teams followed with personal calls on each member, after letters had been mailed explaining our financial program. True, we were required to put forth a little extra effort, time and energy in order to make the program a success, and at the time

of tabulation, we found that 90% of our total budget had been pledged.

Needless to say, we are highly elated over this program. With God's help, we shall experience a great year in the history of our church.

This program will work in your church. Try it.

MITCHELL SANFORD, Pastor, Lake Street Church, Blytheville

I am very heartily encouraged over the results of the Every Member Canvass in our church. The money has come in in a much better way, without our former custom of having to have barbecue suppers to raise money to pay off some of our claims and other budget needs.

Our Methodist Hospital funds are now oversubscribed as the result of this campaign, and we shall be able to meet the financial obligations in our church for the first time, as the program goes on. We are thankful to Bro. Storey for his very practical leadership in the Every Member Canvass.

JIMMY SANDERS, Layman of Lake Street, Blytheville

Each year we have had a very hard time meeting obligations, especially at the end of the church year. We have had to make several special calls to raise needed funds. About three years ago we started the pledge system, but we didn't really appreciate it.

Bro. Storey visited with us last year to help us plan an Every Member Canvass. This system has worked wonderfully well. During the past year we have really realized how successful such a system can be. We are able to meet our obligations and have a small amount of money for the new year.

I sincerely feel that it not only helps the church, but is appreciated by our members. It affords them a pleasant way to set aside each week the proportion that belongs to God. We use the envelope system and find it helps each member to be more conscious of the Sundays they may miss, and put in the contribution the following Sunday. We use a large thermometer which was made by our pastor, Bro. Sanders. During the last six weeks of our church year, we use this to keep our membership informed of our financial problems. Each Sunday we found they took a real interest in this and by their alertness they were able to put in a little more the following Sunday if we had fallen short of the needed funds.

In planning our Every Member Canvass, Bro. Storey helped us select the material best suited to our church. We had pledge cards ready on pledge Sunday and let each member bring his card to the altar. We felt this added a deep feeling of reverence to this important part of the Lord's work. Then teams of two went out and secured pledges from others who were not able to attend on pledge Sunday.

We sincerely recommend this program to every church. We believe they will be happy with it, if they start properly and follow through. We believe that it will help them to meet their budget in the most pleasant way possible.

"The Blind See, The Lame Walk"

By Edith W. Simester
Taejon, Korea

Recently we went to the Amputee Center in Taejon, Korea, where war victims—old and young, men and women, boys and girls—are fitted with artificial limbs and trained in their use. In Korean homes, people sit on the floor. How strange it seemed here to see everyone sitting on benches. It was mute testimony that amputees are less nimble than ordinary folk.

The Korean Christian Literacy Association had been teaching a group to read.

The room was cold and bare, and lighted only by two dim bulbs. But it was crowded and there was an air of excitement. Three amputee women were "graduating" from the literacy primer. One of them was over sixty.

A few months before, these women had been hopeless. Life had no meaning. Now they sat with radiant faces, honored by the entire colony and several invited guests.

She Learned To Know Jesus

The eldest, with happy, eager face, told us privately that she wanted to die when she lost her leg and had no home but a refugee camp. Then she was brought to the Amputee Center, and given a new leg. On learning to use it she was made chief cook. In her free time she learned to read. What a marvel for a woman past sixty! And to cap it all, she had learned to know Jesus, and life had new joy and meaning. She read to us proudly from the "Story of Jesus."

In another "graduation" were four simple village women. Wonder of wonders, the head man of the village, a man of importance, came to honor them. Mrs. Genso, who returned again to Korea after normal retirement as a missionary, had visited them many times to persuade them that they were not too old to learn. Then she taught them, using a primer which relates words to pictures. After four months, the four women had completed the primer.

Now they had come proud and happy to receive their certificates. The leading men of the village gave a speech in their honor, and many other guests were there.

The Blind Colony

Another afternoon we went to the Blind Colony. On a barren hillside, the church, with the help of the UN and other agencies, has built a village where only families with at least one blind member can live. In their workshop, beautifully cleaned for the occasion, we sat on the floor, Korean style. Eight seeing wives of blind men, five with babies on their backs, proudly read aloud from their books. Mr. Ahn, General Secretary of the Korean Christian Literacy Association, spoke in honor of their accomplishment.

The best part of all is the sequel to these first graduations in Taejon. The work is continuing in all of these places. Fifteen of the boys and men at the Amputee Center have asked the director for a teacher. At the Blind Colony new classes have been started and a "library" has been set up for the new literates.

When Mrs. Genso held the second graduation exercises six weeks later, one of the first graduates asked if she might give a testimony. Looking over the group gathered in the courtyard she said, "I want all of you women to listen to me. Six months ago I couldn't read a word. When Mrs. Genso wanted to teach me, I laughed. But she was kind and

wanted to do it, so I let her teach me. Now I can read! My children have new respect for me, and I have the joy of reading. I never knew about Jesus, but the "Story of Jesus" got me interested. Now I go to church and I want to live a Christian life. I am happy. I hope everyone of you here will learn to read."

Respect, Joy, Jesus

"Respect, Joy, Jesus"—these are the words people use when they have lived in darkness and come out into the light.

Taejon now has several new centers where classes are held. Several churches, a refugee settlement, the YWCA, the Widow's Self-Help Project and several private homes have opened classes for illiterates.

We are beginning to feel an infectious enthusiasm spreading abroad. The latest step is that the YWCA has offered us an office in the heart of the market center. This will make possible daily contact with people who most need our service.

New Radio Voice In Far East

New York (NC)—The call letters, DYSR, of the church-supported radio station which beams religious and educational programs from the Philippines, will soon reach into most of the Far East. The National Council of Churches has announced that the present 10,000-watt station in Dumaguete City, P. I. will be stepped up to 100,000 watts, enabling its signal to reach Indonesia, Burma, Thailand, India, and other countries in the area. Details of the project were given by Dr. W. Burton Martin, director of RAVEMCCO, the overseas broadcasting unit of the National Council of Churches' Division of Foreign Missions.

"With a ten times more powerful station in the Far East and the newly projected 100,000-watt station in the Near East in operation," Dr. Martin said, "the voice of the Christian churches will be carried across half the world." In addition he reported that power for station HLKY in Seoul, Korea, is to be increased from 5,000 to 10,000 watts. This station is also part of RAVEMCCO's global program, which includes training nationals in broadcasting techniques.

ALASKAN CHURCH PLANS EXTENSION

The "farthest north Methodist church in America"—which began its organized life worshipping in a rented hall from which empty whiskey bottles had to be removed on Sunday mornings, and whose congregation thinks nothing of going to church in weather 41 degrees below zero—is preparing to expand its facilities.

With a goal of \$43,200 for a new

CATALOGUE OF RELIGIOUS FILMS AVAILABLE

Motion pictures and filmstrips for religious education in churches and church schools are described and illustrated in a recently published catalogue offered free by United World Films, distributors of such films to meet the requirements of virtually every denomination.

This company has taken the lead in offering sound motion pictures for religious instruction or inspiration on an extremely low rental basis so that their field of use may be far broader than when such films were available only to users able to afford the outright purchase of a print.

Religious films, being extremely costly to produce because of the necessity for historically accurate settings, trained, dedicated actors and authentic costumes, the purchase of these films has always involved larger sums of money than many small churches could afford. The film rental policy has resulted in a much wider use of religious motion pictures during the past year than ever before and until a short time ago the available prints of many subjects frequently were "booked" weeks in advance. Recently the company set up religious film libraries in all branch offices.

Today, requests for church films are handled by the branch nearest to the locality of the user. This, of course, results in economies and far less time in transit for every film used and increases the number of bookings possible with every print.

Economies are reflected in the rental charges; for example, "The Resurrection—First Easter," produced by the J. Arthur Rank Organization and 30-minutes in length, could be rented during Lent for only \$15.00. "The Promise," another dramatic story woven about the Pentecost and 45-minutes in length is similarly priced as is "Barabbas the Robber," 38-minutes in length.

Many churches charging admission prices as low fifty cents for their exhibition of such films more

educational unit, the First Methodist Church of Fairbanks, Alaska, set to work and in nine days raised \$50,015 in cash, and pledges for the building. The Rev. A. E. Purviance is pastor of the church. A loan of \$40,000 from the Methodist Board of Missions will help the church build the educational unit next summer. According to Mr. Purviance, it may cost in the neighborhood of \$90,000, because costs in Alaska are double those on the U. S. mainland.

Report Made On Voice of Kremlin

The Rev. Thomas J. Van Loon, director of church and public school relations for the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, calls to the attention of church school workers "Reports on the Voice of the Kremlin," by William Benton, publisher of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

The reports deal with the Soviet educational system, the Soviet press, and propaganda and the arts.

"Mr. Benton's analysis paints an ominous picture," says Mr. Van Loon. "As a former U. S. Senator, Assistant Secretary of State, and long-time worker in education and communication, Mr. Benton is uniquely qualified to write a factual account interspersed with perceptive interpretations."

The following paragraph is from the summary of the reports:

"I have used education as a prime example of how we in the United States must improve our methods if we are to hold our own in the new competition. Our reply to the Russians must be: not only the right actions, but the right words—and enough words to describe our actions—and enough of the right actions at home as well as abroad. Foremost in the field of action at home is the need for trained manpower for service overseas. It is one way in which we must now prepare ourselves as we build our defenses of the future, for the further intensification of the duel for the minds of men."

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OBITUARIES

SCHISLER—Harry Schisler was born in the Fifty-Six community near Bono, Arkansas on April 16, 1896, and departed this life January 6, 1956.

Though we are late in writing this obituary of him, the memory of the good life that he lived will be with us so long as we stay here on earth.

To have known him since the day he was born, and to feel in your heart that he lived just about as perfect a life as could be lived here, is something to write about. Too often we are prone to give praise to those who have done great deeds of valor, gained much wealth, or who have been politically successful. We forget that one can be truly great in the humble walks of life.

Harry Schisler never sought notoriety, nor so far as we could ascertain never cared for it. He seemed to be content with doing well the things that lay closest to him, and how well he succeeded in this is common knowledge amongst his neighbors.

He never knowingly violated a law. He spoke the truth and his word was his bond. He never raised his voice in anger nor spoke evil of any man. He was loyal to his country and to his God.

We can see him now as he sat at public gatherings, unpretentiously. He did not clamor for recognition but would give his opinion when called upon, and that opinion was invariably right.

That he had the love and respect of all who knew him was fully attested when his body lay in state at his home. The people came from his own and adjoining neighborhoods. They came from the towns thereabout, and some from distant places. The house and the yard filled up, and yet they came. Then some would go away while others were coming. And so it was until the time for interment.

The sermon was at Trinity Methodist Church, where he had belonged since childhood, by his pastor, Bro. Pollard. He was then interred in the family plot there at Trinity where so many of his loved ones lay sleeping.

Such was the life and the passing of a truly good man. Time cannot efface his memory, but in a far distant day his name will be spoken with reverence, by his descendants, as a great and a good ancestor.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters, four brothers and two sisters, many cousins and a host of friends. By O. Patrick Sisler

POTTER—Funeral services for Miss Lena Potter, age 80, were held at the Gurdon Methodist Church, Friday March 29.

Rev. Jesse Hamilton of Arkadelphia conducted the services in absence of the pastor, Rev. J. A. Simpson, who was ill.

Burial was in Rose Hedge Cemetery with Murry Funeral Home of Arkadelphia in charge.

Miss Potter was born and raised in Nevada County and was a Methodist. She and her sister Miss Lillie Potter moved to Gurdon 35 years ago, and was operator of a boarding house there.

Miss Potter loved her friends and bound them to herself with strong affection. Endowed with a gentle humility and a love for people, she sought and found endless avenues of service to others.

She loved her church devotedly and as long as health permitted was a faithful participant in all phases of its work.

Her strong faith and Christian testimony was an inspiration to those with whom she associated and the sweet fragrance of that good life will linger on and on to bless and encourage.

Survivors include, three sisters: Miss Lillie Potter of Gurdon, Mrs. J. A. Myers of Camden, and Mrs. J. H. Nabors of Stamps, neices and nephews, and a host of friends. By Mrs. Ruby Briscoe.

QUESTIONS GALLUP POLL ON NATIONAL PROHIBITION

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"The recent Gallup Poll shows the strongest dry sentiment in the South. It is in that area that much

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CHARLES WESLEY IS "GREATEST HYMN WRITER," MOTIVE SAYS

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"Motive," published in Nashville, is a nationally circulated magazine of Christian thought and expression. The Methodist Student Movement, which publishes it, is an official organization of The Methodist Church and has responsibility for religious work among Methodist students in institutions of higher education.



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LESSON FOR MAY 5, 1957

GOD'S JUDGMENT AND GRACE

READ GENESIS 1:27-28 and CHAPTERS 6 THROUGH 8 OF GENESIS.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.* Isaiah 55:7 (RSV)

This is the second of the series of five lessons in Unit V in which we study the general subject, "The Beginnings of Man and His Faith in God."

It is somewhat unusual for our lesson texts to cover the same subject of Bible record three times within seven months. Nevertheless, that is what we are doing. In our lesson for October 7, 1956, our subject was "In the Beginning God." In that lesson we studied the creation story, including the creation of man. Last Sunday we again studied the creation of man under the subject, "God's Greatest Creation." Today our lesson subject is, "God's Judgment and Grace," but our lesson text opens again with a scripture selection from the 1st chapter of Genesis which is a record of the creation of man. These same verses were in the lesson text in the lesson for October 7th, about seven months ago.

Having made a special study of the creation of man three times in a little more than a half year, perhaps we will feel that we are right well versed on the Genesis story of creation. Perhaps in that study we may also have learned just how little we do know about creation, if anything, apart from the Genesis story.

God The Creator

The opening words of our lesson text for today are, "So God created." That, basically, is the message of the first two chapters of Genesis. Faith in that statement, and the consciousness of that fact is, by far, the most important truth Genesis holds for the life of our day. The order of creation, how things were created and the time it took to bring the world and its life into being are matters of interest but they are of no major importance to people who live today. The fact that God did create all things is of supreme importance to people today regardless of how He did it, when He did it, or how long it took Him to do it.

There are two distinct stories of creation. The first story begins with the 1st verse of the 1st chapter of Genesis and closes with the 3rd verse of the 2nd chapter. The second story begins with the 4th verse of the 2nd chapter of Genesis and continues to the end of the chapter. The first story gives a day by day account of the order of creation which is climaxed by the creation of man. In the second story God creates the heavens and the earth and all of the plants and herbs. Since there was no rain and no man to till the ground, the plants and herbs had not begun to grow. Then God created man before He created beasts or fowls and placed him in "a garden eastward in Eden." This story tells of the creation of woman

of a rib taken from Adam as he slept.

There are differences in these two stories that are not easily reconciled. However, each carries the same basic truths (1) God is creator of all. (2) God did it in a systematic, orderly manner. (3) Man was the crowning creation of God.

Man The Created

(1) The power that gives the man God created dominion over the rest of the world is found in his intellectual and spiritual qualities. These qualities of life have made it possible for man to have "dominion" over the rest of the world despite the fact that every physical power he possesses is found in a more advanced stage in some other creature about him. In the world's life about him, man finds creatures that can swim faster and longer, jump higher and farther, see better, and that have a more acute sense of hearing and smelling. Many can carry heavier loads and some have a longer, average life-span.

The superiority of man is found in the realm of the mind and spirit. He alone has a moral sense that causes him to think some things are right and others wrong. Man alone has the power to really think and reason to any appreciable degree. In these realms man gives evidence of the spark of divinity he possesses. Here we feel that he is truly made "In the image of God;" "Made . . . a little lower than the angels."

(2) The man God created is superior to the world about him also in his all but infinite possibilities for development and progress. Any evidence we have of the existence of an animal life before the day of authentic history is had only in the discovery of prehistoric remains of bones, etc. In contrast, hardly a year passes that we do not unearth an ancient city or some other evidence of man's prehistoric progress and development. Some of these early remains give evidence of a rather advanced civilization. The manner of life lived by any form of beast, bird or fish has made no change for the better since history began to be written. Man has never been content with his lot. He ever strives for a way of life above the level on which he lives. The progress he has made in the last hundred years exceeds the progress of all time before that. Furthermore, we feel that he is on the verge of unimaginable progress in the years that lie ahead.

We sometimes hear talk of the "missing link" between man and the beasts about us. There is such a wide spread between the life of man and the highest form of animal life that no "link" or combination of "links" is long enough to span the

distance between human life and animal life.

While we like to boast of the infinite possibilities for development, inherent in the life of man, made in the image of God, we should not forget that, because of his position, man also has the possibilities of falling to the lowest depths. Beasts cannot fall because there is nothing for them to fall from. However, man created on the high plane on which he lives may, if he chooses, erase from his life the "image of God" and inscribe in its place the image of blackest darkness and live life, as some do, on a plane lower than a beast.

Man The Rebel

Our lesson text tells us that, after the world became peopled with folk, "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that 'every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.'" As a result God was grieved and sorry that He had created man. God's decision was, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth." The thing that seemed to make man appear so hopeless in God's sight was not the sins he was committing. These could be forgiven and man given another chance. Apparently it was the fact that "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

How did man develop such a spirit of rebellion against God so soon? Some tell us that there is no spiritual influence that reaches this world from the outside except the Spirit of God which is always good. We are told that there is no evil spirit to lead us to walk contrary to the will and purpose God has for us. If that be true, the question of how evil—so much evil—came to be in the world is truly the "\$64,000," theological question. Accepting the Genesis story, we face the question, why would Adam and Eve, our first parents, both go contrary to God's will? Why would Cain, their first son become a murderer? Why would the world become so desperately wicked in such a comparatively short time? Also, we must ask why is evil so wide-spread in our world today? Why would man, made in the image of God, of his own self and own volition organize such a violent, persistent, determined rebellion against the God Who created him?

God The Judge

Whatever we may think today about the theory that man is punished for unrepented sin, there was no doubt about this matter in the mind of the writer of Genesis. In the mind of the author of Genesis, the God who created us also judges us and is right and just in doing so, even though that judgment involved destroying "man . . . from the face of the earth."

If such a judgment was right and proper in dealing with man in that early dawn of creation, when man knew so little about the God who created him, why should anyone question God's judgment against sin in our day of spiritual enlightenment. The Parable of the Talents teaches that we are responsible before God in proportion to the talents we have and the powers we possess. We believe it is just as true that we are responsible before God in proportion to the spiritual light we have. If the antediluvians deserved the punishment they re-

ceived, with the little light they had, what will be the punishment of those who, with eyes wide open, rebel against the love and mercy of God today?

God The Merciful

Our lesson text tells us that "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." This is the first time GRACE is mentioned in the Bible. One definition of grace is, "The unmerited favors of God." Although Noah seemed to be the best man on earth, at the time of the flood, he and his family were saved through God's grace—"unmerited favors."

It was true here, however, as it has been true many times, in great spiritual crises, that God found A MAN through whom he could work in the redemption of the world. Here it was Noah. Later it was Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, John the Baptist, Paul. Later in the Christian era it was a Martin Luther, a John Knox, a John Wesley and others. It would appear that God has not left Himself without a dependable witness in the world's life in times of spiritual need.

Hence it was, in this time of great wickedness in the world, that through God's grace a man is found through whom God could work His purposes in building a kingdom. As individuals are saved through the grace and mercy of God, here humanity was saved through the grace and mercy of God and the world began to be repopled by Noah and his family.

God The Redeemer

The first thing Noah did, on leaving the ark, was to build "an altar unto the Lord." It was such an attitude toward God that saved Noah and his family when the flood threatened; it was this recognition of God, in building an altar, that gave promise for humanity in the days ahead.

Man was not only created by God, and in the face of his sins judged by the Lord but in the presence of a penitent, worshipful attitude, he is redeemed by the Lord. This altar built by Noah is the first altar mentioned in the Bible. It was not the last. Of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, David and others it was said that they built altars and frequently the words are added "and called upon the name of the Lord." So did our Pilgrim Fathers when they set foot on the New World. So do we turn to the altar in times of need and in the presence of great opportunities for service. No one ever bowed at an altar, in sincerity, but that he found himself in a very real and unusual sense in the presence of God the Redeemer.

God of a Dependable, Stable World

There was written into the creation story the fact of a dependable, stable world. Like was to beget like, and the days, seasons and years were to be in orderly procession. For Noah and his family the disaster of the flood must have seemed like the very opposite of a dependable world.

Hence it was that, following the building of the altar, God made a new covenant with Noah, assuring him again that his world would be an orderly, dependable world.

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Bishop Martin Named Trustee of Scarritt College

Bishop Paul E. Martin, who heads the Arkansas-Louisiana Area of The Methodist Church, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of Scarritt College according to an announcement this week. He was elected for a term to expire in 1962.

Scarritt, one of Methodism's largest colleges for training Christian workers, is located in Nashville, Tennessee.

Bishop Martin is also a trustee of several other important Methodist institutions which include the Western Methodist Assembly at Mt. Sequoyah where he is chairman of the board, and Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, where he is also a member of the committee on Perkins School of Theology.

He is a member of the board of trustees of the Methodist Children's Home, Little Rock; the Methodist Home Hospital, New Orleans; Centenary College, Shreveport; Hendrix College, Conway; and Dillard University, New Orleans.

Bishop Martin is also vice chairman of the Council of World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church.

Stewardship Makes A Difference



Pictured above, left to right, standing, are: Rev. Alfred M. Brown, pastor; Mrs. Dorey DeLee; Glenn Bridges; and A. T. White. Seated is W. T. Waller. All are leaders in the Bossier City EMC program.

By Alfred M. Brown, Bossier City

Few people really believe Horace Bushnell's oft-quoted statement: "One revival—only one more—is needed, the revival of Christian Stewardship, the consecration of the money power of God. When that revival comes, the Kingdom of God will come in a day."

Yet at least one Church has recently discovered that it can have a spiritual awakening when Christian Stewardship takes hold of the thinking and living of its people. In less than three months, the First Methodist Church of Bossier City is already seeing significant changes in the life and outlook of the Church because of its "Stewardship Emphasis." Attendance has picked up, new leaders been discovered, new members recruited, 85% of the Official Board members have become "trial tithers," income is up nearly 40%, and the Church is confidently planning a budget over twice as large as it was four years ago and payments on its building debt half as big as the new budget.

It all began in November, 1956, when the Commission on Finance came together to study its work, using the "Local Church Emphasis Booklet No. 4" as a guide. In discussing the reasons for the change of name the General Conference had made for this commission, designating it now the "Commission on Stewardship and Finance," it was discovered that few of the Commission had more than a vague idea of what stewardship is. For nearly an hour they discussed the Disciplinary statement on Stewardship, (Par. 151).

Realizing from their own experience how little the average member was likely to know about the meaning of stewardship, the Commission decided to enlist the entire Church in a "Stewardship Emphasis" during the months of February through May of 1957.

To accomplish this, a Director of Stewardship, Mr. W. T. Waller was elected, with authority to enlist a Committee on the "Stewardship Emphasis." The Pastor was asked to bring a series of sermons on Stew-

ardship, beginning the third Sunday and continuing through the first Sunday in March, the latter being "Covenant Sunday." On Covenant Sunday the congregation was to be presented with a Stewardship Covenant on which they would indicate various contributions of talent they would make to the work of the Church, and would be asked to sign the "Trial Tithe" Covenant, by which they would try tithing for the two months of March and April, 1957.

The Committee on Stewardship set aside February for the month of intensive study and discussion of Stewardship. Mrs. Dovey DeLee and Mrs. Jerry Goodloe were asked to divide the membership into twenty "Neighborhood Conversation Groups," and the four Wednesday nights of February were to be set aside for informal meetings in the Neighborhood groups, meeting in a different home each Wednesday night, each Zone to be directed by a Shepherdess, assisted by two different letter writers to remind members each week of where their next neighborhood meeting would be.

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EMC Loyalty Sunday Set For May 5

Area Program Reaching
Successful Climax

On next Sunday, May 5, members of Methodist churches in Arkansas and Louisiana will be visited to secure their pledges of church loyalty and financial support for the next conference year, according to Bishop Paul E. Martin, head of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. "Loyalty Sunday represents one of the high points in the Every Member Canvass program and I am confident that the Methodists of these two states will respond in a magnificent way to the great spiritual challenge which confronts them," Bishop Martin concluded.

Area leaders of the program pointed out that on next Sunday trained lay persons would begin visits that were intended to reach every Methodist home in both states. Cultivation work intended to acquaint church members with the financial needs of local church programs has been in progress for the past eight weeks, and Loyalty Sunday will give local church members the opportunity to responding to these needs.

Area leaders also pointed out that the following Sunday, May 12, has been designated Victory Sunday, at which time first reports will be tabulated as to the results of the program.

Leaders hope that before the end of the month complete reports of the Area-wide program can be determined and that results can be announced to the three annual conference sessions.

The Every Member Canvass program was adopted by the three annual conferences last year, and has been in operation in most of the Area's local churches during the past eight weeks. During this period local church leaders have been familiarized with the program, local church organizations have been perfected, and workers trained for their responsibilities.

Leaders have expressed the hope that many churches which heretofore have not had annual every member canvasses will make the program a feature in their programs each year. This year's endeavor, simultaneous in participating churches, was launched to show churches how helpful the program can be in all type churches, leaders pointed out.

Rev. James Major, Little Rock, Rev. Karl Tooke, Shreveport, and Rev. A. N. Storey, Conway, are the annual conference directors of the program, and have worked with the 22 district superintendents and district directors in promoting the program.

The Revs. James E. Major, A. N. Storey, and Karl Tooke, directors of the Area-Wide Every Member Canvass Program in the Little Rock, North Arkansas, and Louisiana Conferences, respectively, suggest a

TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. Week 9 of the EMC is the week when every home is visited to secure every member's commitment to the program of the church. Canvass leaders should study pages 34-36 in the Manual in preparation for Loyalty Sunday.
2. May 12 is Victory Sunday, the climax of the whole canvass program. The Manual describes the type celebration that may be held (pages 27-38).
3. After Victory Sunday weekly contribution envelopes should be prepared for every person who has pledged without regard to the amount.
4. Now with the Canvass over the Commission on Finance should plan ways of keeping the congregation interested in the financial program. The Manual gives several fine suggestions on pages 38-40.

Saw

The Outside

Row

By
Rev. R. A. Teeter

of a fertile cornfield that produced very little grain. The ears were small nubbins and the kernels were mishappen and thinly placed in the ear. The husks were thick and out of proportion in size and weight to the grain which they covered. As the farmer in charge said: "That row hardly made a flat grain." It was not the soil's fault. That was as good as any. It was not the fault of the seed. That was the same as was planted in other rows. The reason of failure was easy to see. The row was too near the edge. Weeds, Johnson grass, briars and persimmon bushes crowded up close. They took the substance out of the soil. They literally choked the corn to death—that is the death of its producing capacity. The same thing happens to you or to me when the vitamins and calories are taken out of our food—if we should ever be so foolish as to let that happen.

The farmer was at fault, he admitted. He just "bushed off" the edge of his field once a year. And that was generally done too late in the summer to do the crop any good. Then the old Johnson grass and persimmon sprouts came right back with a fresh growth and a deeper and wider root system ready for the next year's attack on the corn. That farmer needed to do some deep digging to get rid of the roots of those grasses and bushes that pestered him. And the same is true of us too when it comes to producing the kind of corn that Jesus was talking about—that is spiritual values and qualities. They do not grow wild. Shallow and casual cultivation will not get results.

Well, that row of corn couldn't do anything but grow the best it could where it was planted. But the farmer could have done something. He

Youth Want Christian Action On Highways

MYF Leads Crusade In Minnesota

April 28 was the date chosen by the Minnesota Methodist Youth Fellowship to launch its Crusade for Christian Action on the Highways. On that day the Minnesota MYF solicited the support of every church in Minnesota Methodism for the enterprise.

Reason for the Crusade is that "death on the highways averages one every half minute of every day of the year throughout the United States," according to an article in the *Minnesota Methodist*.

Because driving on the highways is a constant risk, Methodist youth in Minnesota feel that they can show their love for their highway neighbors by being Christians.

Miss Barbara Fair, president of the conference MYF, and David Hollister, Citizenship Program Area chairman, hope that pledges by the hundreds and thousands will be signed by Methodists, for Christian action on the highways.

A packet of materials has been mailed to each MYF president in the conference. Among the contents of the packet is a personal letter from Gov. Orville L. Freeman appealing to Minnesota citizens to join hands with Methodist youth in this

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could have dug up the pestering bushes. We can do something about our situation, whatever it is. We do not have to hang about the edge of the Lord's field. We are his soil but we have powers of decision and volition. We can move out into the middle of his Kingdom. It is pretty common for us to admire the beauty of the Parable of the Sower and go right on producing nubbins and husks. "The cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches" and to us what the briars and bushes are to the farmer—stranglers of the spiritual "full corn in the ear." Let us not live on the fringe, but move to the inside row.

Continued Participation In Refugee Resettlement By U.S. Is Urged

New York—(MCOR)—Prompt action by Congress "to provide continuance of United States participation in programs for the resettlement of Hungarians and other victims of oppression" has been urged by unanimous vote of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. The agency also commended President Eisenhower for "the outstanding leadership that he has given in meeting this situation."

Action of the MCOR was reported to the President by Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, general secretary of the agency through which the ten-million-member Methodist Church in America conducts its relief program around the world.

Leader Says Post-Easter Period Should Be Active

The 36 million members of Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches affiliated with the National Council of Churches were urged this week to make the period between Easter and Pentecost the most active of the church year.

Announcing the program sponsored by the National Council to revive the interest of inactive members and seek new members, the Rev. Berlyn V. Farris declared that too often the churches relax their efforts after Easter.

"Easter is the highest peak in church life," he said, but every church should make use of the 50-day period between Easter and Pentecost to assimilate the thousands of new members who join churches on Easter Sunday."

Mr. Farris is executive director of the National Council's Department of Evangelism.

As Easter Sunday was on April 21 this year, Pentecost or Whitsunday, as it is also known, will be celebrated on June 9, Mr. Farris said. Traditionally, it marks the creation of the Church, the "gift of the Holy Spirit" to the Apostles, he explained, adding that it is generally designated in religious art by a symbol of seven flames. These represent the "tongues of fire" which, according to the Bible, were witnessed by the twelve Apostles 50 days following the Resurrection.

Suggestions for local church programs distributed by the department include forming study groups in which new church members may meet each other and discuss the role of the church in its ministry of service at home and abroad.

In his message to Congress the President called for "prompt action" for revision and improvement of American immigration policy. A number of Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish organizations have commended the President and declared that adoption of his recommendations "would be in accord with a humane immigration policy consistent with our national tradition."

Letter To Senator McClellan

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"Deep Concern"

The resolution by MCOR expressed "deep concern" over the situation created by termination of the Refugee Relief Act, "profound conviction" that Congressional action should be taken toward continuance of American participation in resettlement programs, and "support and appreciation of the recommendations" of President Eisenhower.

Hope also was expressed "that Methodists throughout the country, whose concern for refugees has been shown so generously through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief," will write to members of Congress, assuring them of "wholehearted support of any measures taken in this session which will effectively meet the immediate situation."

Bishop Frederick B. Newell of the New York Methodist Area is chairman of MCOR, whose staff has been directed "to bring the urgent needs in this situation and proposals for meeting them to the attention of the members of The Methodist Church."

Methodists Contributed More Than \$1,000,000

Early this year, members of the 40,000 Methodist churches in the United States contributed more than one million dollars in a special offering for the relief of Hungarians and other victims of oppression, who, Bishop Newell emphasized, "have suffered so greatly in recent months."

Assistance for Hungarian refugees in Austria is being provided by MCOR under the direction of Methodist Bishop Ferdinand Sigg, of Zurich, and in Austria as elsewhere through the Division of Interchurch Aid of the World Council of Churches and the Department of Church World Service of the National Council of Churches. In the Hungarian refugee emergency, MCOR has been an active participant in the Church World Service program that has brought about the resettlement of 6,000 refugees in this country.

Elizabeth Lee Accepts New Position With MCOR

Beginning next month, Methodists throughout the country will be seeing and hearing again one of the most outstanding and widely known women in Protestant church work in the United States and abroad.

Miss Elizabeth M. Lee will become, on May 1st, the Secretary for Promotion of Advance Specials in the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. Already she has accepted several invitations for speaking engagements in various parts of the country.

Miss Lee became internationally known during a distinguished career in missions administrations with the Methodist Board of Missions. Retiring in 1954, she became MCOR's Secretary for Refugee Resettlement Promotion.

During the three years of her service, MCOR arranged sponsorships for more than 8,300 individual refugees eligible to enter the United States under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. When new sponsorships under this Act were no longer needed, Miss Lee agreed to undertake the

new assignment with MCOR. Her office will remain at MCOR headquarters, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, General Secretary of MCOR, recently paid tribute to Miss Lee in expressing gratitude to "all of those Methodist congregations and members, who, under the inspired leadership of Miss Lee, responded so remarkably to our appeal" on behalf of the resettlement program. This undertaking preceded by nearly three years and was conducted concurrently with the more recent Hungarian Refugee emergency program.

In her new MCOR position, Miss Lee will work through Methodist channels to raise funds for relief, rehabilitation, and resettlement—primary responsibilities of MCOR for The Methodist Church—and in behalf of the "Advance," a church program that provides a means for giving in support of special missionary projects and world relief.

MCOR functions entirely on voluntary contributions, without regu-

lar apportionments from the church, and in an average year more than one-third of its income is money given through the "Advance."



MISS ELIZABETH LEE

Protestants Plan Graduate Theological School In Jerusalem

Minneapolis, Minn. (RNS) — American ministers and theological students will get a chance to do Biblical studies in Israel and try their hand in excavating ancient Biblical sites under a project being developed by a group of Minnesota Conservative Protestants.

A corporation they have organized, the Israel-American Institute of Biblical Studies, plans to start a graduate theological school in Jerusalem.

The director will be Dr. G. Douglas Young, who will spend

the summer in Israel, working with Dr. Ygael Yadin, famed Israeli soldier-scholar. They will excavate at the site of the ancient Biblical city of Hazor, a military stronghold in Joshua's time.

While in Israel, Dr. Young will make final arrangements for the theological school which he hopes will be launched in September, 1958.

A building on Prophets' Street in Jerusalem (Israeli section) already has been leased for the school.

President of the corporation launching the project is Dr. Richard A. Elvee, pastor of Central Free church here and former president of Northwestern College.

Dr. Young is currently dean of education at Northwestern. But he will leave at the close of the present school term to become dean of Trinity Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Free Church of America in Chicago.

A leading Old Testament scholar, he has served as president of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew. He also is a member of such other scholarly organizations as the Society of Biblical Literature, American Oriental Society, International Old Testament Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Catholics Warned Graham Dangerous To Faith

New York (RNS)—The director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference bureau of information has declared that Evangelist Billy Graham is "a danger to the faith of all Catholics who listen to him."

The Rev. John E. Kelly of Washington, D. C., made the statement in an article, "Part Way to God via Billy Graham" published here in the May issue of The Homiletic and Pastoral Review. Circulation of the publication is confined to Roman Catholic clergymen.

Father Kelly warned Catholics against attending the evangelist's New York crusade scheduled to open in Madison Square Garden May 15, reading his published works and listening to his radio and TV broadcasts.

On the other hand, he said, both clerical and lay Catholics might "well imitate Billy's dedication, zeal and organization in his preaching of Christianity to all who fall under the spell of his partial gospel." He also asserted that for the unchurched "Billy will be a part-way guide to heaven."

The Catholic priest lauded Mr. Graham as a "man of prayer, humble, dedicated and devout" and praised him for giving to "many church-going Protestants a spiritual Bible-based message which they never or only seldom hear."

But he declared that the evangelist's "false" and "incomplete" teachings and "shifting" theological position make it wrong for Catholics to listen to him.

Magazine Industry Plans Drive Against Obscene Publications

New York (RNS)—A spokesman for the major magazine publishers and distributors in this country announced here the industry had launched a self-policing campaign against obscene publications on the nation's newsstands.

H. H. Oschay, chairman of the regulating committee of the Bureau of Independent Publishers and Distributors, made the announcement in a letter to all members of the organization which includes 16 publishers, 850 wholesalers and 110,000 retailers.

He said the campaign, which will continue indefinitely—"until there are no further complaints about objectionable material"—was decided upon at a recent meeting of his committee.

Mr. Oschay said the committee, which has been in existence "quite

a while," was originally created as a watchdog group for "prejudicial legislation" affecting magazines. Recently, he explained, its scope was broadened to give it authority to act on objectionable material.

He told bureau members he hoped the campaign would help the industry face or avert possible law enforcement action. Mr. Oschay estimated there were "about 50" objectionable publications on newsstands. But he said "the great majority of these" were not distributed by his organization.

The magazine executive conceded "a worsening within the last year." On the basis of this, he said, the regulating committee decided "to explore ways and means of securing the cooperation of publishers for self-policing regarding obscene publications."

Reports Alcoholism A Problem In Australia

Melbourne, Australia (RNS)—Alcoholism remains one of Australia's serious moral and social problems, Roman Catholic Archbishop Daniel Mannix of Melbourne declared at a rally sponsored here by the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart.

The 93-year-old, Irish-born prelate said "Australia is facing many problems, economic and moral, but if all other problems were solved except the drink problem, the outlook for the country would be grim."

Archbishop Mannix recalled that the Pioneer movement, which originated in Dublin, Ireland, was established in Australia only six years ago at his personal request.

"But it is already a going concern and has come to stay," he said.

The Rev. Denis Gilmore, S. J., told the rally that the world ratio of habitual drinkers who become alcoholics is one in 20, but in Australia is it one in 19.

The priest said the Pioneer movement deplors alcoholism from the social viewpoint, but is primarily opposed to it because it is a sin. He said the Pioneers do not make a direct appeal to the drunkard but engage in a great crusade of prayer and self-denial in the form of total abstinence for life.

Father Gilmore said the Pioneer movement was founded in 1898

and now has a million members in Ireland, "which has become the soberest country in the world."

He presented a report which said there are now over 23,000 Pioneer total abstainers in Australia. There are 81 association centers with over 11,000 adult and 12,000 juvenile members. The junior section of the association comprises students in 216 Catholic schools.

Polish Church Gets Back Religious Art Treasure

Warsaw (RNS)—A famous Polish religious art treasure recovered by American troops after it had been stolen by the Nazis during the last war will be restored this summer to its rightful place in a Cracow Roman Catholic church.

It is a three-part woodcarving depicting the death and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary executed in 1477 by the celebrated German sculptor, Veit Stoss, for the Church of St. Mary. This massive red brick Gothic structure was built during 1226-1397 and ranks as one of Poland's most historic Marian shrines.

The triptych was formally turned over to Church authorities by the Warsaw government at a ceremony on April 13. It was announced that the carving would be re-installed over the high altar of St. Mary's during the summer.

During the Stalinist era in Poland, Communist authorities resorted to various pretexts to hamper the return of the altar piece, but last December the Gomulka regime undertook to have it released from government custody. The carving had been carefully packed and stored to preserve it from damage.

The recovery of what was regarded as one of Stoss's masterpieces came when American troops were searching the cellars of an old German castle. Notification of the discovery was sent by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, then Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces in Europe, to the late Adam Cardinal Sapieha, Archbishop of Cracow. Eventually a special American delegation was appointed to supervise the transfer of the treasure to Poland.

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The relief committee asked Methodists to write Congressmen assuring them of "wholehearted support of any measures taken in this session which will effectively meet the immediate situation."

Methodists Ask Resettlement Problem Be Continued

New York (RNS)—Prompt Congressional action to continue United States participation in programs for the resettlement of Hungarians and "other victims of oppression" was urged here by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. The agency commended President Eisenhower for the "outstanding leadership he has given in meeting this situation."

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Next Week Is "Family Week"

EACH year, beginning with the first Sunday in May and running through "Mother's Day," the second Sunday of May, we observe "Family Week" across the nation.

At no time, during our short existence as a nation, has there been greater need for us to take seriously the observance of this special week in our church and civic program. Life has grown so complex and the demands on the time of parents outside the home so extensive that there is little doubt but that the home has, in many instances, lost something of the character building, life stabilizing influence it has had in other days.

During this week every parent should sincerely take a "new look" at the influence the home is exerting on children in the home. We should strengthen those activities of the home which seem to strengthen life and purpose in children and remedy any faults that may be discovered which might lead to failure in child training.

Much has been said in recent years about juvenile delinquency. Whatever may be the conditions outside the home that contribute to this growing evil, we cannot escape the fact that the larger, possibly the largest responsibility for the failure of a child lies in the home. During "Family Week" let us give earnest, conscientious consideration to ways and means of building a more wholesome home life.

Who Wants War?

DESPITE all of the talk we have had and are having about war, it is doubtful that there is a sizeable group anywhere on earth, among intelligent people, that really wants war.

There was a time when certain groups of people within a nation may have been quite willing for the nation to go to war, because of the financial gain it would bring to them. There may still be those groups who are glad for war scares to develop because of the profits they bring. Nevertheless, in a world that has the atomic and hydrogen bombs, even these groups are not foolhardy enough to really want an outbreak of total war.

"Once upon a time" the leaders of great military machines, like those built by Kaiser Wilhelm and Hitler, seemed to be anxious for war in order to display their might of arms. Such leaders today may not have had a change of heart regarding the moral implications of war, but they know that it will be impossible to fight the next war with troops in mass formation, regardless of how well trained they may be.

Nobody really wants war. However, there are certain objectives held by nations that make the threat of war very real and at times very alarming. Russia does not want war, but Russia clearly wants to bring the world under communist domination—WITHOUT WAR. America does not want war, but America is determined to preserve the freedom of the free world—WITHOUT WAR and ultimately bring about the release of the captive nations, if possible.

The real danger of war lies in the fact, first, that Russia cannot bring the entire world under its domination without war. If it pursues its objective of world domination far enough, there are nations which would prefer even atomic war to Russian domination. Second, the United States may not be able to fulfill its world-wide commitments to protect free nations from outside aggression without, somewhere along the line, finding itself at war.

Consequently we have the paradoxical condition existing in the world where NOBODY WANTS WAR, but where the threat of war continuously hangs over our world like a dark pall. The desire for peace across the world is so great and the potential power of destruction in an atomic war so terrible, that we may be confident that peace will prevail so long as sanity prevails among world leaders.

To Fulfil Our Vow Once Made

NEXT Sunday, May 5, is Loyalty Sunday in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. All the organizational and promotional means of Methodism in these two states have been directed for several weeks to making this day one of the most significant that Methodism has known. Loyalty Sunday in the Every Member Canvass program marks the beginning of a period of contacting every Methodist family in the Area with a view of enlisting greater loyalty to the church and its program.

Loyalty Sunday with all its implications asks no more of Methodists than a fuller realization of the loyalty vow they assumed at Methodist altars when they united with the church. A restatement of this vow may serve to refresh our memories: Will you be loyal to The Methodist Church, and uphold it by your attendance, your prayers, your gifts, and your service? (Answer: I Will.) This vow of loyalty from the 1956 Discipline is the same for adults as children. This vow is the same in each Methodist Discipline since unification in 1939. The loyalty vow in earlier Methodist disciplines prior to 1939 of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, expressed essentially the same intent in its vow for children: Will you promise faithfully to keep its (Methodist) rules, to attend its services, to be loyal to its doctrines and government, and, as God shall prosper you, to support it by your means? (Answer: I do so promise.) For adults the vow read as follows: Will you be subject to the discipline of the Church, attend upon its ordinances, and support its institutions? (Answer: I will endeavor so to do, by the help of God.)

At no place in the Christian's experience is the validity of commitment seen as forcefully demonstrated as at this point. The very extent to which one is faithful to his loyalty vow, just to that extent has his experience in the church's fellowship been a blessed and rewarding one. Lack of loyalty and spiritual immaturity go hand in hand. Complete loyalty and a full, joyous Christian experience are practically synonymous.

Think again of the vow which once you assumed and register with the visitors from your church your sincere intention to seek a fuller realization of that vow.

A Missionary Dollar Goes A Long Way

IN an interview recently with a highly placed person in matters international, we posed the question as to the extent to which the Christian missionary enterprise had contributed to the desire for freedom among subjected people and the downfall of colonialism. We were hardly prepared for the answer which credited Christian missions among colonial peoples as a major factor in this matter.

A news release from EP records the following account in Accra, capital of Ghana, the newest nation to be accepted in its own right in the family of nations at the UN: At his one press conference, the Prime Minister of the new nation of Ghana was asked, "Now that Ghana is independent, will you encourage missionary activity?" Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah replied, "Surely. We have what we have because of the missionaries." When asked to explain his statement, he said that Ghana's leaders all went to mission schools and they are "grateful to the church."

We are confident that testimonies of this nature could be multiplied endlessly were it possible to hear from all concerned. The very theological basis of Christian missions points toward the setting free of those who are captive, creating within them a desire for self determination and freedom.

This is but another instance in which your missionary dollar goes a long ways. It is also added affirmation that man is essentially a spiritual being and that the Christian movement is of the truth at the heart of the universe.

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Mission Field Here In America

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AMERICA professes to be a religious nation. According to a recent poll, ninety-nine per cent of its people are believers in God, and seventy-three per cent of its people claim to be members of a religious body—although the religious bodies themselves claim only sixty per cent of the population. Whichever percentage you choose, it is a fact that over fifty per cent of America's population is theoretically religious.

One finds evidence of a renewed interest in religion. Most of our ministers preach to large congregations, and many churches have been compelled to adopt multiple services to meet the demands. Give-away TV programs have increased the sale of Bibles, and many popular songs have at least a pseudo-religious emphasis.

In what sense, then, can we maintain that America is a mission field?

In the first place, appearances may be deceptive, and numerical statistics alone cannot make of us a Christian nation. It is dangerous to assume that our nation is Christian because over fifty per cent of the population belong to some religious organization. There are too many hard facts which point in the opposite direction. Let us face realistically a few of these facts.

Why Delinquency?

Consider, for example, the rise of juvenile delinquency in our land. The authorities point out to us that the largest increase is among teen-age girls. Recently, in the city of "Brotherly Love" several school teachers were beaten savagely by teen-age gangs within the school yard. In New York City a young woman was assaulted and robbed by schoolboys on a public bus in broad daylight. If the supreme aim of missions is "to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all peoples in all lands as their divine Savior" and to persuade these people to become His disciples, then it is clear that all about us there are thousands of young people who desperately need to learn the meaning of Christian discipleship.

Now we all know that each local church has a responsibility at this point, but we also know that the breeding place of crime is usually located in those parts of the great cities of America from which the Protestant churches have retreated. When we become aware that crime and disease spread from these centers to every other place where people live, then we begin to realize the seriousness of this challenge. It is here that one finds the missionary forces are at work, such as in community centers or settlement houses, or in churches-of-all-nations, or in institutional churches.

Then again, we have discovered that our religious majorities have not been too concerned over the increased use of drugs and alcoholic beverages, which leave in their wake a tragic trail of tears, broken lives and homes, and of human beings with little hope for the future. A few years ago the famous drugstore in St. Petersburg, Florida, known as Webb City, discontinued its lucrative liquor trade. When asked why he had made such a decision, the owner responded that when he began following the



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bottles home he wanted no part in that traffic. However, when the home mission worker follows the bottle home, he (or she) has an additional responsibility and opportunity for service in providing moral and spiritual life to the unfortunate victims of this iniquitous traffic. Again, it is important to note that while these digressions do not occur only among our minorities, it does seem that many people of the minorities have not had the opportunities to gain a religious foundation which could help them resist the evils.

"In Our Own Midst"

In the second place, consider carefully the peculiar blindness which has characterized the life of the average American Methodist over many years. I refer to the fact that we become romantically enthused over the conversion of peoples all over the world, but resentful and uninterested when these same races live on our own doorstep. Just this past week I talked to a prominent Methodist layman who has for many years been a loyal supporter of all interests of the Methodist Church—and a supporter of missions to Africa. He lives in a typical American neighborhood into which are moving hundreds of Negro families. The question at hand concerned the future of his own church. In our conversation I argued that a Methodist church is a Methodist church and ought to minister to the people living in the community. He said that if a Negro family joined his church he would leave. Let me add that (within the framework of the Division of National Missions) we find it easier to interest people in the Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico than in the Puerto Ricans in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia.

It is essential for us to realize that in spite of American romanticism and generosity, there is a great gulf which exists between our actions and the fundamental principles of our holy faith.

Perhaps we can now begin to understand in what sense America is an impoverished mission field.

Where Are Our Christian Concepts?

There is one further aspect to the fact that we in America present a mission field: that is in the realm of basic Christian concepts. One has only to listen to conversation among American church people to realize that many ideas expressed would be acceptable to representatives of practically all the religions in the modern world. We hear expressions which advocate sheer fatalism or determinism, which indicate that the ancient stoical philosophy of the calm acceptance of everything that occurs is right, or which point to the ready acceptance of the philosophy that we should eat, drink and be merry.

It is in the realm of ideas that the crucial battles for human welfare will be fought, and our church dare not neglect this important aspect of our mission effort. Dr. Eugene Smith has reminded us that the resurgent religions of the East—Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam—look upon America as a most fertile mission field for them. Much of the responsibility in this realm of basic ideas rests with the pastors of our local churches, but there are vast areas of population which the local church does not reach. When the non-Christian ideas and attitudes which are prevalent in those areas are added to the subversive ideas in our church communities, we realize the staggering challenge which confronts us.

In the light of the importance of planting Christian ideas in the minds of America's people, the church extension forces of Methodism have a tremendous opportunity of helping build the needed sanctuaries for America's shifting population: from their pulpits these Christian ideas will be proclaimed. St. Paul's apprehension that we should be aware lest we become pagan after we have proclaimed the Gospel to others can be applied to nations as well as individuals.

The home mission forces of Methodism have long maintained that wherever there is an unmet human need there is also a home mission opportunity. These needs are many and varied, and the methods used are multiple. But the basic philosophy undergirding the work is the belief in the importance of human personality. There has been a tendency among some sincere people to minimize all mission efforts which do not result in the immediate conversion of the persons involved—thus adding to our statistical pride. In the medical field there is a legitimate healing of the body because the body needs healing. Likewise there is a legitimate place for wholesome social and athletic activities to meet these basic needs of human life. And our mission schools are important if only to impart knowledge. I do not believe that a hospital, a school or a gymnasium should be used as bait for church membership; these activities can be significant in themselves if they are done in the name of and for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Recently I heard a distinguished Methodist educator quote with approval a statement that Methodism has become a church of the privileged. I know our church has changed from what it was in its pioneer days, but I shudder to think that our church would ever lose its deep concern for the underprivileged, and its desire that the message of salvation should reach all the people. Therefore, in our new home mission outreach in the realm of ideas, we dare not neglect the more obvious and traditional home missionary activities of our church.

This Is America's Destiny

Increasingly I have been convinced that for the balance of this century, at least, America is the land of destiny. It is a frightening thought to realize just how important America has become for the welfare of the whole world. We are the richest and most generous nation on the face of the earth, but I do not believe that it is for this reason alone that other nations look to us for leadership. Time was when the world accepted (not always without protest) Great Britain as the ruler of the waves. Now it is the U. S. Navy which is expected to maintain peace

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SUCCESS AND MONEY

Let's put a question to ourselves to get instant reaction. What is success? What flashed into our minds with that question? Was it money? What is a successful businessman? A man who makes a fortune. What is a successful doctor? One who has many patients of the right sort. What is a successful writer? One whose books are best sellers. What is a successful preacher? Even in churches we tend to measure success by the size and wealth of the congregation.



Yes, we live, so within the shadow of the market place that money colors almost all our estimates of success. Some time ago I read a modern success account of two men who were making fortunes writing detective thrillers. While I frequently enjoy a mystery story for relaxation, I remember the names of few of those writers who flood our newsstands with their paperbacks. And I am sure the children of tomorrow will not remember them.

On the other hand, John Milton received for his masterpiece "Paradise Lost" 5 English pounds in cash and 15 pounds more in three installments on the sale of a certain number of copies. Yet "Paradise Lost" is being read 300 years after it was written and will be read 300 years hence.

We say money talks—but only so long as people listen. And when people become intelligent enough to listen for true values, then money ceases to talk so eloquently. Money does not talk very loudly on a bomber in wartime. At the controls may be a lad whose father is worth a million; beside him may be a lad whose father works in a coal mine; but brave men know and respect courage without any dollar sign.

Some years ago the London paper Tidbits offered a prize for the best definition of money. This is the definition which won the prize: "Money is an instrument that can buy you everything but happiness and pay your fare to every place but heaven."

Every five years new personalities are elected to the Hall of Fame for famous Americans. This is the highest niche of fame to which Americans can aspire and only about 80 have so far been selected. In the ten years which I have served as Director of the Hall of Fame the following have been elected: Alexander Graham Bell, Woodrow Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt, Gen. William Gorgas, Prof. Josiah Willard Gibbs, Susan B. Anthony, "Stonewall" Jackson, George Westinghouse and Orville Wright.

How many of these amassed a fortune? Who asks or cares? These were chosen to this highest honor not because they made themselves rich but because they enriched the world.

Christ recognized that money has a place in life. He referred to it often in the Gospels. But He put money in its proper place. Recall the two men in the 12th chapter of Luke. A man accosted Jesus, asking Him to bid his brother divide the family inheritance with him. Jesus refused to be a judge in the dispute, but said to him, "Beware of covetousness," and then He proceeded to tell a parable of a rich farmer who was financially in luck.

In fact the farmer had so much that he had no place to store his goods. Hence he decided to build larger barns. But suddenly he died. And Jesus asked, "Whose then shall these things be?" And He added, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Ah, there you have Jesus' idea of success. It is the state of being rich toward God. And when is a man rich toward God? When he can look around him and see values which he has helped to create: work well done, however humble, which leaves the world better off; lives made brighter because he has lived beside them; children whose strength and integrity have been inherited from him; a community more wholesome as a result of his residence there; a character that men can continue to think about and be happier for the thinking—that is something of what it is to be rich toward God.

Fashionable society may rate persons by the number of servants they keep. But eventually men are measured by the number they serve.

On the mere money basis, the career of Jesus was a series of bad bargains. He lost His home, He lost His following, He lost His life. What a failure! But it was not long before men began to write of "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor that ye through his poverty might be rich." Christ came to help men to be rich toward God.

The Layman's Column

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SECRET FAULTS

A carload of new steel rails ready to be installed on a railroad track is always an attractive sight to me. They have been made from specially prepared steel, and shaped by massive rolls to the precise form which will be used to carry millions of tons of merchandise and thousands of passengers. These rails have a look of efficient permanency. Actually they are made to give generations of life. In the railroad yards of my home town there are actually some of the steel rails in use that were imported from England and installed when the railroad was run through Arkansas in 1882.

With the increasing speeds of trains and the heavier loads hauled, it becomes necessary for both safe and profitable operations that these seemingly very strong rails be examined carefully for possible flaws. It is sometimes possible for a fault to be left in the steel after it comes from the furnace, and rolled right into the rail, so that there will be a point in the track which is likely to give way at a very important time and cause great loss of merchandise, even death. For that reason the railroads have developed a machine which actually "sees through" the steel with a sort of X-ray eye and can tell if there are flaws in the rail which might cause trouble later on. Because the time when the loads are the heaviest is the time when the weakness will show up and cause the most damage. These secret faults must be found and eliminated if the trains are to run safely and according to schedule.

The psalmist wrote, "Cleanse thou me from secret faults." He knew a lot about human nature, including the fact that we all have these hidden defects. If we allow them to grow, the weakness is bound to show up at the very worst time. When the load is heaviest on us, then just like the steel rails, we may crack up. And unfortunately, our crack-up can be as fatal to others as the broken rail can possibly be. On the other hand, the divine X-ray eyes of God can see our secret faults. He can remove them if we place our lives in His hands, just as the master

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

THERE ARE POVERTIES ALL AROUND US

Someone asked a leading psychologist the other day if it is true that *poverty* is the leading cause of delinquency—juvenile and otherwise. And in reply, the psychologist went into some detail to show that the so-called privileged youth of better-than-average economically situated parents seem about as prone to wrong-doing as youth from families with very low incomes. Indeed, the evidence was not too conclusive in either direction.

Part of the trouble with this analysis (perhaps implied in the question as well as in the answer) is in the too-narrow idea that *poverty* lies only in the realm of money and the things money can buy. A family may be "rolling in money" to such an extent that its time and attention is so given to it that the group is poverty-stricken in all else that goes to make life rich and worth-while. "Man shall not live by bread alone"—nor can money alone satisfy his needs and hungers.

Take an analogous situation well outside the human family . . . Bluejays have nested in trees in my garden for many years now. Each year they bring their young into the world of my trees, and grass, and seed, and water—and some protection from their enemies. Basically, of course, these young need food, any my garden and environs furnish all they can consume. But they need also the fond care of the parents—if only to be warned when a cat is in the neighborhood; a safe place of rest at night, away from

mechanic can remove the faults in the rails if they are handed to him for correction. Willing surrender of our faulty lives, then, is a sure means of giving God the chance to find our weak spots and to take them out of our lives.

the wind, the rain, the marauders. And they need training *by their parents*: training in flight, for they will probably take a long journey in the autumn; training in what seed to eat and what beetle to leave alone; training in whether or not to remain at the feeding-ground when a rabbit is nibbling nearby, or man or dog are in the field, or there is a particular hawk lingering on the treetop; training as to whether or not to leave the "home area" when too many birds crowd in, or the land is plowed, or there is drouth or flood—that is, when the environment becomes unsuited to bluejay life. Sometimes when a baby bluejay falls from its nest and I have not been able to get it safely out of reach of preying animals, I have taken the baby into my house. I have given it plenty of food (perhaps too much—at least it has not suffered "economic poverty"): but seldom does it grow well *away from its mother*. It needs and misses her love, and warning, and instruction; it becomes too trusting of man, not fearful enough of cats and dogs. And, after freedom, it usually becomes a misfit in its group—if it physically survives the "imprisonment" and attendant poverties. . . .

I think we have a clue here to some of the poverties that rob too many of our youth of the non-economic riches that God and nature intended them to have and enjoy—poverties that lead to *misfit lives, unadjusted lives*, which we so euphoniously call *juvenile delinquency*. Some, indeed, lack food and other material needs which money can help buy; but great numbers also, especially in our day, have far more than they require, and more than they can adjust their lives to use wisely. This can cause serious social maladjustment.

But more serious—more dangerous to society—are those who are in poverty because parents have thought to raise them without the *love* that is the child's basic security; or without the *parental care and training* in the home—care and training for which there can be no adequate substitute in school or other institution; or in an environment from which (like the bluejays) they should have long ago been removed. Sometimes this poverty is handed down from one generation to another—parents not having been loved and trained by their parents; sometimes society seems to force a family into poverty—as when a mother must leave her home and child to earn daily bread, or when economic-social pressures hold one within an unwholesome environment.

Yes, there are areas of poverty within America's economic wealth; and these lead to the warping of both adult and juvenile lives.

Methodism's Best In Arkansas

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OUR SMALL CHURCHES

The Methodist churches of Arkansas are small. The average membership of a church is 185. However, 749 of them (75%) have fewer than 185 members. There are 248 churches (25%) with fewer than 50 members. There are 298 more churches (30%) that have from 51 to 100 members. This means that 55%, or more than one-half of the Methodist churches in Arkansas, have 100 members or less. There are 157 churches (16%) with membership from 101-150; 71 churches (7%) with membership from 151-200; and 78 churches (8%) with membership from 201-300. Thus there are 848 churches (85%) each with less than 300 members.

But still every church can win "one" person to Christ this year. In all of the Methodist churches of the United States last year, it required an averaged of only 27 persons (actually 26.5) to win one person on profession of faith. There are only 70 Methodist churches in Arkansas (7%) with fewer than 27 members, and even they, by the grace of God, can win some person to Christ in May if they really want to. God wills it. Let them do it.

THE two Annual Conferences in Arkansas will meet in June. The Easter season has just come and gone. Methodist pastors, commissions on membership and evangelism, church schools, and churches can rest on their laurels now (if, indeed, they have any) and take things easy and do nothing from now until Conference. Then it will be just another year gone by with another Conference to attend. Or they can make the month of May the greatest month of victory they have ever had, not because of any pressure exerted upon them but because of their own desire to accomplish things and win persons for the Master. What they do this final month of the Conference year will spell the difference between victory and mediocre success.

Pastors, church school superintendents, commission chairmen, and other local leaders can do three things at once:

1. Check the 1956 Conference Journal (or their own church records) to see what they did last year, compare it with what they have already done this year, and determine that this year's record of winning persons (and keeping them) will be better than last year's.

2. Make a quick survey of immediate evangelistic opportunities (such as young people in the church school and community who have never made a profession of faith in Christ, newcomers to the community, and Methodists with church membership elsewhere), and make a list of definite prospective members.

3. Marshall the evangelistic forces of the church and make the month of May the greatest month of winning persons that it has ever been in their church—by personal contacts, organized visitation evangelism, membership training classes for children and youth, and such other ways as they have already been doing or should have been doing.

Then the Annual Conference year will close in a blaze of glory—or better still, in a setting of spiritual confidence, satisfaction, and achievement that will be wholesome and conducive to further victories for Christ in the new Conference year.

Nothing short of bettering last year's best should be the goal of every church in Arkansas. Some definite slogans should be adopted and carried out, as follows:

"Our church will win some person to Christ and His Church in the month of May."

"One or more persons in our church school will join our church in May on profession of faith."

"Our church and church school will win more persons to Christ this year than last year."

"Our church will strive to have a net gain in membership this year."

Win Some Person in May

If every church and church school—your church and church school—wins some person to Christ in May, there will be no barren churches in Arkansas this Conference year. Last year 407 of the 993 Methodist churches in the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences (41% of them—more than 4 out of 10) were barren—that is, like the barren fig tree, they bore no fruit for the Master, did not win anyone on profession of faith.

One of the greatest forces for evangelism in a church should be its church school. But sometimes church schools are barren also. There were 386 barren Sunday Schools in the Methodist churches of Arkansas last year, because 386 of the 407 barren churches had Sunday Schools, and, if the Sunday Schools had not been barren, the churches would not have been. "The church that expects to save the world, or even its own community, must save its own children."

Every reader of this article can say, "My church is going to win some one in May, for I myself am going to do something about it."

Win More Persons in May

Many churches that were not barren last year, that won some on profession of faith, were more barren than they should have been, than they could have been. They did not win nearly as many as they should have, or could have.



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This is realized when we see that it required 37 Methodists in Arkansas last year to win one person on profession of faith. This is more than it required in any other state (or Conference) in the Jurisdiction. In the South Central Jurisdiction last year, only 30 Methodists (actually 29.6) were required to win another. That there are plenty of persons in our midst who are out of Christ and out of a Church is evidenced by the fact that it is estimated that 40.8% of the population of Arkansas is unchurched. That means that, on an average, two out of every five persons in an Arkansas community are not church members and thus are prospective or potential members of the Church and of the Kingdom of God.

Many churches in Arkansas won only one, two, three, four, or five persons last year when they should have won six, eight, ten, or twelve. Many of the larger churches which won 10 or 12 or 20 should have won 30 or 40 or 50, according to their proportionate size and opportunities.

Let each church do this this year: "Win more than last year on profession of faith." That's what the month of May is for this year, to see that this is done. A good proportionate goal for a church is: "We will win one for every 30 members this year, even as the South Central Jurisdiction did last year," or "We will win one for every 25 members, because Arkansas is going to do better than the Jurisdiction average."

A Gain in Members

Only 437 (44%) of the 993 Methodist churches in Arkansas gained members last year. There were 373 churches (37.5%) that actually lost members, while 184 churches (18.5%) merely held their own.

The fact that the state of Arkansas lost slightly in population the last few years is no reason why Methodism should lose. The "fields are white unto harvest" (40% of the people are unchurched) and Methodism has the warm, vital message of a God of love and the living Christ that the world so much needs. Adjacent Oklahoma has lost population for the last 10 years and yet has led Methodism in the proportionate winning of persons to Christ, because of its vigorous program of evangelistic activity.

The Methodist churches in Arkansas, beginning with your church, must look to making gains in total membership. Make certain that your church reports a gain this year over last year. If you need more members in order to do this, get concerned—and get others concerned. With purpose, plan, passion, prayer, and persistency, get out and get them. The month of May is the time to do so. In fact, it's all the time that you have.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. L. J. FUTCH, pastor of the Doyline Methodist Church, was guest preacher in revival services held at the Hodge Methodist Church, April 14-19, where Rev. G. A. Morgan is pastor.

EDWIN E. SYLVEST, JR., son of Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Sylvest, St. Francisville, was one of 16 men selected by Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership honor society for men at the Honors Day Convocation at Louisiana State University, April 17.

REV. JOHN F. KILPATRICK, pastor of the Pineville Methodist Church, was the guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, April 17, when they observed "Ladies Night." Dr. Carl F. Lueg is pastor of the church.

DR. CLAUDE H. THOMPSON, from Emory University, Georgia, was guest preacher in a Holy Week revival service, April 15-21, at the Oak Ridge Methodist Church. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. daily. Rev. Norman F. Simmons is pastor of the church.

REV. BOB HOLLIDAY, who is working on his B.D. degree at S.M.U. Dallas, was guest preacher in a series of Pre-Easter Services at the Oil City Methodist Church, April 14-21. Neal Hargrove of Shreveport led the singing. Rev. R. F. DeBusk is pastor of the church.

DR. HENRY M. JOHNSON, Dean of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., was guest preacher in a series of revival services at the First Methodist Church, Leesville, April 14-19. Dr. Johnson was also guest speaker at the Lions Club on Thursday, April 18. Rev. Oakley Lee is pastor of the Leesville church.

REV. A. W. TOWNSEND, superintendent of the Alexandria District, preached in Holy Week Services held at the Colfax Methodist Church from Palm Sunday through Good Friday, April 14-19. Good attendance was reported at the services. Rev. Clark W. Bell is pastor of the church.

A SERVICE OF SACRED MUSIC was rendered by the Chancel Choir of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Thursday, April 18, with Don Hazlett directing. The cantata, "Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison," by J. S. Bach, was the main work rendered. The Choir was accompanied by a fifteen-instrument orchestra. Dr. A. M. Serex is pastor of the church.

AN EASTER CANTATA, "Redemption's Song," by Fred B. Holton, was presented by the adult choir of the Vidalia Methodist Church Sunday evening, April 21. The choir was under the direction of Mrs. H. R. Hine. On Good Friday, April 19, the motion picture "King of Kings" was shown at the church. The pastor is Rev. H. R. Hine.

THE ANNUAL PICNIC of the Second Methodist Church, New Orleans, will be held Saturday, May 18, at Fountainebleau State Park. There will be games, contests, prizes, and activities for all ages. An old fashioned bathing beauty contest for men will be held. The picnic will be held from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Rev. A. D. St. Amant, Jr., is pastor of the church.

THE GRAND CANE AND STONEWALL Methodist Churches reported all askings for the year paid in full on Easter Sunday morning, and each class in both Sunday Schools reported perfect attendance. Treasurers are Lloyd Platt at the Grand Cane Church, and H. H. Middleton at the Stonewall Church. Rev. T. O. Rorie is pastor of the charge.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, met at the church Friday evening, April 26, for the monthly supper meeting. The Male Quartet from Northeast Louisiana State College, conducted by Miss Gertrude Sandrock, furnished the entertainment for the evening. Dr. George W. Pomeroy is pastor of the church.

REV. ODELL SIMMONS, pastor of the Ball Methodist Church, preached in pre-Easter services at the First Methodist Church of Chatham, during the week of April 14. The Rev. Mr. Simmons met with the youth of the church each evening for a thirty minute session. A sunrise Easter service was conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. T. Garrett, at 6:00 a.m.

DR. JOHN A. HUNTER of Louisiana State University addressed the West Calcasieu Methodist Men's Club at the Maplewood Methodist Church, April 11. Dr. Hunter is dean of LSU's junior division and associate professor of education. His topic was "Christianity on the Louisiana State University Campus." Rev. Loyd E. Williams is pastor of the Maplewood church.

REV. EDWARD R. THOMAS, pastor of the Hammond Methodist Church, was guest preacher in Lenten services at the Winbourne Avenue Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, April 7-12. The music for the special services was under the direction of the Rev. Raymond K. DeHainaut, director of the Wesley Foundation at LSU. Rev. A. A. Collins is pastor of the Winbourne church.

THE KENNER METHODIST CHURCH, New Orleans, held open house at the church from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 7, and the Young People of the church presented a pageant at the evening worship service. The building committee for the church was James Taylor, chairman; Dave Tillman, M. C. Keese, Joe Geravolo, Doug Morgan, Harry Sibley and Mrs. Horace Bailey. Rev. M. David Felder is pastor of the church.

AN EASTER CANTATA, "The Crown of Life" by Rob Roy Peery, was presented at the First Methodist Church, Zwolle on Easter Sunday evening, April 21, under the direction of Woodrow W. Holmes with Mrs. Carver DeLoach at the organ. A film strip in full color transformed the cantata into a vivid experience and brought the message of music to the eye as well as the ear. Rev. James Lawton is pastor of the church.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES at the Sterlington Methodist Church began on Wednesday, April 17, with Rev. W. D. Boddie, pastor of the Rayville Methodist Church as guest speaker. Thursday, Rev. Ira A. Love, pastor of the McGuire Methodist Church, West Monroe, was the speaker, and on Good Friday the pastor, Rev. W. M. Allen, spoke on the "Seven Last Words." Services were held at the church each evening at 7:30.

REV. J. T. HARRIS, superintendent of the Monroe District, preached in a series of revival services at the Columbia Methodist Church, April 14-19. Owen Brown, student at Louisiana College, Pineville, and the regular choir director of the church, was in charge of the music. Two services were held daily. Morning services at 7:15, and evening worship services at 7:30. Rev. Carl Barham is pastor of the church.

BILL LUCAS, director of the Junior Boy's Choir of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, has won the State and National award of the Young Artist's Series (student) of the Music Clubs of America. National contests were held in Kentucky recently. Sunday evening, April 14, Mr. Lucas presented a special music program at the youth supper meeting of the church. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor of the church.

B. NOBLE is chairman of the Membership and Evangelism Commission of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette. Miss Emma Bridges is secretary and conducts the training session each Monday night before the visitors go out in teams of two each. The program started just after Christmas, and to date 218 calls have been made. They have talked to 201 individuals about Christ and the Church. They have secured 22 transfers, 7 first commitments, and 5 have made decisions to unite with the church. Rev. Fred S. Flurry is pastor of the church.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE and the Board of Stewards of the Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, attended a breakfast at the church on Good Friday morning. The meal was prepared and served by members of the W.S.C.S. under the direction of Mrs. Q. Q. Brown. After the meal, Rev. R. R. Branton, superintendent of the Lafayette District, who was a special guest at the breakfast, spoke on "God's Plan For Our Lives." Fifty young people and several members of the Official Board attended. Rev. E. P. Drake is pastor of the church.

A THREE HOUR SERVICE was held at Oak Park Methodist Church, Lake Charles, in observance of Good Friday from noon to 3 p.m. The following ministers delivered messages on Christ's seven last words from the cross: Rev. W. F. Howell, pastor of the Vinton Methodist Church; Rev. E. R. Haug, pastor of the Sulphur Methodist Church; Rev. Loyd E. Williams, pastor of the Maplewood Methodist Church; Rev. Rex Squires, pastor of the West Lake Methodist Church; Rev. Alton A. McKnight, pastor of the Dequincy Methodist Church; Rev. Taylor Wall, pastor of the Northside Methodist Church, Lake Charles; and Rev. Cleburne Quaid, pastor of the Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles. Rev. Hubert A. Gibbs is pastor of the Oak Park Church.

REV. R. R. BRANTON, superintendent of the Lafayette District, was guest preacher in Holy Week Revival Services held at the Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans. Easter Sunday climaxed a series of "Twelve Sundays in God's House" at the church. Both Easter Sunday services were well attended as were the night services during the week. The church choir presented an appropriate anthem for each service during the week and on Easter sang "Easter Morning." It is expected that the program of having church members pledge to attend service twelve consecutive Sundays will have a good effect on their future attendance. It has also meant that many more people are taking an active part in other phases of the church program at Gentilly, where Rev. E. P. Drake is pastor.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS of the Methodist Church has appropriated a total of \$18,685,721 for its missionary and service programs in the United States and overseas, for the twelve months beginning on June 1, 1957. This appropriation, based on the moneys received from the churches of Methodism during the past year, is almost one-half million dollars more than the total appropriated a year ago. It is more than \$10,000,000 in excess of the appropriation of \$7,900,000 made in 1940 when the present Methodist Church and its Board of Missions were formed from three uniting Methodist denominations. The 1957-58 appropriation is divided as follows among the Board's three divisions: Division of National Missions, \$2,640,099; Division of World Missions, \$7,611,202; Woman's Division of Christian Service (home and overseas missions, and social services), \$8,434,420.

THE GLORY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION was proclaimed on Easter Sunday by two segments of the Centenary College Choir separated by half a world. The touring portion of the choir sang at sunrise before the 313th Air Division on Okinawa and later presented services at the chapel at Kadena Air Base. Meanwhile, the 19 singers who remained behind on the Shreveport campus sounded the strains of the same Easter hymns from an island in the man-made lake at Hodges Gardens near Many. They were augmented by the choirs of the Many Methodist Church, the Many Baptist Church, former members of the Centenary choir and by students who have rehearsed with the choir all year but who do not hold regular membership in the singing troupe directed by A. C. Voran. While Mr. Voran directed the singers on Okinawa, the portion of the choir at the Many services was directed by Douglas Peterson of Bossier City, a former member of the choir and now with the Fourth Army Band at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. The Easter services on Okinawa climaxed the month-long tour for 29 members of the choir. The group returned to Shreveport April 27.

Stewardship Makes A Difference

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This would put 100 people to work each week getting ready for the neighborhood meetings.

The purpose of the neighborhood meetings was to get the Church members better acquainted with each other and to have informal discussions of stewardship in which the average member would participate. Mr. A. P. White was designated leader of the "Conversation Guides," enlisting some twenty-four persons, each of whom was trained to lead a discussion on one of the four topics: "The Background of Stewardship," "The Stewardship of Time," "The Stewardship of Talent," and "Tithing."

To prepare the way, Mr. Glenn Bridges secured seven "Minute Men" to speak each Sunday in each Adult Class and the Youth Division, and at each Church Service, telling their experience of stewardship, especially as tithers, during the four Sundays of February. Stewardship literature was mailed to the membership each week, and distributed in the Church Bulletin. Different adult classes and organizations were asked to promote Church attendance during this time, this putting an additional 25 to 35 people to work each week. The Official Board members were challenged at their meetings and in personal contacts to set an example for the congregation, and responded by better attendance at Church and by getting behind the Stewardship emphasis.

Then on March 5 the service of Commitment was conducted, each member being challenged to sign the Stewardship Covenant and bring it with him to the Communion table. At the end of the service, it was found that 55 of the 64 families represented on the Official Board, plus some 19 other families had agreed to tithe—a total of 77 families, or 20% of the church families. In addition a dozen young people had agreed to try the "trial tithe" out of their allowances or income earned after school. A few new volunteers were discovered to teach classes, sing in the choir, or use their talents in other ways. Over 250 people had been reached in the Neighborhood meetings.

Since that Sunday, the income of the Church has had a consistent rise, averaging 40% greater than the previous nine months. There is a new sense of accomplishment and of confidence for the future, reflected in the proposed new Budget presented to the Congregational Dinner Meeting April 12th, which was enthusiastically endorsed as the proposed Budget for the Canvass. The plan anticipates a new Budget totaling \$40,000, with an item for the securing of an Associate Pastor and for making many improvements in the property and program. This is an increase of 35% over the budget of the past two years, which was set at \$29,000.00. A new spirit of neighborliness and friendship pervades the Church. Some new families have been brought into the Church through the neighborhood meetings. The Building Fund payments have picked up also about 40% greater than before the Stewardship Emphasis.

No one can predict whether the 77 "trial tithing" families will continue tithing, but most of the leaders of the Church are confident that they will, and that the challenge of proportionate giving which will

EMC Plan Works In Smaller Churches, Too



The Methodist Church at Montgomery has recently been preparing for the Every Member Canvass. The pastor, the Rev. J. C. Skinner, says, "that program really works." This Church has been following through with the Conference Calendar and has completed the survey and has outlined its program for next year. The membership is just a little over 100.

The budget for last year was about \$3,600. The new budget for next year has been set for \$7,000. "We will make it, too," says the pastor. The people are all excited about the larger program and will brick-veneer the church during the year. This is just an example of what a small church can do through the use of the EMC plan, leaders assert.

Centenary Choir Returns From Far East

Weary, but happy in the knowledge that their second tour of the Far East was highly successful, the Centenary College Choir returned to Shreveport by air last Saturday.

The month-long tour of Japan, Korea and Okinawa was made at the invitation of military officials who heard Director A. C. Voran and his Centenary songsters last July on their initial tour abroad. Dr. Joe J. Mickel, president of Centenary, accompanied the singers on both tours.

Each of the 29 singers who made the second trip expressed a new appreciation for the comforts of home as contrasted with the difficulties of life in the Far East. They said, though, that the tremendous response given them at virtually every concert stop more than compensated for the hardships of uncomfortable billets, inclement weather and an almost unbelievably crowded schedule.

Throughout the tour, daily study periods were observed rigorously in order that the touring singers might keep abreast of their classmates listening to lectures on the campus. Voran reported that textbooks were produced by the choir members each time they traveled to and from a concert, in addition to the longer study periods arranged for each day.

Upon their return to the campus, the director and his singers found laudatory letters awaiting from military officials who had heard their concerts halfway around the world.

be presented individually to all who do not tithe will show a deeper stewardship on the part of the non-tithers. Veteran tithers (there were only 16 before the Emphasis) insist that if anyone will try tithing for at least two months, he will not want to be back to the old habits of giving, for he will find tithing to be a means of grace, putting a new spirit into the heart of any person or family who will trust God and tithe.

One letter was from Col. Glenn H. Gardner, commanding officer of the famed "Buffalo Regiment" in Korea, which made the singers honorary members after their concert there. Each of the singers now treasure a medal bearing the regimental insignia, just one of the many gifts presented on the trip.

"It was indeed an honor and an exceptionally rare privilege to receive and enjoy the charming company and superb musical entertainment afforded by the Centenary College Choir," Col. Gardner wrote. "In its traditionally fine manner, your fine organization, under Director Voran, has again provided the officers and men of this regiment with that long lost touch of home and the opportunity to relax and absorb the extensive repertoire of the finest choral music."

Another of the many letters received was from Brig. Gen. F. W. Sladen, Jr., commanding officer, Headquarters I Corps, who expressed appreciation for that group for the concert presented by the choir on April 9.

"Your well-behaved group not only provided fine music for our men, but also brightened the day for hundreds of soldiers serving in this distant land by their cheerful friendliness and evident good will," the general wrote.

He also expressed the hope that the choir would return to Korea in the future. However, the singers now back in their classrooms on the Centenary campus, have no thoughts, at the moment, of a third tour of the Far East. They still are too pleased at being home to be thinking of leaving again.

New Iberia Methodists Observe Holy Week

New Iberia Methodists observed Holy Week with services on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The pastor, Rev. W. R.

St. Mark's, N. O., Has Special Services

St. Mark's Methodist Church, New Orleans, held Holy Week services, Monday through Friday when the pastor spoke about incidents in the Passion story of Christ.

The Senior Choir participated with special anthems on Wednesday and Thursday, and Miss Dellores Serano sang a solo on Friday night. On Thursday night the Holy Communion was observed. Palm Sunday was observed with reception of five children into full membership of the church. Easter Day was a great day, according to church leaders, and the largest congregation in years attended the services. Eleven persons were admitted into full membership in the church. Communion was observed also.

In the evening Miss Elma Ashby, a former member of the church, who has for some years served as missionary nurse in Rhodesia, Africa, spoke of the work over there and showed a large number of colored slides illustrating what our missionaries are doing in that land.

Choir Director, Mrs. B. Dufour has recently organized a Junior Choir which is now regularly singing at our morning services on the fourth Sunday of each month. Rev. T. O. Carlstrom is the pastor.

Caddo Heights Has Congregational Dinner

On April 15th the Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport, held a congregational dinner meeting in the Caddo Heights School Cafeteria. E. T. Hughes was Master of Ceremonies.

Dr. B. C. Taylor spoke on "A Church at Work." Different phases of church growth and development were presented by the following speakers: Jimmy Jones, C. D. McDaniels, Mrs. Margaret Hurreley, J. A. Sayles, R. S. Moncrief, C. E. Andrews, after which the Rev. George Ross gave a brief summation of the program.

Each year Caddo Heights Methodist Church plans to hold a meeting of the congregation in order to plan progress and growth of the church.

Wendt, brought messages in which he magnified the importance of Jesus Christ. On Good Friday night, the Chancel Choir under the direction of Mr. C. G. Fuller, rendered the Easter Cantata—The Seven Last Words of Christ.

The highlight of the week's observance was a candle-light Communion Service on Thursday night in which the long form of the Communion Ritual was used—with the Chancel Choir chanting the responses.

On Easter Sunday the Chancel Choir of First Methodist Church, together with the pastor, appeared in a thirty minute TV Easter Cantata was rendered, in addition to the anthem "Go So Loved The World."

During the observance of Holy Week in New Iberia, 26 persons were received into the membership of the First Methodist Church and the Rev. Mr. Wendt, baptized 11 persons.

Camden District Youth Attend Spring Institute

Dr. James S. Upton, professor of religion at Hendrix College, Conway, and five Hendrix students directed the Camden District Methodist Youth Fellowship spring institute in El Dorado, April 26-27.

Leading discussion groups, recreation and worship were: Bill Johnson, Dallas, Tex.; Barbara McDaniel, Ozark; Darrell Smith, Hot Springs, Bob Terry and Jerrene Jones, both of Little Rock. All are Hendrix students.

Six MYF officers and one counselor from each church in the Camden District were expected to attend the meeting. Registration began at 4:00 p.m. Friday, and the sessions were held at First Methodist Church.

The main purpose of the institute program," stated the Rev. Virgil C. Bell, Camden District director of youth work for the Methodist Church, "was to train and inspire new MYF officers and counselors elected for the next conference year."

Theme carried through the two-day session was "I Serve."

Host pastor was Dr. Cecil R. Culver.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

At a meeting at the Fairbanks, La., Methodist church, April 14, new sub-district officers of the Methodist Youth Fellowship were elected.

Peter Mangum of McGuire Methodist Church was named president of the group. Other officers for the year are: Sue Taylor of McGuire Methodist church, secretary; Ruth Ann Boggs, of the Monroe First Methodist Church, publicity chairman.

The group also elected program area leaders including: Faith, Ann Duncan of the West Monroe First Methodist Church; Fellowship, Rudy Ramsey of Claiborne; Witness, Becky Vance of the West Monroe First Methodist Church; Citizenship, Billie Sue Swanson of the Monroe First Methodist Church; Outreach, Gwen John of the Monroe First Methodist Church.

Mrs. I. D. Wallace of Claiborne is adult counselor for the group.

Greater-Grant Parish

The monthly meeting of the Greater-Grant Parish Sub-District was held at the Pollock, La., Methodist Church on April 22. New officers who were elected for the coming year are: president, Aubrey Brown; vice president, Kathleen Gates; secretary, Pat Hearne; treasurer, Marlene Gray; worship chairman, Gloria Kelly; publicity chairman, Judy Meeler; community chairman, Norman Loeu Brown; recreation chairman, Bryon Malone and Don Whiton; world service chairman, Cecil Palmer. There was a total of 63 people present, representing six different churches.

After the business meeting, refreshments were served, the group thoroughly enjoyed themselves as they engaged in some folk dances for recreation.

The meeting adjourned with the MYF benediction, according to Pat Hearne, reporter.

Cedar Grove MYF Completes Study Course With Banquet



The MYF of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport, recently concluded their study of South East Asia with a banquet in keeping with the study theme. The group attending the event is pictured above.

The seniors invited the older young and intermediates to enjoy the occasion with them. Young people worked for weeks on the decorations, with the help of Mrs. W. P. Roberts, adult sponsor of the

program area on missions, and youth chairman, Miss June Annette Hooker.

The food and costumes followed the South East Asia theme and after the meal, a film on missions was shown.

More than 60 youth and adults took part in the banquet.

Riceland

Sunday, April 14, 1957, the new officers of the Riceland Sub-District were elected in Elkan, Louisiana, for 1957-58. They are as follows: Pat Bruchhows, Oton; vice president, Ruby Tonn, Oton; secretary, Judy Litterd, Raymond; treasurer, Oydell Davenport, Eunice; reporter, Bonnie Baker, Gueydan; counselor, Rev. Weingart, Lake Arthur; and co-counselor, Mrs. Tonn, Oton.

The installation of the above officers will be held in Gueydan, June 2.

Grace Curtiss

The Grace Curtiss Sub-District met Monday night, April 8, at the Piggott, Ark., First Church. Rev. Jim Beal showed films of activities at Wayland Springs Camp.

David Gatlin was awarded first place for his essay "Alcohol, Society, and Me."

Officers for 1957-58 who were elected are: Martha Dollins, president; Charles Crow, vice president; Sally Villians, secretary-treasurer; Donna Kirk, reporter.

W. F. Cooley

The W. F. Cooley Sub-District met April 1, at the First Methodist Church in Russellville, Ark.

The program was presented by our Conference Youth Officers. Everyone present enjoyed the program.

Refreshments were served by the Russellville MYF.

DENHAM SPRINGS MYF GROUP MEETS

The regular monthly business meeting of the Intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship of Denham Springs, La., was held Friday, April 12, at the home of Penny Morgan.

Following the regular business a social hour was enjoyed by the following members who attended:

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

GOING STEADY

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati has denounced teenage "going steady" as an "evil." It asked all persons "dedicated to the good of society under God" to cooperate in putting an end to the "social fad."

For one who finds himself so often in disagreement with such pronouncements from the Roman Catholic hierarchy, here is one request for cooperation in which I can most heartily concur. The condemnation of steady dating was based on its "definite and proved moral danger to teenagers." Cited was their unpreparedness for marriage and the period of "normal adolescent development" that is reduced or eliminated by the practice of going steady. Noted also by the report was the fact that going steady has "a definite and proved detrimental effect on the scholastic program of the child during this critical period of training for life."

The Question Asked Most Often

If some vagrant adult eye wanders over these words and thinks the writer is introducing a problem to the teen-aged readers, let that adult sit down with a crowd of youth and ask them for their ques-

tions and problems. I have just come through a three Sunday "no-holds-barred" discussion series with our Junior High youth in which they wrote out the questions they want discussed. Do you know that the question most often asked by these Intermediates—not senior highs!—had to do with going steady?

Now the statistical survey of the U of M Institute for Social Research has come up with some interesting facts about teeners. Interviews were conducted with a scientifically chosen sample of 2,000 girls, 12 through 18 years of age. Most of them started dating at 14. 70% of the girls 14-16 date regularly, and 90% of the girls over 16 date regularly. In the total report on the 2,000 girls, only 10% confine themselves to dating only one boy. Less than 20% of the girls approved of going steady. 60% of those over 16 disapproved of the practice for such reasons as "prevent knowing other boys," "no training for picking a marriage partner," or "may get too involved."

Reasons Why Not

That pretty well says it as to reasons why not. The steady dater in high school cuts himself off from the "normal social contacts" which are a part of his growing up process. He has no basis for comparing his steady girl friend with others as to temperament, interest, attractiveness, and so on. And he and his steady are subjecting themselves to a constant pressure and temptation in the sex area.

Going steady in high school is but another way in which teen-agers of today are trying to grow up too fast, and thus are missing an important and enjoyable phase of living which will never return once they've become adults.

Jean Yarborough, Thelma Yarborough, Lucille Frey, Carolyn Owens, Carol Sue Benton, Janie Harlan, Wesley Sorrenson, Penny Morgan, Bob Schwendimann, George Traylor and Glover Epperson.

Also attending were their leader, Mrs. Edwin Miller, and her daughter, Janice.



NEWS IN BRIEF

The newly organized Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Waller's Chapel Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Crossett, entertained their families with a fish-fry on Saturday night April 18. This was the first family night since the society began in January and a wonderful time was had by the families who attended.

The program for the night was "Our Plus Becomes A Cross." This was to better inform the group how to share in Home Missions in the National News.

The meeting was adjourned by a prayer. There were 12 members and two visitors present.

On Tuesday, April 9 the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Caddo Heights Methodist Church Shreveport, sponsored a dinner honoring the children of the Membership Class and their parents. Fourteen boys and girls of this group were made members of the church on Palm Sunday.

The First Church, New Iberia Wesleyan Service Guild had as their program leader for the April meeting Mrs. J. E. Carter. Using as her theme "When Christians Look at the Cross," she was assisted by Miss Marilyn Carter, Mrs. R. B. Boatright, Mr. Jerry Fuller, and Mrs. James Hester. Ernestine Burgess presided at the business meeting.

Mrs. Eric Smith and Mrs. M. L. Connolly entertained the members of the Jennings Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild April 11 at the church. Mrs. Smith, president of the Guild, opened the meeting with prayer, and Mrs. Robert Crichlow gave the devotional.

Miss May Shafer, representative of the guild, reported on the annual Guild Conference.

Mrs. Smith gave The Easter Story.

At its regular meeting on April 2, the Rison W.S.C.S. re-elected its entire slate of officers including: Mrs. Lewis Knowles, President, Mrs. L. F. Williams, Vice-President and Mrs. Herman Davidson, Secretary. Mrs. Lewis Knowles was awarded the life membership which is presented yearly to some deserving member.

The Society has recently provided for the interior painting of Fellowship Hall and bought 28 steel folding chairs for use in the Hall. The Wesleyan Service Guild has bought dining tables to complement the folding chairs, thus making the Hall more usable for all types of social gatherings.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Washington Avenue Methodist Church, North Little Rock, met in the Sanctuary Monday, April 1st, for a "Day Apart Service."

Mrs. Rollo Miller, Secretary of Spiritual Life, was general Chairman. Mrs. W. I. VanPelt directed the program assisted by Mrs. Clarence Brown, Mrs. Ray Biles, and Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. MacLeod Named "Churchwoman of the Year"

New York, N. Y. April 19—Mrs. W. Murdoch MacLeod of New York, general director of United Church Women, representing some 10 million women in the United States, has been named "Churchwoman of the Year" by the Washington Pilgrimage, Inc.

Distinguished leaders of government, science, religion and education attended the seventh annual awards dinner of the Washington Pilgrimage, Saturday, April 27 at the Continental Hotel, Washington, D. C., at which the certificate honoring Mrs. MacLeod was presented by Marion Folsom, Secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

This is the third time that leading figures in United Church Women, a general department of the National Council of Churches, have been honored by awards from the Washington Pilgrimage. Last year Mrs. James D. Wyker, Mount Vernon, O., UCW president, was chosen "Churchwoman of the Year." Prior to that Mrs. Harper Sibley, Rochester, N. Y., for five years UCW president, was named.

Mrs. MacLeod, a member of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. and executive of United Church Women for the past nine years, is one of three persons named for the Pilgrimage's 1957 national church and lay awards. Dr. Louis H. Evans, former well-known Hollywood, California, pastor, now minister-at-large for the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., was named "Churchman of the Year," and will receive his award from Cecil B. De Mille. William Harper Bryan, of St. Louis, was chosen "Lay Churchman of the Year," and will be presented with his certificate by Senator Stuart Symington.

A sacrificial luncheon was served at the noon hour followed by a Lenten Worship Service directed by Mrs. Miller. Each guest with a lighted candle held in a purple cross, placed an offering on the worship table.

Mrs. Bill Sanders was soloist accompanied by Mrs. Archie Boyd. The dining tables were placed to form a cross decorated with spring flowers. The Worship table was covered with a white linen cloth centered with a lighted cross, over which hung Sollmurs head of Christ. On each side were arrangements of potted plants of greenery, and a white lighted taper and offering basket.

There were 31 present. Mrs. William C. Horne, Mrs. Cecil Keller, Mrs. R. B. Kelly, and Mrs. J. F. Saucier were in charge of the meal.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Logansport, Louisiana, met Tuesday, April 9th at 7 p.m. in the home of Mrs. J. H. Templin; eleven members were present. After refreshments were served and a short business session, Mrs. James Russell, President, gave the first lesson of

Senator Symington, of Missouri, was a member of the awards committee this year, together with Senator Francis Case, of South Dakota; Allan Dulles, head of CIA; and Dr. Wilson Compton, New York, president of the Council for Financial Aid to Education. Chairman was the Rev. Robert Whyte, pastor of the Old Stone Church, Cleveland, O.

Justice Tom Clark, of the U. S. Supreme Court, read a special message of felicitation from President Eisenhower, who was 1955 winner of the Lay-Churchman's award.

The awards dinner is a special feature of the three-day pilgrimage of all faiths during which some 300 religious leaders will visit the seat of government, national shrines and monuments in the Capitol. The declared purpose of the pilgrimage is to emphasize the American religious heritage, to stimulate civic and moral responsibility and to strengthen the spirit of liberty under which Americans of all religious beliefs may prosper.

Mrs. MacLeod, widow of Murdoch MacLeod, a minister in the Presbyterian Church, U. S., served as a consultant at the Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Ill., in 1954, and represented UCW on a committee to set up the Commission on Woman's Work of the World Council at a meeting in England in 1949.

In 1955 Mrs. MacLeod visited refugee camps in Germany and last summer she led a fraternal team of American women to Mexico to attend a conference of Mexican Protestant women. A graduate of the South Carolina College for Women, she has received a number of honorary degrees. She is the mother of two grown daughters.

Paul's Letters to Local Churches, by Francis Gerald Ensley.

For this study the Guild members are working for Jurisdictional Recognition credit.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Sulphur Rock Methodist Church met Thursday, April 11, at the Church. Following the program officers were elected for the coming year. Elected were: President—Mrs. B. B. Owens, Vice-president—Mrs. Clarence P. Vaughn, Treasurer—Mrs. Earl Bradford, Secretary of Supply—Miss Alberta Fallis, Secretary of Spiritual Life—Mrs. McMullin, Secretary of Social Relations—Mrs. J. M. Hughes, Recording Secretary and Reporter—Mrs. Charles M. Williams.

The Cedar Grove Methodist Church observed Ash Wednesday with a spiritual life meal, sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

An appropriate atmosphere was provided with white crosses on each table, individual pictures of Christ, printed programs, candles, and communion prepared at each place.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Dr. Georgia Harkness, noted American theologian, and faculty member of the Pacific School of Religion, California, is spending a sabbatical year as professor of Christianity at Japan International Christian University, Tokyo. Speaking of the problem of placing educated young people in jobs in Japan's acute economy, Miss Harkness says: "In the United States where jobs are plentiful, there is no particular problem for bright young college graduates. Indeed, the problem is often which job to take! In Japan it is very different. There are stiff competitive examinations for such jobs as are open in business or industry, with as many as 50 to 1,000 competitors for each opening. (The average, I am told, is 100 to 1.) Dr. Yuasa, the beloved and able president of ICU, has made many contacts whereby our students will be permitted to take these examinations. We are counting on them to measure up well with the graduates of the government universities and all others in Japan."

A grant of \$50,000 to the Japan International Christian University, near Tokyo, was made recently by the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Missions Society. According to Mrs. Charles H. Sears administrative secretary for Japan, the Philippines and Hong Kong, the gift will be used to build a women's dormitory on the campus. This will be the third student dormitory for girls. The first was built by funds raised by women of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.; the second was the gift of the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mr. Pugh played organ music in the sanctuary from 6:30-7:00 p.m. when the people were led by white robed ushers into the Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. K. J. Easter gave the invocation.

After the meal, eaten in complete silence, Miss Nancy Waddell gave the poem, "The Crucifixion."

Brief meditations were given by Mrs. J. E. Nugent, Mrs. W. W. Baldridge, Mrs. J. R. Fouts, and Mrs. Roy Mouser, on the length, breath, depth, and height of life.

"Jesus Only" was sung by Mrs. Sam Papa, and directed prayers given by the Woman's Society President, Mrs. F. N. Pavey and the incoming Woman's Society President, Mrs. W. P. Callahan.

After communion, led by the Pastor, Roy Mouser, a candle lighting service concluded the program under the direction of Mrs. C. E. McGowan.

Following the benediction, everyone left as the ushers directed.

Seventy-five adults and youth participated in this inspirational service.



Two-Day Session Held For Camp Directors

By Ira A. Brumley

The North Arkansas Conference, in cooperation with the Little Rock Conference, conducted a two-day coaching conference for directors of intermediate and senior camps, April 22 and 23. The conference was under the direction of Ira A. Brumley, and he was assisted by Pryor R. Cruce, Director of Youth Work of the North Arkansas Conference, John Hassler, Director of Youth Work in the Little Rock Conference, and Woodrow Smith, Associate Pastor of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church. Roy E. Fawcett, Executive Secretary of the Little Rock Conference Board of Education, was not able to attend the entire period but cooperated in the planning and was present for the first day.

Other persons from the Little Rock Conference were as follows: Miss Mary Sue Shepherd of Mablevale; Everett Vinson, Robert Trieschman, John B. Hays, and Paul Fair of Little Rock; Everett Patton of Gillett; Clint Burleson of Arkadelphia; R. O. Beck of Hamburg; W. D. Golden of Mena; and Gerald Fincher of Bearden.

Others from the North Arkansas Conference include: Worth W. Gibson of North Little Rock; L. M. Conyers of Batesville; John Flynn of Springdale; R. A. Dorman of Fayetteville; Glenn Bruner of West Helena; James Meadors of Widener; Vernon Paysinger of West Memphis; Gale Anderson of Wheatley; Brady Cook of Greenwood; William M. Wilder and Jesse Johnson of Van Buren; Pharis Holifield of Monette; A. C. Brannon of Trumann; Ray Burrow of Weiner; Floyd G. Villines, Jr., of Piggott;

Ft. Smith Group At St. Paul's Has Special Service

The Senior Class of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Ft. Smith, Arkansas had their first Easter Sunrise Service at 5:30 a.m. April 21, in the church sanctuary.

The service had originally been planned for the church lawn but inclement weather forced them to move to the sanctuary.

The leaders were Miss Louetta Bennett, Charles Rogers, James Deamud, and Bill McKinley. Mr. Leo Hawkins brought the Easter message. The Girls Trio from the Ft. Smith High School brought a special message in song. The Trio is composed of Wilma Downum, Sally Putnam, and Patricia Young.

Immediately after the sunrise service, breakfast was served in the church dining room for the Senior Class and their guests. The Intermediate Classes were special guests of the group.

Colored moving pictures were taken of the sunrise service and of the breakfast. Rev. J. H. Hoggard is pastor of the church.

Pine Bluff District Holds Vacation Church School Institute



The 40 Methodist Churches in the Pine Bluff District participated in a vacation church school institute held at Lakeside Methodist Church in Pine Bluff April 8.

Under the direction of Mrs. Sara Snugg, district-director of children's work, the following courses were presented: Nursery, Mrs. John Ed Cook, Lakeside; kindergarten, Mrs. Clarence Swob, First Church, Pine Bluff; primary, Mrs. Crawford Ryall, Hawley Memorial Methodist, Pine Bluff; junior, Mrs. N. E. Camp, Hawley Memorial; and intermediate, Miss Patty Sollars and Mrs. John H. Simpson, Lodge's Corner Church.

Registration totalled 199, according to Mrs. Snugg.

Leaders in the institute, pictured above, are (left to right): Mrs. Snuggs, Dr. E. Clifton Rule, superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, and Mrs. Cook. Standing are (left to right): Mrs. Camp, Miss Sollars, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Swob, and Mrs. Ryall.

Byron McSpadden of Corning; John Workman of Cabot; Doug Bale of Searcy; Eugene Hall of Dell.

The meeting opened at 2:00 p.m., April 22, with a worship service led by Pryor R. Cruce. Then, John Hassler presented the philosophy of camping. This was followed by a period of listing items to be discussed during the coaching period.

Woodrow Smith presented pictures and a report on the rustic type of camping, having attended a national camp in 1956.

The Monday evening and Tuesday morning sessions were given to discussion on the items listed Monday afternoon.

OTHER NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

New Certifications

Two persons attending the coaching conference in late March have already completed their certification: Rev. Gerald D. Hammett of Newark, the course on "The Methodist Youth Fellowship" (first and second series); Rev. Arvill C. Brannon of Trumann, the course on "Adult Work in the Church School" (first and second series).

Rev. H. O. Eggersperger of Blytheville has been certified for two courses in intermediate work: "Teaching Intermediates" (first series), "Guiding Intermediates" (second series).

Adult Conferences' Planning Session

The North Arkansas Conference

is planning to have three meetings for adult workers during the coming summer. The Young Adult Conference is to be held on the Hendrix College Campus on June 8-9. The Senior Adult Conference and Adult Leaders' Conference will be held on Hendrix Campus, July 1-3.

The Young Adult Conference and Senior Adult Conference type of program has been held for a number of years.

The Adult Leaders' Conference will be a new program. It is being planned for superintendents of adult division, presidents of adult classes, adult teachers, and other officers and leaders of the adult division.

The planning session was held in Newport on April 24 to make plans for these three adult programs.

Mrs. W. H. Provost of Marked Tree, Ark. is the president of the Young Adult Fellowship and will direct the Young Adult Conference.

Rev. I. L. Claud will be the director of the Senior Adult Conference. He has been the leader of this program for several years.

The Adult Leaders' Conference will be under the direction of the conference Adult Council.

Rev. Robert Clemmons of the General Board of Education will be a resource leader for the Adult Leaders' Conference, giving some time to the Senior Adult Conference.

Dr. Meredith F. Eller of Fayette,

Regional Workshop Scheduled For Young Adults

Kerrville, Tex.—Young adults from throughout the southwest will be in attendance at a Southwestern Regional Workshop for Methodist Young Adult leaders to be held at Mt. Wesley assembly here Friday, May 10, through Sunday, May 12. Theme for the workshop will be "The Dynamics Of Christian Leadership."

Leaders are expected from all conferences within the South Central Methodist Jurisdiction, which includes Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas, three Negro conferences in the Central Jurisdiction, West Texas, Texas and Louisiana; and the Colorado and Southern California-Arizona Conferences in the Western Jurisdiction.

Robert S. Clemmons of the Department of Christian Education of Adults, the Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., says the session is for sub-district and conference young adult leaders, and persons who are working as resource leaders in district workshops, in summer conference-wide meetings of young adults and on fellowship teams. He says a special invitation is issued to the persons in each conference who have charge of publicity in young adult enterprises.

In response to young adult leaders, workshops have been set up in four fields: publicity; sub-district meetings; recreation and creative arts; and planning summer conferences.

Clemmons will lead the group on summer conferences. Mildred Young of Dallas, assistant director of Texas Methodist Information and assistant editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, will lead the publicity group. Edwin Tewksbury of the sponsoring department, will lead sessions on sub-district meetings. James Campbell, San Antonio pastor, will direct the group on recreation.

This workshop is sponsored by the Department of Christian Education of Adults, Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, The Methodist Church, Post Office Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

Mo., will bring the Bible messages for the Senior Adult Conference and the Adult Leaders' Conference.

Rev. Raymond A. Dorman of Fayetteville will be the recreational leader for the Senior Adult and Adult Leaders' Conferences.

It is hoped that local churches will begin making plans at once to be well represented in each of these adult conferences.

The kind of adult program in the local church has much to do with the total life of the local church. This summer provides opportunity for enriching the adult program of your church.



These churchmen met in Washington, D. C., recently to plan interdenominational observances of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley. Left to right: Dr. George E. Clary, Sr., Atlanta, Ga., executive secretary Southeastern Methodist Jurisdictional Council; Dr. Dean Edwards, New York, president of the Hymn Society of America; Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Lake Junaluska, N. C., secretary of the World Methodist Council; Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, Tenn., editor of *THE UPPER ROOM*, and Dr. Jacob S. Peyton, Falls Church, Va., of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies.

Asks Protestants To Observe Birth of Charles Wesley

Washington, D. C. (MI) — Protestant churches across the country will be asked to join this year in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley, famous British hymn writer.

"The 6500 hymns of Charles Wesley belong to all denominations and we hope to honor him by making 1957 a great revival of congregational singing," said Dr. Dean Edwards of New York, president of the Hymn Society of America.

He met here April 9 with representatives of the World Methodist Council and other Methodist agencies to plan a series of regional hymn festivals.

Charles Wesley, born December 18, 1707, and his brother, John, both priests of the Church of England, founded the Methodist Movement.

Much of the impetus of the 18th Century religious revival was credited to the music of Charles Wesley, author of such widely known hymns as "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "A Charge to Keep I Have," and "Christ the Lord is Risen Today."

Dr. Edwards said the hymn society will sponsor a Wesley Hymn Festival in New York City in December, and cooperate with similar observances elsewhere.

Dr. Elmer T. Clark of Lake Junaluska, N. C., executive secretary of the World Methodist Council, said that Methodist groups in some 40 countries will hold festivals in Wesley's honor.

Regional observances in the United States are planned for Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles, Lake Junaluska, and Savannah, Ga., where in 1735-36 Wesley was secretary and chaplain under General Oglethorpe of the Georgia colony.

Dr. Clark said that Evangelist Billy Graham, who often quotes the Wesleys, will be asked to feature Wesley hymns during his New York crusade in May.

Bishop W. Earl Ledden of Syracuse, N. Y., president of the Methodist Council of Bishops, is chairman of Methodist observances in this country.

The Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., will sponsor observances in some 40,000 churches. The Rev. Harry L. Williams, staff member, will direct the local church projects.

Also attending the meeting here were Dr. George E. Clary, Atlanta, Ga., executive secretary of the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdictional Council; Dr. J. Manning Potts of Nashville, editor of *The Upper Room*, devotional guide, and Dr. Jacob S. Peyton of Falls Church, Va., representing the National Association of Methodist Historical Societies.

Representing the Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church, we recommend that in 1957 there be a Church-wide observance of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley, in common with Methodists throughout the world and in cooperation with all Methodist and other interested bodies in this country.

In this observance local churches are encouraged to enter into congregational singing enthusiastically and with understanding, and to develop and increase the full congregational singing of our Christian faith, inspired by the use of Charles Wesley's hymns. This emphasis provides opportunity to acquaint the Church with Charles Wesley as a great religious leader — as a preacher, evangelist, and hymn writer — and to stress the importance of the Biblical and theological aspects of all hymnody as exemplified in the Wesley hymns. It is expected that this observance will lead to personal commitment of life and the spiritual growth of the Church.

The various boards and agencies of The Methodist Church will promote this observance through their own channels, in cooperation with the Central Committee, and local churches are urged to make creative use of the many opportunities of the observance.

MISSION FIELD HERE IN AMERICA

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on the high seas. We have the technical know-how and have become the laboratory of the world in this respect. But this excellence in all technological matters does not fully account for the peculiar importance attached to the decisions reached in Washington. America has become the show-case or proving ground for most of the ideological ferment which has stirred in the minds and hearts of all races and nations, and which is gradually producing a world which is different from the world which existed prior to 1914.

Symbol of Freedom

Then again, freedom is one of the World's great objectives, and in a very significant way America has become the symbol of freedom. I have been challenged with the knowledge that millions of Asians and Africans have achieved a freedom of sorts within the past five years. Basically, the contemporary struggles for freedom in Poland, Hungary and in other parts of the enslaved world have been stimulated by the Christian concept of the place of man in the world. I have a hunch that, in the end, any totalitarian attempt to control the thought and activities of man is doomed to failure because such attempts overlook the fundamental, but often inchoate, longing of man to be free. The eyes of the world are upon us in order to determine: (1) how we achieve our freedom; (2) how we extend that freedom to all living in our land; (3) how we use our freedom to find a satisfactory answer to the ancient and persistent longing for the abundant life. It is not difficult, then, to sense this basic fact that America is a land of destiny.

The freedom men seek is not only political freedom. Economic and social freedoms have become very important. More and more religious freedom has become a world issue.

The final consideration is that of the abolition of poverty. To be sure, other nations appear to be jealous of our standard of living. Yet we do have slums and poverty, crime and violence. When all the facts are in, we know that we are fortunate to live in the U. S. A.

An Open Book to the World

Everywhere you look in the field of home missions you find challenge and opportunity. Years ago we could hide from ourselves and others the activities that went on in the United States and her territories. But modern means of communication—radio, television, magazines—have made of us an open book for the world to read.

And so the home mission agencies of Methodism seek in every way to obey the marching orders of the Church. We shall continue our efforts in evangelism, social service, education, medicine, etc., to make God's way known and followed by every American. We shall speak for human rights and equalities, more especially for those without an effective voice. And we shall watch for the new dimensions of activity, particularly in the realm of ideas where we can present an effective witness for the Christian way of life. This is our commission. We are determined that with God's help we shall not fail.

"Sending Them Off"

By Florence Chan

(Editor's Note: Miss Chan, a Chinese student from Malaya, is a member of the Class of 1958 of International Christian University at Mitaka-shi, Tokyo, Japan. In this article she reports on the University's first graduation exercises, which were held on March 21, 1957.)

The first Commencement of International Christian University in Japan has come and gone, but something of this occasion will forever remain with me. It is a message which has ignited the flame of life and roused a spark of maturity in my soul.

Four days before Commencement, Dr. Tateo Kanda, Chairman of the Division of Humanities, said to the graduating seniors: "We are sending you off, not merely as graduates but as Ambassadors of God."

This statement caused me to ponder for many days and it set my heart beating fast with zeal. "God's Ambassadors!" No wonder some of the graduating seniors had their eyes blinded with tears—tears of joy and gratitude.

And Dr. Georgia Harkness was right when she told us at the Baccalaureate Service that the Commencement meant the real beginning of work rather than the end of college life, because "education is an on-going, never ending process. It is achieved neither by thinking that we have acquired all knowledge, nor by assuming that there is nothing more to be learned."

Commencement Day Arrives

Along with great excitement, Commencement Day finally arrived on March 21, 1957. The ceremony was held at the Chapel at ten. As a junior classman I couldn't help feeling humble when I stood with the congregation to receive the total of 116 boys and 49 girls, including nine Chinese and one Korean, as they marched solemnly in procession into the Chapel.

How dignified they looked in their black American-style caps and gowns! How fortunate they were in being so cheerfully blessed by more than one thousand witnesses, including parents and friends, and representatives of diplomatic, educational, religious and business circles.

All—including the twenty-six guests of honor who flew to this country on a special tour arranged by the Women's Planning Committee of the Japan International Christian University Foundation in New York City—sat in complete silence as they watched each graduate mount the platform to receive his or her diploma.

And all, except the photographers, who indeed proved to be more active than anybody else at this time, held their breath to admire every handshake between President Hachiro Yuasa and each graduate. The handshake symbolized gratitude and promise, faith and hope. I was deeply touched and awed.

"Fishers of Men"

When Jesus Christ sent His twelve disciples on a mission, He instructed them not to bring anything with them except spiritual readiness. He meant them to be "Fishers of Men." President Yuasa gave every graduate an encouraging smile for his coming mission, whatever it may be and wherever the graduate may be in the future.

He said, "Ever since you entered ICU, we have challenged you with the perturbing question—'knowledge and skill, for what?' We urged you to lay the foundation for your

philosophy of life as firmly and wisely as possible and to discover the true way of life. In our conviction, the Christian and democratic way of life is expressed in our relations with our fellow men. ICU expects you to be seekers after the truth of the world and the truth of Christ to the end of your lives."

Go As Christ's Ambassadors

Yes, the graduating students had completed their four years of academic pursuits and now President Yuasa was sending them off as Christ's Ambassadors to tell this Truth to their fellow men and to the world.

In an inspiring message of congratulations to the graduates Mrs. Harper Sibley, Vice President of the Japan International Christian University Foundation in New York, said that she welcomed them into the fellowship of the "aristocracy of service," which knew no nationality and no religious barriers.

Speaking for the senior class Mr. Allan Lee, a Chinese graduate, expressed in fluent Japanese that his heart was full of gratitude; and Miss Yoko Hoshina, a Japanese student, said in English, "We know that through Christian fellowship and practice of love, we have germinated and nurtured a seed of power of life within ourselves, and we believe that so far as we have that seed in our hearts, we are strong enough to meet the stern realities of life." Quite unconsciously these two representatives of both the non-Japanese and Japanese members of the first senior class had already begun their mission as "Ambassadors of God."

What they said have meant much to us, the graduates-to-be. For Jesus has said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." I hope these of us who have not yet quite planted the seed that Miss Hoshina mentioned will begin doing so today, to reap and harvest it.

When The Time Comes

Only then when our time for graduation comes, when ICU, this small United Nations, this family of Oneness under Christ's Love, again sends her children off, will we be ready to accept the mission to be the Lord's Ambassadors.

When the first commencement exercises were ended at noon by Dr. Richard C. Raines, Bishop of The Methodist Church, who gave the benediction, I felt what every junior was feeling in his or her heart an added stimulation to work harder toward the goal of both academic and spiritual maturity.

The students of International Christian University in Japan, I believe shall be God's Ambassadors, and will in Faith go forward!



NEW BOOKS REVIEWED

Triumph Over Tragedy

By Iona Henry
with Frank S. Mead

"Triumph over Tragedy," by Iona Henry, with Frank S. Mead, (published by Fleming H. Revell Company) is a beautifully written book describing the fight of a heroic woman against almost insurmountable odds.

With penetrating insight Mrs. Henry describes the struggle against pain, fear and hopelessness occasioned by the death of her little girl from cancer which was followed almost immediately by a terrible automobile accident in which her husband and son were killed and she was so badly injured that no one believed she would live.

She pays eloquent tribute to all who labor skillfully and devotedly to alleviating the sufferings of mankind. She recognizes the part played in the healing process by loving friends and she makes very real the place of her Lord as she walked far into the valleys of the unknown land.

But most of all she reveals a great woman possessing such a living faith that she opens for each reader of her story a vision of a shining path over which one may walk to victory.

—By Bishop Paul E. Martin

Omnibus of Fun

By Helen and Larry Eisenberg

Recreation leaders seem to be always needing new material, and this big volume by two of the best-known leaders in the recreation field will be welcomed by all church groups.

Included in the "Omnibus" is material for every age and interest group: children, youth, adults, and older adults; church groups, clubs, campers, rural youth, college groups; and the handicapped, the blind, the deaf, bed-ridden patients, and mental patients. Indeed, a look at the book will convince the reader that no group is left out.

The first part of the book deals with the role of the leader, showing how to lead a group in recreation and where the leader can get help. The second part helps the leader select the right activities for each group. Part three gets down to the details of planning, and part four (over 400 pages) provides the material for the party.

Just a sample of this huge book shows that it contains how to be a master of ceremonies, ice breakers, one-man stunts, group skits and stunts, family fun, holiday and rainy-day fun, and money raising projects.

Though not many individuals will spend this much for a book, \$7.95 is certainly not too much for the church to pay to have this handy reference for use with groups of every age and interest. But leaders of recreation at summer assemblies and persons either already engaged in, or planning to pursue as a profession, full-time, recreation will

Report Indicates Slow Changes In So. America

The religious situation in South America is changing slowly, according to a report by Dr. Paul M. Limbert, secretary general of the World Alliance of YMCAs. But spiritual interest is growing and there are signs of new movements within Catholicism, he added.

Some younger priests, he reported, are stressing biblical and doctrinal studies and a few are experimenting with gatherings in homes for discussions of family problems. Dr. Limbert has returned to Switzerland after visiting YMCAs in Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil.

Many leaders, he reported, see a new opportunity for the YMCA to help fill the spiritual vacuum in which many young people live, but, he said, the inclusive and flexible approach of the YMCA is often misunderstood by both Protestants and Catholics. There are more than 40,000 YMCA members in South America, but the movement has grown slowly during its 50 years of existence.

The only notable expansion in recent years has been in Brazil, but there are 100 cities in the country with more than 100,000 population and only five YMCAs.

Migrant Ministry Is Challenged

The "shame of rural shanty towns," where migrant workers live in shacks made of boards and flattened oil cans, with no water, gas, electricity or garbage disposal facilities was described at a meeting of church leaders recently.

Speaking before a group of state, regional and area directors of the year-round program of the churches' ministry to migrants, Miss Edith E. Lowry warned that such settlements are creating "rural slums." Miss Lowry is national director of the migrant ministry conducted by many communions in partnership with the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches.

find the purchase price repaid after only a few months use. Church librarians will want to keep this in mind for early purchase.

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—By the Rev. Harold L. Fair.

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Commends Chaplains In Peace And War

The military chaplain today holds a place of honor on the denominational rosters of the clergy, though this has not always been the case, observed Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert last week. Dr. Cavert, former general secretary of the National Council of Churches and U. S. secretary of the World Council of Churches, spoke at the annual meeting of the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Services Personnel, held in Washington, D. C.

Reviewing the 40-year history of the chaplaincy services, Dr. Cavert said it was not until 1938 that the churches began to recognize its importance.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches, also addressed the meeting. "The military chaplain," Dr. Blake said, "must fulfill the traditional role of spiritual guardian to young men away from home in the service." He added that so many servicemen are now taking teenage brides "despite the obstacles placed in their path," that the chaplain's responsibility has increased. "The church that ignores its ministry to these men," Dr. Blake declared, "would be a church that ignores its duty to build a Christian society."

The commission elected Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of Indianapolis its new president. Newly elected vice-presidents of the interdenominational commission are Bishop Henry I. Louttit, of Florida, and the Rev. Claude H. Pritchard of Georgia.

Bishop Writes Booklet On Wesley's Hymns

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—Methodist Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, has written a booklet for use across the nation in connection with the 1957 celebration of the 250th anniversary of Charles Wesley's birth.

Charles Wesley was the brother of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. He was born December 18, 1707, lived in England, and wrote about 6,500 hymns, many of which are sung today.

Bishop Short's booklet presents the basic messages of some of Charles Wesley's hymns. Entitled *My Great Redeemer's Praise*, it was published by Tidings, a department of the Methodist Board of Evangelism here.

The Methodist Board of Evangelism is spearheading the Charles Wesley celebration, which will feature throughout the year special hymn-singing events by Methodists and others around the world.

Bishop Short wrote the 32-page booklet at the request of the central committee for the celebration. The committee is composed of representatives of various Methodist general boards and agencies.

Large quantities of the booklets will be available at little cost from Tidings for use in Methodist annual conferences, in churches, and in other ways.

"The booklet should help make Charles Wesley's hymns more meaningful," said the Rev. Gordon Pratt Baker, Nashville, editor of Tidings. "We hope it will assist ministers in their presentations concerning the celebration, and we believe it will help laymen to have a better understanding of the hymns as they sing them."

The World Methodist Council conceived the idea for the Charles Wesley observance. Various groups, including the Hymn Society of America, will participate in it.

Methodist Leaders Receive Honorary Degrees In Korea

Bishop Richard C. Raines, of the Indiana Area of the Methodist Church, Indianapolis, and the Rev. Dr. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh, executive secretary for East Asia of the Methodist Division of World Missions, New York City, were recipients of Doctor of Laws degrees at an April 8th Convocation at Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea. The occasion marked the first formal event celebrating the merger of time-honored Chosun Christian University and Severance Union Medical College and Hospital into a united Christian University. Both of these institutions are now centering their activities and erecting new buildings on the beautiful old C. C. U. campus in the suburbs of Seoul. Dr. George L. Paik is the President of the newly united university.

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The "Pledge for Christian Action on the Highways" reads:

"Recognizing my responsibility as

three thousand were present at the convocation which was held in the open air arena of the school. Honorary degrees were also conferred upon Dean Yu-Dong Yang of the Graduate School of Dong Gook University in Seoul, and Dr. John Coventry Smith, associate general secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. Bishop H. J. Lew of the Korea Methodist Church, and other religious and educational leaders, participated in the conferral of the degrees.

a Christian toward my fellowmen, I promise to drive as a Christian should. This means that I will strive to obey all laws of our roads and highways; and, more than obeying the laws, I will through my driving try to live up to the Great Commandment of Jesus: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

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LESSON FOR MAY 12, 1957 RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

READ GENESIS 11:31-32, 12:1-3, 17:1-9.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Make me to know thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.* Psalms 25:4 (RSV)

Let us keep in mind that our present lessons in Unit V presents a study of "The Beginnings Of Man and His Faith In God." Our lesson for today, "Responding To God's Call," is the first of two lessons in which we study something of the life of Abraham, "The father of the faithful." In this lesson we study his call from God and his ready response to that call.

In our last two lessons we have studied about the beginnings of the universe, the creation of man and the establishment of man's responsibility before God. Today we study the beginning of a special race of people—the Jews—who have been called "The chosen people of God." Abraham was the father of that race which has had such a great influence on world history. A study of his life will show that he was well worthy of the high honor of fathering such a distinguished race of people.

A Lost Vision

In the heading of our lesson for today we suggested the reading of the last two verses of chapter 11 in Genesis. These verses just precede the first selection in our lesson text in chapter 12. We felt that it might help us to understand better something of the heroism, faith and vision of Abraham if we look for a moment into the background of his life.

We are told, in these two verses, that Terah, the father of Abraham, took Abraham and his wife Sarah and Lot, the nephew of Abraham and "went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran, and dwelt there . . . and Terah died in Haran."

In reading these verses, which picture the bold start of Terah, "to go into the land of Canaan," we cannot but feel that he, even before Abraham, had a call from God to get out of Ur of the Chaldees and go to Canaan where God could use him. On the way, however, he must pass through Haran, a city located in a very fertile spot on the Beles river, a tributary of the Euphrates. This city was a kind of oasis in the desert in the long, hard journey from Ur of the Chaldees to the land of Canaan.

Having reached Haran, Terah seems to have settled there and the vision of Canaan and the new life were lost to him. Terah died in Haran. Despite his earlier resolve to go with his family to Canaan, Terah's sole claim to fame is in the fact that he was Abraham's father. Abraham, at the call of God, went on from Haran to Canaan and to a place among the immortals of earth. Terah would have died in obscurity and have been forgotten, along with millions of others of his day, but for

the fact of his relationship to such a distinguished son.

It is possible that there are those among us today, who in other days started to Canaan with a high resolve, but are now content to live in Haran. They too will die in Haran unless there is a revival of their earlier vision of service to God in the larger life to which He has called them.

The Man Abraham

Abraham's childhood was spent in Ur of the Chaldees, located in what is now Iraq, so much in the news today because of its oil reserves. One of the most important migrations in history was the journey Abraham made from the country of his childhood to the land of Canaan.

This migration required conviction, courage and vision. The writer of Hebrews in 11:8 tells us that "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."

If there was another man in the world that God could trust at this period in the world's history, the Record says nothing about him. The world was likely as sinful at this time as it was in the period we studied about last Sunday, when God decided to destroy the world with a flood. That time Noah and his sons and their wives were saved so that through them God could continue His purposes for the man He had created. Here God singles out one man in the world of wickedness and calls him to make a great decision, purely as an act of faith.

Faced With A Great Decision

Abraham, the son of a father who apparently failed in the face of a great vision, is called of God to make one of the most important decisions any life might have to make. (1) On the death of his father, he faced the question as to whether he should return to Ur, the place of his childhood, where he likely had many connections that would have made it easy for him to get on in life. (2) Abraham was living in a city which was so attractive that it caused his father to give up his visions of Canaan. He must decide whether to make that city, with its promising outlook, his permanent home. (3) Terah, his father, had likely shared with Abraham something of his vision of Canaan when they started on their journey to that far-off country. Possibly there were lingering memories of that vision in the mind of Abraham after his father was gone. Then came the direct call from God, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy fathers house, unto a land that I will shew

thee; and I will make of thee a great nation."

The wording of the call gives emphasis to the difficulties confronting Abraham in the decision he must make. He must leave the country of his childhood, he must leave behind all of his kindred except his wife and a nephew and, in doing so, he was leaving behind also his father's house.

The decision involved, also, a migration to a strange land filled with strange people who would be unfriendly to strangers. In the face of odds that seemingly discouraged his father and would discourage most of us, Abraham, made his decision to move on to Canaan in answer to the call of God.

Separation Often Necessary To Christian Living

We may ask why it was necessary for Abraham to leave his country and his many relatives and friends in order for God to use him as He desired?

If we look about us we will find that it has often been necessary for people to break with former relationships and move over into another realm of life in order to be of the largest service to God. When we become "new creatures in Christ Jesus" it means a break with the old life that often involves companionships, associations and environments.

As with Abraham, we should be willing to make any adjustments and changes that seem to be necessary in order that the will of God may be done through us.

God Appears To Abraham

In the second part of our lesson, taken from the 17th chapter of Genesis, the selection opens with the statement, "When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram."

Abraham was seventy-five years old when he left Haran to go to Canaan. Twenty-four years passed between the time Abraham left Haran and the time God appeared to him as stated in the second division of our lesson, since Abraham was ninety-nine years old at that time.

Many things had happened in those twenty-four years. After some time in Canaan, a drouth came and Abraham, with his wife Sarah, was forced to go down into Egypt for a while. Abraham and Lot had difficulties in Canaan and separated. A son, Ishmael, is born to Abraham by the maid of his wife, Sarah. Throughout this period there was no child born to Abraham and Sarah. Despite that fact the Lord, more than once talked to Abraham about the countless descendants he would have. That promise accompanied the command to Abraham to leave Haran for Canaan.

When God talked to Abraham, the Record says here Abraham "fell on his face" before God. This spirit of humility is in keeping with the other unusual characteristics of this great man. Our posture in prayer is not in any sense the most important thing about praying. Our motives, our sincerity, our purposes and consecration of life are the really important things when we pray. Nevertheless, here the presence of God was so real to Abraham that he felt more comfortable lying prostrate before the Lord. Here, again, God promises him that he is to be the father of many nations. This promise came while Abraham was ninety-

nine years old and Sarah far advanced in years.

Abraham Best Known For His Towering Faith

Every step in the life of Abraham, after the death of his father required a towering faith in God, and because his faith so beautifully met those requirements, Abraham is the outstanding example of faith in God among early Bible characters. It required faith for him to even start toward Canaan at the call of God. It certainly required faith for him, at the age of ninety-nine, to believe that God was to make of his descendants many nations since he and Sarah had no children.

The supreme test of Abraham's faith came, however, after an only son, Isaac, had been born into the home. This was the child of promise and the only hope for the fulfillment of all of God's promises concerning his descendants.

Then one day when Isaac had grown to be a "lad," there came from God the surprising command to Abraham to offer Isaac as a burnt offering before God. In this command the Record says "God did tempt Abraham."

In the face of such a command from a God who had made such glowing promises, we would not be surprised at rebellion and defiance. Instead Genesis tells us that Abraham "rose up early in the morning" and took two of his young men and Isaac and started his journey to the place God had named for the sacrifice. He apparently did not tell Sarah of his plans, lest she stop him.

For three days they journey toward the place of sacrifice. Seeing the "place afar off" Abraham left the young men and laid the wood for the offering on the shoulders of Isaac while he carried the fire and the knife. On the way to the place of offering there came the severest test of all. Alone with his father as they journey, Isaac turns his face up to his father and asks the soul-disturbing question, "My Father . . . behold the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" It is quite probable that our answer to such a question, under the circumstances, would have been, "Son there will be no offering." We would likely have renounced our faith in a God who would demand such a price for continued fellowship. Abraham, the man of faith, simply replied, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb." Abraham continued with his purpose until finally, with Isaac bound and laid on the altar, he stands with knife in hand and arm uplifted to take the life of his own son at the command of God.

The angel of the Lord stopped him here with the words, "Now I know that thou fearest God." So there, on the mountain top God gives to the world, for the unborn generations of earth to look upon, an example of a man who trusted God through to the end and found God faithful to His promises.

God's Covenant With Abraham

Our lesson speaks of the everlasting covenant God made with Abraham. He promises Abraham numberless descendants, he is to be the father of kings and nations. Canaan was to belong to his descendants forever. This covenant was the result of unquestioned obedience and loyalty. God is fulfilling that covenant even until today.



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Conference On Missions Scheduled

Interdenominational
Session To Be Held
At Mt. Sequoyah

The 1957 Southwest Conference on the Christian World Mission will be held at Mt. Sequoyah assembly grounds in Fayetteville June 30 to July 5.

Sponsored by the Joint Committee on Summer Missionary Conferences of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States, the conference is promoted on an interdenominational basis by cooperating denominations in the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas—the South Central Jurisdiction.

The 1957 program of the conference will focus particular attention on Japan and "Christ, the Church and Race." The following elective courses are offered: "Use and Understanding of the Bible" and "The Mission of the Church and the Ecumenical Movement." Ministers, leading laymen and lay women representing the mission of the church

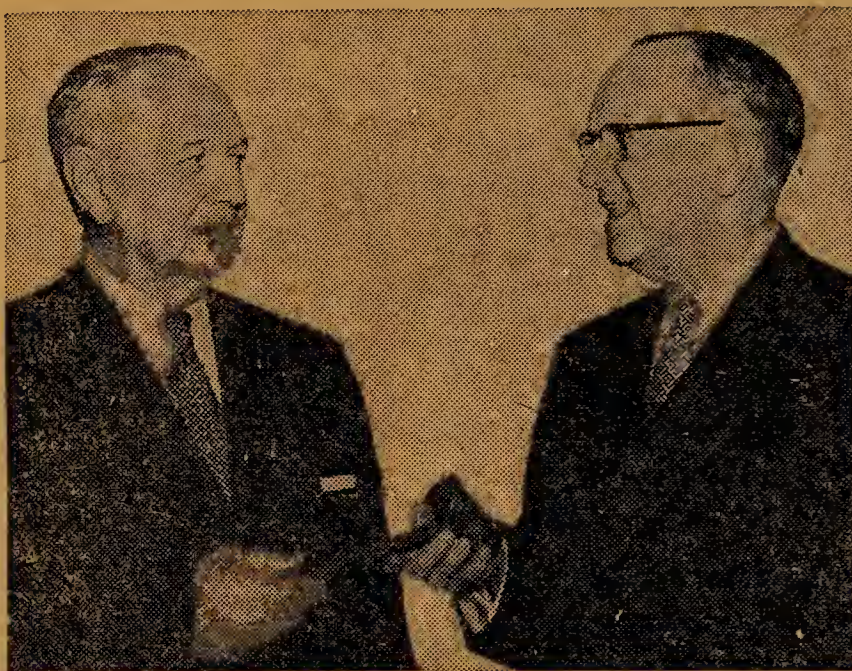
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TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

The Revs. James Major, A. N. Storey, and Karl Tooke, directors of the Area-Wide Every Member Canvass Program in the Little Rock, North Arkansas, and Louisiana Conferences, respectively, suggest a

1. Week 10 of the EMC program begins with Victory Sunday, **May 12**. The Manual describes the type of celebration that may be held on pages 27-38.
2. Although the ideal is to contact every member on Loyalty Sunday and the week following, there will unavoidably be some who could not be reached during that period. A follow-up committee should be appointed to contact every member. Remember, you do a person a spiritual service when you solicit his commitment to the budget of his Church.
3. As soon as results are in, a report of the EMC should be made to the District Superintendent and the Conference Directors on the report forms provided for that purpose.
4. With the Canvass over, the Commission on Finance should plan ways of keeping the congregation informed on the financial affairs of the Church. The Manual gives several fine suggestions on pages 38-40.
5. This is the last time this Time Schedule will appear. The three Conference Directors sincerely hope it has been useful in carrying out the EMC.

Oklahoma-New Mexico Leader Heads Council of Bishops



Bishop W. Angie Smith (left) of Oklahoma City, head of The Methodist Church's Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, is the new president of the denomination's Council of Bishops. He is shown receiving the gavel from the retiring president, Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y., at the council's annual meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 25. The 80-member Council of Bishops is charged with "the general oversight and promotion of the temporal and spiritual interests" of the 11½ million Methodists throughout the world.

A native Texas, Bishop Smith was elected to the episcopacy in 1944 and has served since that time as head of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area. He has served pastorates in Texas at Kerrville, Midland, El Paso and Dallas; and in Birmingham, Ala.; Nashville, Tenn.; Shreveport, La.; and Washington, D. C.

Temperance Essay Contest Winners Named

Miss Anna Clark Whitaker of the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, was the first place winner in the state finals of the Temperance Essay-Speech Contest held at the Pineville Methodist Church, Mar. 30.

She will present her prize-winning essay on "Is Moderation the Answer to the Alcohol Problem?"

at the Louisiana Annual Conference, and it will appear in *The Louisiana Methodist* after that time.

Earl Taylor, Palmetto Methodist Church, Palmetto, was second place winner; and Miss Gwen Norgress, Live Oak Methodist Church, Watson, won third place.



Pictured are the district winners in the Conference-wide contest who were the finalists. They are from left to right, back row: Miss Marie Nelson, Monroe District; Miss Helen Metcalf, Shreveport District; Miss Nancy Stewart, Ruston District; and Earl Taylor, Lafayette District. On the front row, left to right, are: Miss Beverly Jarrett, Alexandria District; Miss Anna Clark Whitaker, Lake Charles District; Miss Gwen Norgress, Baton Rouge District; and Jimmy Williams, New Orleans District.

Area EMC Program Reaches Climax Sunday

The Area wide Every Member Canvass program will reach its climax on next Sunday, May 12, designated as Victory Sunday, and local churches will begin to receive final reports on the Stewardship emphasis.

The EMC program has been in operation for the past 10 weeks in most of the Methodist Churches in Arkansas and Louisiana. According to Area leaders the program featured solicitation of pledges from all church members for next year's church budget, after a period of cultivation and training. This emphasis is part of the General Conference quadrennial emphasis on the local church.

In connection with the observance of Victory Sunday, Revs. James T. Major, Karl Tooke, A. N. Storey, conference directors of the program issued the following statement:

"As we come to the climax of the Area wide Simultaneous Program of EMC we wish to thank all who have contributed to the success of the program. We want to express our gratitude to all the District Superintendents, pastors, and local chairmen and workers for their efforts in the victory that we are sure will be forthcoming.

"We want to urge each local church to push forward to a successful completion its campaign. An Every Member Canvass is not complete until every member of the church is given the opportunity to make his commitment.

"We further urge every pastor to report the accomplishments of his campaign to his District Superintendents and Conference Director. These reports will be an inspiration to others as well as a resource future planning.

According to the directors, local church leaders will be making reports to District Superintendents and conference leaders in the near future, as soon as local church reports have been completed. It is expected that some announcement will be made at the annual conference sessions including the complete results of the EMC program.

Conference leaders point out that reports would indicate comparison between this conference year's total income in local churches, proposed budgets for 1957-58, the total amount pledged by members toward the 1957-58 budgets, the total number families making pledges to the new budget, and the number of local churches participating in the Every Member Canvass program.

Conference leaders have expressed the hope that many local churches will adopt the EMC program as a regular feature in their annual calendars.

THE LAW OF OUR MOTHERS

As Mother's Day draws near, these intervening days are usually designated as National Family Week. As a preparation, therefore, for these days and for Mother's Day to which it leads, I should like to think with you about a word of wisdom uttered by the writer of Proverbs in the first chapter, the eighth verse: "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother."



It would almost seem that the proverb has its words mixed. It would sound more appropriate to say, "My son, hear the instruction of thy mother, and forsake not the law of thy father."

Traditionally is it not the fathers who lay down the law? Mother was often the refuge to whom we fled when we had broken Father's laws. Mothers do not talk in terms of law, but in terms of love. When, therefore, we read "forsake not the law of thy mother," we mean not the laws which mothers laid down for others but rather the laws which they manifested in their own lives.

There is one law manifested by our mothers which we as a society must not forsake. It is the mother's law of concentration. In Noel Coward's motion picture "Cavalcade," which was produced a number of years ago, he depicted the vicissitudes of an English family during the first two decades of the 20th century.

First was shown the young husband leaving his wife and two boys for the Boer War, about 1900. Then came the tragedy of the elder son's death in 1912 on the Titanic when that great new ship struck an iceberg and sank. Then in World War I, just before the Armistice, death took another son. Then was shown Armistice night in London, with its scenes of triumph and rejoicing. The grief-stricken mother watched from the window as the shouting marchers went by, and then turned away tearfully to say, "But my world's a very small world."

Viewed from one angle, that mother's words might seem a stultifying

remark. It is ignoble to live in a small world when we should be concerned with the struggles of society. And it must be confessed that some mothers do make their homes little circles walled in with selfishness. Some mothers do tether their sons with the silver chord of maternal devotion so that they delay the making of new homes or disrupt their sons' homes when made.

Yet, saying all this, we must also say that unless we learn to live in the small world immediately around us, we shall not live successfully in the realm of large affairs. The home is the training ground whereon we drill ourselves in those attitudes of personal adjustment which are necessary for effective social readjustment.

It is in the home that we best learn the habits of mutual consideration which make for tolerance and cooperation in the community. It is in the home that we must form the habit of keeping our word as individuals if we are to keep contracts inviolate in business.

The family circle is our first drill ground of Christian character. The family is not only, as has often been said, the unit of civilization; it is the test of civilization. The stability and endurance of any nation are in proportion to the integrity and coherence of its family group.

When a society neglects the mother's law of concentration on the family, nothing can make up for its loss. Schools cannot discipline the youth that parents do not train. Churches cannot develop character when homes dodge their responsibility. Courts and laws cannot control the wildness which family circles fail to tame.

We multiply our policemen to keep people straight. We multiply government bureaus to keep business straight. We multiply officials to keep government straight. Thus we go on increasing social overseers and social overhead. And still our laws will be invaded and broken.

When Oklahoma planned to erect a statue symbolizing the pioneer woman, many models were submitted. But the one selected is that of a mother carrying a Bible under one arm and with the other leading her young son, with whom she is walking briskly and buoyantly forward. She was the choice, for the culture of America and Canada has been shaped by the mothers who have taken the Book of Life and transmitted it into the characters of their children, with whom they have faced the future, unashamed and unafraid.

The Layman's Column

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IS THERE A HELL?

The other day a young woman called me on the phone and asked me to define my conception of hell. Actually, there are as many answers to this question as there are people who think soberly about it, but with what study and experience I could command, I tried to explain my ideas to her. And presuming that others might be interested in this much-discussed subject, here are an ordinary layman's ideas. Maybe you have asked yourself these questions . . . Is there a hell? . . . Will it be eternal for all who go there? . . . What does the devil look like? . . . Why does God send those whom He is supposed to love to such a place?

Is there a hell? Of course, I don't have any more visible proof than anyone else. But if we are to accept the Bible as containing words from God (and I certainly do) then we must accept the fact of a place of eternal and limitless torment. A person may feel a terrible and sinful bitterness on this earth, but it is only a foretaste of hell. Fire? . . . Brimstone? . . . Bitter loneliness? . . . Separation from those whom we love? . . . Do these conditions describe hell? I certainly don't know, except that whatever hell is, it is going to be a place where there is no joy, no pity, no singing, no hallelujahs before the throne of God. Even God's infinite grace will not penetrate it any more than it can penetrate the closed heart of the sinner on this earth. Yes, hell will be plain, old, unvarnished hell!

How long will hell last? If heaven is an eternity where ages are reckoned as a passing breath, then hell will be the same, as far as I am concerned. What's the devil like? After all, is there a devil? I certainly can't answer either question, except that if God is a spirit of infinite goodness and love, then there must be a spirit of infinite sin and evil. Whether he has a forked tail and goat's hooves, I can't say, and I hope that I can never answer from experience.

The thoughts of hell; of infinite punishment;

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

THIS IS THE AGE OF THE TEAM

The "secret weapon" of all "success" in modern industry and living—call it our profit economy or the American way of life, as you will—is teamwork. And, indeed, it seems rather impossible to think of anyone who is accomplishing anything, good or bad, except as he is working with or working upon other people. No man anywhere is really living unto himself alone—even though he may think so.

Years ago now, I met on a mountain village street a man who was pointed out to me as a "hermit." He lived alone near the top of a mountain visible from the village. But two facts gave denial to the "hermit" label: every Saturday morning (someone must have given him a calendar!) he came down the mountainside and exchanged some products of his agricultural toil for things he needed from the general store; and there were neighbors in the village who watched each night for the flicker of the kerosene lamp in his window—if it were not lighted, someone climbed the mountain next morning to see if he needed medical attention. No, he was not a hermit: he was part of a "team" within society, no matter how restricted.

One of the great industrial concerns of America spoke the other day of the talents, skills and experiences of some 39 chemical and related specialists which the company's petroleum salesman has "standing behind him" when

of how people will be sent there; these are not pleasant thoughts. But Paul gave us a good formula. He wrote, "Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Talk to God several times every day. Search your heart for hidden sins, "the sins that cling so closely." Ask forgiveness for your weaknesses and shortcomings. Seek to do His will every day. Then start thinking of all the joys of heaven. That's the best way to miss hell; and let's all hope and pray that we all miss it!

he calls upon a prospective customer. This team of 39 specialists—and the teams of specialists and non-specialists who helped train each of them, and helped develop the field of their particular skills, crafts, and processes—stand behind the salesman and give something of themselves to the customer. Each of them and each of us inherits from a long line of team members who slowly, perhaps through the centuries, built together the knowledge and skill represented in "the team." Neither Fulton, nor Edison, nor Ford was a "hermit," worked alone, in his special field. Each teamed with the past and with hundreds, yes, thousands, of their immediate fellows.

The idea of the team and of its importance has many ramifications. Teamwork is the key to all modern research, not only in all exact science, but in the social sciences as well. The presidency of the United States is no longer (if it ever was) to be looked upon as a one-man job: we speak of "the president's team." In war, it is "the general staff" and not some "Napoleon" that plans the strategy. Faculty meetings, boards of directors or trustees, editorial staffs, medical consultations are all tangible evidence that the team has taken over from the one-man rule: it is more a gesture of democracy, it is acknowledgment of a more efficient method.

I am thinking of this "principle of the team" as it applies to the work of a local church. Of course, we have stewards, and trustees, and official boards, and commissions, and committees for everything imaginable. Sometimes they witness merely to the inefficiency or clumsiness of democracy. And in far too many cases the real work of the church is left to the minister alone.

No minister can do an effective job if he is a "Christian hermit" in the midst of a non-Christian community—or congregation. It is the witness of the team—minister plus laymen—that can revolutionize a community. The missionary, at home or abroad, may be a near-hermit in the place of his ministry; but there will be no mistaking the power of the witness of lay-Christians who team with him and live their faith daily. And with the local church itself it is the team of minister, plus lay workers, plus an eager and willing congregation that can and will achieve "great things for God." The lay leader, the church school superintendent and teachers, the stewards, and each layman must be part of the team: the only call for "soloists" is at a very special and occasional spot in the choir.

Crime Rate Set Record In 1956

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reported here that 1956 was the worst year on record for crime.

He disclosed, in the FBI's annual "Uniform Crime Report," that offenses known to the police numbered 2,563,150 last year, more than 300,000 over 1955. The 13.3 per cent increase was the largest ever recorded for a single year. It brought the crime rate to 43 per cent higher than in 1950.

Mr. Hoover said larcenies increased 16.7 per cent, auto thefts 16.1 per cent, rapes 6.3 per cent and murders 1.8 per cent.

The 1956 crime rate was 1,533 per 100,000 population compared with 1,187 in 1950. The rate increased four times faster than the population, which rose 11 per cent during the same period.

A total of 6,970 Americans were

murdered in 1956, the FBI director said, an increase of 120 over the record set in 1955. In addition 5,650 other Americans met violent deaths through negligent manslaughter. A majority of the latter were killed as a result of traffic accidents "due to the gross negligence of someone other than the victim," Mr. Hoover said.

There were 20,300 victims of rape, an increase of 1,200 over the previous year.

Direct property loss from robberies, burglaries and theft totaled an estimated \$440 million, the FBI report indicated.

Greatest crime increase occurred in cities of 10,000 to 25,000 population—more than 19 per cent. The increase in cities of 1,000,000 population or more amounted to only 7 per cent.

Only three states, Alabama, Utah, and Wyoming, reported a reduction in crime. By geographic areas, the crime wave was worst in the Pacific states where an increase of nearly 20 per cent was recorded, but New England followed closely with 18.5 per cent.

Lowest crime rate in the nation was found in Vermont, closely followed by North and South Dakota. Highest rate for crimes of violence was in the South, with Georgia having the highest homicide rate. Greatest overall crime rate was in Michigan.

Reports ACP Papers Reach 30 Million People

Philadelphia (RNS)—Member papers of the Associated Church Press have a total circulation of 13,164,116 and reach more than 30,000,000, it was reported here to the group's 38th annual meeting by Dr. William B. Lippard of New York, executive secretary.

The ACP comprises editors of Protestant publications in the United States.

Voted into membership at the meeting were 13 publications, bringing the total number to 148.

The new members are American Review of Eastern Orthodoxy; Baptist Standard; Ohio Baptist; Christian Index (Southern Baptist); Christianity Today (interdenominational); Together, official organ of The Methodist Church; and the Journal of Religious Education (African Methodist Episcopal Church).

Also, The Earnest Worker (Presbyterian, U.S. and U.S.A.); The Methodist Story; L'Aurore (organ of the French-speaking Protestant Federation of Canada); Methodist Relay; Motive (Methodist Student Movement); and Alcohol Education Digest (Methodist).

New Testament A Quick Sellout In Madrid

Madrid (RNS)—An edition of 60,000 New Testaments, priced at 35 cents each, was sold out during the first two days of a Bible Week sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Madrid.

The Bibles were on sale at 25 metropolitan centers, where lectures on the Scriptures were given during the week. The speakers stressed the need of prior instruction for a proper study and understanding of the Bible.

In an editorial hailing the success of the Bible Week, Ya, leading Catholic Madrid daily, declared that "one of the most unjust accusations made against the Catholic Church is that of preventing the faithful from reading the Bible."

"On the contrary," the paper said, "the reading of the Bible has frequently been recommended by the Popes."

Methodist Bishops Told Of Christian Statesmanship Need

Cincinnati, O. (RNS)—Fresh ideas in the field of human relations rather than bigger stockpiles of nuclear weapons is the need of the hour, the president of the Methodist Council of Bishops said here.

Bishop W. Earl Ledden of Syracuse, N. Y., told the council, in semi-annual session, that the world desperately needs "Christian statesmanship that will reveal a basis for understanding and co-operation among the nations."

He described Great Britain's decision to reduce her military forces as a contribution to peaceful relations. The bishop quoted the statement in the British White Paper on the subject that "the overriding consideration in all military planning must be to prevent war rather than to prepare for it."

"If Great Britain can now come forth with resourceful leadership in the prevention of war and establishment of peace," he said, "this period of her diminishing empire may yet turn out to be her finest hour."

Bishop Ledden presided at the four-day conclave which considered administrative problems of Methodism around the world.

Warns Needless Controversy Harming Church

Nashville, Tenn. (RNS) — The head of the history department at David Lipscomb College here warned that needless controversy and hair-splitting disputes are harming the Church.

Howard A. White spoke at the annual lecture series of the Churches of Christ institution. The series attracted more than 2,500 persons from all over the United States and abroad.

The historian cited events of the first four centuries in the Christian era to provide lessons for 20th century Christians.

"Christianity had split into a hundred fighting sects as early as the first century," Mr. White said. "Before long, it appeared the Church was bent on fragmentizing into a thousand splinters."

"The questions that agitated them seem foolish and unnecessary to us—as some of ours will probably seem to those who read about us in the distant future. Many of the most serious disputes arose over the nature of Christ."

Mr. White listed these four principles that he said stand out from the experience of the past:

1. Those who stir up needless controversy and engage in hair-splitting disputes always place the Church in a dangerous position.

2. Those who insist most loudly that they are preserving and maintaining the pattern of apostolic soundness may be the very ones who are advocating principles that would lead the Church into another apostasy.

3. Those who set themselves up as judges and arbiters of doctrinal soundness may be establishing an

unscriptural hierarchy.

4. In these prosperous times when the Church is strong and powerful in an increasing number of communities, and when many ministers are enjoying generous incomes, there is the danger that they will forget their mission and take on the materialistic ways of the world.

Proposes "Skeptics Hours" For College Students

Nashville, Tenn. (RNS)—A Methodist minister proposed here that clergymen serving college students hold "skeptics hours" for those who have rejected religious ideas they learned in childhood.

Dr. Cecil F. Ristow, pastor of University Methodist Temple, Seattle, Wash., addressed a three-day national Methodist seminar on campus evangelism.

"When a student comes to college his religious ideas are more likely to be borrowed from parents and friends than to be truly his own," he said. "The questions he once asked as a child he now asks with deeper penetration and a new skepticism. Answers that satisfied him in childhood no longer convince him."

He added that student members of a congregation "will often feel the need to challenge the assumptions of the preacher, and they must know that he will respect their dissent, welcome their questions and hear them gladly."

The most urgent and universal question that must be answered, Dr. Ristow said, is "what is the meaning of existence?"

It is the task of the church, he said, "to convince such questioners that life has glorious meaning, and that the key to that meaning is to be found in Jesus Christ. The gospel we proclaim is the church's answer to life's ultimate question."

Court Rules Parsonage Not Sacred Building

Tallahassee, Fla. (RNS)—The Florida Supreme Court ruled here that a parsonage is not a sacred building.

It reversed a Circuit Court judge in Sarasota who denied a liquor license to a place of business within 500 feet of a parsonage.

The Supreme Court said that a parsonage, except for the "goodness of its occupant," doesn't differ from any other residence because it is used for secular and not religious purposes.

England To Get First Mormon Temple

London (RNS)—The cornerstone of the first Mormon temple to be erected in England will be laid on May 11 at Newchapel, Surrey.

The London District Temple will be the fourteenth Mormon temple in the world and the second in Europe. It is patterned after the recently-dedicated Swiss Temple and the New Zealand Temple which is still under construction.

These three structures are different from other temples of the Church, in that most of the ordinance work will be accomplished in a single room with changing scenes effected by means of a projector and screen.

The London Temple, being built on a 32-acre tract, is expected to cost \$1,250,000 including furnishings.

Elder Richard L. Evans of the Council of Twelve Apostles will officiate at the cornerstone setting ceremonies.

Former Headhunters Get Own Bible

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Once fierce head-hunters of the Western Solomon Islands now have a Bible version of their own.

Three European and three native Seventh-day Adventist pastors have completed a translation of the Bible into the Marovo language, denominational officials here reported. They said 3000 copies of the 1360-page volume have been printed as the initial run.

The Marovo people today are mostly Christians. There are 17 Adventist churches on their islands. Kata Ragoso, one of the Bible translators, is president of Adventists' Western Solomon Islands Missions.

"Some linguists believe production of the Bible in Marovo will have a considerable influence on the language of the Solomons," the announcement here said, "and that Morovo could become the standard language for the 100,000 people of that area."

What Would The Founding Fathers Think?

THE early settlements in America were made by people who came to America in search of a place where they could enjoy religious freedom. Because, in the countries from which they came, the state supported and largely controlled the church, our founding fathers were careful to provide in our government for what we commonly call the "separation of church and state." The thing they were concerned about was that the church not be supported financially by the state, since such support usually meant ultimate control.

It was not in the mind of the founders of our nation that our schools should be divorced from religion. In fact, in the early schools of America, the thought of religion and character were very prominent in our school life.

Now comes a decision by a legal authority in Fresno County in California that it is unconstitutional to have Grace before meals in public schools, either in the form of a prayer, a song or the recital of a verse of thanksgiving. It is our feeling that we are plain dumb to weep crocodile tears over the alarming increase in juvenile delinquency in America, and then go to such extremes to divorce our public schools from any semblance of religious thought.

How Times Do Change

IT has not been so many years since Germany and militarism were almost synonymous terms. Under Kaiser Wilhelm and later under Hitler the militaristic trend in Germany reached its climax. Each time the nation was so obsessed with the militaristic spirit that the economic, industrial and political life of Germany all combined to build a military machine that German rulers thought could conquer the world.

Under Hitler, especially, the German youth were so imbued with the spirit of militarism that with a fanatical abandon without precedent they enthusiastically pledged themselves to follow Hitler wherever his wild dreams of conquest might lead them. The spirit of militarism, at that time, was so universal in Germany that the outside world heard little or nothing about conscientious objectors within Germany.

The times and spirit of Germany have so completely changed since that day that now one of the big problems the Bonn Government has encountered in recruiting its new army is caused by the number of young men called up in the draft who claim exemption as conscientious objectors.

East Germany does not have conscription. Reports are, according to WAP, that an average of fifty young men per day cross over into East Germany as "returnees" in order to escape the draft. Some of these "returnees" are not returnees at all but simply West German youth who do not want to enter military service.

This is a remarkable reversal of the war spirit that once gripped the German youth and led them to crimes, in the name of warfare, that shocked the world. While the spirit of militarism in Germany was at high tide, there was relentless criticism of Germany in America for practicing the draft system in peacetime. Today in America, we have the draft system in peacetime—if it be peacetime—and we practice the draft system in America without a protest that to any noticeable degree affects governmental plans to continue the drafting of youth for military service.

We live in a troubled world, and the proper course to follow is not always clear. It should sober us somewhat, however, to realize that America has developed a war potential today with a destructive power beyond the wildest fancy of German militarists. We should not be too much surprised that we, now, are the object of criticism by nations that do not understand our motives as well as we think we do.

EMC Helps Us All

VICTORY Sunday, May 12, will mark the end of an Area-wide simultaneous Every-Member Canvass program which has been underway in Arkansas and Louisiana since the first of the year, when the first planning sessions on a conference and district level were held. The climax next Sunday is the end of a ten-week period during which intensive cultivation and solicitation work has been the order of the day. Area leaders indicate that first reports on a district level will be available shortly afterwards, and that final reports on an annual conference level should be compiled by the sessions of the annual conference, scheduled to begin the last of this month.

Bishop Martin has said that he "does not know of any undertaking in the Area that is fraught with greater consequences," and in this we can all agree. Never before in our memory has there been such a determined effort to acquaint the general membership with information about what local churches are endeavoring to do as they serve a given parish area. Any attempt to spiritualize a financial undertaking and increase the understanding of Christian stewardship is certainly a step in the right direction. Never before have such large numbers of Methodists been engaged in strengthening the financial structure of local churches. Many churches, for perhaps the first time, have set up all-inclusive budgets and have secured pledges from members to underwrite contemplated expenditures. Unquestionably, a larger percentage of Methodists are being committed to the support of their churches than has ever been. When all of these consequences are considered, Victory Sunday marks the realization of some great achievements.

We make a mistake, though, if we conclude that the intent of the EMC has been to simply raise more money for local churches to spend. No one will question but that this will be a result in most instances where churches have followed out fully the EMC program. However, the program will have fallen short of its primary purpose if this goal is held uppermost. As we see it, the program is evangelistic at heart, in that it seeks to enlist a large number of marginal Methodists to a more active participation in local church worship and program. If in a final sense the program does not make better Christians of all of us for having had a part in it, it has not been worthy of our support. We believe it has.

Love Leads To Higher Commitment

MOTHER'S Day is essentially a religious observance in that it lifts up a basic experience of life, love, which is at the heart of the Christian faith, and reminds us that this experience finds one of its highest expressions in motherhood. Across this great country, next Sunday people will honor their mothers, remembering that their own idea of love was learned for the most part from the one who shared her life with them at the time when they needed loving care the most. Honoring mothers with Sunday services is quite natural, since the most sincere expression of appreciation of one's mother is greater commitment to the highest values for which she stood, and where else can that commitment come to mean more than when made before God in worship.

Sunday also marks the end of National Family Week, quite properly associated with Mother's Day. Special attention will be given in many churches next Sunday to strengthening family ties and making these relationships more Christian, and thus preparing family members for the wider relationships of life.

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Council of Bishops Meets In Cincinnati

Cincinnati, O., (MI)—In weather so unseasonably warm that the bishop from Singapore felt right at home, the Methodist Council of Bishops met here April 2-25.

For six of the 54 bishops in attendance there was an even stronger sense of being at home. They had been born in the Buckeye State.

But all who attended soon were made to feel very much at home by the gracious hospitality and thoughtful planning of Bishop and Mrs. Hazen G. Werner and their other Ohio hosts.

Against this background of warm fellowship, the bishops spent three days in serious consideration of plans for strengthening the church's ecumenical outreach and making more effective its over-all, year-round program.

Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, new president of the council, was named fraternal delegate to the Uniting General synod of the United Church of Christ in Cleveland June 25-27 when the Congregational Christian churches and the Evangelical and Reformer Church will be merged.

Bishop Ensley was chosen to represent the council at the Evangelical United Brethren General Conference in Harrisburg, Pa., October 8-17, 1958.

Bishops who will attend the executive committee meeting of the World Methodist Council in London July 1-4 include: Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia; Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta; Bishop Odd Hagen, Stockholm; Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, Arkansas; and Bishop Ensley.

Two new episcopal leaders from overseas were present for the first time: Bishop Hobart B. Amstutz, Singapore, and Bishop Mangal Singh, Bombay.

Other overseas bishops who addressed the council were: Bishop Hagen; Bishop Clement D. Rockey, Multan, West Pakistan; and Bishop J. Wascom Pickett, recently retired from many years service in India and now counselor on evangelism overseas for the Board of Missions and visiting professor at Boston University.

Bishop Richard C. Raines, head of the Indiana Area and president of the Division of World Missions, reported on his recent visit to Korea. He cited figures to show the increasing self-support of the Korean church but pointed out that "there are still several hundred churches in tents or in shacks or partially restored buildings and our help is desperately needed because the church is growing so rapidly."

Sharing the spotlight at another session were the church's two quadrennial emphases: the Local Church, presented by Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, and the Emphasis on Christian Higher Education, headed by Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond.

Ohio's Governor C. William O'Neill and Cincinnati's Mayor Charles P. Taft welcomed the bishops and their wives at a dinner given by the Ohio Area in the Netherland-Hilton hotel April 24. The Ohio State University Men's Glee Club sang.

Little Rock Conference Minister Discusses

The New Emphasis In The Little Rock Conference

By Elbert B. Jean, Little Rock

As I converse with ministers and laymen across the Little Rock Annual Conference, I hear a lot about a "Movement." Some say that it is an attempt to dislodge the present powers and for another set to take the "High Places," while others declare that it is a revenge movement arising from ambition and egotism. Those who look upon what is happening in our Conference from this perspective naturally assume that any person that is not personally allied with them, must therefore, be among the conspirators.

It may be that there are groups that represent the above influence, for there usually are such groups at all times in most all places, but this is not really what's new in The Little Rock Annual Conference, for these we have had with us through the years. It is true, that there is a movement amidst this Conference, in which I am glad to share, and this is its emphasis:

1. A return to Scriptural Preaching.
2. Taking The Discipline and Heritage of The Methodist Church seriously.
3. A deliberate praying for and courageous following The Holy Spirit.

The reasons and need for such a movement is, that we are now reaping the fruits of Universalism, Humanism, and Congregationalism, that has been sown broadcast through the years, until we can get up and make glib reports of the greatest, best, superb, and glorious when by every reckoning of the facts and figures The Methodist Church has already taken on the most pronounced symptoms of rigormortis, that The Holy Spirit has raised up a new witness that The Methodist Church might not die, but live! Should you wonder about membership in this movement... the only condition for entrance I know is to subscribe to these principles with all your heart and soul, and uphold them at the peril of your life! Age, rank, or station, have nothing to do with it, although it does seem that the Spirit has moved more powerfully at this point among what our Conference chooses to call, "The Young Men."

But know this, this movement is by faith and leadership of the Holy Spirit, and if you think it is a sure ladder up, or a "band-wagon" forget it, for God seems to have in mind suffering, that those who love him walk by faith and not the lure of materialistic promises.

A Message from the Presidents of the World Council of Churches

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As Presidents of the World Council of Churches we greet our brethren in the member churches.

On this birthday of the Church of Christ we should remind one another that the Church was born when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles, constraining them to proclaim to all around them the mighty works of God. Thus the last promise of the risen Lord was fulfilled:

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."—Acts 1:9 (R.S.V.)

To be the Church is to live by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is this power, which we need if we are to find repentance and renewal of life. It is this power which enables the Church to give hope to the hopeless.

The nations are looking with fear to an unknown future. Grave problems of human relationships which cause the suffering of millions of our fellow-men remain unsolved. This is not because the necessary intelligence is lacking, or even some general goodwill. It is rather because men have not the power to do the good that they know they ought to do.

In closing the inconclusive Disarmament Conference held some twenty years ago the Chairman said: "In such a situation as the present nothing can help us but faith. . . The obstacles are not in the world around us, but in our minds and hearts. We will the end, but we do not will it hard enough to risk the means." That is still our position to-day. We long for true international understanding and peace, but we cannot bring ourselves to pay the price. In the churches we find a real desire for renewal, for unity, for evangelism, but not enough readiness to consecrate ourselves so fully to the service of Christ that we become the willing instruments of His saving work. Now Whitsun comes to tell us that the one and only way in which our weakness can be transformed into strength is by receiving the life-giving Spirit which turned disappointed disciples into courageous witnesses.

We therefore beseech you, brethren, so to wait upon God that we may be endued with power from on high. We are often in such a hurry to do things for God that we forget God Himself and do not wait for the Spirit. "Not by might, not by power, but by my spirit" says the Lord of Hosts.

May the fellowship in Christ which we have in the World Council show the nations that there exists a People of God which lives in the strength of the Holy Spirit. May it render clear witness to the ends of the earth, that this Spirit really does enable man to carry out God's gracious plan for His children.

THE PRESIDENTS OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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A "We Do It" Slogan



By
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used as a sales device for a printing company. The entire slogan was: "We don't talk, we do it." Then the advertiser went ahead with his message, in four colors, a very effective way of talking. That is natural for a printer, let the work speak for itself. Of course, this fellow knew he was talking, that is delivering a message, even when he said he wasn't. His aim was to point up the major objective of the firm, a quality of printing that confirmed his highest claims. It was a sound policy. Talk that is not backed up by performance soon falls flat.

The Carpenter of Nazareth did a great deal of talking. He did it in a very fine way. Even his enemies said: "Never man spoke like this man." He had a unique message and he wanted it to be heard. He was unique also in that he confirmed all he said by what he did. His words declared great truths; his actions illustrated them. This entitles him to first place amongst the many voices that we are privileged to hear today. This is where our power to tune in or tune out a message comes into play. We do not have to hear him of course, but we may do so and be the better for it. An oft quoted scripture is: "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." This assumes that some one had spoken, that people had heard the message and that they should now take action on it. It is aimed at us who think we have finished the job when we listen awhile to religious talk and give assent to its truth. We have not. That printer expected his illustrated message to get action. So does Jesus. We of the church might modify that printer's slogan into something like this: "We talk and we do as we talk."

On A Greater Use Of

The Talking Bible

MODERN progression, and its effect on man's disposition and habit, is progressively outmoding a traditional old American custom, one earnestly bequeathed to all succeeding generations by the founding fathers—that of faithful Bible study as a source of spiritual enrichment and moral preservation. In recent years, however, an increasing prevalence of such home-wide innovations and distractions as picture books, radio and television, have taken a tragic toll of staunch disciples of the custom. An anxious clergy, Bible societies, a National Bible Week, are waging vigorous campaigns to restore the family Bible to its former role of spiritual vitality in the home.

Science may have provided a more effective and lasting appeal. Thanks to highly perfected techniques in sound recording, the customary mental and physical tedium usually associated with conventional Bible study have been totally eliminated. This is a needed advancement in an age of expanding push-button conveniences and their growing effect on the Nation's mental and physical temperament.

Increased Interest In Religion

Religion in America today is like a momentum-building ground swell engulfing the Nation, absorbing more and more converts in its quest for expansion. To date, the sweeping influx has bulged formal church membership to well over the 100,000,000 mark. The trend of spiritual consciousness is also reflected in the consistent popularity of religious songs, books, and motion pictures.

On the other hand, however, disparaging prophets are saying that the spiritual harvest is simply a typical American-brand phase, lacking either inherent substance or sustaining roots in genuine Christian faith. In short, the religious boom is just another Davy Crockett-like craze that is destined for a similar fate. The most sobering argument for this view is the unfortunate fact that crime and immorality are in religion's same big league of phenomenal expansion. Incredible statistics of murder, robbery, sex offenses, dope addiction, juvenile delinquency—represents an alarming paradox amidst increasing indications of an enormous spiritual awakening.

Why is this so? Why is a faith with such a tremendous following so tragically ineffectual in one of its prime functions, namely that of curbing immorality? The answer may indeed be our forfeiture of the Gospel-conscious heritage of our forefathers, principally because lack of such fundamental Doctrinal convictions robs us of our spiritual depth and assurance. The only recourse then is a dynamic recultivation of traditional Gospel love and curiosity, and what better way to encourage this than through the effortless, fascinating medium of Scripture in sound? The discouraging drudgery of the eyes, the body, and of the mind required to assimilate interminable rows of demanding print, could be converted to pure concentration on the message of the Lord. Moreover, a vigorous, home-wide program of this sort could constitute a vitally needed supplement to formal church worship, especially during these crucial times. For while the increasingly busy forces of secular persuasion thrive in week-day spiritual vacuums, formal religious participation remain traditionally a mere Sunday attraction. Small wonder that fledgling converts are apt to waver, that morality withers—they die from lack of revitalizing spiritual reassurance and conviction.

The Ministry In Sound

A scattering of daily religious radio and television programs devoted to the effort help to bridge the spiritual gaps. Unfortunately, however, too few of us manage to adjust our own activities to the stringent schedules of the networks. This draws attention to one of the unique advantages of "push-button" Gospel; here we are our own program directors and engineers. Whether it be an inspirational Psalm, a larger portion of the Scripture, or a comforting sermon from our Gospel in sound library, we can partake to suit our own opportunity, inclination, or need.

The effectiveness of such a personalized ministry in sound has long since been demonstrated on the proving ground of human experience; to thousands of blind people throughout the country, self-reading Scripture has for over twenty years been an indispensable resource of spiritual inspiration and comfort. The ingenious device was made possible after years of persistent scientific exploration by those who foresaw its revolutionary communicative potential for the blind. The goal was reached in 1934 when the American Foundation for the Blind, which had been



conducting recording experiments for over two years, successfully produced the first practicable instrument for reading by ear. It was instinctively called the Talking Book, which seemed to express its almost human characteristics. It consists of a simple, inexpensive reproducing machine or phonograph developed for easy, unassisted operation by the blind, and long-playing records that were superior in many respects to available commercial recordings—notably, reproduction of the human voice was of a much higher fidelity, yet the records themselves were lighter in weight and considerably more durable. These are twelve inches in diameter of a thin, semi-flexible-material known as vinylite. The title and page number of each disc are marked in braille as well as in inkprint.

The Times Demand This Medium

The tempo and temperament of modern living have also created a need and demand among the sighted for this simpler and more engaging medium of communication. This trend has been recognized by some of our top recording companies, who are now producing more and more audio books to meet their growing acceptance by the public. Among those who have recorded releases of all or parts of the Bible are LECTERN RECORDS, DECCA, and RCA VICTOR. The latter, through its Custom Records Division, have also recorded portions of the Bible for an organization in New York City called Bible Recordings. In addition, they have just recently completed a project for the Xavier Society for the Blind, also of New York, in which they audio-reproduced the Psalms and the Douay New Testament. However, the most extensive Bible recording project to date has been done by the Audio Book Company, St. Joseph, Michigan. This company, after two years of research and experimentation beginning in 1951, produced the first recorded version of the entire Bible for general commercial distribution. The achievement incorporated the development of a 7", light weight record with approximately one full hour of playing time. This made possible a vast reduction in the number of discs per recorded book, and consequently in its cost. Playing speed is 16 2/3 rpm. However, a very simple and nominally priced adaptor was also introduced that would fit over the spindle of any record player and convert 33 1/3 rpm to 16 2/3.

First Released In 1953

In addition to their first Bible release in 1953, which was the complete King James version of the New Testament, the Audio Book Company has since recorded the King James Old Testament as well. Both of these undertakings involved months of painstaking study, research, and persistent cross-checking of references. Not a single word of authentic Bible text was left out or changed in any way. Two months and over one hundred auditions were required to find a suitable professional reader, then five more months for the actual recording. The man who displayed the desired interpretive skill is Marvin Miller. Having had years of experience as an actor in radio, television, and motion pictures, Mr. Miller is one of the most talented and versatile personalities on today's entertainment scene. An example of his ability is his brilliant narration in the Academy Award winning cartoon "Gerald McBoing-Boing."

The Complete Talking Bible

A complete Talking Bible consists of 26 7" records with a total playing time of about twenty-three and a half hours. This contrasts sharply with conventional long-playing records which, to record the same wordage, would fill seven bulky albums of 12" disc—a stack two feet high and costing \$150.00 to \$175.00. The price of the complete New and Old Testaments as produced on the smaller records is \$24.95 each—less than \$1.00 per disc. Of the Old Testament, the following nine books are available: Genesis, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Solomon, Judges, Ruth, Isaiah, Esther, and Psalms.

A representative survey among the Nation's largest religious organi-

zations disclosed only negligible use of this type of ministry hitherto. However, virtually all of the clergymen queried were unanimous in their endorsement of the medium. Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, president of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, summed up the total opinion best when he said: "Personally, I see great possibilities, as yet untapped and unappreciated, in this comparatively new area."

Unlimited Possibilities Of The Talking Bible

What are some of the possibilities?

The home. Since it makes no demands on the eyes or hands or on freedom of movement, the comforting messages of the Talking Bible can be partaken during many household activities. The family meal is an excellent example. Doubtless the family circle in America was strongest, and so was the Nation's moral fiber, when it revolved around the teachings of the family Bible. It has been rightly said, "The family that prays together, stays together."

Doctrinal depth. Because understanding and confidence, or faith, go hand in hand, re-established customs of pure Gospel indoctrination could, eventually, free us all from the conviction-sapping bondage of sectarian indecision. For surely such harmful confusion is the result of second-hand interpretations of the Bible; interpretations which, though often based on fundamental Christian Doctrine, may be as varied as the personalities of those who expound them. Think of the effect this must have on the innocent, truth-longing soul floundering for authoritative direction. Virgin Scripture with a voice of its own constitutes an official, impartial spokesman of authentic Gospel Doctrine. Therefore, regular indulgence of these basic laws will endow us with the truth, and the truth will set us free.

The Armed Forces. An album of inspirational recordings along with easily portable, hand-operated reproducers could be an invaluable chaplain's helper in the military services. As a soldier out in the Pacific during World War II, I had occasion to attend a number of devotional services that were completely cut off from official spiritual leadership; such places where men died in make-shift field hospitals. There, those to whom God had become a stranger, or who had never known God, gropingly sought Him out as a final refuge. And more recently, we read of similar religious activity among the G.I.'s in the Korean Conflict. Through the medium of sound perpetuation, every isolated squad or post could have its own do-it-yourself kit of spiritual counselling. So could the smaller, unchaplained Naval craft.

The Merchant Marine. Long-haul merchant ships may be away from port months on end. As a result, career seamen may spend over two-thirds of their adult lives at sea, during which there is little or no opportunity to submit themselves to spiritual influence; only to the hard-boiled, barnacle-edged creed which develops a kind of protective immunity in a forsaken realm of cold steel and elemental violence. Such prolonged periods of spiritual abstraction can prove fatal to religious adherence, as well as assure eternal loss of thousands of potential subjects for Christian conversion. This is because merchant ships do not carry any sort of sea-going representation of the ministry. The result is a serious spiritual void in which countless thousands of human souls are trapped, without the least benefit of effective spiritual persuasion. What a ripe area this is for the omnipresent potential of a tireless Gospel in sound.

Schools. Perhaps, too, automation in religion could afford a middle ground of compromise to both camps in the existing controversy over religious training in our schools. Artistically and dramatically read Psalms and Bible passages may very well be a neglected resource of cultural and ethical enlightenment; a ready and able text book of priceless philosophy and literature appreciation, such as the following:

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Unlimited Spiritual Benefits

A few minutes a day of such morally and culturally enriching direction, which may be seriously lacking in the home, could be a healthy beginning toward curbing the increasingly grave problem of juvenile irresponsibility. This is vividly indicated by the statistical fact that virtually every youthful offender convicted of a criminal or moral crime, is the innocent spawn of a religiously sterile home.

Indeed the areas of fruitful possibility for this instrument of spiritual communication, are difficult to limit. Churches could have Scripture-record libraries from which members could draw; pastors could have members do home work on a particular phase of Bible lore keyed to a coming sermon; pastors doing sermon research, especially older pastors, could preserve their eyes for the actual delivery of their sermon; churches could be manned twenty-four hours a day with "push-button pulpits." Bible students, isolated farm and ranch people, missionaries, the illiterate, people with weak vision, the invalid, theological seminaries—can all be well served.

To hear the Holy Scripture reverently interpreted through the intimacy of the human voice, enhanced by the rapturous strains of sacred background music, is to know a closer communion with the true feeling and impact of the Gospel message than you could possibly derive from silent print. Do not take this to mean an artificial over-dramatization of the Word; rather, a natural reclothing and re-flavoring of the thoughts and solemn meaning with the sincere emotional depth that must have inspired the hearts of those who wrote the Scriptures. What better way than this, then, to restore our Bible-conscious heritage to its rightful place of prominence; what better way to imbue ourselves with the assurance and conviction of the Holy Doctrine?

Asian Churches Help Hungarian Refugees

Says College Evangelism Approach Is Different

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The best evangelism on college campuses may be through professors, housemothers, and others not ordinarily thought of as evangelists.

This opinion was expressed by a staff leader of the National Council of Churches at a national Methodist seminar on procedure in campus evangelism, held April 22-24 in Nashville.

The speaker was Dr. Paul Jacquith, New York City, director of the University Christian Mission, a National Council agency which provides leadership in campus evangelism.

About 35 persons attended the seminar, a project of the Department of College and University Religious Life of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church. Included were college administrators, faculty members, students, Wesley Foundation directors, college directors of religious life, pastors from college communities, and staff members of the board of education and the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

Urges Churches Cooperate Against Published Obscenity

Washington, D. C. (MI)—Protestant churches are being urged to cooperate in a nation-wide campaign against obscene magazines, photographs and films following recent revelations here.

Former Congressman O. K. Armstrong of Springfield, Mo., a prominent Baptist layman, has been named chairman of the newly created Churchmen's Council for Decent Literature. The council, organized April 25, sounded a call for a cooperative Protestant drive to rid newsstands of pornographic literature.

The council plans to name a 15-member advisory committee to represent major denominations and including the National Council of Churches.

Representatives of some 20 Protestant groups attended the organizational meeting, called by Mr. Armstrong.

Church support of legislative action at the national and state levels was urged by Rep. John Dowdy of Texas. He reviewed results of Congressional investigations, and stressed the need for stricter postal regulations and stiffer penalties for concerns using the mails to transport pornographic materials.

New Jersey Council Polls Politicians

Members of the 2,241 local churches cooperating in the New Jersey Council of Churches now know exactly where most candidates for the State Legislature stand on ten questions. A tabulation of replies to a council questionnaire, sent out in advance of the April primaries in three counties, showed most candidates agreeing with the council that there should be laws forbidding discrimination in public housing, and that commercialism on Sunday should be sharply restricted. They

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Latest evidence that the so-called younger churches in Asia are taking on responsibilities once assumed to be exclusively those of Western churches is the way some have responded to the plight of Hungarian refugees. A World Council of Churches executive reported that Christian churches in India, Burma, Ceylon and the Near East have come forward with gifts of cash and supplies for the escapees—despite heavy relief demands in their own countries. "The warm response of the Asian churches to the Hungarian emergency is outstanding," said Dr. Edgar H. S. Chandler, director of the World Council's relief division which in concert with Church World Service and other church agencies, has helped thousands of refugees to resettle in other lands since last year's revolt.

In a report released at the World Council's head office in Geneva, Dr. Chandler declared that 30,000 Hungarian refugees remain in Austrian camps, without a new home to go to. There are another 18,000 in Yugoslavia, he added. He urged an all-out effort by the churches to persuade free governments to permit their entry into countries where they can live permanently in freedom.

Methodists Schedule Nat'l Evangelism Convocation, 1958

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The executive committee of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism has chosen Washington, D. C., as the place for a National Evangelistic Convocation July 3-6, 1958.

The site was selected at a meeting of the committee April 23 in Cincinnati.

More than 5,000 people are expected to attend the convocation, said Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the board of evangelism.

The convocation is planned to "implement Methodism's emphasis on enlistment" scheduled for 1959. It is expected to be one of the outstanding events of Methodism's evangelistic program during the denomination's 1956-60 quadrennium.

Nat'l Council Head Supports Foreign Aid

A strong church statement in behalf of technical and economic foreign aid was presented before a special Senate committee recently by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches.

Just ten days after conferring with President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles on the same subject, Dr. Blake made it clear in testimony at the Congressional hearing that foreign aid, as distinguished from strictly military assistance, is a matter of prime Christian concern.

"Church people across our land are rising in support of a more dynamic program of technical cooperation and economic aid," he said, "and I assure you that theirs will be an increasingly mighty voice on this issue in the days immediately ahead."

The special Senate group has been conducting a basic inquiry into principles underlying the whole U. S. foreign assistance program, prior to legislative consideration of the administration's new program.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

DR. AND MRS. B. C. TAYLOR are temporarily residing at 409 Atkins Street, Shreveport, while the new district parsonage is being constructed.

EDWIN E. SYLVEST, JR., was the guest speaker at the St. Francisville Methodist Church, Sunday morning, April 28. He is a ministerial student at L.S.U. Rev. E. E. Sylvest, Sr., is pastor of the church.

DR. A. M. SEREX, pastor of Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the 58th annual convention of the Louisiana branch of the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons, held at the St. Charles Hotel, Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28.

NOLLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, Jena, held a sunrise service at Indian Bluff Easter Sunday morning, with the young people's department of the church having charge of the program under the direction of Mrs. Don Steen and Mrs. Juanita Owens. Rev. W. O. Lynch is pastor of the church.

THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE Recreation Workshop will be held at Camp Brewer, May 9-12, with Rev. Don Barnes, Minister of Christian Education of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, serving as Dean. Camp Brewer is located at Forest Hill, Louisiana, near Alexandria. Total cost of the workshop is \$15.00.

REV. L. J. FUTCH, pastor of the Doyline Methodist Church, was guest evangelist in pre-Easter services at the Hodge Methodist Church, April 14-19. The pastor of the church, Rev. G. A. Morgan, preached at a sunrise communion service at the church. The chancel choir and the youth choir presented Easter anthems at the Easter Sunday services.

REV. HOWARD ELLZEY, pastor of the Houma Heights Methodist Church, left Houma April 20 for El Paso, Texas, and Fort Bliss, where he entered the army as a chaplain. The church will be served by laymen of the church, with the aid of other Methodist pastors and laymen from the Houma area, until a regular pastor can be assigned.

MRS. ARSENIO GIRON is the newly appointed director of music in First Methodist Church, DeRidder. She will be assisted in her work with the senior, junior and youth choirs by her husband, who is a chaplain's assistant at Fort Polk. Mrs. Giron is a graduate of the Oberlin conservatory of music, where she majored in organ. Rev. J. C. Whitaker is pastor of the church.

DR. HENRY JOHNSON, Dean of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, was the guest minister at First Methodist Church, Leesville, during the Holy Week services, which began on Palm Sunday and closed on Good Friday. In addition to preaching each evening, Dr. Johnson conducted a class in Adult Leadership. Rev. Oakley Lee is pastor of the church.

DR. D. L. DYKES, pastor of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest preacher in special services held at the Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, April 28-May 2. Services were held nightly under the direction of Nick Vignaud, chairman of the commission on membership and evangelism. Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid is pastor of the church.

AN EASTER CANTATA, "Victory Divine," was presented by the choir of the North Highlands Methodist Church, Sunday evening, April 21. Written by J. Christopher Marks, the cantata was under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Patton, Sr. Organist accompaniment was provided by Mrs. Otis Coles, Jr. Rev. B. E. Bond is pastor of the church.

BECAUSE of numerous requests and a genuine interest, the noon day services of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches held during Lent, are being continued. There is now every day, Monday through Friday, a service from 12:10 to 12:20 p.m. in the Church House. Local

ministers are conducting these services, and according to reports, there is good attendance.

CHARLES FLURRY, Youth Director of the Louisiana Moral and Civil Foundation, Inc., sponsored by the Louisiana Methodist Conference and the Louisiana Baptist Convention, was guest speaker in Bogalusa, in a series of programs especially designed to educate the youth of the area on the evils of alcohol and various other social problems which confront young people today. The programs were sponsored by the Junior Hi-Y organization of Bogalusa.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, Zwolle, are as follows: Mrs. Garrett Walsh, president; Mrs. Woodrow Holmes, vice-president; Mrs. Earl Mullins, recording secretary; Mrs. E. C. Leone, Jr., treasurer and chairman of finance. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Christel Bullard, Woman's Society of Christian Service co-ordinator. Rev. James W. Lawton is pastor of the church.

THE LOUISIANA Conference Board of Ministerial Training will meet Monday, May 27, from 2-5 p.m., at the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport. Students from Perkins School of Theology will be received at 2 p.m. and others to see the Board may come at 3 p.m. The sessions of the Board on Tuesday, May 28, and following will be held at Centenary College, according to word received from the registrar, Rev. Robert B. Crichlow.

REV. DOUGLAS McGUIRE, pastor of the Park Avenue Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the guest preacher in revival services at the Athens Methodist Church, April 22-28. The services were sponsored jointly by the Athens Presbyterian and Methodist churches. Rev. Price Allen, host pastor, directed the singing. Dr. Glenn L. Sneed is pastor of the Athens Presbyterian church. Mrs. W. C. Hightower, the pianist, was assisted by Miss Myrtle Dance.

MRS. SIDNEY DANJEAN, Franklin, was honored by the Men's Club of the Franklin Methodist Church at their meeting April 24, when Ladies Night was observed. Brigadier Harry Ward, Division Commander of the Salvation Army in New Orleans, was guest speaker. Mrs. Danjean, representative of the Salvation Army in Franklin, was honored for her work in the organization. Rev. Albert S. Hurley is pastor of the church.

REV. JOHN B. MORGAN, pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Jennings, spoke on the theme "It Is Finished" at the last of the Holy Week services at the First Methodist Church of Jennings, Thursday evening, April 18. The services were sponsored by the Jennings Ministerial Association. John Laughlin, soloist, and the combined choir under the direction of Mrs. Claude Kirkpatrick presented "The Sixth Hour" by Wessel as special music for the service. Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor of the Jennings Methodist Church.

FROM \$500 to \$800 in cash and checks was stolen from the Henning Methodist Church, Sulphur, Easter Sunday sometime after 4:30 p.m. Entering the unlocked church, the thief pried open the safe containing the Sunday morning offerings, the Sunday school collection, money for the church budget and building fund, and a special collection for the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston. Rev. E. R. Haug, pastor of the church, estimated the amount of money at approximately \$800, \$400 in cash and \$400 in checks.

THE CHOIR of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, presented excerpts from the "Redemption" at the evening worship service Sunday, April 21. The presentation included the story of the last days of Christ. Narration was by Dale Armstrong and the words of Christ were sung by John Pierpont, choir director. Dotte Slider was cast in the role of Mary. The chorus also featured solos by Mrs. Ann Hagens, Mrs.

MRS. C. I. JONES MARRIES

Mrs. C. I. Jones, New Orleans, and Charles N. Cadwallader were married Monday afternoon, May 6, at the First Methodist Church, Topeka, Kansas. The officiating minister was Bishop Danna W. Dawson, Bishop of the Kansas Area.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Cadwallader left for the East Coast where they sailed today, Thursday, May 9, on the Rotary Chartered ship, the S.S. Independence, from New York to Europe where Mr. Cadwallader will attend the Rotary International Convention in Lucerne, Switzerland.

Mrs. Cadwallader is president of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society and a leader in Louisiana Methodism.

Mr. and Mrs. Cadwallader will return to New Orleans in June, where they will make their home.

REV. W. T. GRAY SUCCUMBS

Rev. W. T. Gray of Waco, Texas, retired member of the Louisiana Conference, died on April 2.

He was born in Northern Alabama, April 9, 1871. He attended school at Polytechnic College in Fort Worth, and entered the Northwestern Texas Conference in 1899. He served a number of pastorates in the Central Texas Conference and for sixteen years was field secretary for the Methodist Home in Waco, Texas.

He transferred to the Louisiana Conference in 1933 and served charges at Mangum Memorial, Shreveport, Many, Felicity Street, New Orleans, Franklinton, Indian Bayou, and DeQuincy. While at DeQuincy he retired from the ministry after serving for forty-five years, and made his home in Waco, Texas, until the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. W. T. Gray, two daughters, Mrs. Branon B. Taylor, of San Antonio, Mrs. Harold C. Hassmann of Dayton, Ohio, and two sons, George F. Gray and Wm. T. Gray, Jr., of Port Arthur, Texas, ten grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. M. C. Malone of Atlanta, Texas, and a number of nieces and nephews in Texas and Mississippi.

Dale Armstrong, and Tom Bryson. Mrs. W. L. Suddeth was organist. Rev. George W. Harbuck is pastor of the church.

RAYMOND H. NICHOLS, outstanding lay leader, was guest speaker at the 34th annual banquet of the Four Square Bible Class of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Thursday evening, May 2. A teacher of a men's Bible Class in Vernon, Texas, Mr. Nichols is also a member of the board of stewards at the First Methodist Church there. He has served as president of the General Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Church since 1944. Charley Wakefield is president of the Four Square Bible Class, and Dr. D. L. Dykes is pastor of the church.

TWO FORMER LOUISIANA GOVERNORS

participated in a program planned for the newly-organized Noel Memorial Methodist Men's Club, New Orleans, Wednesday night, April 24. Former Gov. Sam Jones, Lake Charles, was the guest speaker, and the program was in charge of former Gov. Jimmie Davis, Shreveport. Jesse Morgan is president of the Club which was organized recently with a membership of 200. Other officers are John H. Cockerham, vice-president; William Sidner, secretary; Jack Fiser, treasurer; and Harry Marmion, reporter. Rev. John J. Rasmussen is pastor of the church.

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS for the new Metairie Methodist Church have been approved by the division of National Missions of the Methodist Church and the New Orleans district locations committee, it was announced Friday, April 26, by the pastor, Rev. John Winn. The church, designed by Lawrence and Saunders, includes three educational units, a sanctuary, small office unit, a landscaped meditation area, and an outdoor recreation area with a swimming pool. All units are to be connected by covered walkways. The first unit, planned for completion next fall, will include a chapel, eight class rooms, a fellowship area, office, and kitchen and will cost approximately \$30,000.

Ruston Dist. Grants Local Preacher's Licenses

Two young men, members of the Methodist Church in Bienville, were voted local preacher's license by the ad interim committee of the Ruston District, at Arcadia, on April 22. Dr. Guy M. Hicks, district superintendent, presided and Rev. Jolly B. Harper was secretary.

Other members of the committee were the Revs. R. L. Peyton, Arcadia; Don Risinger, Homer; G. A. Morgan, Hodge; and George Dameron, Jonesboro. Rev. K. K. Carithers, pastor of the Bienville church, presented and represented William D. Peeples and James E. Constable before the committee.

After a discussion of each case, by unanimous vote of the committee, both men were granted local preacher's license and James Constable was placed on the accepted supply pastor's list to enable him to take an appointment at the coming session of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

Rev. Mr. Constable, who has been teaching in high school at Kingsland, Arkansas, this past year, having no other home than at the Carithers, will reside in the Bienville parsonage after the conclusion of this school year, May 17.

Rev. Mr. Peeples has been an active leader in the Bienville-Castor Methodist Youth Fellowship. He has also been active in 4-H clubs and kindred activities. He is a member of the 1957 graduating class of the Bienville High School. He will enroll in Centenary College at Shreveport this fall to continue his education. He rendered his first service as a minister when he substituted for Rev. Price Allen on the Athens Charge recently.

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at national, state and local levels will join in this great expanded program.

Surrounded by congenial Christian fellowship, and under the direction of eminent leaders, each person who attends will gain spiritual insight and help for his share in the Christian World Mission.

The Conference is an experience of the ecumenical nature of the Christian church and an occasion for training to understand and participate in that movement. Missionary chairmen of local churches, ministers, and lay workers, and persons in places of leadership, both in the local church and in larger units such as synods, conferences, or districts; and all others vitally concerned with the World-wide task of the Christian Church are invited to attend. Families are welcome and will find it an inspirational and educational vacation with fine Christian fellowship. A special program for children accompanying their families is being planned. Youth are encouraged to attend a special youth program being arranged in cooperation with the United Christian Youth Movement.

Among outstanding speakers and instructors will be Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president, Centenary College, Shreveport, La.; Dr. Harry Richardson, president, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. J. Carter Swain, National Council of Churches, Department of the English Bible, executive director, New

St. Joseph Methodists Begin Construction



Rev. Arthur M. Baker turns the first shovelful of dirt in groundbreaking ceremonies April 13, as Mrs. Mary Worthy, Mrs. Ellen Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Myles Smith, Mrs. Clyde Ratcliff, Rev. James T. Harris, Monroe District Superintendent, and Mrs. Hunter May look on.

Five years of dreaming and planning are about to be consummated for members of First Methodist Church, St. Joseph, La. Construction will begin April 29 upon the first unit of a church and educational building. The educational unit will be built and is to be a brick veneer structure. Estimated cost of the building is \$20,000. Robert James Lancaster is chairman of the Official Board, Chris J. James, chairman of the Building Committee, and Clarence Johnston, chairman of the Architectural Committee. The architect is John W. Baker, Associates, of Winnsboro, La.

Independence Church Schedules Open House, Special Services

Open House at the new Methodist Church at Independence is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 12, from 3 to 5 o'clock. The public is cordially invited, according to the Rev. Paul G. Carroll, pastor.

This date also marks the second anniversary of the church, which was organized in May 1955. The congregation recently moved from the City Hall into the new church building, although it is not entirely completed.

Beginning Sunday night, May 12, and continuing each night during the week, a series of services will be held at the new church with visiting pastors and special music each night.

Speakers include: Sunday, May 12, Rev. George Harkins, Clinton; Monday, May 13, Rev. Ed Thomas, Hammond; Tuesday, May 14, Rev. Fred Schwendemann, Denham Springs; Wednesday, May 15, Rev. Robert Carter, Covington; Thursday, May 16, Rev. James Christie, Amite; and Friday, May 17, Rev. Angus Carruth, Tangipahoa.

York; Mrs. Norman Prichard, West Lafayette, O., author of The Youth Guide on Japan; Dr. Charles W. Tyrell, professor, Dubuque University, Dubuque, Iowa; Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, vice president, United Church Woman; and Mrs. Masako Munakato, Tokyo, Japan, English teacher, government counselor in Family Life, and Court Attache now on tour of USA who will represent United Christian Missionary Society.

For additional information and registration blanks write to: Dr. Karl Kuimby, Director, Missionary Education, Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

Department Head At Centenary To Receive Award

Dr. John B. Entrikin, head of the chemistry department at Centenary College and Methodist lay leader, received the Honor Scroll of the Louisiana chapter, American Institute of Chemists, this year.

The award was presented to Dr. Entrikin at the annual dinner meeting of the Louisiana chapter on May 7 in New Orleans. Paul Bailey, FAIC, of Loyola University, made the presentation.

A member of the Centenary College faculty since 1929, Dr. Entrikin was selected as this year's winner on the basis of his outstanding career as a teacher and for his generous services as a consultant to many industrial and civic organizations.

At Centenary, Dr. Entrikin recently was chosen as the initial winner of the Hemenway Grant, designed to provide one faculty member with an opportunity for summer travel and study, or both, by granting him a sum equal to what he normally would earn through summer teaching.

Dr. Entrikin earned his BS and MA degrees at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Tex., and his PhD degree at the State University of Iowa. He has served for more than 15 years as a member of the official board of The First Methodist Church and has taught Sunday School in the adult division for an equal period. He is on the Commission of Christian Education for his church and is listed in "Who's Who in Methodism" as well as in numerous educational and scientific publications.

Oldest Centenary Alumnus To Receive Award

A "distinguished alumnus" certificate will be presented to Dr. Ruffin B. Paine of Mandeville at the annual commencement exercises at Centenary College on May 26.

The 91-year-old physician, who has been a Methodist for 75 years, will receive the award from Bishop Paul E. Martin, resident bishop of the Louisiana-Arkansas Area of the Methodist Church.

Believed to be the oldest living graduate of Centenary College, Dr. Paine entered the college at the age of 12 and received his AB degree before he was 16 years of age. The college was located in Jackson at the time. He then went on to earn his medical degree at the Tulane University school of medicine in 1888, then went into medical practice in Leesville for a period of seven years.

In 1894, Dr. Paine hung out his shingle in Mandeville, and it has remained fastened to the front of his bungalow ever since. When he observed his 90th birthday anniversary in November, 1955, Dr. Paine gave two parties, one for all the white persons he had brought into the world as infants, and one for all the Negroes. An estimated 1,500 persons attended the two events, coming from all parts of the country.

Dr. Paine received an honorary LL.D. degree from Centenary, long since moved to Shreveport, when he attended the commencement exercises in 1932. In 1950, college officials invited him to be one of the honored guests at the 125th anniversary celebration of Centenary. He attended the ceremonies, was among the liveliest persons on the campus and later reported he "had a wonderful time catching up on all the news."

In addition to being a physician whose medical career has spanned the yellow fever epidemic of 1899, the influenza outbreak of 1917 and many other milestones in Louisiana history, Dr. Paine has served four terms as mayor of Mandeville and, at one time early in his career, served as U. S. deputy surveyor.

"Those were the days when people paid their medical bills in potatoes, cotton or cabbages," he laughingly remembers. "There were times when I didn't have a dime in my pocket as I drove my old horse and buggy on the rounds of my patients' homes. I had to do something to eke out my income."

Dr. Paine neither drinks nor smokes. He feels that neither tobacco nor whisky does anything to make life easier or more pleasant, and he admits that he tried both so that he might know whereof he speaks in recommending abstinence from them.

On hand to see Dr. Paine honored will be his son, Dr. Ruffin A. Paine of Shreveport; the two daughters who make their home with him in Mandeville, Miss Ella E. Paine and Miss Frances Paine; one other son, Clyde W. Paine, and another daughter, Mrs. Marian Paine Johnson, the latter two of Yazoo City, Miss.

This will mark the first time that Centenary has presented such a certificate to one of its outstanding alumni.

Report Given On Methodist Youth Fund

Miss Emeline Crane, who promotes the Methodist Youth Fund and maintains a dual relationship with the Board of Missions and the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, gives some interesting information about the fund in her report to the Board of Education that met earlier this year. The report follows in part.

"This unified fund, through which members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship give to missionary projects, Christian education, and youth work around the world—gives opportunity for a significant, co-operative relationship between several agencies. Since each related agency has a part in administering the Methodist Youth Fund, I strive to work with all of them in understanding and interpreting their programs.

"Appeal of the Methodist Youth Fund has been demonstrated by an increase each year since its beginning. The current fiscal year, 1956-57, shows an increase of 20.5 per cent in the receipts for the first four months over the same period last year. Rise in giving is only one indication of the fund's value. Continuing promotion from an educational standpoint has resulted also in evidence of growing attitudes of understanding and interest in the church's world task. We trust that youth are gradually learning to give from a sense of stewardship and commitment.

"One of the values of the fund is its integration into the total program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship," Miss Crane said.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Marjorie Bowden

The Marjorie Bowden Sub-District MYF met April 10, at the First Methodist Church in Newport.

The following young people were selected to serve as officers for 1957-58. They are: President, Mike Travis, Newport First Church; Vice-President, James Henderson, Tuckerman; Secretary, Sharrisue Johnson, Newport Umsted Memorial; Reporter, Beth Lawrence, Newport First Church; Treasurer, June Haigwood, Alicia.

The host church was in charge of the recreational program and refreshments.

The highlight of the evening was the inspirational devotional given by Rev. John Bayliss, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Newport, assisted by Dick Mahle.

Capital

Election of officers for the coming year highlighted the April meeting of the Capital Sub-District. The group of 105 youth met at the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church on Tuesday the 23rd and elected the following officers: President, Catherine Bonham; Vice-President, Walter Glass; Sec-

Joe McCormack Named President of District MYF



JOE McCORMACK

Joe McCormack, son of Rev. and Mrs. John M. McCormack, pastor of the Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, was recently elected president of the Pine Bluff District Methodist Youth Fellowship. He served as president of the Pine Bluff Sub-District last year.

Joe is 16 and is finishing his junior year in the Pine Bluff High School. Two weeks back he was elected president of the "National Honor Society" of Pine Bluff High. He has served on the Student Council, and is an official in the "Teen Town" organization of Pine Bluff.

A year ago he was elected president of the "State Junior Classic League," and went to Ohio to a national meeting last summer, where Latin Clubs gathered from throughout the nation. Joe has had nine years training in music. The Kiwanis Club of Pine Bluff has selected him as a delegate to "Boy's State" this summer.

retary-Treasurer, Gwen Norgress; Reporter, Sandra Ratton; and District Representative, Jean Stephens. The Program Area Chairmen are: Faith, Jean Netterville; Citizenship, Nelda Sue Smith; Outreach, Don Mickey; Witness, Pam Oldham; and Fellowship, Loda Wagner.

The outgoing President, Ray Shokes, presided over the meeting. He announced that the installation of officers will be held in the latter part of May at the University Methodist Church.

Grand Prairie

The Grand Prairie Sub-district met April 22 at the Hazen Methodist Church. Other churches attending were Des Arc, DeValls Bluff, Carlisle, Hamilton, and Lonoque. There were 131 present at the meeting.

New officers elected were: President, Sue Miller; Vice President, Ronnie Baldwin; Secretary-Treasurer, Susan Sontag; Reporter, Larry Larken; Counselor, J. B. Ketchum.

The next meeting will be at Carlisle, May 27.

Arkadelphia District Youth Hold Spring Meeting At Camp Tanako

The Arkadelphia District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met at Camp Tanako on Saturday, April 6; for its annual spring meeting. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the group was led in singing by Rev. John Hassler, Director of Youth Work in the Little Rock Conference.

David Cavnor then opened the business meeting with prayer. The minutes were read by the secretary and a count was taken of the Sub-Districts present. Discussion of the class port that the District is buying for Camp Tanako followed.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

THE NAME'S THE SAME

Over at Adrian College they have a very fine student newspaper called "The Adrian World." Some weeks ago the staff decided to hold a contest among the students for a new name for the newspaper. A writer explained in announcing the contest, "With the host of wonderful improvements we had just decided to make, the name of the paper was much too mediocre, considering also the times and the fact that we didn't like it. The name 'World' has no personality, and is in no way representative of our school."

But for yours truly the pay-off had come in the full page headline announcing the contest. And I quote! CONTEST TO CHANGE WORLD NAME. Maybe that rings no bells with the gentle or not so gentle readers of this columnar effort. But it did with me. I read into the headline what never was intended by the student writer.

Long, Long, Ago

For one thing, I recalled that this contest has been going on back across centuries of time. Before the founding of the college in question, or even the inventing of printing, that contest was in full tilt. Alexander the Great set out to write his name on the world. He ran out of letters and countries to conquer before he ran out of energy. The emperors of Rome each took unto himself the position and status of god. Thus he could name the world as he saw fit. And brother, some of them really saw fit. Napoleon sought to take apart the bones of the world and rebuild them in his own likeness and stamped them with his royal seal. But his world was pretty small before it was over. And he didn't name it Elba—someone else did, and put Napoleon there.

In Our Own Time

In our own time, we have had a series of name-callers who have sought to mold the world after their own personal selfish pattern. Hitler wanted to put the words Nordic Supremacy on the world and eliminate any who couldn't qualify for that most dubious of designations. He called and burned and shot a lot of people whilst he was trying to write his autograph on the world. But it didn't stick, any more than it had for his

Officers elected for the following years are as follows: President, Ethel Lu Teague, Arkadelphia; Vice President, Dale Myers, Jones Mill; Secretary, Patricia Rhynehart, Jones Mill; Treasurer, Glenna Fay Magley, Hot Springs; Program area Chairmen-Outreach, Dianna Gray, Malvern; Faith, Betsy Hunter, Manchester; Fellowship, Sharon Clark, Okolona; Witness, Frances Davis, Malvern; Citizenship, Billy Gibbs, Murfreesboro; Publicity Chairman, Mary Jo Stone, Arkadelphia; Power and Concern Representative, Ethel Lou Lewter, Malvern.

Recreation led by Rev. John Hassler and lunch followed. Cold drinks were sold by First Methodist Church in Arkadelphia to make money for the tractor they are sending to India.

The closing session was begun by Mrs. Ed McLean speaking for Power and Concern. Ethel Lu Teague spoke on the M. Y. Fund and John Hassler gave the outline of summer camping activities.

A worship service followed with David Cavnor, outgoing president, as speaker. New officers were installed by Rev. Howard Cox, District Youth Director. The meeting was closed with the M.Y.F. Benediction.

old buddy Benito Mussolini over in Italy. Facist was the name he submitted in the contest. Looked for awhile like he might finish in the money. But they hung him up by his feet and even the money he had fell out of his pockets! And then there was Stalin and his company who are pretty hard at work right now trying to rig the contest in the direction of a good healthy communist name. Well—you get the point.

His Last Words

About 20 centuries ago there was a young man who stood on a hillside and left a final word with his disciples. Then he departed. His last words are found in the written record of his life and teachings. A fellow named Matthew took down what he said and reports it was this: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This was the final command of Jesus to all who were to share the fellowship of Christian faith.

The name's still the same. No contest needed to change this name! No prizes available. Just a summons to service in the name of our Master and Lord that the name of the world one day may be truly called Christian!



NEWS IN BRIEF

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Lacombe Methodist Church has just completed the study course on "Missions, U. S. A." Miss Shiela Nuttall, Deaconess for St. Tammany Parish, conducted the classes. The study was divided into four sessions, one each week. Each session began with a worship service and introduction of the subject.

Session I about "Moving Millions and the Church" began with a meditation on Matthew 9:35-38. The Scripture was read by Mrs. Neva Smith. Mrs. John Chabreck, Sr., gave a report on Church Growth in the New Orleans District. A Panel Discussion by Mrs. E. E. Lane, Mrs. D. J. Nuttall and Mrs. L. C. Leatherbury was moderated by Mrs. Ruby Frederic.

Session II on "The Family Stumps the Experts" dealt with problems of the family and how the church is meeting them. Mrs. Luther Moran led the opening prayer and Mrs. Christine Keller gave the introduction. Mr. Earl Riley, Parish Juvenile Officer, and Mrs. Martha Overbey, Visiting Teacher, were guest speakers.

Session III was about "The World's Biggest Audience" and dealt with periodicals, motion pictures, radio and television and their influence in Christian Education. This was presented as a round table discussion with all members of the class participating. Mrs. W. B. Hollingsworth led the closing prayer.

Session IV dealt with "Their Homes Are Institutions" and what our church is doing for inmates of institutions and hospitals, students away from home and members of the armed forces. Rev. S. A. Salter, Chaplain, Southeast Louisiana Hospital, Rev. C. N. Snelling, Director Wesley Foundation of Tulane University, and Rev. J. T. Redmon, former Military Chaplain, were guest speakers.

Much interest was added to the study by the guest speakers who were experts in the various fields and gave first hand information about what is being done in the district.

As a result of this study, the group decided to do something each month for the inmates of the Convalescent home in Lacombe and to show movies about missions to the church membership.

Rev. W. B. Hollingsworth is pastor of the church in Lacombe.—Mrs. Anita Leatherbury

At the regular monthly meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, Zwolle, officers were elected for the ensuing church year. They are as follows: Mrs. Garrett Walsh, President; Mrs. Woodrow Holmes, Vice-President; Mrs. Earl Mullins, Recording Secretary; Mrs. E. C. Leone, Jr., Treasurer and Chairman of finance and secretary of promotion.

Miss Arline Tyler of Shreveport, district secretary, was present at this meeting. It was held at the home of Mrs. Christel Bullard, the W. S. C. S. Co-ordinator. Mrs. R. L. McComie was in charge of the program, the subject of which was "Our Plus Becomes A Cross." Others tak-

Little Rock District Annual Meeting

By Methodist Information

The 17th annual meeting of the Little Rock District was held in conjunction with officers' training day at Asbury Methodist Church April 25. Mrs. Edwin Stewart conducted a memorial service and Mrs. Charles Clerget was vocalist.

The session was officially opened by Mrs. Don Cameron, president, after which district officers conducted the officers training period.

Dr. Arthur Terry, Little Rock district superintendent, opened the afternoon session with the installation service. Mrs. James Gannaway conducted a sharing period.

Inspirational speakers for the afternoon were Mrs. Milton Teague, conference secretary of youth work, and Mrs. M. E. Scott, conference president.

Registration for the meeting totalled more than 250.

New officers for the district are: Mrs. James S. Jackson, recording secretary, Little Rock; Mrs. L. D. Grenshaw, treasurer, Little Rock; Mrs. Charles Miller, secretary of missionary education, Little Rock; Mrs. Raymond Pelton, secretary of Christian social relations, Benton; Mrs. W. E. Tyre, secretary of student work, Little Rock; Mrs. I. E. McCray, secretary of youth work, Benton; Mrs. Fred Burnett, secretary of literature and publications, Little Rock; Mrs. W. R. Roebuck, secretary of supply work, Little Rock; Mrs. Bob Scott, secretary of status of women, Little Rock; and Mrs. O. J. Clark, secretary of missionary personnel, Little Rock.

Officers re-elected include: Mrs. Don Cameron, president; Mrs. Don McCorkle, vice president; Mrs. James H. Rice, Sr., secretary of promotion; Mrs. M. O. Bettis, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. J. C. English, secretary of children's work; and Mrs. E. T. Davenport, secretary of spiritual life, all of Little Rock.

Mrs. Gladys Hunt, president of the Asbury Society, and all Asbury officers and circle chairmen were hostesses to the district society.

Methodist Women Urge Continuance of Economic Aid

About 1,800,000 women across the United States, members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, are being asked to write their Senators and Representatives urging that economic aid and technical assistance to foreign countries be continued in the 1957-58 federal budget.

The request for a letter-writing campaign was made April 15 in a letter to about 250 Methodist women leaders, who in turn will contact the 31,000 local Woman's Societies

ing part were Mrs. Carver DeLoach, Mrs. Garrett Walsh, Mrs. Woodrow Holmes, Mrs. Ellis Anderson and Mrs. W. E. Crutchfield, Jr.—Mrs. R. L. McComie

Sunnie Kim Shares Experiences at Ewha, Korea

(Miss Sunnie Kim came to America in 1949. She received an A.B. degree from LaGrange College in Georgia and an A.M. degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. She returned to Korea in 1956 and is now teaching in Ewha Woman's University in Seoul. She is greatly indebted to many friends in Arkansas who helped make her years of study in America possible. We are indebted to Miss Nellie Dyer, her former teacher, for the following letter.)

Ewha Woman's University
Seoul, Korea
March 10, 1957

Dear Friends in Arkansas,

It has been snowing here since yesterday. We have scarcely expected this heavy snow in the middle of March. The air is filled with myriads of snow flakes—almost as big as the scattered petals of some white flowers. These are such mischievous fairy spirits tricking our hearts that look for the coming Spring. In spite of their interruption and the unusual coldness we are sure that Spring will arrive right behind these fluttering snow flakes. Watching the snow through the window I recalled again Shelley's words as I did so many times during this last winter:

"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"

Spring is welcomed by us poor thrice more than it is by others not only because of our aesthetic appreciation but for the relief from the cruelty of the weather.

It won't be long until we have Easter, the most celebrated and happiest season for us Christians. May Christ revive in each of our hearts and souls! May God's everlasting care and blessings be with you and yours!

You have been constantly in my thoughts and prayers even though I was not able to write to each of you. Life can be rich and endurable no matter what kind of circumstances we may be in if we have friends and loved ones to remember and to be encouraged by.

We are in Spring vacation now. Our school year ended in February and the new school year starts in April here in Korea. Ewha had about 600 graduates this year, among which were about 100 from our English Department. They were in my class of "Modern English and American Poetry." I can hardly realize that they are gone from school and not returning when school opens again in April, for my

acquaintance with the last senior group was a rather short one. I hope I was a good teacher for them. I tried my best to be. However, with my lack of experience and sound scholarship I am afraid that I was not able to offer them desirable lectures. Almost all the graduates wanted jobs but only a few could be employed. The unemployed outnumber everyone else in our society and it is one of the most urgent social problems at present here to get them some kind of work in order that they can live on.

Christianity has developed much and has been prosperous in appearance here ever since we regained our independence from Japan. The number of churches and Bible schools has increased. The prettiest buildings in towns and villages are churches in most cases. On the other hand, there have arisen many new religious groups whose leaders are miracle performers. They are idolized by their followers with superstitious zeal. Many marvelous stories have been told about the miracles they have wrought in the name of Christ. There is a man calling himself actually a living Jesus Christ here. I do not know how truthful and sincere these people are. I only believe that we must be truly honest and sincere in our religion and not enchanted by miracles.

It is very likely that I may have a house where I can settle down and unpack my trunk and have my brother to live with me. Can you imagine that I have not been able to unpack my trunk since I returned to my country? Ewha University was kind enough to let me borrow 250,000 Won from the institution so that I may be able to get a small rented cottage at last. The thought that I can be together with my brother makes me so happy. I am thankful to God every day that he could survive the last war.

I wish you again much happiness and blessings for the coming Easter!

Yours sincerely, Sunnie Kim

throughout the country. The letter was signed by Miss Thelma Stevens, of New York, executive secretary for Christian social relations of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The Division is the national body representing all Woman's Societies.

At a meeting of its executive committee in New York, the Division endorsed the letter and said:

"Because of the grave emergency that is rapidly developing in Congress calling for elimination or major cuts in foreign aid, Methodist women should make it a first priority to write to their representatives in Congress, expressing the hope that the foreign aid program will be continued."

Miss Stevens' letter asked that women point out that economic aid should be continued both directly to foreign countries and through the United Nations. It reiterated a foreign aid principle that the Woman's Division has maintained for several years—that economic aid and technical assistance should be divorced from military aid to foreign countries in the making of appropriations.

The letter also urged Methodist women to find new ways of making the work of the United Nations more fully known in their communities and to encourage individuals and groups to visit the U.N.

In asking increased support for

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Ohio Minister To Fill New Position

Director of Music Will Join Board of Education Staff

NASHVILLE, TENN. (MI)—The Rev. Dr. Bliss Wiant, Youngstown, Ohio, a minister who has served The Methodist Church in the field of music for more than 30 years, will join the staff of the Methodist Board of Education here May 1.

Dr. Wiant will be director of music on the staff of the Division of the Local Church of the Methodist Board of Education, it was announced by the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Nashville, general secretary of the division.

This is a new position authorized by the Methodist Board of Education in view of increased interest in the ministry of music in Christian education.

A former missionary, Dr. Wiant has been minister of music at Mahoning Methodist Church, Youngstown, since 1955. Before that, he was in charge of music at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Delaware, Ohio.

From 1923 to 1951, with some interruptions, Dr. Wiant headed the Department of Music at Yenching University, Peking, China. While on missionary furlough, he once directed the choir and taught music at Scarritt College, Nashville.

In his new position, Dr. Wiant will guide in the establishment of standards operative in the local-church ministry of music and seek to advance this field of work. He will be concerned with further integration of music in Christian education and will maintain the division's relationship with the new National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians.

Dr. Wiant has a varied background in choral and organ experience and has studied music at several institutions. He has a bachelor-of-arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, master-of-arts from Boston University, and doctor-of-philosophy from Peabody College, Nashville.

In 1936, while in China, Dr. Wiant edited a hymnal which has been used by almost all Protestants in China ever since. In 1925, he played the organ for funeral services of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Republic of China.

Dr. Wiant was born in Dialton, Ohio, and is a ministerial member of the North-East Ohio Methodist Conference. He and Mrs. Wiant, who also has a rich musical background, have four grown children.

Fall Action Project Is Success

More than 12,500 packets on "Drinking and Christian Living," the 1956 Fall Action Project of the Methodist Youth Fellowship have been distributed throughout the church.

The Rev. Glenn Mingleorff of the Youth Department staff, who promoted the project, says, "This is indicative of the fine response that we have had from our Methodist Youth Fellowships. The young people of America are concerned about the use of alcoholic beverages and this action project has provided an excellent medium through which they have been able to work."

Leaders Named For Religious Drama Workshop

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The names of the leaders have been announced for the second National Methodist Religious Drama Workshop, to be held June 1-8 at Scarritt College here.

The announcement was made by the Rev. A. Argyle Knight, director of the workshop and a staff member of the Youth Department of the Methodist Board of Education.

The leaders will be Miss Martha Cornick, nationally known authority on rhythmic interpretation and an instructor at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.; Mrs. Ruth Winfield Love, Nashville, co-director of the Wesley Foundation here who has had much experience in play direction and other aspects of drama; Arthur Risser, architect and theatre lighting consultant, Wichita, Kan.; and James Warren, professor of speech and drama at Scarritt College.

The workshop is for adults, including both professional and lay workers in the local church and at colleges.

"There has been a tremendous increase in the interest in religious drama," said Mr. Knight. "We receive, throughout the year, an average of at least on request a day for help in using religious drama in the Christian education program."

The workshop is a project of the Division of the Local Church of the Methodist Board of Education. It includes work groups in play direction, drama resources, play production, rhythmic interpretation, informal drama, and choric speech.

RESTDY OF LEADERSHIP COURSES UNDERWAY

A restudy of the First and Second Series Leadership Education courses of the standard Leadership Education curriculum is now being made by the staff of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education.

The purpose of the study is to review the courses "in the light of emerging conditions in our churches and in our world," said the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the Division's Department of Leadership Education.

Lecturer On Family Life Heard At Shreveport

W. Clark Ellzey, ordained minister and member of the Methodist National Committee on the Family, was in Shreveport last week to speak at Centenary College and at a noon luncheon meeting of the Shreveport Kiwanis Clubs.

Ellzey, who also is on the Board of Managers of the Joint Department of Family Life of the National Council of Churches, holds degrees from Southeast Missouri State College and Duke University. He now heads the marriage education department, Division of Home and Family, at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.

Nationally known as a lecturer, writer, family relations counselor and church worker, Ellzey addressed the marriage and family class of Dr. W. F. Pledger, professor of sociology and Bible at Centenary. The lecture was open to the public, and many church workers, teachers and others interested in mental health attended.

Ellzey agreed to come to Shreveport to assist in the ninth annual observance of Mental Health Week and in the fourth local observance sponsored by the Caddo-Bossier Branch of the Louisiana Assn. for Mental Health. He serves as film pre-viewer for the Mental Health Film Board, has held office in numerous professional and educational organizations and is the author of the book, "How To Keep Romance in Your Marriage." He also authored many pamphlets, including, "Finding God Through the Family."

NEW FILM STRIP AVAILABLE

A new sound filmstrip is now available. It is called "Our Commission on Education"—33 1/3 rpm record, black and white, 50 frames. It replaces "The Commission on Education—A Good Idea."

In a recent letter to the conference executive secretaries, the Rev. Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., of the Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education, says: "In connection with the Quadrennial Emphasis on the Local Church, the filmstrip may be used very effectively. It is an excellent supplement to the basic manual *The Commission on Education and the*

LOUISE SHARP SERVES ON LEADERS' CAMP STAFF

Miss Louise Sharp, Louisiana Conference Director of Youth Work, was a staff member of the Related Regional Camp Leaders' Camp, at Camp Dogwood, Ashland City, Tennessee, April 29-May 4.

This camp trains special leaders in the Rustic Camp type of program.

Attending this camp for special training were the Rev. Rupert Coles, of Mooringsport, and the Rev. James Poole, of Newellton.

Training Course Underway At Broadmoor Church

Elwood B. Traylor of the Centenary College faculty is conducting a 13-week leadership training course for church workers at the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport.

Traylor, who joined the Centenary faculty last September as an assistant professor of education, is a member of the Broadmoor church and an active church worker. Rev. George W. Harbuck is pastor.

The course, a basic, general course in Sunday School teaching methods, is designed to train workers not now engaged in teaching for future work in that field. Classes, which began April 28, will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. each Sunday for 12 more weeks in the church's Educational Building. Any adult member of the church is eligible to take the course.

Traylor is a graduate of Greenville College, Greenville, Ill., and received his master's degree in education from Washington University, where he also has done partial work toward his doctorate. He is a veteran of ten years' teaching in Illinois schools and also has had experience in personnel work.

Workers' Conference at Work (8280-BC) and Booklet No. 2 in the Local Church Emphasis Kit."

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 Rev. J. F. Kilpatrick, Director
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 **Alex., Laf., L. C. together

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 (Alabama)
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Jurisdictional and National Meetings

Mt. Sequoyah—School of Missions - - - - - June 24-29
 Mt. Sequoyah—Leadership School - - - - - July 15-26
 Louisiana quota—20 Dr. Bentley Sloane, registrar
 Mt. Sequoyah—Directors of Christian Education - - - July 12-15
 Mt. Sequoyah—M.Y.F. Workshop - - - - - August 9-16
 Conference officers Miss Louise Sharp
 Mt. Sequoyah—Institute of Church Music - - - - - July 22-26
 Dr. Walter Towner
 National Conference of Methodist Men - - - Lafayette, Ind., July 19-21
 Youth School of Alcohol Studies - - - Adrian, Mich., July 29-Aug. 4

Conference-Wide Events

June 3- 7 Annual Conference of the M.Y.F.
 Centenary College Campus
 Miss Louise Sharp, Rev. Tracy Arnold, Miss Sally Murry
 One elected delegate from each church. Adult workers
 (limited number)
 July 15-19 Youth Workshop—Camp Brewer
 July 22-27 Youth Workshop—Caney Lake
 Training for local M.Y.F. officers. Miss Louise Sharp,
 Miss Sally Murry
 Aug. 5, 6, 7 Children's Workers' Conference
 University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge
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 Mrs. E. L. McKay, P. O. Box 4156, Shreveport
 Aug. 12-16 W.S.C.S. School of Missions—Centenary College
 Mrs. F. C. Haley, Homer, Louisiana, dean
 Aug. 23-25 Young Adult Workshop—Camp Brewer
 For young adult class officers.
 Miss Anita Harris, Resource Leader
 Rev. Beverly E. Bond, Program Co-ordinator
 Mr. Walter McLean, president
 Aug. 26-30 Pastors' School—Centenary College
 Rev. Jolly B. Harper, dean
 Aug. 31-Sept. 2 State Student Retreat
 Miss Lillian Hay, director
 Sept. 21, 22 Church School Superintendents' Conference—Camp Brewer
 Mr. F. A. Babb, Lake Providence, chairman

NEW BOOKS REVIEWED

By Harold L. Fair

The Theology of The Sacraments

by D. M. Baillie. Charles Scribner's Sons. 158 pp., \$3.

Many Methodist pastors are continually plagued by their inability to give a definite answer when parents ask: Why should I have my baby baptized?

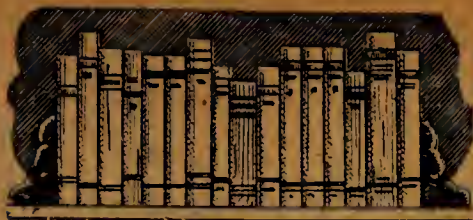
Here is a book at last, though written by a scholar and teacher of the Church of Scotland, that gives answers to many of the questions we Methodists have raised in our own minds.

Dr. Baillie died in 1954. He was one of the best-known theologians of our time, largely due perhaps to his ability to speak and write on difficult doctrinal subjects with absolute clarity and simplicity. These essays, which were originally given as lectures, are preceded by a brief biographical essay by the late author's distinguished brother, John. There are five essays or lectures on the sacraments, one on freedom of the will, and the final one considers the preaching of Christian doctrine.

Of most interest to Methodists may be his chapter on baptism, which includes a brilliant discussion of the baptism of infants. He points out that though immersion may best symbolize the New Testament idea of the death and resurrection, this is not the only theme connected with baptism. The symbol for cleansing, which is also of great prominence in the New Testament, is inherited from the Old Testament (see Ezekiel 36:25) and is best symbolized by sprinkling. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is even better symbolized by sprinkling of water.

Space in this review prohibits a detailed explanation of his strong case for infant baptism, but suffice it to say that Methodists will welcome his clear interpretation. It will give us good reasons for the faith that is within us, and enable us to meet the teaching of our immersionist friends with good weapons for defense.

Though some laymen will want to read these essays, I recommend this book chiefly to ministers, since some of it presupposes a rather good knowledge of the doctrines of



the sacraments of the Lord's Supper and baptism. But it is a book that every preacher will want to add to his library.

Meditations Under The Sky by Dorothy Wells Pease, Abingdon Press, 143 pp., \$1.50.

This new devotional book will be of special interest to lovers of the outdoors, and since it is to be published May 6, it will be available for campers to use this summer. Miss Pease is the daughter of a minister, and many readers will be familiar with an earlier devotional book, *Altars Under the Sky*.

A convenient pocket size, the newest volume contains poems, scripture, and prayers. It is divided into four sections according to the seasons. It may be used equally well for personal or group devotions, and it can be used at home, on vacation, or at summer camps. Young people will find it especially useful for preparation of campfire services and the like.

The Book of Revelation (A new translation of the Apocalypse), by J. B. Phillips, Macmillan Co., 50 pp., \$2.

Most readers may be already familiar with the three earlier books by this author, who has now completed a translation (paraphrase) of the New Testament. *The Gospels*, *The Young Church in Action* (Acts of the Apostles), and *Letters to Young Churches* (the epistles) have previously appeared and have been widely accepted by the public.

As in his earlier works, the author-translator here makes clear in many places what was unintelligible to some of us before. However, the reader should be warned

Retired Minister and Wife Honored On 30th Wedding Anniversary

By The Rev. Robert S. Beasley

The Rockport WSCS met Tuesday afternoon, March 20, at the Methodist Church with the president, Mrs. Julia Wilcox, presiding. Following the devotional service and business meeting, cake and coffee were refreshments for the social hour. A surprise feature of the fellowship hour, to the president, was the presentation of a number of lovely gifts from the Society by Mrs. Radford Rogers, as a shower to honor Rev. and Mrs. Doyle L. Wilcox on their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Before the hour for Church School, Sunday morning, March 20, 1927, Doyle Wilcox and Julia Hoskin were married by the Rev. A. W. Waddill in the pastor's study of the Malvern First Methodist Church. At the session of the Little Rock Annual Conference in Texarkana, 1932, Rev. Doyle Wilcox was admitted on trial and appointed pastor of the Percy Circuit. That year the Percy Circuit reported more members on profession of faith than any other pastorate of the Arkadelphia District. At the Annual Conference of 1934, First Church, Pine Bluff, Doyle Wilcox was ordained an Elder by Bishop John M. Moore. In his second pastorate on the Swan Lake Circuit, he led the Conference in additions to the Church on profession of faith. While serving his third appointment, the Austin Circuit, the new parsonage was erected at old Mt. Tabor. In the

second year of his fourth pastorate, Mablevale, a brain tumor that almost proved fatal brought to an untimely end a promising ministry. At Conference in First Church, Camden, in 1938, he was granted the superannuate relationship.

Several men now in the active pastorate were influenced to answer the call to preach during the ministry of Doyle Wilcox. They include Alfred Doss, J. R. Martin, Alfred DeBlack, Joe Robinson and Richard Perry.

For the past two decades Rev. and Mrs. Wilcox have been identified with the Rockport Methodist Church, in the community where they make their home. Their only son, Carl Doyce, is in service and is stationed at the Blytheville Base. Two daughters are Hendrix women: Mrs. Susan Jane Banks resides in San Antonio, Texas, where Rev. Wayne Banks is Associate Pastor of Travis Park Church; and Mrs. Modene Pawlak, is a church organist in Whittier, California.

For several years the Rev. Mr. Wilcox has operated the Wilcox Fish Bait Shop at his home in Rockport. In June 1955 he opened The Fish Bait Shop and Service Station at the junction of Highway 270 and Highway 84. A car enroute to Camp Tanako from Malvern, turns left at Rockport off 270 to Highway 84, in front of the Doyle Wilcox Fish Bait Shop.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilcox would welcome a visit from old friends as they drive through Rockport. And they would be thrilled to receive letters from friends of other days, both lay members of the church and brethren of the ministry. The mailing address is Rt. 5, Malvern, Arkansas.



Shown above is the Bait Shop-Service Station operated by the Rev. Mr. Wilcox at the junction of Highway 270 and Highway 84.

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Leaders Report Growth In Churches, Sunday Schools In Korea

A new church organized each week, an 8 per cent increase in membership, 18,000 new Sunday school members, a list of 47,000 persons interested in becoming Christians—these were some of the achievements of Korean Methodism in 1956, as reported to church leaders recently in Seoul.

The reports by Korean Bishop Hyunki J. Lew, district superintendents, pastors and lay workers were made at the simultaneous meetings of Korea's three annual conferences in the First Methodist Church in Seoul. The three conferences met together for the first time in several years.

Organizational gains in 1956 included 52 new churches (hence the one per week rate), 44 new circuits and 32 new Sunday schools. Commenting on the gains, the Rev. Charles Sauer, Methodist correspondent in Korea, said:

"After studying annual conference reports, we once more realize that the big problem for Korean Methodism is not now to get a congregation in a new village but how to take care of the congregation that comes to hear the preacher!"

New Members Come Faster Than New Buildings

Membership rose from 3,000 to 41,000; there are 27,000 preparatory members (an increase of 7,000 over 1955) and 6,000 baptized children. The three conferences have a list of 47,000 "seekers after Christianity," giving the Korean Methodist Church a total constituency of 121,000. That is an increase of 10,000 or almost 10 per cent over 1955. Mr. Sauer commented, "The Korean church is taking in new members far faster than it can get buildings to house them."

Sunday school enrollment reached 165,000 students and 12,000 teachers, an increase of 18,000 over 1955. They met in 964 Sunday schools.

Of more than 1,000 Methodist congregations, reports showed that only 674 have what may be called complete church buildings, 173 worship in partially completed buildings, 80 are in tent-roofed structures and 137 have as yet no regular place of worship of their own.

Cost of Living Increases

The reports on giving were summed up this way by Mr. Sauer:

"When one remembers that the cost of living has been increasing by 30 to 50 per cent or more each year, the record in self-support of Korean Methodism shows remarkable recovery from the wreckage of the invasion. Completely self-supporting churches number 508; an additional 247 carry at least half of the pastor's salary; 149 are what might be called mission churches. The churches receiving aid, however, are pioneer churches and are under a schedule which looks to their becoming fully self-supporting in three or four years."

30 Districts, 1,000 Appointments

Bishop Lew made about 1,000 ministerial appointments, ordained 22 ministers (including two women) and presided simultaneously over the three conferences. Three districts were divided, making a total of 30. Only two of the district superintendents give full time to that job; the others are also pastors.

American Methodist visitors at the conference sessions included: Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind., president of the Division of World Missions; Dr. Georgia Harkness of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Cal., Miss Margaret Billingsley, Woman's Division secretary for East Asia, and

MCOR Sends Aid To Fire-Struck Thailand Town

A gift of \$1,000 has been made by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief for emergency relief in the Thailand town of Pitsanuloke, struck earlier this year by the most disastrous fire in the history of the country.

The grant from MCOR emergency funds was made through Church World Service and the General Council of the Church of Christ in Thailand, according to Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, General Secretary of MCOR, which has headquarters at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Thousands of people in the town of 50,000 population, where there is a small Christian community, were made homeless and reduced to abject poverty by the fire that broke out in the heart of the crowded market area.

The Thai Red Cross Society contributed relief supplies and Christian churches throughout the region sent blankets, clothing, and gifts of money, the American Presbyterian Mission in Thailand has reported. The United States Government made a grant of \$150,000 for relief purposes.

Assistance in the area itself has been great, "since the Thai people are exceedingly generous," Horace W. Ryburn wrote from the mission in Bangkok, but there remains an "acute" need, he added, as people are "without cooking utensils, furniture, homes, clothing, and the bare necessities of life."

NEW JERSEY COUNCIL POLLS POLITICIANS

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also were against extension of legal gambling, favored higher public school teacher salaries, and agreed that police should be allowed to give blood tests to determine intoxication without the suspect's consent. They disagreed with the council, however, on the lowering age from 18 to 16 years where juvenile courts have exclusive jurisdiction over offenses.

Council secretary Henry Reed Bowen explained, "Our object was to aid those who would like to know the attitudes of candidates for our State Legislature. We also wanted to keep members of the Legislature

Dr. Gerald Harvey, field secretary of the Joint Committee on Christian Education in Foreign Fields.

"Land of Decision"

The Korean Methodist Church is one of three autonomous Methodist churches, affiliated with the Methodist Church in the United States. Korea is one of four countries selected by Methodism as "Lands of Decision" in the 1956-60 quadrennium because of the opportunities for Christian evangelism.

Doctors, Nurses Needed In Alaska

One Equipped Hospital Inactive Due To Lack of Personnel

The Board of Missions is looking for enough doctors, nurses and medical technicians to operate three small hospitals in Alaska—hospitals that cannot be operated unless such key personnel are found. And without the hospitals, large areas and thousands of persons are currently without adequate medical care. Three doctors, 12 nurses and four technicians are minimum needs.

One hospital, the Community Hospital at Valdez, is built and equipped, but is not operating for lack of medical personnel. The Town Council of this community of 1,200 on the coast of south central Alaska has asked the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the mission board to operate the hospital. The Woman's Division has had to turn down the request because a doctor, four nurses and a medical technician have not been found.

Out at Sand Point on the remote Aleutian Island chain is a hospital formerly operated by a fishing company. The Woman's Division has had a request of several years' standing to operate the hospital. Again, the reason for refusal has been primarily a lack of personnel.

Another Request

In January, 1956, the Woman's Division received a request from the Chamber of Commerce of Kenai, also in south central Alaska, for the Division to operate a 10-bed hospital to be built there. The proposed hospital, to be built and equipped with Government funds, will serve four towns with a population of 6,000. The only medical care available now is from a part-time public health nurse. But the Woman's Division has had to say no again for the same reason: no personnel. Needed are a doctor, at least four nurses and a medical technician.

If any qualified doctor, nurse or medical technician is interested in helping to fill either need, he (or she) may write to: Office of Missionary Personnel, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N.Y.

informed concerning the interest of many Christian citizens of our state in these matters."

METHODIST WOMEN URGE ECONOMIC AID

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the U.N., Miss Stevens, speaking for the Woman's Division, said in the letter:

"In view of the fact that there is a changing climate toward the U.N., indicating a growing opposition in this country, it is imperative that Methodist women give new attention to using the channels that build understanding of the U.N."

"There are three areas of growing opposition to the U.N.: (1) Increased activity of groups promoting the Bricker Amendment and similar measures to limit the treaty-making power of the President. (2) Deliberate efforts to create political capital by talking about the great dangers posed for the United States by the U.N. (3) Fear, recently expressed by important political figures, that voting in the U.N. needs to be 'weighted so that African and Asian nations cannot have too much influence.' The implication that these nations cannot be trusted with power is doing harm both to faith in the U.N. and to United States relations with Asian and African nations."

Miss Stevens' letter was sent to the presidents and secretaries of Christian social relations of Woman's Societies in Methodism's 107 annual conferences, to members of the Woman's Division and to other Methodist leaders.

In another action at its executive committee meeting, the Woman's Division appointed a national committee to monitor television programs with particular reference to programs about the U.N., family life, etc. Members appointed were Mrs. T. Otto Nall, Evanston, Ill., chairman; Mrs. Frank Greathouse, Rogers, N. Mex., Mrs. G. Albin Dahlquist, Providence, R.I., and Miss Dorcas Hall, New York. The committee will cooperate with a similar committee of the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission, Nashville, Tenn.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1957

PRAYING FOR AN EVIL WORLD

READ CHAPTERS 18 AND 19 OF GENESIS.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Arise, O God, judge the earth; for to thee belong all the nations.*

—Psalms 82:8 (RSV)

Last Sunday we studied the call of Abraham and his dedicated response to that call. Today we continue a study of Abraham after he had been in Canaan for a number of years.

A few years before the time of our lesson the flocks and herds of Abraham and Lot had grown so large that the tenders of their flocks were having trouble over the division of the pasture land. Abraham felt that it would be better for him and Lot to live in different parts of Canaan rather than have trouble. Instead of choosing the territory most desirable, as he had a right to do, Abraham told Lot to take his choice of the lands.

Instead of refusing such a generous offer, Lot took advantage of it. The Record says, "Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered . . . even as the garden of the Lord . . . Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east. Abraham dwelled in the land of Canaan and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent toward Sodom. But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly."

In the opening of today's lesson we are told that the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah had become so great that they were about to be destroyed.

"Entertaining Angels Unawares"

Some time after his separation from Lot, while Abraham was sitting in the door of his tent, in the plains of Mamre, "three men stood by him." Abraham did not know that they were angels from God, but his hospitable nature led him to invite them to stop with him for food and shelter and rest.

Two things happened as a result of this visit. First, there was the renewal by the angels of God's promise that a son would be born to Abraham and Sarah and secondly, God through his angels revealed to Abraham that he was about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of their great wickedness.

In Hebrews 13:1-2 we have the exhortation, "Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." There seems little doubt but that, in this statement, the writer of Hebrews is referring to this experience of Abraham when he did entertain angels without, in the beginning, knowing that they were angels.

Kindness, consideration and a spirit of hospitality toward others is the normal result of a Christian spirit. It is not prompted by a hope of reward. Nevertheless, such an attitude usually brings back to the one exercising it a re-

ward as great or greater than comes to the one benefitting from his benevolence.

Intercessory Prayer

When Abraham learned from the angels that God was about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, perhaps he remembered that his nephew, Lot, lived in Sodom. If this did come to his mind, he said nothing about it. He does begin to plead with God to spare the cities if even so many as ten righteous people could be found in them. He began with fifty and, by tens, reduced that number until he finally came down to ten.

Abraham was a pioneer, religiously, in many things. It is our impression that he was a pioneer in intercessory prayer. In three or four different places in the Bible Abraham is called a "friend of God." Whatever Abraham thought of his relationship with God, he did feel close enough to Him to pray to Him and talk with Him as though they stood face to face. So, in our lesson text, we are told that Abraham prayed for a great city full of people. It is quite possible that he had not known or even seen any of them except Lot and his family. Nevertheless, because they are human beings, Abraham is interested in them and hopes, in some way, to save them from destruction.

While Abraham may have been the first, in a large way, to practice intercessory prayer, he was not the last. One needs but to read the prayer of Moses for Israel when the people had gone off into idolatry. Moses confesses their sins and prays, "Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sins—;" Here he breaks off his prayer and adds "and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written." (Exodus 33:32.) This prayer is akin to the striking statement of Paul, as he longed for the salvation of his own people, when he declared, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." (Romans 9:3.) We have an impressive example of intercessory prayer in later years when John Knox prayed, "God give me Scotland or I die."

The New Testament records many impressive examples of prayer during the earthly life of our Lord. Many people came to Jesus praying for something for themselves. So far as the Record goes, no person ever came to Jesus asking for something for himself but that Jesus answered prayer in the way that was best for him. These examples of the readiness of Jesus to answer prayers for individuals has given us boldness to ask Christ for the

needs of our lives.

A thing that we often overlook is the fact that no one ever came to Jesus with a prayer for somebody else, but that Jesus just as readily answered prayer for another as he did the prayer for one's self. Intercessory prayer was very effective during the earthly life of Jesus. We may pray for others now with the assurance that "Jesus Christ (is) the same yesterday, today and forever."

Depending On Moral Character of God

The thing that seemed to enable Abraham to pray with such assurance was his faith in the justice and righteousness of God. The challenge of Abraham was, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

The gods of the heathen about Abraham were thought to be capricious, irresponsible, often acting without rhyme or reason. The gods of the heathen were not thought to be bound by any moral laws. It was not so with Israel's God. Abraham believed that Jehovah was a God of absolute justice and righteousness. His prayers were based on the assumption that Jehovah was such a God. Abraham was sure that the universe itself was built on a moral foundation and that each individual had the right to be judged on his own merits. He was sure that the righteous would not and should not be destroyed because of the wickedness of the wicked.

We too may live life conscious of the eternal integrity, dependability, justice and righteousness of God. However faulty may be our dealings with each other, we may be sure that God is always just and righteous and loving in His dealings with man. Paul put it a little differently when he said in Romans 3:4, "Let God be true, but every man a liar." In this Paul is again declaring the eternal righteousness and justice of God.

The Value of the Minority

In Abraham's prayer of intercession we have a striking example of the value of a righteous minority. We have no way of determining the total population of Sodom and Gomorrah. Nevertheless, we do have the promise of God to spare these wicked cities of the plains if in the total population there could be found even ten righteous people.

Something of this nature has been true in God's dealings with people all down through the centuries. God has never depended on mass movements in the building of His kingdom. Whether it be a local church, a given denomination or the church universal, great religious movements have originated with small groups within the organization; sometimes one person has been the hard core around which the movement for righteousness has revolved. This was true when Martin Luther, John Knox, John Wesley and others led great religious movements affecting the life of their day and the life of succeeding generations.

In promoting the work of the kingdom, no one should be discouraged to find himself with a minority or even at times alone. Nevertheless, there is one thing we should always be careful about when we begin to feel lonesome in promoting some cause of the church. We should carefully check our motivation. We should try to

determine whether our actions are based on truth and well-informed convictions, or whether they are the results of prejudice or a contentious spirit, or both. There is a big difference between wanting the Lord to have His way and simply wanting to have our own way.

Abraham Stopped Praying Too Soon

Great as was Abraham's faith, it was no match for the boundless love and mercy of God. Abraham first asked the Lord to spare the wicked cities of the plains if as many as fifty righteous people could be found in them. When the Lord readily granted that request, Abraham's faith grew and he continued to pray while reducing the number of righteous necessary to save the cities finally to ten. That seemed to be the limit of Abraham's faith and he stopped praying. With the knowledge we have of Abraham and the larger vision we now have of God, we cannot but believe that the response from God would have been the same if Abraham had made his prayer on the basis of five or even two righteous people.

If our prayers to God are as unselfish as were the prayers of Abraham, we should place no limits on our petitions. God's love and mercy outreach and outweigh the strongest faith we are able to exercise. Paul tells us, in Ephesians 3:20, that God "Is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

Faith is the only limit to the power of any prayer that is prayed in accord with the will of God. God kept granting as long as Abraham kept asking. Christ's promise to Christian people everywhere is, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24.

God Remembered Abraham

The closing verse of our lesson text for today tells us that "God remembered Abraham" when the crisis came and the cities of the plains were about to be destroyed. God answered Abraham's prayer but, as often happens, the answer to prayer did not come exactly as Abraham might have expected.

Abraham's appeal to the "Judge of all the earth" to do right was based on the fact that Abraham did not think the righteous should perish along with the wicked and because of the sins of the wicked.

Since ten righteous people could not be found even in both of the cities, the Lord still granted the substance of Abraham's prayers when he did not destroy the righteous with the wicked but did destroy the wicked after the few righteous that could be found were led out of Sodom. The saving of Lot and his wife and two daughters seems to have been more for the sake of Abraham than for any real value Lot was to the world. Lot's sons, along with the rest of the wicked, were destroyed in Sodom. Lot's wife after leaving Sodom disobeyed God and was destroyed. In the last glimpse we have of Lot himself, after his escape from Sodom, we find him in a drunken, immoral debauch with his own daughters and the curtain falls. Abraham, Sarah and their promised child seemed to embody the world's only hope for the coming kingdom. That with God was enough.

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Asks Action By Churchmen To Combat Crime Wave

Washington, D. C. (MI)—“Definite action by concerned churchmen” is needed immediately to help combat the nation’s record high crime rate, an official of the Methodist Church, the Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooten, believes.

Commenting on the FBI’s annual “Uniform Crime Report,” which revealed that major crime increased 13.3 per cent in 1956 and 43 per cent since 1950, Dr. Hooten urged clergymen to help “arouse all citizens to the immediate necessity of aiding law enforcement officers.”

Dr. Hooten is general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance which has its national headquarters here. The board is the church’s general agency in the area of public morals.

Clergymen and other church leaders should be particularly alarmed by the FBI’s report that almost 46 per cent of arrests for major crimes in the United States last year were youngsters under 18 years old, Dr. Hooten said.

He suggested that churches join in “a creative effort to help young people find constructive outlets for their energies,” such as expanded week-night social and recreational programs and more church and community youth centers.

The FBI report, issued by Director J. Edgar Hoover, cited a 17.3 per cent rise in juvenile arrests last year compared to an increase of

Summer Pulpit Exchange Announced



DR. W. E. TRICE



REV. MACKS W. WOODWARD

Dr. William E. Trice, left, pastor of the University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, and Rev. Macks W. Woodward, right, pastor of the Methodist Church, Bessleorough Road, Harrow-On-The-Hill, England, will exchange pulpits for a period of five weeks this summer, according to an announcement by Dr. Trice.

This exchange has been worked out under the auspices of the World Methodist Council.

Dr. Trice and his family will leave May 31 for England, and Rev. Mr. Woodward is expected to arrive with his family in Baton Rouge in June.

only 2.6 per cent in other age groups. Cities with more than 25,000 population reported a 16.5 per cent increase in arrests of young persons under 18, and the smaller cities recorded a 20.9 per cent rise.

Meanwhile, a warning that the country will have more than a million juvenile delinquents on its hands by 1965 if the present trend isn’t curbed was voiced by a Senate

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Bishop Martin Plans Visitation To Africa

Mrs. Martin Will Accompany Bishop On Tour

By Methodist Information

Bishop Paul E. Martin will make an official episcopal visitation of Methodist missionary work in Africa this summer and early fall. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Martin on the tour. He was assigned by the Council of Bishops to make this visitation.

To Attend World Council Meeting Enroute

Bishop and Mrs. Martin will leave Little Rock June 18 for New York where they will sail at noon June 21 on the SS Nieuw Amsterdam for London, England. Bishop Martin will attend the executive committee meeting of the World Methodist Council in London July 2, 3, and 4. He is president of the American Section of the Council. While in London, the Bishop and Mrs. Martin will stay at Hotel Westbury.

The Bishop said they plan to visit Epworth, birthplace of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, before leaving England.

Departing from London July 6, they will fly to Africa to attend the annual conference of the Congo Missions, and to tour missions in the Belgian Congo, Southern Rhodesia, Angola, and Monrovia.

The first stop will be Brussels. Arriving on July 6, Bishop and Mrs. Martin plan to remain there until the 9th, when they will leave for Stanleyville to be joined by Bishop and Mrs. Glen R. Phillips of Denver, Colo.

The next leg of the journey will include the annual conference of the Congo Mission at Lodja, where they will stay until July 17, the Bishop said.

Full Schedule Announced Later

They will visit missions in Old Umtali, Angola, Monrovia, and Lisbon. A complete itinerary with map will be published in a later issue of this publication.

Bishop and Mrs. Martin expect to return in early October. The Bishop’s trip last quadrennium included visiting of missions in South America and the Far East.

The Methodist work in the Belgian Congo is of particular significance during the present quadrennium. The area has been designated as one of the special locations of emphasis for evangelism during the next few months.

Castle Manor, New Orleans, Schedules Construction



Shown is the architect’s conception of the completed structure of Castle Manor Methodist Church, New Orleans, to be erected on Tulsa and Gwain Streets, approximately 1800 feet off of the 8500 block of Chef Menteur Highway. The necessary funds have been raised and construction of the first unit is expected to start around June 1, 1957, at which time all bids should have been received by the Building Committee. The

Building Committee consists of H. W. Purvis, R. B. Boothby, L. N. Hunsinger, and Arthur J. Sohl. Pledges are being procured to meet all financing and other commitments for the ensuing year. Part of the 307’ x 120’ lot is designated as a playground and arrangements for clearing and improving the ground will be made as soon as possible. The Rev. S. P. Emanuel is minister at Castle Manor.

Methodist Leader Reports On Inter-Racial Conferences

The Methodist Church has had nine regional Interracial Leadership Conferences in the last eighteen months. What has been accomplished?

"We've certainly made people aware of some of the factors involved in making brotherhood work," said the Rev. Dr. A. Dudley Ward, Chicago, general secretary of the Methodist General Board of Social and Economic Relations. "We've proved it's no cinch. These are tough issues we face—but also real opportunities."

The Board of Social and Economic Relations and the Methodist bishops of the areas covered by the nine meetings have sponsored the conferences.

The meetings are attended by white and Negro ministers and laymen of the Methodist conferences involved. (Since the Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church is racial rather than geographical, whites and Negroes living in the same geographical areas are, with few exceptions, members of different Methodist annual conferences.)

Dr. Ward said that two of the "tough issues" the conferences have considered are "fantastic" movements of people from one section to another and the problem the Negro has in securing adequate housing.

"The issues in race relations are primarily cultural and not religious," Dr. Ward declared.

The Methodist leader also listed other accomplishments resulting, wholly or in part, from the conferences. Among them were numerous examples of how white and Negro Methodist groups have planned joint enterprises that apparently had more effect than if they had been carried out separately.

The nine conferences held thus far have been in Chicago, Milwaukee, Jamaica, N. Y., Louisville, Atlanta, Kansas City, Detroit, Baltimore, and Indianapolis. Four more are definitely scheduled for 1957—in St. Louis, Austin, Texas, Little Rock, Ark., and Pittsburgh.

It is expected that 25 regional meetings will be climaxed by a national conference on human relations to be held late in 1959, with other agencies of The Methodist Church cooperating.

GROWTH OF RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE ACCLAIMED

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas told clergymen and laymen of various faiths here he is encouraged to see that America

Seminary Receives Collection of Original Wesley Letters



Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam (right) presents an album of John Wesley letters to Dr. Norman L. Trott, president of the new Wesley Theological Seminary being built in Washington, D. C.

Presented As Ground Is Broken For Wesley Seminary

Washington, D. C. (MI)—Twelve original letters of John Wesley became the prized possession of Wesley Theological Seminary here, the Methodist Church's only theological school named in honor of the founder of the Methodist movement.

The donors are Bishop and Mrs. G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, who announced the gift April 4 on the eve of the groundbreaking for the new \$3 million seminary on the campus of American University.

The letters, written from 1773 to 1788, are from the Wesleyana collection of Bishop and Mrs. Oxnam which includes several first edition books and other writings of John Wesley. The letters will be kept in the library of the seminary when the school opens in 1958.

The well preserved letters, written in Wesley's meticulous script, reveal several interesting insights of "the little minister's" social and theological philosophy.

"Be serious! Be earnest! Be little in your own eyes, and God will order all things well," he counseled a fellow-minister in 1774.

On peace, Wesley observed: "You do well to follow after Peace. Nothing is more desirable. One would give up anything for it, but a Good Conscience. And the only way you can secure it is, to walk closely with God."

"Whenever a door is open, there push forward," Wesley advised one minister, who may well have been an evangelist. For another he had this gentle rebuke: "O exhort the believers to go on to perfection. Perhaps you have been sometimes a little wanting in this."

For a circuit-riding American, Wesley had this advice: "In the country places I believe you will have the largest harvest, where they know little and talk little about politics. Their hearts are engaged with something better, and they let the dead bury their dead."

A hard-riding horseman himself, Wesley spurred on a circuit rider: "I am glad you are going into North Carolina; and why not into South Carolina too?"

A trace of humor is apparent in Wesley's reply to a minister who inquired about his health: "The account given in our newspapers of my death was not wholly without foundation; for I was only not dead, my pulse being quite gone and 'the wheel at the cistern without motion.' But then our Lord stepped in, and the fever owned His touch and fled."

Troubled about the rebellion of the American colonies, Wesley in 1775 wrote Thomas Rankin, then his "superintendent of the entire work of Methodism in America," as follows:

"A paper was sent to me lately, occasioned by the troubles in America; but it would not do good. It is abundantly too tart; and nothing of that kind will be of service now. All parties are already too much sharpened against each other; we must pour water, not oil, into the flame."

Religious Agencies Distribute Most Surplus Food

New York (NC)—Overseas relief agencies of the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths are distributing the lion's share of all U. S. surplus foods made available by the government.

A report based on figures supplied by the U. S. Department of Agriculture this week and released by the American Council of Voluntary Agencies shows that in the nine months ended March 31, 1957, religious agencies sent 91.3 per cent of all foods distributed to the needy around the world. Shipments represented a total value of \$99,895,942.

Of the non-religious agencies, CARE distributed practically all of the rest—or 8.09 per cent. In addition, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), which is not a member of the American Council, distributed U. S. surplus dried milk valued at almost ten million dollars.

has reached "a new plateau of religious tolerance and understanding." He praised churches, schools and the press for their part in reducing bigotry in America.

The group was attending the seventh annual Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen. Justice Douglas spoke to them during their visit to the Supreme Court.

Martin Luther Film Tops Chicago TV Ratings

Chicago (EP)—The long-awaited Chicago premiere of the Reformation film, "Martin Luther," topped the most optimistic expectations, Dr. John W. Harms commented following its premiere on Station WBKB last April 23. Dr. Harms is executive vice-president of the Chicago Church Federation which had been active in protesting the earlier banning of the film by Station WGN.

After the premiere, WBKB reported that it had received 155 telephone calls about the film, with 109 of the callers stating that they liked it. WBKB also reported that the film compiled a special American Research Bureau rating of 28.2 between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., as compared with 8.8 for WBBM-TV; 8.4 for WGN-TV, and 5.6 for WNBQ. The 28.2 rating meant that 55% of the persons watching TV were watching the Luther film.

Community Builders, Skokie, Illinois, sponsor of the film, said that 500 calls had been received, with no more than 10% of the callers expressing dislike for the film. Robert Kendler, president of the company, however, admitted that the film brought in no additional business, and the company gained no more than a normal number of leads.

Japanese Churches Ask Britain To Cancel Bomb Tests

Toyoko (EP)—The National Christian Council of Japan has asked the British Council of Churches to urge the British government to cancel its plans to carry out nuclear tests at Christmas Island. The Prime Minister of Japan sent a personal representative to London, also, to appeal to Britain to stop the atomic and hydrogen bomb experiments in Asiatic waters.

"No wonder the Japanese are alarmed," the Bishop of Chichester said. "The bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were mere child's play compared with the hydrogen bombs of today." He urged the British Council of Churches to take a strong stand against the bomb tests in Asia, saying, "The whole attitude of

millions of Asiatic people towards Christian missions and Christian churches might be affected by what we do." But the British church leaders were divided over the issue. They passed a resolution to deplore the nuclear tests by a vote of 39 to 32.

The representative of Japan's Prime Minister also visited Rome. He was received in audience by the Pope who reminded him of his Easter message last year in which he warned leaders of nations against the "homicidal, suicidal madness" of the atomic arms race and appealed for a "co-existence in truth, justice and love." The Pope said he had not changed his opinion since that time.

131 Postage Stamps With Religious Motif Issued Last Year

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—A total of 131 postage stamps with a religious theme or symbol were issued in 1956 by various countries, it was disclosed here by the Collectors of Religion on Stamps Society (COROS).

The compilation was made by Waller A. Sager of Los Angeles, editor of the COROS Chronicle, semi-monthly organ of the international society, which publishes material concerning religious stamps issued around the world.

Mr. Sager said that only the 1954 Marian Year, when many predomi-

nately Roman Catholic countries issued special stamps, had a greater number of religious issues. There were 136 religious stamps in 1954 but more than half were Marian issues.

Two United States stamps were included in the 1956 religious issues. The nine-cent stamp of the new regular issue pictures the Alamo, historic Texas shrine, which originally was built as a Roman Catholic mission church. The Labor Day commemorative stamp shows a mother reading to her child from the Bible. It is part of the design on the mural in the new AFL-CIO building in Washington. The mural was used as the design for the stamp.

Also included was a Madonna stamp issued by Poland, the first religious design to appear on the stamps of that Communist-dominated country since World War II.

Churches depicted on 1956 stamps ranged from Columbia's Cathedral of the Salt Mine to Iceland's ancient 11th Century Cathedral of Skalholt.

Various faiths are represented in the compilation, including the stamps of several Asiatic nations marking the 2500th anniversary of Buddhism.

The Collectors of Religion on Stamps Society is conducting a poll among its members to determine which countries shall be awarded certificates for the best Catholic and Protestant issues of 1956.

Grandmother 78 Years Old Becomes Missionary

Lagos, Nigeria (RNS)—A 78-year-old great grandmother arrived here by plane to serve as a volunteer Southern Baptist missionary for six months.

Mrs. J. L. Anthony, a member of the University Baptist church at Abilene, Tex., said she came to Africa because "I figure I can help win more people to Christ there than anywhere else."

She will assist the Rev. Milford Howell, a missionary in the Warri Province of Nigeria. Her main job will be to teach native Bible classes.

Biblegraph Provides Scriptural Guidance For Everyday Problems

New York (RNS)—A biblegraph, designed to provide Scriptural inspiration and guidance in meeting everyday problems, was released by the American Tract Society here.

Described as one of the most compact Scripture reference aids available, it contains 252 Biblical verses judged to provide answers to 36 "common problems." Among them are: "Do you wish revenge?", "Do you fear old age?", "Is business bad?", "Do your children seem ungrateful?", "Do you hate someone?", "Are you beset with temptation?"

The circular biblegraph measures six inches across and is equipped with a dial on which an arrow points to the question to be answered. In openings below appear the Biblical book, chapter and verse recommended to be read. A

Singapore Methodists Recruit Asian Ministry

Singapore (RNS)—Plans of the Methodist Church in Singapore to recruit Asian ministers to take over the work of European missionaries were underscored at a congress of the Methodist Youth Fellowship here attended by 220 delegates.

The Rev. Yap Kim-hoo, dean of the Southern Malayan Methodist Youth Fellowship Institute, reported that 20 prospective ministers had already been selected from that group. He said they would enter Trinity College here next September for a four-year theological course.

At present, Mr. Yap stated, 50 potential Asian ministers are in training at the college.

He said four Asians already have taken over from Western missionaries in the Federation of Malaya.

It was announced that most of the students selected for training in Trinity College plan to work as ministers in Malaya. But two Chinese girls, Miss Leong Poh-kum, 23, now in her second year, and Miss Teo Geok-lian, 18, who will join the college in September, intend to go to Borneo and Sumatra.

Malaya is to achieve full independence on August 31, when Britain will cede all authority over its former protectorate. Asians are being groomed for key positions in the Federation of Malaya and Singapore governments, and many have already taken over from British officials.

Methodist Pastor Unfrocked

El Paso, Tex. (RNS)—A Methodist pastor from Albuquerque, N. M., who had charged Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City with accepting "love" offerings from clergymen and churches, was unfrocked here by a jury of 13 fellow ministers.

The Rev. James J. Stewart, former pastor of St. John's Methodist church, was tried for "un-Christian words or actions and imprudent or unministerial conduct," and found guilty.

He was absent from the room when the unanimous decision of the jury was announced. The ministerial jurors had been chosen from a panel of 21 nominated by district superintendents of the denomination.

Mr. Stewart and his 12 defense witnesses walked out on the proceedings when the judge of the church court barred the public from the trial. The charges brought by him against Bishop Smith, head of the Oklahoma-New Mexico area, had been declared "baseless and untrue" by an eight-man investigating committee last January.

A statement issued by the committee said there was not "the slightest evidence to warrant the accusations made against Bishop Smith." It added that "the bishop is completely exonerated in every instance."

Deploping what it called "smeared tactics" against the bishop, the committee had said Mr. Stewart was "guilty of the grossest type of unministerial conduct."

Laymen Told Only "Spiritual War" Can Resolve Future

Richmond, Ind. (RNS)—Some 200 lay leaders attending the fourth annual Yokefellow Conference here were told by an Episcopal clergyman and author that only a "spiritual war" can resolve the international crisis and the world's future.

Dr. Samuel Shoemaker, rector of Calvary Episcopal church, Pittsburgh, Pa., said "We Christians 'talk' a good fight but too many of

us have settled for co-existence with paganism."

"The future of the world is going to be decided either the totalitarian or the Gospel way," he said. "We hope it can be settled without a physical war, but it certainly cannot be won without a 'spiritual war.'"

The clergyman said that "what the Communists want is for Christians to have a cozy, comfortable personal religion for which they sacrifice little of their time, interest or money."

The Yokefellow Associates, as the group that met here is known, describe themselves as "a new religious order cutting across denominational lines and commanding the loyalties of men and women, laymen and clergy." They call their movement "a reformation of lay religion."

Dr. Shoemaker also gave the Yokefellows advice about helping to spread their movement. In dealing with people, he said, "don't start on your territory; start on theirs. Start with where people are, instead of where they ought to be. Don't tell them what they ought to do but show them what others have done. An ounce of story is worth a pound of sermon."

Urging Christians to have "fun" and "warmth" in their religion, he said, "some of us look so 'religious' we look wretched."

Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, professor of philosophy at Earlham Col-

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Says Christ Most Unpopular Figure In Business World

Singapore (RNS)—A prominent commercial executive told a rally here sponsored by the Southern Malaya Methodist Youth Institute that "Christ has become the most unpopular figure in the business world."

Ee Soon-hwee, Far East manager of a big British beverage manufacturing firm, declared that "Christ is unwanted because He and the little discrepancies in the balance sheets or income tax returns do not agree."

"A little hardship incurred in incorporating Christianity into the business world is worthwhile," he said.

Mr. Ee took part in a panel discussion of the theme, "Christ for Our Times," along with Yap Pheng-geck, a local banker.

Mr. Yap said the Biblical phrase, "peace on earth, goodwill to men," has become to be interpreted in the modern world as the building of armaments and atomic weapon tests.

However, he added, the United Nations and similar institutions provide a hope of realizing peace among men.

Religious Advance And Nauseating Drivel

THERE has possibly been no time in the Christian ear that has called for such a discriminating, exacting care in choosing religious guidance as the present time.

We have an over-supply of religious crackpots that are so dogmatic in their pronouncements that some come to believe that they are dependable religious guides. Radio and television have opened a new and rather fertile field for a conscienceless commercializing of the interest people have in religion. Some of these independent programs are, of course, promoted by people with a sincere effort to do good. Some are patently selfish in their aims and worthless to the cause of Christ.

Some have gone to such extremes in their effort to popularize religion that they have so secularized and compromised its ideals as to rob religion of its sacred and spiritual significance.

May we give an example of what we mean? Only recently there came to our office a little booklet entitled "The ABC's of Prayer." There was in the booklet some reasonably good advice about prayer, but it was mixed with some other material that, to put it very mildly, was quite unconventional; some might say, utterly sacrilegious.

In answer to the question "Why Pray?" asked in big black-faced type, the answer comes back, "because prayer is your 'BEST BET,'" with "Best Bet" also in bold black-faced type. Reading such a discussion of prayer sympathetically, one might be led to feel that prayer is simply the best form of gambling we may engage in. The sacred privileges of prayer are reduced to a rather low level, if we think of prayer as merely gambling with God.

In another place in the booklet we exhorted as to the place prayer should have "At the end of your day." Here the advice is, "Relax and pray as a 'MENTAL COCKTAIL.'" We capitalize "MENTAL COCKTAIL" as it was in the booklet. To compare the inspiring experience of sincere prayer, at the close of the day, to the temporary stimulus and often permanent harm done by "cocktail drinking" is preaching on about as low a level as we have known about lately.

Today we have a wealth of the best literature the world has ever had. We have the best of the past and the best of the present. We have also the bad of the past and the worst of the present. It is essential that we choose carefully the literary diet on which our mental and spiritual lives may feed.

Make The Most Of The Opportunity

ONE of the favorite topics of conversation when religious leaders get together these days is the current boom in religious interest. We have commented on this upswing of interest in religion, organized and unorganized, from time to time and no doubt there will be other comments in the future. We continue to believe that there is still much to be desired by the current interest in religious matters (such as the lack of depth and influence on public morality) but at the same time there is no doubt but that the increased interest opens new opportunities.

We have been interested of late in two news stories which for fear our readers may have missed them we want to tell about. First, artists who paint for the open market say that interest in religious paintings is at a new high. This is not the result of many churches commissioning artists for religious paintings, for there does not seem to be any increased demand by churches for work of this sort. It is simply that the public wants more paintings with a religious theme.

Also, the increased interest in religion does not seem to be confined to the Christian religion. Jewish leaders report substantial increases in the number of persons who are affiliating with synagogues, while at the same time they report concern over the danger of the faith becoming secularized. The Synagogue Council of America, an organization representing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism in the U. S. recently held a meeting to explore the various aspects of the current Jewish revival.

Religious leaders will do well to make the most of the current

opportunity which this increased religious interest affords. It could very well be that this interest will wane with the passing of the years. The place that religion has in the lives of people in the future will depend in a large measure on how deep in today's society the influence of religion is permitted to penetrate.

"All Quiet Along The Potomac"

OUR caption, "All Is Quiet Along the Potomac" might be paraphrased to read "All Is Quiet Along the Suez." The big fuss about Suez, which recently was so much in the news, has quieted down almost to a whisper.

The reason for the slowing of the tempo of this "big fuss" is right well illustrated by something a German-born husband said to us one time about his home relationships. My friend said, in his broken English, "Wife and I once had much trouble, fuss, fight—much trouble. Now everything fine—no trouble. She do what I say."

That is about the situation on the Suez front. We and others concerned "do what Nasser says." Thus far, Nasser has gained practically every point for which he has contended. We have, somewhat hesitatingly, agreed temporarily to that arrangement. It remains to be seen just how long an appeased dictator will remain appeased.

So long as any situation may be had that is tolerable, it is better than war. We should be thankful that the threat of war has lessened and the hope for peace is steadily growing.

The Church Does Not Make Hypocrites

IN the April issue of Methodism's new family magazine, TOGETHER, is an article under the byline of Mary Miller entitled "Is The Church's Stand Making Hypocrites?" in which the writer takes rather lightly Methodism's traditional stand on total abstinence. The writer insists that since many Methodists share her opinion, that it is time the church's position on the use of alcoholic beverages should be rethought.

The only reason we raise any question at this late date about the article is that we keep hearing comment on all sides about a Methodist publication circulating an article which promotes this point of view.

We can assure you that those who have the responsibility for editing the family magazine do not share the viewpoint of the article's writer. Secondly, it may be that the thinking which the article has wrought justifies in a large measure its printing. There will be those church members who take the occasional "social drink" and who believe that "moderate cocktail drinking with friends serves as an icebreaker and a pleasantry . . ." who will find some comfort and assurance in the article, but we believe that any sincere Christian who examines the writing in the light of what Methodism stands for will have little difficulty in seeing the absurdity of the writer's position.

Mrs. Miller's conscience seems to be greatly troubled by her drinking habits. She speaks freely of a "feeling of guilt and wrongdoing" which are the result of a drinking incident. Without taking the liberty of passing moral judgment on the author, it would seem that the very fact that she raises the question at all indicates that there is something questionable about her drinking habits, even to herself. And when there is open question about the rightness or wrongness of any activity, particularly when that activity is condemned by a fellowship to which one has committed himself, then simple common sense demands that such activity be dropped. The very faith which leads one to unite in a church's fellowship provides the only sure escape from the "feeling of guilt and wrongdoing" which the writer speaks of. Confession of sin, true repentance, and total abstinence will banish the feeling of guilt.

Mrs. Miller may be bringing out in the open a question which Methodism must face, but we believe that Methodism is not making a hypocrite of Mrs. Miller. She has the responsibility for that accomplishment herself. Why should the church weaken its message and position to accommodate those who have deluded themselves into thinking life is not worth living without this social grace?

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Mother And Child, India

"What is the future of a child which is born into the underdeveloped areas of the world?" asks Dr. Balachandra Rajan, of India, Chairman of the executive board of the United Nation's International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). And Dr. Rajan answers the query thus:

"He is born into a world where his chances of living are six out of seven. He is born into a world where his chances of surviving into manhood are less than even. He is born into a world where he will have scant food for his body and even less for his mind.

"His diet will be a 2,000 calorie diet; his protein deficiencies will be even greater than his calorie deficiencies. He will grow up into a future ravaged by disease and eroded by pestilence in which his own strength and that of those around him will be drained away by persistent malnutrition.

"This is the harsh landscape that he faces, but in it one must set also the desire for change which, nourished by international effort, fed by the efforts of the country itself, will develop and grow slowly into the passion to transform. This also is the world which UNICEF faces; this is the mountainous obstacle of poverty which seems undiminished with every step we take; this is the burden, apparently overwhelming in its impact, yet in reality capable of being mastered by the efforts of Governments and of the international community acting together."

It Could Happen

Schweitzerians Drop Schweitzer

By John Edwin Price

The year is 2999. Ever since the death of Albert Schweitzer a Society of Schweitzerians has been perpetuating his memory and ideals of life.

The Society honored Schweitzer not only as a student and interpreter of theology and life. He was also held up, especially before youth, as one who loved music and became a proficient organist.

His motto, REVERENCE FOR LIFE, has been the working creed of the Society. His detailed philosophical teachings have been promulgated in weekly study classes. Many books have been written about him. Erudite speeches and thrilling declamations by the hundreds have lauded his kindly deeds. His life principles were set forth in plays and tableaux.

His life-saving surgical skills saved the lives of hundreds whose offspring bless his name. His selfless giving of time and energy to

the point of near exhaustion that one more little life might be spared was told and retold generation after generation by an admiring and grateful people.

Now it is feared that all this emphasis on the man, his deeds and message is to be done away with. Some Schweitzerians, who consider themselves to be more advanced in wisdom than the others, are advocating that the name of Schweitzer be dropped from the teaching. They unashamedly pick flaws in his long-honored book, "My Life and Thought." Some hardly refer to it any more. Extremists even keep it out of sight.

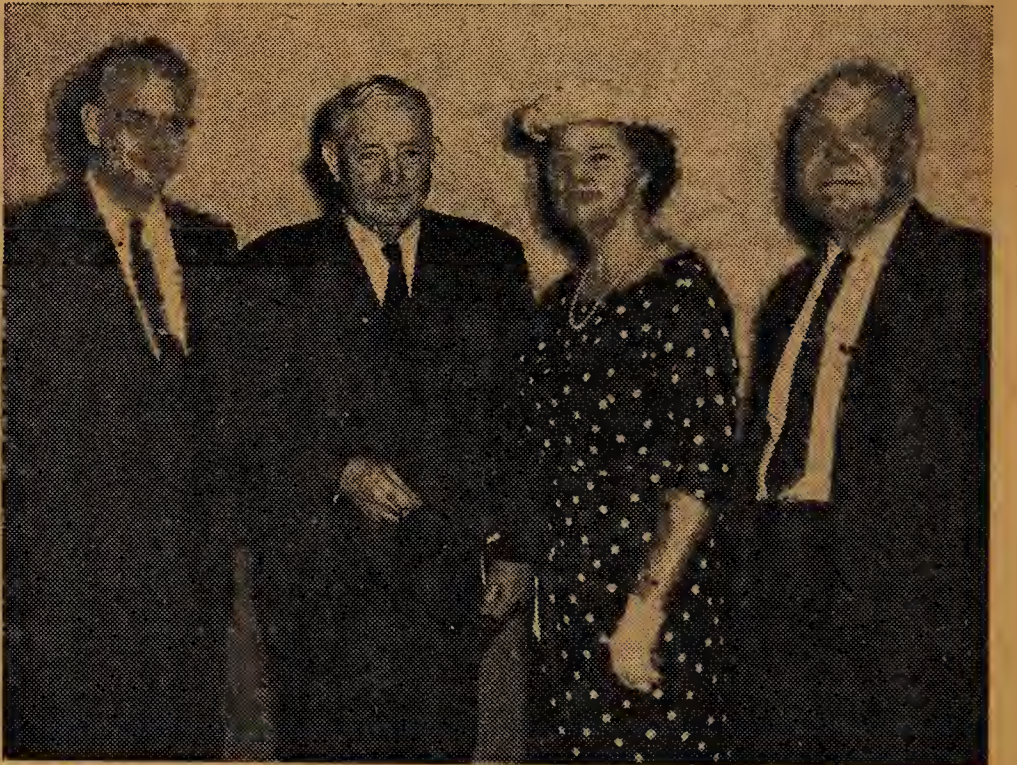
All this is said to be in deference to a World Cult of Thought. Teaching Schweitzerism might "offend" people in other lands who honor other "greats." Some would drop Schweitzer and Schweitzerianism entirely.

Some of these "radicals" consid-

Two Lectures Series Delivered In Area



The Raney Lectures were delivered at the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, in Little Rock last week by Dr. Elton Trueblood, professor of philosophy, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. Dr. Trueblood is shown above with Mrs. Inez Raney, who along with her husband, the late Mr. T. J. Raney, is honored by the lectureship. The general theme of Dr. Trueblood's lectures was, "The Reformation Of Our Day."



Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., second from left, delivered the C. I. Jones Memorial Lectures at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, April 28-30.

Pictured with Bishop Moore, are Dr. Virgil D. Morris, New Orleans District Superintendent, at left; Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader, doner of the lectures; and Dr. Adrian Serex, minister at Rayne Memorial.

er themselves to be the vanguard of progress. On the other hand some equally sincere "moderates" and conservatives are of the opinion that instead of progressing upward they have merely gone out on a limb and that said limb is already cracking.

Still others, when asked by young people what they can believe about Schweitzer or the Schweitzerian teaching simply say, "I don't know, I don't know." Sadly turning away disappointed youth sigh: "So much experience—so little to share." The "don't knowers" are probably honest and yet one sometimes wonders if it is sometimes easier to say "I don't know" than to set forth reasons for faith.

With whatever of modesty I can

muster I will admit that too often I feel like echoing Tennyson's words, "What am I but an infant crying in the night and with no language but a cry."

Still, I affirm that our beloved leader, Schweitzer, should be held up to our youth of all ages, his life and teachings reviewed in weekly classes . . . until some one with much more than he has to share comes along.

(AUTHOR'S NOTE) The above was "inspired" by an essay by a "new day" Christian who maintains that, in the interest of World Understanding, Christians should desist from preaching a "Christ-centered gospel." Some seem to be saying: "We can't get enough of Schweitzer and such, but let's not talk Jesus or love him much."

ARE WE NORMAL?

No doubt, most persons reading these lines would call themselves normal human beings. At least, we hate to be called abnormal. But what is it to be normal?

The late Prof. Karl Stolz of Hartford Seminary listed the fundamental characteristics of a normal person. First, he is engaged in a socially useful occupation. Second, he is wholesomely related to other people. Third, he is honest and capable enough to examine and improve himself. Fourth, he has a sympathetic understanding of others' situations. Fifth, he cultivates a tension-reducer in the form of an avocation or hobby. And sixth, he has a sound philosophy of life which gives meaning to his world and support to his morale.



These attributes might be called the six cylinders on which a normal person runs. But man is such a delicate mechanism one or more of these six may get out of order without his detecting it.

When our motorcars are not hitting on all cylinders, we soon discover it by the noise or lack of power. When our bodily organs are not functioning properly, we are usually made aware of it by pain; yet even in the care of our bodies we have learned disorders are often so subtle in their beginnings that many of us consult doctors occasionally to check up on trends and symptoms.

But our minds are much more delicate than our bodies and their disorders are much more difficult to detect. A diseased tooth reveals itself by its ache, but a diseased spirit may deceive us by a false comfort. A broken bone sends us to a surgeon, but a broken commandment may not even pain our conscience.

This spring season should be a time of spiritual overhauling when the great Physician of Nazareth examines these six cylinders of our spirits to see if they are normal. Let us just run over the six again with Him.

First, are we engaged in an occupation which He would call socially

useful according to His high standards of service? Are we helping to make human values as well as money and things?

Second, are we wholesomely related to other persons, or have we allowed some of our intimacies to become irritating and some of our social contacts to become sterile, even unhealthy? As we look over our friendships, we know when we have lost a loved one, but we are not always aware when we have lost our own loveliness. Christ can tell us.

Third, are we sufficiently honest and capable to examine and improve ourselves, or have we slipped into wishful thinking? Are we seeing ourselves through a glass darkly and not face to face? Have we been so constantly looking out for Number One that we have failed to look at Number One? We need Christ to correct our view of ourselves.

Fourth, how about our sympathetic understanding of others? Are the troubles of the time making us more tender or more callous? We often hear love is blind but in these days of bitterness we are more prone to be blinded by hatred than by love. How do our sympathies look in the light of Him who told the story of the Good Samaritan and commended us to love our enemies? It requires prayerful imagination to understand what we would want done to us if we were in the places of those whose creed and culture differ from ours.

Fifth, what about these tension-reducers which relieve the strain of living? Hard-driven by our duties and harrassed by our cares, have we learned the secret of Him who said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden and I will give you rest?" We now have the eight-hour day and the five-day week. That leaves 128 hours a week for rest and recreation. But are we using our leisure to recreate ourselves both in body and mind? There are four things we live by: work, play, love, worship. Are we attending to these in the right proportion?

And that sixth cylinder, a sound philosophy of life—who does not need God to help him put together the jigsaw puzzle into which recent events have ripped our world? Wars have changed the maps of the world; they have not changed the goals and purposes of life. We may not know where we shall be a year from now, but we all should know what kind of person we want to be a year from now or ten years from now. A normal person is "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as he knows that his labor is not in vain in the Lord."

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



GOOD NEWS FOR METHODIST LAYMEN

Want to know more about the workings of the Official Board? Would you like to have a clearer look at your duties of Stewardship in the Church? Does Lay Speaking interest you? Would you like to make your club of Methodist Men a more active part of the Church life? Then you need to go to the Second National Conference of Methodist Men. If you attended the First Conference in 1954, you will remember the great joy of meeting active Methodist Men from all over the country. You learned a lot about what Methodism means in the Kingdom of God. All of us who went and attended the interesting work sessions learned many ways of becoming more active and vital Christian Methodist laymen.

The Second National Conference of Methodist Men will be held at Purdue University, in Lafayette, Indiana, on July 19, 20, 21. The immense facilities of Purdue University will be turned over to us for the meeting. The dormitories are extremely comfortable. Meals will be served at the University cafeteria, which is equipped to feed thousands at each meal with very little delay. The classroom buildings will house all the study courses that will be a part of the Conference. There will be classes in these subjects: Lay Speaking, Lay Leadership, Methodist Men, The Official Board, Stewardship, Group Singing. These classes will be presided over by competent men in their respective fields. Discussion will be especially interesting, since it will afford you a chance to swap experiences with men from all parts of the country, and from the largest churches to the smallest ones.

The total fee for registration is \$20.00. This includes room, meals at the Cafeteria, and all costs of bringing Church-wide men to speak on the platform. There are several plans for going there. Some districts are arranging for chartered bus travel. Many men will take their cars, carrying one or more others along. While I cannot say at this time how many men are expected to go from the other conferences in this area, I have promised that we would send 50 men

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

THAT LAYMEN MAY BE PASTORS

This question was posed the other day by a young lay leader of the Protestant Episcopal Church: "Is the job of the layman today really that of helping the minister do his work—or is it the other way around? Is it the function of the minister, serving his congregation, to prepare his laymen to go out and do the work our Lord expects of them?"

In partial answer to his own query, the layman quotes the late Anglican Archbishop Temple as having commented: "We do not ordain men to the priesthood so that they may do this pastoral work instead of the laity. Their job is so to help the laity in their spiritual life that they, too, become pastors."

Here, I believe, we are at the root of one of the basic questions—the basic problems—of organized church life. If America is to be "won for Christ," or won to Christ's "way of life," it must be won by laymen. In the first place, the kind of laymen who are produced by the church—how their lives and conduct are affected by their faith—will, in the long run, determine whether men will accept or reject that faith for themselves. A religion is judged, not by its clergy, but by the results of that religion among the men it is presumed to serve. In the second place—and in addition to the minister's professional and "special pleader" status—there can never be enough full-time paid clergy to carry on the program of evangelism that will reach every "last man" in the land.

from the North Arkansas Conference. After all, this means only an average of 6 men per district, an extremely low figure. Two districts in North Arkansas are already planning to send about 20 from each district. The authorities at Purdue have promised the General Board of Lay Activities that they will take care of as many as we wish to send. But you will be taken care of much better if you send your registration early. If you have not received a blank application form, I shall be glad to send one to you, whether you are a member of the North Arkansas Conference or not. Write me at once at Jonesboro, Arkansas.

If the witness and service of the laymen is a necessity in communities abounding in churches and ministers (as in America), how much more greatly needed are they in the midst of vast non-Christian and anti-Christian populations. In almost every corner of Asia and Africa a white man is called "a Christian"—and Christianity is measured as much by the trader, the mine boss, the drunkard, the gambler, and the profligate as it is by the preacher or the physician.

Only as the clergy prepare and train the laymen in their churches for Christian living, Christian witness, and Christian service will the faith of the church be accepted by many millions of men and women—in America or overseas.

Is this training in lay witness and service a major in the work of the local church? There are many who feel that "after Sunday school years" not much actual instruction is given to the church member. One Methodist bishop says that he is not nearly as concerned that so few people attend church as that "so little happens when they do come." He suggests that the purpose of the clergy is to do something to and with laymen.

Dr. Robert J. McCracken (Riverside Church, New York) takes an equally dim view of the situation. "Many laymen," he says, "have very little intellectual comprehension of what Christianity is . . . Often it is associated with a vague humanitarianism, an ethical culture . . . The churches are full of half-believers of a casual creed . . . The fact is that they don't know much about the Christian faith and have not troubled to learn much about it. They simply have no conception of the tremendous scope and sweep, intellectually, of Christianity." And I would add that they do even less than they know.

Now I think both laymen and clergy are to blame for this state of affairs. The laymen want the sacred 11 a.m. hour on Sunday to be one of effortless rest, relaxation from work and thought, an enjoyable 60-minutes with good music, a pleasant but not provocative sermon, plus congenial friends and surroundings. The minister falls too easily into the "11 a.m. pattern" that leaves everyone content, happy, satisfied with themselves, glad they came. There is no discordant note on organ, from the pulpit, or from people greeted at the door. And there is no compulsion to action.

Before anything much really happens to people in the local church, the layman will have to stir (or be stirred) out of his lethargy, and the minister will have to abandon his "accustomed rounds": both will have to join hands to make their faith come alive in "mighty acts of righteousness."

Louisiana Pastor Comments On 'Together' Article

April 19, 1957

The Editor
Together
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Editor:

After reading Mary Miller's article in the April issue of Together, I would paraphrase her opening paragraph, asking "have you ever felt that the stand of the social or moderate drinker in the church is weakening the witness of The Methodist Church as regards the alcohol problem in America?"

In reading this article I cannot believe that Mary Miller is one person. I do not see how just one person could be so confused in her thinking about the use of alcohol and so blind to the tragic record it is writing in the minds, morals, marriages and lives of the people of America. Her article sounds more like that of a composite Mary Miller representing the various viewpoints to those who would defend social or moderate drinking.

In her article she has not presented one reasonable argument for the use of alcoholic beverages except to say "most of our friends drink" and "moderate cocktail drinking serves as an icebreaker and as a pleasantry." Shades of liquor advertising!

Apparently Mary Miller feels more inclined to follow the example of her friends than she does the standard of total abstinence set up by The Methodist Church; a position which can be intelligently and successfully defended on the basis of fact and experience.

I would like to ask Mrs. Miller such questions as these: since when is the use of alcoholic beverages "immaterial and irrelevant" to religion? Has religion ceased to have anything to say about the problems related to daily living, good example, our relationship to others, and the way we treat our bodies and minds? Has The Methodist Church gone out of the business of reforming or conversion? Since when must the church cease to hold up high standards of conduct?

The moderate drinker and The Methodist Church will never work out the existing problem if it means the church must abdicate its stand on total abstinence. The church's business is not to reduce tension when there is a difference between its ideals and the conduct of its

Welsh Church Has Lay Minister Training Program



Lay ministers at Welsh, Louisiana, are, from left to right: Front row: E. W. Hayes, Brent Doan, Pat Patterson, Bill Abell, and Frank Notestine; Second row: Charlie Watkins, Truman Fear, Jr., George Hicks, Nick Notestine, and pastor, Rev. Jack Cooke.

Laymen Assist Pastor In Worship and Church Program

Methodists have always been proud of the important place their church has given to laymen. In no other denomination or faith is there to be found such equalized representation of lay and clergy on all the boards and governing bodies as there is in our church.

Realizing that the layman gets most of his knowledge and experience in the Local Church, the Welsh Methodist Church under the direction of its pastor, Rev. Jack Cooke, is carrying out a plan for training and instructing young laymen, which is proving most effective.

The plan was inaugurated last year and its works something like this: the pastor chooses one man to serve for one month as his associate—as a lay minister. He has many duties for the month. He presides at both the morning and evening worship services each Sunday. He assumes responsibility for the entire service with the exception of the pastoral prayer and the sermon. He does specific visiting each week in the name of the church. He attends all meetings of boards, and commissions as part of his instruction.

The pastor meets with this associate each week. He gives instruction to him in the work of the church, and in Methodist Beliefs. They pray together and talk about deepening their spiritual lives. Each Lay Minister is given a copy of The Revised Standard Version of The Bible. He agrees to read at least one chapter each day from it, and have a period of prayer each day, not just for the month he serves, but with the hope that it will be a part of his day for the rest of his life. He is given a guide for Bible Study, a copy of the new Discipline of The Methodist Church, several books dealing with developing the spiritual life, and several books on beliefs of The Methodist Church.

The response and enthusiasm which has greeted this associate-lay minister plan has been tremendous. The schedule was made out for the entire conference year last July, and not a single man has refused to serve. Rather, it seems that each is really eager to serve his church in a specific way. Each one has expressed regret that his month passed so quickly. It has already done much for the local church. The entire church program has become much more effective, for now instead of having just one minister, it has almost a dozen young men who serve their church with a real knowledge of its organization and with a new poise and consecration. These young men are all more willing to take part in the church's program because they feel they have more to give.

"I can heartily recommend this program to any church. As their pastor, it is a great spiritual experience to meet with these young men and to watch them grow in the church. Far from being just another duty—it is one of the greatest joys of my ministry," the pastor concluded.

Methodist Seminary To Open In Rhodesia

people, even though it is accused of being "impractical." The solution to such a tension or conflict is found not in the church lowering its high standards but in the effort of its people to measure up to them.

I want to be honest too, and because I want to be honest I consider myself, others, and all the facts available and when I do I must confess I cannot in good conscience drink. If I am "pushed around" at all in this matter it is by my own conscience, enlightened by truth.

I, too, want to be "myself," but not if being myself means setting the pattern of my life on the lowest common denominator of what my "friends" or the crowd does. I think I am really "myself" when I am living the disciplined Christian life.

If Mrs. Miller really cares and if she is really interested in working her problem out it can be done very simply. It is to say and mean it, "I don't drink."

You see, the solution is found not in adjusting our religion to what we want but in what it demands of us by way of ethical conduct and disciplined living.

Sincerely yours,
Carl F. Lueg
Pastor
First Methodist Church
Lake Charles

British and American Methodists have set 1959 as the date for opening a new theological school in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

The new college, which will provide theological training for Africans on a higher level than ever before in Rhodesia, is one of several projects in which English and American Methodists are cooperating. The school will be open to theological students of most denominations and will give special training to Europeans.

Several buildings, including staff houses, classroom buildings, student quarters and a hall seating 170 persons, are under construction.

After the school is opened, all advanced theological training for both Methodisms will be at Salisbury. Training in lay evangelism and pre-theological training will be given at Old Umtali, where the Methodist Church (American) has for many years been training its African pastors.

The site of the college in Salisbury will be the Epworth Mission of the British church. It is near a new government interracial university. Both branches of Methodism will furnish teachers for the school.

Another joint project of the two churches is a community center to serve migrant workers in the vicinity of Salisbury.

Says Better Methodists Justification For Methodist Colleges

Hendrix College is The Methodist Church at work in the field of education. The purpose of The Methodist Church is to bring men into a saving relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. This should be, therefore, the purpose of Hendrix College.

The statement by the Faculty Committee printed in the May 2nd issue of the "Arkansas Methodist" uses the terms "Christian principles," "moral and religious qualities," "fostering religious interests in student life," and "student conduct." All of this is fine and good. But, most, if not all, state-operated schools would make the same confession; for, devout Christian men head and teach in them. So, what is the practical difference? None—except in degree.

The purpose of the Church in Hendrix is to make better Methodists. This means better Christians, because, for us, the terms are synonymous. It cannot be the purpose, primarily, of any state school to make better Methodists. Methodism needs a school dedicated

to this purpose. This is the primary justification for our asking our members to support, voluntarily over and above their tax dollar, a Church system of education.

Hendrix must bolster Methodism, specifically. Such bolstering is needed in terms of something more than an allegiance to general religious principles. For, we are a specific Church, with specific responsibilities—and no state school or institution of any other denomination can exist to meet our needs, specifically.

We are encouraged by the statement: "The faculty also wishes to re-affirm its own concern for the purposes which the Conferences are attempting to achieve through Hendrix and to pledge its heartiest cooperation in helping achieve those purposes."

The above, we believe, must be the objective of the Conferences.

Edward B. Hollenbeck
Charles G. Ashcraft
D. Mouzon Mann

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS of the Louisiana Conference will meet in the Centenary College Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m., Monday, May 27.

CHARLES RIDDLE, District Attorney of Avoyelles Parish, was the guest speaker at the May meeting of the Men's Club of the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church of Bunkie, where Rev. J. J. Caraway is pastor.

REV. E. W. SANDEL, pastor of the Grace Methodist Church, Pineville, was the guest preacher in a series of Pre-Easter services held at the Belah Methodist Church, April 1-5. Rev. Champ Breeden is the pastor of the church.

JACK BARINGER, recently recommended for License to Preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, preached there Sunday evening, May 12. Rev. Luman Douglas is pastor of the church.

EIGHTEEN MEMBERS of the Easter preparatory class of the Palestine Methodist Church were received into the church on Easter Sunday, according to a report from the pastor, Rev. E. W. Sandel. Fifteen of this number were baptized at this time.

REV. EDWARD E. RUSSELL, pastor of the St. Charles Avenue Christian Church, New Orleans, was guest speaker at the Family Night supper meeting of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Thursday, May 9, where Dr. A. M. Serex is pastor.

REV. CHARLES WAGES, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Marshall, Arkansas, was guest preacher in revival services held at the Grace Methodist Church in Pineville, April 29-May 10. Rev. E. W. Sandel is pastor of the church.

DR. D. L. DYKES, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, recently conducted a Preaching Mission at the Simpson Methodist Church in Lake Charles. Rev. C. W. Quaid, pastor, reports that 18 were received into the Church during this Mission.

REV. JOHN KOELEMAY, pastor of the Many Methodist Church, taught the course, "The New Testament in the Life of Today," at a training school for the Bunkie area which was held at the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church in Bunkie, where Rev. J. J. Caraway is pastor.

THE CHOIR of the First Methodist Church of Alexandria, under the direction of Paul White, participated in the series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer given at the England Air Force Base Chapel, Alexandria, recently. Dr. Williams E. Wright of Shreveport was the preacher.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN will preach and dedicate the Sanctuary of the Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, on Sunday, May 26, at the morning worship service. All former pastors of Mangum Church and widows of former pastors have been invited to attend this service. Rev. Ira W. Flowers is the pastor.

THE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN of Monroe and West Monroe observed May Fellowship Day Friday, May 3, with luncheon at the Memorial Methodist Church in Monroe. Dr. Marion T. Loftin, native of Louisiana and now associate professor of sociology at Mississippi State College, was the speaker using as his subject, "Free Schools and a Free America." Rev. Ralph Cain is pastor of the church.

THE METHODIST MINISTERS and Parsonettes of the Alexandria District met for a joint meeting at Camp Brewer on May 2. The Ministers gave reports on the spiritual highlights of the year. A family style luncheon was served at noon by the parsonettes. Following the luncheon a program of song and fellowship was led by the Parsonettes under the direction of Mrs. A. W. Townsend.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the Logansport Methodist Church sponsored the presentation of an illustrated lecture on the Holy Land by Dr. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary of the Louisiana Conference Board of Education, on Sunday, April 28. The public was invited to hear the lecture and see the many interesting pictures used in illustrating same. Rev. James B. Grambling is pastor of the church.

MEMBERS OF THE OLDER ADULT GROUP of the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, met at the church April 24, for their regular monthly meeting. Representatives from other adult groups of both Ruston and Monroe Districts met with the Trinity members. The purpose of the joint meeting was to plan the camp which is to be held at Camp Alabama, May 21-23. Mrs. J. F. Wall is president of the Trinity Older Adult Group, and Rev. Jolly B. Harper is pastor of the church.

CARY MARTIN was guest speaker at the evening worship service of the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church, Sunday, May 5. Mr. Martin, who in June of this year, is resigning from The Ethyl Corporation to become pastor of a church as a Methodist minister, is a member of the Carpenter's Chapel Methodist Church near Gonzales. Rev. James L. Stovall is the pastor of the North Baton Rouge Church.

MRS. INEZ CHRISTENBERRY of the Louisiana Conference of Woman's Society of Christian Service, was the guest speaker in the final meeting of the Baton Rouge District board of lay activities held at the First Methodist Church, Denham Springs, Sunday, April 28. G. L. Netterville is the district lay leader. Alfred E. Stewart, associate district lay leader of Donaldsonville presided. Host pastor was Rev. Fred Schwendimann.

G. K. KIENVENU is the new president of the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, DeRidder. Ralph B. Johnson is the vice-president and T. R. Sartor is the secretary-treasurer. The election of officers was the main event of the monthly supper meeting held in the Fellowship Hall of the church, Wednesday, April 24. Shelton Stewart, the outgoing president was in charge of the meeting. Rev. James C. Whitaker is pastor of the church.

DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Education who visited the Holy Land last August, was guest speaker at the evening worship service of the Barksdale Methodist Church in Bossier City, Sunday, May 5. He used as his subject, "The Holy Land Today," and also showed colored slides of the Middle East, including Switzerland, Athens, Greece, the pyramids of Egypt, Damascus, and all sections of Palestine. Rev. Fred Shirley is pastor of the church.

LAY WOMEN'S DAY was observed Sunday, April 28, by the First Methodist Church of Bossier City with Mrs. Claude Cochran as the main speaker. Chairman of Family Life Commission of the Louisiana Conference, Mrs. Cochran is active in sub-district work and an accredited teacher in Christian Beliefs and Family. Mrs. Robert Hill, president of the W.S.C.S. of the church, and Mrs. H. C. Guynes, chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild, also took part in the service. Members of the W.S.C.S. served as ushers. Rev. Alfred M. Brown is pastor of the church.

J. OTIS YOUNG of Columbus, Ohio, has been named Associate Publisher of the Methodist Publishing House. The appointment was announced recently by Lovick Pierce, Nashville, Tennessee, president and publisher of the organization. The appointment was confirmed by the executive committee of The Methodist Church's Board of Publication in session at the Park Sheraton Hotel in New York. He will be stationed at the Chicago location of the Methodist Publishing House, beginning his new duties as

of July 1. Presently he is administrative assistant to Bishop Hazen G. Werner, resident Bishop of the Columbus Area.

E. B. TAYLOR, assistant professor of education at Centenary College, conducted a leadership training course for church workers at the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, beginning April 28 and continuing through 13 consecutive Sundays. Classes will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., the regular hour of Sunday School in the Education Building of the church. The pastor, Rev. George W. Harbuck, said the course is to be a general basic course covering methods of teaching Sunday School classes. Purpose of the program is to train persons not now engaged in teaching in the church school. Mr. Taylor is a member of the Broadmoor Church.

MAYOR WHEELER FUSELIER has proclaimed Music Week to be May 5 through May 12 for Oakdale. Musical programs of interest have been planned with the first one being held in the home of Mrs. Olive Owen, and followed by a reception. On May 9 Mrs. Wilbur Erwin, Oakdale music instructor, presented her high school chorus at the auditorium of the school. Special music with members of the town's various church choirs participating, was presented at the First Methodist Church on Sunday, May 5. All of the Oakdale churches will observe the final music day of the week on May 12. A special display of books concerning music, was on display at the Oakdale branch library during Music Week. Rev. S. S. Holladay is pastor of the Oakdale Methodist Church.

BISHOP HAZEN G. WERNER, of Columbus, Ohio, chairman of the commission on family life of the Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, May 7-8, high-lighting the observance of National Family Week. He spoke Tuesday noon on "Children Are Home Grown," and in the evening on "A Changing Family in a Changing Society." His topics for the two services on Wednesday, held at the same times, were: "Strengthening Spiritual Life in the Home," and "Some Marks of the Christian Home." A well-known author and lecturer and native of Detroit, Bishop Werner has traveled extensively abroad and has been awarded doctorates from Albion, Ohio Wesleyan University, Mount Union College and Ohio Northern University. He was elected a bishop in 1948. Dr. D. L. Dykes is pastor of the church.

REV. WILLIAM TALMADE METHVIN was guest speaker at the Easter Sunday services at the Belah Methodist Church at 9:00 a.m., and at the Eden Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Mr. Methvin left Louisiana in 1917 to attend Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas, where he graduated in 1922 with a B.A. degree. He then attended Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, and in 1926 received his B.D. degree and in 1935 received his Th. M. degree. He received a M. A. degree in 1926 from the University of Denver. He is now serving as Executive Director of Goodwill Industries, serving in this way since 1945. He is a member of the California-Nevada Conference of the Methodist Church. He has served churches in Colorado, Wyoming, and California. Rev. Champ T. Breeden, Jr., is pastor of the Belah-Eden Charge.

REV. EDGAR C. DUFRESNE, pastor of the Haughton Methodist Church, reports on recent activities at the church: "We had the usual overflow crowd for Easter, and a generous offering to the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston. Our attendance campaign showed a substantial increased attendance at all the services. We are especially proud of the fact that on the last two Sundays we have received twenty-eight new members into our church. Eleven were by baptism, six children and five adults; six others were by vows. The other eleven were by transfers, four of which were from other churches. Of particular interest is the fact that out of this group there were five families who joined as a unit. Two of the families were received by baptism and vows. One member of the family is over sixty years of age. Our church is now engaged in the Every Member Canvass, and already fine results are coming in. We can report at Conference, 'We had a good year.'"

Centenary MSM Names Officers

Marcella Flynt of Baton Rouge has been elected president of the Methodist Student Movement at Centenary College for the 1957-58 school year. She served as MSM publicity chairman last year.

Jerry Woods of Tyler, Tex., will serve as vice president of the student group, and Linda Scurlock of Center, Tex., was chosen secretary.

Other new officers are as follows: treasurer, Charles Wilder, Eros; publicity co-chairmen, Charles Cole of Marshall, Tex., and Nora Bess Stafford of Shreveport; program co-chairmen; John Johns of Mansfield and Cornelia Agurs of Shreveport; projects co-chairmen, Bradford Mayo of Lake Charles and Harold Price of Logansport.

Gaynelle Morgan of New Orleans was named editor of "Good News," the weekly mimeographed publication published by the MSM members.

Deen Thompson of Eunice and Judy Parker of Shreveport were elected official host and hostess, respectively, of the organization. Rev. James McLean, director of religious activities at Centenary, and Dr. Webb D. Pomeroy, acting head of the Bible department, assist in directing activities of the MSM.

OTHER CENTENARY NEWS

Methodist Scholarships Awarded

Certificates signifying receipt of National Methodist Scholarships and a special award for promoting campus religious life were among
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ASKS ACTION BY CHURCHMEN TO COMBAT CRIME WAVE

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subcommittee.

Drinking, venereal disease, vandalism, youth gangs, crime comics, TV programs and the use of narcotics are listed as aspects of the teen-age problem being reviewed by the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee. Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., Democrat of Missouri, is chairman.

"The shame is that forty-six per cent of the major crime is attributed to juveniles when adult selfishness and indifference are the contributing factors to delinquency," Dr. Hooton said.

Dr. Hooton also blamed alcoholic beverages for the soaring crime rate, noting that in the "under 21" age group alone 27,869 persons were arrested last year for drunkenness, 13,484 for liquor law violations, and 4,322 for drunken driving.

"Parents can't sit around in taverns or homes indulging themselves in alcoholic beverages and expect their kids to behave," Dr. Hooton observed.

"Nor can we expect to make law-respecting teen-agers out of frustrated youngsters who are told daily by newspapers, magazines, television and radio that 'beer belongs,'" he said. "They can get it at home or buy it, unchallenged, at the neighborhood grocery."

Dr. Hooton urged parents, churches and community agencies to cooperate in guidance and activities aimed at "helping minors in their struggle for maturity."

Calling the crime report a "timely challenge," Dr. Hooton said "the time has come for churches to

Lake Charles Dist. Parsonettes Make

Recommendations For Moving Day

Suggestions were made for parsonage families who face "Moving Day," at a meeting of the Lake Charles District Parsonettes, at Sulphur, Friday, April 26, at the home of Mrs. E. R. Haug, wife of the Sulphur pastor.

The discussion on Moving Day was led by Mrs. S. A. Seegers, of Gueydan.

With the thought that the results of the discussion would be of value to others, the conclusions reached are presented as follows:

Make an inventory of parsonage furnishings: one copy to Parsonage Committee; one copy to be left in the Parsonage.

Check with Parsonage Committee about needs and repairs.

Let new Parsonettes know prior to moving about appliances furnished; as: washer, dryer, deep freeze, air conditioners, etc.

Clean the house thoroughly and dispose of all trash, empty bottles, magazines, etc.

Leave such items as: soap, toilet tissue, paper towels, matches, washing powder, hand can opener, broom, etc.

Leave house open, or leave note concerning where a key may be obtained.

Leave telephone in and keep same number.

Leave utilities connected.

Leave information about: garbage disposal, water cut-off location, fuse boxes, 220 outlets, label keys, Methodist stores or places to trade, Doctors' names.

Notify magazines and papers of change of address (change of address cards available at your Post Office).

Be ready to vacate by noon on Thursday following Conference.

Let your new appointment know the approximate time of your arrival.

Pave the way for the new family.

Allow new family the privilege of expressing their own personality about their new home.

Nicities We Have Experienced

A picnic type lunch for the out-going and in-coming families on moving day.

Flowers in the house.

Concert tickets left for newcomers.

A maid furnished for the day of un-packing.

Gretna Class Sponsors Special Event

The Social Hall of the Gretna Methodist Church was the scene of the Young Adult Class Party Saturday evening, May 4. A fried chicken supper was served to more than 70 class members and their children who attended. Following the supper, folk games finished the evening's activities.

The party marked the conclusion of a ten-unit study course on "The Local Church in Methodism."

Various members of the class and several church officials were called upon to teach the sessions each Sunday morning. Participating as session leaders were the Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh, pastor of the church; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haws; Mrs. Richard Arnold; Jack Womack, Church Lay Leader; Miss Cato, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Don Gross, Chairman of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance; and Don Aswell, permanent teacher of the class and, also, Chairman of the Official Board of the church.

During this study the members of the Young Adult Class gained a better understanding of the organizational structure and the work of the Methodist Church.

Chester Lewis was chairman of the committee that planned the party. Other class officials are Gerald McLendon, President; Arnold Ferguson, Vice President; Mrs. Alfred Bakewell, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mrs. Alfred Bakewell, Reporter.

launch a nation-wide crusade in the whole field of public morals and restore discipline in American life."

Jones-Cadwallader Nuptials

Mrs. Ruth Grievish Jones of New Orleans and Mr. Charles N. Cadwallader of Lincoln, Nebraska, were united in marriage Monday, May 6th. The ceremony was performed in the First Methodist Church of Topeka, Kansas, by Bishop Dana Dawson, resident Bishop of The Kansas Area of The Methodist Church.

The wedding music was furnished by Mr. William P. Hurrel, organist of First Methodist Church, and Mrs. Dana Dawson sang "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte.

The decorations were pink carnations and snap dragons flanked with palms and interspersed with white tapers arranged by Mrs. Clarence H. Shaffer of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the Green Room of the Hotel Jayhawk. The same motif was carried out. The cake was in the shape of two wedding bells brought together with a bow of tulle. Mrs. Warren Springer of New Orleans presided at the coffee service, and Mrs. Ray Dunkelberg of Mason City, Iowa, was at the punch bowl.

Immediately following the reception Mr. and Mrs. Cadwallader left for New York City where they sailed May 9th on the SS Constitution for Switzerland. They will be at home after July 15th at 6215 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans.

Mrs. Cadwallader has been active for many years in the religious and social life of New Orleans. She is President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference. She has visited the major mission fields of Methodism

Pastor's Daughter Receives Schisler Scholarship

Miss Betty Lou Bentley, who will be graduated from Centenary College this month, has been awarded one of the newly-established John Q. Schisler Graduate Awards to work for her master's degree in religious education.

Miss Bentley is the daughter of the Rev. R. M. Bentley, pastor of the Methodist Church of Abbeville, and Mrs. Bentley. Her father served as pastor of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church in Shreveport for a number of years and went to the pastorate in Abbeville last June after having served for some time at the Canal Street Methodist Church in New Orleans.

The award carries a cash valuation of \$1,000 for the school year. Miss Bentley plans to enter the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., in September.

The fellowship fund was established only a few months ago in honor of Dr. John Q. Schisler of Bono, Ark., for many years an executive of the Methodist Board of Education. Sponsored by the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, they are available to only a limited number of qualified students for study in schools approved by the University Senate of the Methodist Church. Eligibility requirements include at least five years' membership in the Methodist church and preparation for leadership in Christian education.

Miss Bentley made application through Dr. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Education, Louisiana Conference. Her Bible professor at Centenary has been Dr. Webb D. Pomeroy, acting head of the Bible department.

A graduate of Tallulah High School, Miss Bentley has been active in the Methodist Student Movement at Centenary throughout her years at the college. She is vice president of Phi Beta, honorary music and speech fraternity; independent representative to the Student Senate; member of the Maroon Jackets, honorary society for women; business manager of The Conglomerate, student newspaper; member of the Student Affairs committee; former member of the Centenary College Choir, and active in many other campus organizations.

For the past two years, Miss Bentley has been a student assistant in the Centenary College News Bureau.

around the world and is particularly interested in the mission program of the Church. Mr. Cadwallader is prominent in the civic and religious life of Nebraska, having served on the Official Board of the Grace Methodist Church, Lincoln, for many years. He is also a member of Rotary International.

The wedding was attended by intimate friends and relatives from Nebraska, Iowa, and Louisiana. Those attending from Louisiana included Mrs. Warren G. Springer, Mrs. J. W. Warren and Mrs. Lonnie Clark, all of New Orleans and Mrs. Clarence H. Shaffer of Shreveport.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The MYF Sub-district met Monday night, May 6, at the Plummerville, Arkansas, Methodist Church at 7:30.

Kay Pettingill, local president, gave a cordial welcome to the 44 youth attending.

Since May is the month to emphasize Family Life and Youth, the Plummerville group made their program displaying an eight pointed star with Spiritual Health as the center. To make up a well rounded family they gave the various points as follows: Faith, by Mike Willbanks; Prayer, Suyanne Willbanks; Character, Louetta Pettingill; Discipline, Emotions, Jean Hamley; Service, Sandra Bowling; Companionship, Sandra Thomas; Love, Paul Stabaugh; and Open Hearts. A duet was sung by Kay Duff and Jeannie Willbanks.

Barbara Patterson, vice president of the Sub-district, from Perryville, presided during the business session. The slate of officers for the coming year were read and voted on and will be installed at the next meeting, June 3, at Houston.

The youth adjourned for recreation with Jean Hamley and Suyanne Willbanks conducting.

Refreshments were served during the Social Hour. The MYF Prayer closed the meeting.

Ruel

The Ruel Sub-district MYF met at Bernice, La., Monday night, April 15, with about 80 present. Most all of the churches in the sub-district were represented. President Danny Steere of Ruston, presided. Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Lillian Blondin of Ruston.

Officers elected for the following year are: president, Glenda Caldwell, Bernice; vice president, Roy Vinning, Choudrant; secretary, Elizabeth Sacks, Ruston; treasurer, Merrell Goodwyn, Ruston; parliamentarian, Jimmie Nell Gaines, Jonesboro; reporter, Don Spencer, Clay; song leader, David Steere, Ruston; pianist, Donald Autrey, Bernice; counselors, Mrs. Barr, Choudrant, and Mrs. Shepard, Jonesboro; district representative, Lillian Blondin, Ruston.

The meeting adjourned to meet in Farmerville next month with installation of officers.

Refreshments were served in the recreation room after meeting.

Warren-Fordyce

The Warren-Fordyce Sub-district met April 22, at Hermitage. The main business was to elect officers. They are as follows: President, Woody Harrell of Hampton; Vice-President, Ginger Dunn of Faustina; Secretary and Treasurer, Jean Johnston of Hampton; and reporter, Mary Brooks of Hermitage. The Counselor is Harrell Johnston of Hampton.

The chairmen for the program areas are: Christian Faith, Jackie Cruce of Warren; Christian Outreach, Carolyn Barrow of Fordyce; Christian Witness, Connie Quimby of Warren; Christian Citizenship, Myrtis Little of Faustina; and Christian Fellowship, Clydine Calloway of Hermitage. The Concern and Power chairman is Dick Smith of Fordyce.

Installation of officers will be at

Youth Go On Mission Tour To South Louisiana

A mission tour conducted annually by the Methodist youth in and around Baton Rouge, was made April 12-13 by chartered bus to mission points in south Louisiana.

The group left Baton Rouge on Friday and went to the Wesley Foundation in Lafayette. They then went to Brown's School at Baldwin, to the Dulac Mission, an orphans home for Indian children, and to the McDonald School for orphans. Saturday morning they went to Houma, visited the community center for Negroes in New Orleans and visited St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans. Sponsors for the trip were Mr. and Mrs. J. Oldham from the Broadmoor Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

There were 25 young people who made the tour.

Fordyce, the fourth Monday night in June.

"We would like to express our appreciation to our 1956-57 officers for the fine job they did in carrying out our business," a spokesman for the group said.

Ville Platte

Reggie Soileau and June Hewitt were elected to sub-district officers at a recent sub-district meeting of Methodist Youth Fellowship held in Ville Platte, La. Reggie was elected sub-district newsletter editor and June his assistant.

Reggie is president of the Ville Platte MYF and June is vice president. Other officers are: Diane Luther, secretary; Linda Tilton, treasurer; Sammy Sanford, publicity chairman; and Richard Romans, historian. Mrs. M. O. Malloy is counselor for the group, and other counselors are Mrs. Elby McManus, Mrs. W. K. Edwards and Mrs. H. L. Minemire.

Central

The Central Sub-district met at Culpepper, Ark., on May 6, at 7:30 p.m. New officers were installed

Forrest City MYF Groups Sponsor Banquet to Launch Family Week

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT.

By Hoover Rupert

COMMUNICATION

The other day I sat at a desk in a motel a few blocks from the birth place of James Whitcomb Riley. Busily engaged in working on a sermon for the following Sunday for the long-suffering congregation of a certain church I know, I was disturbed by the ringing of the telephone, one extension of which I saw on my motel desk. The first time around I paid little attention since it was not the instrument on my desk that was howling. Second time through, I began to try to figure where it was ringing. Seemed to be outside my window. So I answered, thinking this was some new gadgetary means of gently informing me that someone had called my name. As I picked up the receiver I could hear the electrical sensation of some frantic operator downtown ring this number again and again. I answered, but there was none to hear me. The phone actually was ringing in the motel office and no one was there to answer it. I couldn't be heard because my extension was not plugged in at the central switchboard.

Well now, you can imagine what I did with that bit of homiletical juice. I boiled it around in my mind but I couldn't find a decent means of dragging it in to the sermon under construction. So I noted it down on a card and marked it YA (the title of this column, in case you wonder), knowing that soon the deadline for additional copy would catch up with me and nothing short of a James Whitcomb Riley poem would suffice to soothe the editor's requestful voice. But the comics have ruined Little Orphan Annie for me, and that's the

and recreation was led by Bill Conell. The next meeting was scheduled for Damascus, June 10, at 7:30 p.m.

National Family Week was launched Sunday, May 5, at the Forrest City, Ark., First Methodist Church with the Annual Parents' Night Banquet given by the members of the senior and intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowships.

Theme of the banquet was "God In Our Homes," and Mrs. S. B. Wilford, wife of the pastor of the First Methodist Church, was the principal speaker.

More than 100 young people and their parents were expected to attend the banquet, and Miss Ann Heustess, senior MYF president, was mistress of ceremonies. Miss Heustess also presented the welcome to the parents, and Rolfe Eldridge, Jr., offered the response.

Special music was presented by the Forrest City High School Girls' Quintet, and a period of recreation followed the banquet.

MYF sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Sales. Mrs. Homer Towns and Mrs. Rod Bryan, Sr., were in charge of the banquet, and the MYF arrangements committee included: Murry Bean, chairman; Glenda Adams, Betty Russell, Cynthia Graham, Jenny Belle Gwinn, Pam Watkins, and Lana Dice.

onliest poem of Riley I know by heart, so I address you patient friends on the subject of communication.

Years ago preachers were using as a theme quite often Bishop Hughes' reverie on an unused portion of train ticket where it says, "Void If Detached." We got lots of mileage out of that—and some of the brothers still do. Don't consider me profane if I edit the version on the basis of this recent telephone experience and suggest "No Good If Not Plugged In." That's about the way the ball bounces, isn't it? You can talk all you want to. You can be delightfully insincere or brutally frank—but if the little gal (or gadget) that puts through the connection down at headquarters hasn't got you plugged in, better save your breath and use your energy to get the connection made.

Now there is a moral here, which probably has already jumped out and parked in your mind. How many of us look on prayer as a one way conversation! We pick up the receiver and start talking without ascertaining whether we are in contact with the Divine. But even worse, we deliver our requests and then hang up without waiting for His answer. Prayer, to be communion with God, which is the only effective kind of human-divine communication, involves listening as well as talking. One must keep the receiver off the hook for a long time (it's a private line and we aren't keeping anyone else off the line) sometimes to get the message from the Father. And most youth think they are too busy for that kind of time expenditure. Well, that's the price of Christ-like communication with God. For reference, check the Gethsemane story. (Matthew 26:36-46)

IF I

By Sandra Johnson

Ozan, Ark., MYF President

*O' how I would have loved
To walk in days of old,
And stand beside the wayside
To talk to prophets bold.*

*To have been with the shepherds,
When they saw the bright light,
And worship the Baby Jesus,
On that wonderful, glorious night.*

*And to have seen the miracles
Of my Lord, for both the rich and poor,
Would have made my heart beat fast,
And opened my soul's door.*

*But, if I had been in the crowd
And had seen the world's sin and loss,
I would have hung my head in shame
To have seen our Savior on the cross.*



Districts Report Annual Meetings

Arkadelphia District

The Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, was hostess to one hundred twenty-seven members of the Arkadelphia District Woman's Society of Christian Service, April 23, 1957. Mrs. Alvin Stone, President, presided over the Conference.

The program began with music by Mrs. Alfred Doss and the opening worship was conducted by the pastor host, Reverend Alfred Doss. Words of welcome were extended by the President of the hostess Society, Mrs. Ed Spring, and response was made by Mrs. Alvin Stone.

Conference guests, Mrs. M. E. Scott and Mrs. J. L. Verhoeff; District Officers, Sub-District Presidents, and ministers and their wives were introduced.

A composite report of all officers was given by the Promotion Secretary, Mrs. A. F. Buckley. Gains and improvements in all departments were noted—there are more active program committees, better program planning, more and better study classes, an increase in membership, thirty-eight District members, five Sub-Districts functioning, Wesleyan Service Guild interest growing, and finances equal to those of same period last year.

The guest speaker of the morning was the Conference President, Mrs. M. E. Scott of El Dorado, who spoke on the Goals for this quadrennium. She gave practical suggestions for implementing and attaining these goals.

A Memorial Service was conducted by Miss Polly Lassiter—the roll was called of those members who have passed away during the year, and a beautiful solo was sung by Mrs. M. E. Brantley.

A training period followed. All local officers were instructed by District officers.

The group re-assembled for the noon-day worship service led by Reverend H. K. Davis, pastor of St. Paul's, Malvern.

During the luncheon, served by the hostess Society, and presided over by the District Vice-president, Mrs. Allen Gannaway, Miss Shirley Dockery of Oaklawn Church, who attended the U.N. Seminar sponsored by the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, told briefly of the trip and her impressions of the U.N.

The afternoon session opened with the hymn, "O, Master Workman of the Race," and a prayer by Mrs. E. D. Galloway.

The District officers to serve for the next two years were nominated by the Research Committee and elected unanimously. They are as follows:

President, Mrs. Alvin Stone, Arkadelphia
Vice President, Mrs. J. A. Gannaway, Arkadelphia
Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Fisher, Malvern
Treasurer, Mrs. Dolphus Whitten, Jr., Arkadelphia
Promotion, Mrs. A. F. Buckley, Gurdon
Missionary Education & Service, Mrs. H. K. Davis, Malvern
Christian Social Relations, Mrs.

Garland Clark, Hot Springs
Student Work, Mrs. R. E. Harris, Arkadelphia
Youth Work, Mrs. Ed McLean, Malvern
Children's Work, Mrs. Virgil Efield, Malvern
Spiritual Life, Mrs. H. King Wade, Sr., Hot Springs
Literature & Publication, Mrs. Doyle Shirley, Hot Springs
Supply Work, Mrs. J. D. Batts, Malvern
Status of Women, Mrs. C. H. Hanson, Hot Springs
Missionary Personnel, Miss Polly Lassiter, Arkadelphia
Chairman of Nomination, Mrs. T. T. McNeal, Arkadelphia

Mrs. H. K. Davis was chosen to attend the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, and Mrs. Allen Gannaway was chosen alternate.

An invitation by Arkadelphia First Church for the 1958 meeting was accepted.

Reports from local Presidents were followed by the installation of officers by Mrs. M. E. Scott.

An impressive pledge service, conducted by the Conference Treasurer, Mrs. James Verhoeff, concluded the program.—Mrs. H. King Wade, Sr.

Camden District

The 17th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Camden District met April 30th at the Methodist Church, Stephens, Arkansas, with 229 registered.

The theme for the day was, "To Know Christ and Make Him Known." Mrs. M. E. Scott, Conference President, brought an inspirational message on the Goals for the Quadrennium and asked that each member take the goals as a guide for her personal goals for the next four years.

Mrs. L. B. Tooley, Conference Secretary of Student Work, presented the work the Wesley Foundation is presenting to the students at colleges. "The Wesley Foundation is the Methodist Church at work on the campuses," she said.

The progress of the year was presented by the presidents of the 32 societies represented, and by the District officers. Mrs. J. F. McKinnon, Promotion Secretary, was in charge of this part of the program. A Memorial Service was conducted by Mrs. W. P. Reasons and Mrs. W. C. Farley, for: Mrs. J. D. Bourland, Buchner; Mrs. Zelma Hughes, Bethel; Mrs. W. A. Lester, Chidester; Mrs. W. T. Ballard, Ebenezer; Mrs. J. A. Davis, Mrs. A. W. Littlejohn, Mrs. Bob Carney, Mrs. A. V. M. Cordell, Mrs. E. E. Burkin, Mrs. C. A. Dunnamant, Mrs. T. F. Russell, all of First Methodist, El Dorado; Mrs. W. R. Walker, Mrs. Pauline Berry, Mrs. Goode Renfro, all of First Church, Magnolia; Mrs. Elizabeth Ingram, Vantrease; Mrs. Bettie Sue Walker, Mt. Carmel; Mrs. Fred Stroope, Smackover; Mrs. L. D. Smith, Stephens; Mrs. C. W. Archer, Waldo; Mrs. T. S. Keith, Sharman; Mrs. H. B. Hodnett, Mrs. Hamp Goodgame, First Church, Camden; Miss Mildred Modisette,

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy was the speaker for the second joint meeting of the Farmerville Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild. The meeting was held on April 30th and for this occasion the members of Bernice Woman's Society were special guests. Mrs. Pomeroy's message, in which she outlined the entire program of the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the quadrennium, was both inspiring and challenging.

At the conclusion of the program a delightful social hour was enjoyed by all. The Farmerville Woman's Society of Christian Service was host for the meeting with Mrs. G. R. Weaver, President, presiding.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Berryville entertained with a Fellowship meeting and Tea

Mrs. Paul Trammell, Jackson Street Methodist, Magnolia.

Lunch was served in Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Dolph Stephens, Local President, gave the welcome address. Joe Butcher, Student at Southern State, Magnolia, told of his trip to the UN and Miss Janet Harter, also of Southern State, told of work of the Wesley Foundation on the campus. They were introduced by Mrs. John G. Rickey, Secretary of Youth. Following lunch, Officers Training period was conducted for all local officers by the District Officers.

Mrs. R. H. Cole installed the following as officers of the district: President, Mrs. J. F. McKinnon, Parkers Chapel; Vice President, Mrs. A. C. Hale, Fairview; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Howard East, First Church, Camden; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Z. Couch, First Church, Magnolia; Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Claude Clark, Magnolia; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. H. K. Calkins, Smackover; Student Work, Mrs. Ray Hozendorf, First Church, Magnolia; Youth Work, Mrs. John G. Rickey, Vantrease; Children's Work, Mrs. Laura T. Fooks, First Church, Camden; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Floyd Babel, First Church, El Dorado; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Collie Profit, Parkers Chapel; Supply Work, Mrs. F. L. Williams, St. Luke's, El Dorado; Status of Women, Mrs. Jimmie Burton, First Church, Magnolia; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Joe Gunn, Smackover; Chairman of Nominations, Mrs. Walter Birch, Fairview, Camden.

Mrs. McKinnon, in the name of the District, presented the out-going president, Mrs. Walter Birch, an Honorary Life Membership Pin in recognition and appreciation of her fine leadership the past two years.

In the name of the Stephens Society, Mrs. J. P. Carpenter presented Mrs. M. E. Scott a gift in appreciation of her leadership and help to their local church.

Mrs. Birch presided over the session. Dr. W. Neill Hart, District Superintendent, commended the work the district has done and gave the invocation at lunch.—Reporter, Mrs. J. G. Rickey

Thursday afternoon, May 2, in the Methodist Church. Ladies of other churches in Berryville were invited guests. A large crowd attended.

Mrs. M. E. Friberg was the organist, and Miss Pat Stafford was the soloist. Mrs. Raymond Crow gave the welcome and Miss C. Lola Wilkins the opening prayer. Mrs. J. B. Measel spoke on "The Majesty of Common Greatness," and Mrs. Ray McClelland gave the closing prayer.

At the conclusion of the program, tea was served in the dining room by Mrs. Crow, Mrs. Harmon Holt, Mrs. Minta Buell and Mrs. Ed Pharis. Mrs. F. A. Thompson was chairman.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Sulphur Rock Methodist Church met at the church Thursday, May 2, for the annual Pledge Service.

Mrs. Clarence P. Vaughn was program leader and opened with a few words of welcome to the homecoming members and guests. Mrs. Kate Martin, a life member of the Society, and a special guest, Mrs. O. L. Hoover and Mrs. Lillie Owens.

Following the program and business meeting Mrs. Kate Martin spoke about our work and the need for more focus on the needs of the home missions. Mrs. Lillie Owens gave the dismissal prayer.

The business meeting was followed by a social hour and refreshments were served by Mrs. B. B. Owens and Mrs. Clarence P. Vaughn.

The Berryville Woman's Society of Christian Service observed its Annual Blue Plate Luncheon April 18 with a Pot Luck Luncheon. At this annual affair each lady turns in a plate on which she has placed a dime for each holiday during the past year. A surprise handkerchief shower was given to the pastor's wife, Mrs. J. H. Holt, in honor of her birthday.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Bradford Church met Monday night, April 1, with Mrs. Agnes Bright, Mrs. M. A. Whitley was in charge of the program assisted by Mrs. Evelyn Churchwell, Mrs. Paline Grigsby, Mrs. Blanch Durham and Mrs. Edna Wilson.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Urging United Church Women (national and state) to "defend the public schools" and to work to give the nation "the fully adequate public schools America needs," Mrs. George R. Ellison, of Washington, D. C., of the National Education Association, says in part: "The schools need friends today perhaps more than ever before. For they are threatened not only by the old forces and disbeliefs, direct or masked, but they are threatened by engulfment, by very force of numbers. When the 'war babies' first lifted the birth-rate to new heights, the statisticians said, 'It will ebb.' Now we are accepting that it will never really ebb. Already we have reached a population of 170,000,000, a number that 15 short years ago census experts thought we would not reach

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Noel Memorial Christian Education Director Honored

Miss Tennie V. Severetson, who recently resigned as director of Christian Education at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was honored at an informal open house, Sunday afternoon, April 28, at the church.

Miss Severetson has served the Noel congregation in this capacity for the past ten years. The open house was sponsored by the church's Commission on Education.

Groups in the church which presented gifts to Miss Severetson included the official board, children's division, church staff, church school, The Woman's Society, The Friendly Circle, and the Education Commission.

Of special interest was a letter from the Commission on Education in which Miss Severetson was highly commended for her service.

The letter said in part, "Your leaving Noel Church is not only a personal loss to each of us on the Commission, but a loss to the entire church. The satisfaction we have felt in seeing our program of Christian Education develop under your leadership is shared by many others in the church. . .

"It would be impossible to enumerate all your efforts toward making our total church program a success. During the ten and one-half years that you have been here you have had a part in many accomplishments. Your ability to interest people in working, your generosity in the giving of your time and guidance are only some of the things for which you are appreciated."

J. F. Rosett is the church school superintendent, and Dr. John J. Rasmussen is the Noel Memorial pastor.

HOW'S THIS FOR A RECORD

Vickie Renee' Woodfin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Woodfin of Logansport, La., was born on October 1, 1956, and on May 5, 1957, was awarded a Church School Attendance pen for perfect attendance for the past four months. Of course, her mother received one also. So at age seven months, a church school attendance record of four months is a real achievement.

GOALS

"Goals evolve from the needs and purposes of people. Christian education must meet the needs of growing Christian persons both individually and in their church and community fellowships. No one person can strike goals for others the way a producer strikes oil. The persons involved as co-operators in the task must also be participants in setting goals. The degree of understanding and participation in deciding what is to happen in human souls appears to determine the success or failure in achieving goals. Goals are motivating forces, and it is difficult to pass motiva-

Fayetteville District Children's Workers, Ministers Meet



Mrs. Thomas Butt (left) and Mrs. E. M. Murphy, Jr., inspect a display of creative teaching materials at the Fayetteville District meeting of ministers and children's workers, April 23.

Plans Made For Vacation Church Schools

The pastors and children's workers of the Fayetteville District met together for the annual Vacation Church School Institute at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, on April 23 at 10:00 o'clock. The purposes of the meeting were: to review the pastor's relationship to and responsibility for the vacation school; to demonstrate creative activities which might be used in any creative teaching groups; to plan carefully for the vacation school, and to get specific help for each unit.

Rev. Verlia Harris, Prairie Grove, attended the children's workers conference as a representative of the district, and he spoke on "The Pastor's Relation to the Vacation School." He pointed out the opportunities the pastors have to learn the children, to become their friends, and to learn their needs through being with them for longer periods of time, playing with them and observing their relationships with other children.

Mrs. Thomas Butt gave a detailed summary of the careful planning which is necessary. She discussed financing, the date, the courses, the selection and training of workers, and use of space and equipment.

Mrs. E. M. Murphy, Jr., using an extensive display of examples of creative work done by the children in the Primary department in which she teaches regularly, told the group of experiences of learning which may take place through these creative teaching devices. She explained the small cost of each project, and gave each worker a prepared mimeographed booklet telling how she had made each article. Also on display were the projects which her class had made in their recent study on the Philippines. She demonstrated how to teach songs using song sheets and cards from which the children read.

At noon Miss Gwendolyn Wolfe demonstrated and explained the uses of the Rhythm band, and taught fun songs.

After lunch the ministers met for their regular monthly meeting and the workers went to departmental meetings where the texts for each department were reviewed, specific activities, songs, stories, pictures, were chosen and demonstrated.

A feature of the day was a tour of the recently redecorated and refurnished rooms in the children's department. Of particular interest was the beautiful equipment which Mr. E. M. Murphy had made in his wood shop. These included complete sets of furniture for the housekeeping corners of the Nursery and Kindergarten rooms, sets of large blocks, and tables appropriate for work and play.

Youth School of Alcohol Studies, P.O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

THE KIDS ARE COMING!

According to the best estimates of the U. S. Bureau of the Census, there are in the United States in this year 1957, some 37,393,000 young people between the ages of 5 and 17 years; plus 18,374,000 under 5 years of age. In other words, the number under 5 years (the pre-school and the pre-Sunday school population) is almost 50% as large as the number in the twelve years from 5 to 17. Looking at it from the viewpoint of the church and the religious educator, there are 37,393,000 young people who should now be enrolled in some form and place of religious education—and 18,374,000 following hard on their heels.

If one in every 12 persons (including children) in the U. S. A. has Methodist affiliations (and this is a conservative estimate), then there are more than 3,000,000 between 5 and 17 years, eligible for church school, MYF, and weekday classes; and another 1,500,000 are about eligible to knock at Methodist doors in the next few years . . . The question is, Are the churches ready for the young people? Are they ready with educational rooms, with recreational facilities, with trained teaching personnel, with trustees and stewards—and pastors—prepared to "major" in services to these prospective church members and leaders?

In the over-all percentage growth—including the very young—the Western area of the U. S. registers the greatest increase (with Nevada leading all states). The North Central Area is next, followed by the South, and trailed by the Northeast. If you wish to study the figures for your state or area, secure from the Bureau of the Census, for 10 cents, the 8-page report, "Estimates of the Civilian Population of the States by Broad Age Groups." It should give you facts to help prepare for the future of your church.

tion to others."—Dr. A. Merritt Dietterich, executive secretary, Interboard Commission, Des Moines Area, in **Christian Education in the Annual Conference.**

National School of Alcohol Studies To Be Held

The staff of the 1957 National Youth School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action met at the Board of Education Building in Nashville, Tennessee, April 3 and 4, to make plans for the school that will be held July 29-August 4 at Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan.

The meeting was under the co-directors, Miss Emogene Dunlap of the Board of Temperance and the Rev. Joseph W. Bell of the Youth Department, General Board of Education.

The School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action is sponsored by the General Board of Temperance and the Youth Department of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education. One of its purposes is: "To equip youth and their leaders with facts and techniques for a program of education and action which will be made a part of the total youth program and be carried out in the local Methodist Youth Fellowship."

The course of study will include lectures, discussions, workshops, demonstrations, project activity, fellowship and devotional periods for spiritual enrichment.

Leaders will include 17 persons of national prominence.

The school is primarily for leaders in the Methodist Youth Fellowship and is therefore not designed to give specific helps for campus situations. It is limited to two persons per annual conference, and the conference youth chairman of Christian Citizenship, and conference director of youth work are among those eligible.

For further information write to

The Bad Scene

An Editorial From The San Quentin News Written
By San Quentin News Editor Jack Usher

"Come on over, kids! There's always room for one more.

"First of all, we apologize for this violation of our policy. Heretofore, we have assiduously avoided preaching of any kind, we have embarked on no crusades, and we have never, never advised another man how he should do his time. Now an exception has reared its head and we are bending one of the rules of policy.

"During the past few weeks the newspapers in this area have given some bad publicity to the teen-age people of Marin County. Ordinarily, we can take this sort of news or leave it. In this case, however, we took serious note of it. Perhaps because it is pretty close to home—or maybe we're just tired of seeing real young people in trouble and in here.

"Our concern in the right and wrong of the incidents publicized is negligible. We would feel a little foolish sitting behind these walls and weighing the rights and wrongs of social behavior. Nevertheless, we are in an excellent position to see the results of this kind of behavior, and about those results we feel qualified to speak.

"What happens to these young people who habitually violate the social norm? Not what happens to them the first time—nor what happens to them for indulging in childishness. Like rat-pack treatment for a serviceman, or anonymous threats to adults over the telephone, or hanging a cloth dummy. But what happens to them when these violations become easy and become felonies? What then? Right! They come here!

"And it happens every single day. Weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

"Being convicted of the first felony marks a line of embarkation. Almost a point of no return—whether you like it or not. It seems a far cry from the mob treatment, the telephone calls, or hanging of effigies. Never let anyone tell you the two are not connected. Connected they are, and when they meet, you are in trouble. You're on your way.

"... Like A Tired Soap Opera ..."

"The rest of it works out like a tired soap opera or bad movie. It goes on and on and on. And you never win once—all you can do is lose. Family, friends, and finally, future. It's dreary, unexciting, uninteresting and sordid. A real drag. All this from a small, stupid beginning—rushing to a smaller, more ridiculous end.

"So go right ahead, kids. Indulge yourselves and have a ball. Tell yourselves what you're doing isn't very serious, and anyway, you're under age. Make sure that no one thinks you're a lame or a square or corny, and above all, never let the gang suspect that you think at all.

"Don't be the one to call a halt, or refuse a dare, or decide things have gone far enough. That might indicate that you didn't belong! And you must belong to a gang, or bunch, or society or something. Sure you do! It's a wonderful thing to be a part of a group of your contemporaries. To have an identity. It's a normal thing, and to be desired—

unless this wish to belong becomes more important to you than your knowledge of what is right and what isn't right. Should this happen, there is a possibility that you may be joining another group. This one is anxious that you realize that you are a member. In fact, they give you a nice, new number to keep you reminded.

"Maybe some of you will read this. If you do, and are goofing around by yourself at the time, think it over. We haven't tried to be funny. We mean every word of what we've said. However, if you reject it, don't worry. You'll never be without a roof over your head, or a place to sleep, and three meals a day. There's always an opening available at Point San Quentin. There's a similar establishment in the Southern part of the state, for ladies.

"We'll be waiting for you. Have a ball!"

Broken Mask Film Wins Top Award

Produced by Paul F. Heard, Nas-sour Studios for the Commission on Missionary Education under the supervision of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches, *Broken Mask* was awarded a Golden Reel at the Annual Golden Reel Award Banquet on Thursday evening, April 25.

Sponsored by twelve denominations, the film is related to the home missions study theme, *Christ the Church and Race*, which will be launched for study and discussion in local churches during 1957-58.

Over three hundred judges screened half-a-million feet of 16-mm film in selecting the Golden Reels of 1957 at the Fourth Annual American Film Assembly at the Statler Hotel, New York City, last week.

The Golden Reels are the most coveted awards in the cultural, educational and industrial film fields. The 23 categories include: Religion and Ethics, Human Relations, International Understanding and Industrial Training.

Group To Study Neglected Areas

Cincinnati, O. (RNS)—A 22-member Interboard Committee on Ministry to Neglected Areas was formed here by The Methodist Church to organize new churches and schools and revitalize "dying" or abandoned parishes.

Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville, Tenn., was named chairman; the Rev. C. Gordon Phillips of the Detroit City Missionary Society, vice-chairman; and Dr. Leon M. Adkins of Nashville, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Education's division of the local church, secretary. The Rev. A. N. Storey, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Town and Country Commission, is a member of the committee.

The committee will study neglected metropolitan and rural areas, develop and promote plans to organize new churches, schools, and missions.

Rev. C. H. Bumpers, 1876-1957

Retired Member, North Arkansas Conference

The Reverend Carolos H. Bumpers was born July 27th, 1876, in Jacksonville, Alabama. His parents were Joel Jasper Bumpers, and Lydia Pritchett Bumpers, and came with them to Arkansas, and settled in Franklin County, where he began to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" which resulted into a happy personality, and was one of the noblest characters we have ever known.

He was converted and joined the Methodist Church early in life, and later, he has a great inner desire to be about his Father's business. The great Sower, sowed seed in his heart which bore fruitful harvest, until he was called home.

He attended Franklin County public schools, and later attended Hendrix College, at Conway. He was well-qualified to lead both young people and adults into a richer experience in the Christian life.

He was married to Miss Irene Elizabeth Moore, on February 8th, 1899, in Cecil, Arkansas. Three children were born into this good Christian home, and they are: Mrs. H. H. Boyington, of Pampa, Texas, E. Clay Bumpers, of Wabash, Arkansas, and W. L. Bumpers, of Pampa, Texas. Left to survive him in addition to the children, include his widow, of Pampa, Texas, a brother, Lane Bumpers, of Stigler, Oklahoma.

Brother Bumpers was licensed to preach, and admitted on trial in 1908—admitted into full connection, and ordained deacon 1912, and ordained elder in 1915. He gave thirty-two years of his life to the Methodist ministry in Arkansas, and retired in 1941; moved to Pampa, Texas, where he served as visiting minister of the First Methodist Church from 1950 to 1953, when his health failed him. On March 4th, 1957, his soul departed this life to hear the blessed words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, March 6th, 1957, with the Rev. Woodrow Adcock, pastor officiating, assisted by Dr. Orin Carter, former pastor, of Big Springs, Texas, and the Rev. Finley Vanderburg, of Clarendon, Texas. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Pampa, Texas.

The writer has known Brother

Bumpers for more than thirty-five years, and found him to be a faithful husband, kind father, true friend, and a loyal and faithful servant of God. He is sure Brother Bumpers' life and ministry will live in the lives of those he served, and through them in the lives of others.

"When all the todays have been translated into the tomorrows, and the tomorrows have merged into the eternities of God, we shall meet and greet you on the other side."

J. W. Moore, Leslie, Arkansas

LEAKE—Mrs. Ella Viola Boyd Leake, the daughter of Mr. Will and Mrs. Lula Benson Boyd, was born September 26, 1890, at Lonoke, Arkansas. Very early in life, she accepted Christ as Saviour and united with the Methodist Church under the ministry of Rev. R. L. Wozencraft in which Church she remained a faithful member for more than fifty years.

On May 18, 1908, she was united in marriage to Bishop Kavanaugh Leake. To this union three children were born; two daughters, Mrs. Madge Leake Richey and Mrs. Eloise Leake Cobb both of Keo, Arkansas, and one son, Gradyon Boyd Leake of Atlanta, Georgia. She is also survived by her husband, Mr. B. K. Leake of Keo, her mother, Mrs. Lula Benson Boyd and one sister, Mrs. C. B. Robken both of North Little Rock. She passed to her reward on the evening of March 30, 1957, and was buried from the Methodist Church at Keo, Arkansas, on Tuesday, April 2nd.

The above historical or biographical statement is but an incident into which a most wonderful and significant life has been built. Mrs. Leake's life represented a versatility of interest. She was active in the Eastern Star and had served in a number of responsible places in its program of service. She highly treasured her membership in both The Daughters of the American Revolution and The United Daughters of the Confederacy. Her classic and cultured nature found satisfaction in time and effort given the Cosmopolitan Club, but the glory and beauty of her life was preeminently manifested in the dedication of her time and talents to her church. She put her soul, her heart, yea, her all into the matter of its ongoing. People instinctively revert in the common run of conversation to the things that lie close to their heart. You could not speak long with Mrs. Leake before the interest of her church would be ushered into the purview of the conversation.

Without doubt, her largest contribution to her church was in the field of music. For more than forty years, she served as organist and choir director of the Methodist Churches in Lonoke, England and Keo. She not only did her part in having a rich and inspirational program of music, but she did her utmost to see that others did their part also. It is needless to say that we shall miss the ministry of this dear soul, for she greatly encouraged and inspired us all by her devotion to the loyalties she had espoused. May God's blessings abide on all the family and conserved to us all the spiritual values growing out of the memory of her noble life.

—John L. Hoover, Pastor

OTHER CENTENARY NEWS

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the honors awarded at Centenary College at the General Honors Assembly on Thursday.

Rev. R. Leonard Cooke, vice president of the college, presented the National Methodist Scholarship certificates to Sue Thomas of Atlanta, Tex.; Jackie Ray Crain of Mansfield and Billie Claire Justice of Waterproof. All have been attending Centenary on the \$400 scholarships during the past year.

The T.B. Herndon Award, presented by the Canterbury Club each year to the non-ministerial student who has done most to promote campus religious life was given to Rodney Holland of Shreveport. Ted Pebworth, president of the Canterbury Club, presented the prize, a cash award of \$25.



Charles Wesley and His Colleagues,

By Bishop Charles W. Flint
Available in June for \$3.75.

Charles Wesley Flint has written a superlative biography of Charles Wesley, for whom he was named. It is a study that is rigorously realistic. It is fully aware of the weaknesses of John Wesley, Charles Wesley, and George Whitefield. Its frankness enhances the greatness of these men, who, human enough, do nevertheless stand in history not only worthy of highest honor but most certainly men who have earned the appellation "great." Bishop Flint has wisely treated the lives of John and Charles Wesley as inseparable in thinking and in service. Charles Wesley is portrayed as the great hymnodist that he was but is seen to be an evangelist, a thinker, a poet, a preacher, a most fascinating personality. Each complemented the other and each became the stronger because of the criticism of the other. Here are most informing chapters dealing with the attitude of the Wesley brothers toward the Church, politics, theology, evangelism.

Bishop Flint with the painstaking care of the scholar has moved from sources to conclusion. We see the development of the minds of John and Charles Wesley and are warned against drawing conclusions from statements quoted from an early period but subsequently modified by the careful thought of a later day.

Modern pedagogues may well study the pedagogy of the Wesley home. Fresh light is brought upon the educational methods of eighteenth century English universities. A highly realistic chapter considers the relations of John and Charles and George Whitefield to women. Bishop Flint wisely indicates that social practices now condemned or commended must be seen in the light of what was then contemporary thought.

This book deserves careful reading and wide circulation. It corrects many misapprehensions concerning early and later Methodism. It has a significant contribution to make to the ecumenical movement

NEW BOOKS REVIEWED

and to current endeavors that look toward church union, but above all else it reveals with striking clarity the religious power that was released by these brothers, the source of religious vitality is strikingly sketched, and the book, if carefully studied, may lead to a religious revival grounded in sound intellectualism with full recognition of the place of the heart in setting the will. I count it an honor to have read it and a privilege to commend it.—By Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Prayers For A Woman's Day,

By Josephine Robertson

Abingdon Press, 79 pp., \$1.

This purse-size book of prayers is attractively bound in blue imitation leather. The author says that her purpose has been to "relate the commonplace to the spiritual," and she has admirably succeeded in doing so in these prayers.

A survey of the contents will show the wide and sometimes unusual nature of the prayers: "For the Wise Use of Time," "An Office Prayer," "Prayer for a Pastor," "In Time of Minor Irritations," "For a Home of Happy Memories," "For a Day of Canning" (house cleaning is included in its own prayer), "Upon Acquiring a New Pet," "A Christmas-Shopping Prayer," "Prayer on an Unwelcome Birthday," "For Young Drivers," "For One Soon to Be a Mother," and many more.

Sixty-nine prayers are included in this collection, and we predict that it will be widely used. It is just the thing to keep on the breakfast table or on the shelf over the kitchen sink, to be read as the day's chores begin. It will make a nice gift for your friends, and it can be used for public devotions as well as at home. You couldn't spend a dollar wiser for religious material than for this small book. The poems are indexed by title in the front of the book.—By Harold L. Fair

California Church Landmark Faces Razing

Santa Rosa, Calif. (RNS)—A local landmark, "The Church Built From One Tree" is slated to be torn down to make room for a city parking lot unless a campaign to raise \$15,000 is successful.

The church was built in 1873 from 78,000 feet of lumber realized from a single giant redwood tree cut near here. It was one of the few buildings to survive the 1906 earthquake.

The structure was sold to the city by First Baptist Church. Its razing is scheduled to start May 19 unless the \$15,000 is raised to pay for moving it to another location.

Methodists Plan Student Church In Puerto Rico

The University of Puerto Rico has seven thousand students, ten per cent of them active Protestants, thirty per cent Roman Catholic, and sixty per cent more claimed by the Roman Catholic Church but without any actual contact with any church. Directly across from the University campus in Rio Piedras, the Methodist Church ministers not only to Protestant families of the community, but to an increasing number of students and young people.

The Rev. Raphael Boissen, the Methodist pastor, writes: "Rio Piedras has more than 800 bars and drinking places, constantly tempting young people to vice and failure. We are seeking to win these hundreds of Puerto Rico's finest young people to Christ and the Church."

But Mr. Boissen, one of Methodism's most effective pastors in Puerto Rico trained in our schools, and himself the son of a Methodist preacher, works under the handicap of poor buildings and little equipment.

A shabby, two-story house serves as a church, the first floor partitions having been removed to make one large room for services, week-night activities, and social gatherings. In the rear of this building, a tar-paper and frame shack with tin roof serves for classrooms for the Sunday school and for Boy Scout room.

Several well-trained young people give their services as teachers and counselors. The pastor's wife is an accomplished leader, brought up in a Methodist home. Her father was one of the early Methodist workers in Puerto Rico, going out into the rural areas in the early mornings and evenings, teaching the people to read and write, and closing the evening with a preaching service. But even the best leadership can hardly reach modern young people with inadequate buildings and equipment. The number of students and young people attending church and youth meetings has increased from an average of 37 to more than 100 in the last year.

A new church building, with classrooms, student lounge, social hall and pastor's office, in addition to a modern sanctuary will be built on this site, replacing the present house. Plans have already been approved by the architects of the Division of National Missions, Methodist Board of Missions.

The Division is prepared to make

a generous grant to meet part of the cost, and is seeking Advance gifts for the balance needed. Dr. Charles Parkin, director of the Advance for the National Division, says that this project for the new University Church at Rio Piedras, is one of the most urgent and immediate needs in Puerto Rico. The local congregation is putting forth every effort to raise funds. Their hopes are so high they even invited the 1958 session of the Puerto Rico Provisional Annual Conference to meet in their new church.

Dr. B. P. Murphy, executive secretary of the Section of Church Extension, while unwilling to make any definite prediction as to when the project can begin or be completed, says: "If the Methodist people respond generously enough with Advance gifts, University Church could possibly be finished by the Spring of 1958."

LAYMEN TOLD ONLY "SPIRITUAL WAR" CAN RESOLVE FUTURE

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lege here and president of the Yokefellow Associates, stressed the need for such a training center.

"The time has come," he said, "if we are to have the universal ministry made up of both laymen and the clergy that we must have adequate education for leadership."

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We want to express our sincere thanks to the groups and participants listed below who have rendered a service or presented gifts to the Home during the month of April:

Thompson Hatchery, Pottsville—eggs	10.00
Friendship Class, Winfield Church, Little Rock—birthday gifts for April	10.00
Third Grade Class, Winfield Church, Little Rock—Easter flowers	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Moss—books and clothing	5.00
Kress' Store, Mr. Woodworth, manager—Easter candies	10.00
Sibyl Hat Shop, Mrs. Masters—hats and gloves	50.00
Humphrey Methodist Church, Rev. Hursel Richert, pastor—food and clothing	17.50
Mrs. Richard Evans, North Little Rock—clothing	10.00
Rosedale Optimist Club—potatoes	10.00
The Estate of Mrs. Lou Ella Brasher, Waldron—blankets, linens and pillows	10.00
Wilson Bros. Variety Store, Jacksonville—shoes and clothing	5.00
Hori, Nabors Shaw, Mena—venison	5.00
M. J. Pruniski, North Little Rock—Easter candy	10.00
Mrs. Henry Anthony, Alice Sidney Farms, Lake Village—girls' clothing	10.00
Men's Club, Winfield Church, Little Rock—entertainment, softball and bats, individual gifts	10.00
M.Y.F., St. Andrew's Church, Arkadelphia—Dormeyer deep fry cooker	10.00
Mrs. Curry Bishop, Winfield Church, Little Rock—table lamp	10.00
Leonard Ellis Co., Little Rock—ambulance service	10.00
Optimist Club of Greater Little Rock—athletic equipment	10.00
Little Rock Country Club—used golf clubs, balls and tees	10.00
Mrs. W. H. McLean, Little Rock—used golf bag	10.00
Lewisville Methodist Church—canned goods	10.00
Cassie Orr Sunday School Class, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Malvern—canned goods	10.00
Mrs. Eli Sigman, Vandalia—clothing	10.00
Mark Townsend, Stuttgart—clothing	10.00
The R. B. Newcomes, Portland—clothing	10.00
Miss Lois Horton, Little Rock—girls' clothing and book	10.00
Esther Class, Siloam Springs Church	10.00
Lisbon Methodist Church	10.00
Open Door Class, First Church, El Dorado	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Beasley, Ft. Smith	5.00
Anonymous	10.00
Mrs. Margaret T. Smith, First Church, Stuttgart	50.00
Madonna Bible Class, First Church, Newport	17.50
Willing Workers Sunday School Class, Rogers	10.00
Woman's Society of Christian Service, Almyra	10.00
First Methodist Church, Helena	10.00
Asbury Church, Little Rock	100.00
Susannah Wesley Class, First Church, Texarkana	5.00
Ladies Sunday School Class, Tyronza	5.00
Mrs. Claude Rogers, Little Rock, First Methodist Church	10.00
M.Y.F., McNeil	15.00
Couples Class, First Methodist Church, El Dorado	20.00
Gibson Bible Class, Russellville	5.00
Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mountain Home	50.00
Couples Class, First Methodist Church, El Dorado	30.00
Mt. Pleasant Church, Salem Circuit	5.00
Wesley Berean Sunday School Class, First Church, Batesville	8.00
Gillett Methodist Church	10.00
Richard Hill Corning	5.00
Harmony Class, Washington Ave. Church, North Little Rock	10.00
Men's Bible Class, Nashville	10.00
Fellowship Class, Henderson Church, Little Rock	10.00
Black Oak Church	10.00
Macey Church	15.00
Rose Couples Class, Camden	20.00
Ladies Bible Class, Siloam Springs	5.00
Marion Methodist Church	5.00
Lodges Corner Methodist Church	20.00
Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith	17.45
Mrs. Lennie Cavener, Winfield	100.00
Miscellaneous Collections	676.64
Memorial Collections	264.50
Total Collections	\$2,610.40

GIFTS OF CASH

Friendship Class, Mena	
Methodist Church	\$ 10.00
North Arkansas Conference	235.49
Woman's Society of Christian Service, Cabot	10.00
Rebecca Sunday School Class, Vantrease Memorial, El Dorado	5.00
Hunter Memorial Church, Little Rock	10.00
Miss Lenna Webb, Independence, Kansas	15.00
Rebecca Sunday School Class, Vantrease Memorial, El Dorado	10.00
Hanks Wesley Bible Class, Helena Methodist Church	20.00
Wesleyan Service Guild, Prairie Grove	10.00
Harmony Class, First Church, Little Rock	10.00
Marion Methodist Church	10.20
Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Alvarez, Greenwood Methodist Church	10.00
Junior High Department, First Church, Hope	20.00
Lexa Toefree Bible Class, Fordyce Methodist Church	10.00
Jeff B. Graves Sunday School Class, First Church, Hope	10.00
Frost Bible Class, First Church, Texarkana	10.00
Gleaners Sunday School Class, First Church, El Dorado	10.00
Fidelis Sunday School Class, First Church, Hope	10.00
Young Adult Sunday School Class, First Church, Rector	10.00
Service Class, First Church, El Dorado	10.00
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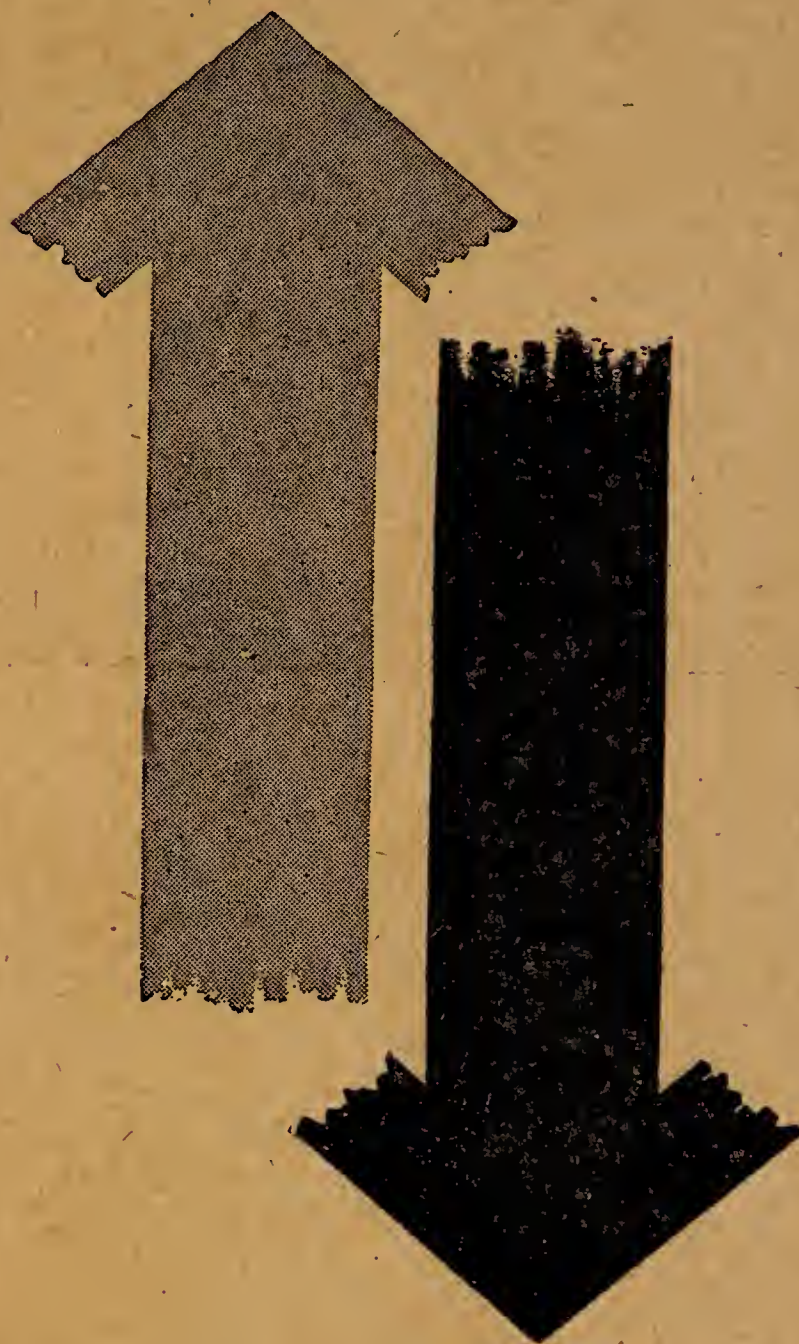
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before the year 2,000, if ever. Thousands of teachers are wrestling with twice the number of pupils they can adequately teach. And by 1965, say our population reports, we will have 30 per cent more children in our already bulging elementary schools and 50 per cent more in our high schools. To do the job that needs to be done, we need triple and quadruple the amounts now spent on education. The Federal Government passed a \$21 billion road bill last year. All that localities, states, and the Federal Gov-

ernment now spend on public schools reaches scarcely half this amount. Should such a ratio not be reversed?"

Full clergy rights in the state church have been given to the women of Norway through the abolition by Parliament of the law which required parish approval before a woman could be appointed to the ministry. In principle the ministry had been opened to women in 1938, but the current decision eliminates the need for sanction by the parish of a minister appointed by the government.

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LESSON FOR MAY 26, 1957

A MAN OF PEACE IN A WORLD OF STRIFE

READ 27TH CHAPTER OF GENESIS.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God.*

—Matthew 5:9 (RSV)

This is the last of the five lessons in Unit VI, "The Beginnings of Man and His Faith in God." All of these lessons have been taken from the Book of Genesis, covering the period from the time of creation through the time of Isaac's troubles with King Abimelech. Our lesson subject today, based on Isaac's reaction to these difficulties is, "A Man of Peace in a World of Strife."

Isaac, of whom we study today, was not a notable character like his father, Abraham or his son, Jacob. He was a good man, but his fame rests largely on the fact that he was the son of a notable father and the father of a notable son. He gained stature also from the fact that he was the husband of a notable woman, Rebekah. He lived longer than either of them but no notable accomplishments resulted from his long life of one hundred and eighty years.

The Reason for Isaac's Troubles

If we read Genesis carefully, it is not difficult to understand why Abraham and his son Isaac had difficulties with the natives of Canaan. In the first place Abraham was a foreigner who had invaded Canaan at a time when bitter enmity between races and tribes was the order of the day and aggressive and protective wars were an accepted procedure in life. Isaac, as his son, inherited the difficulties Abraham faced. Neither of them owned any land in Canaan. Any statement by either of them that the land was being given them by the Lord, as an everlasting inheritance, would only increase the purpose of their enemies to destroy them.

Also in that desert-like land a good well of water was worth more than a gold mine. Water marked the difference between life and death, poverty and wealth for the inhabitants of the southern part of Canaan where Isaac lived. We take for granted today things that were of priceless value in that early day. We turn a faucet and water comes in abundance. We strike a match and soon a fire burns to our liking. In our lesson last week we discussed briefly the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice Isaac on an altar at the command of God. The Record told of how Abraham carried fire for the sacrifice. It was necessary for him to carry that fire from his home to the place of sacrifice if he was to have fire there when he needed it. It was necessary for him to keep the fire alive throughout the journey, or he would not have been able to make a burnt offering.

When the Philistines became aware that Abraham, and Isaac after him, were prospering in a strange, unusual way, they became

jealous, envious and suspicious. Their selfishness and their sense of self-preservation prompted them to drive Isaac out of the country. The wells Isaac reopened had been filled by the Philistines after the death of Abraham. They did not especially need them at that particular time, but they did not want Isaac to have them to further aid his prosperous development.

We are so accustomed to the private ownership of land that we may think it strange for one to be driven hither and yon as the fancies of his enemies may direct. There are still places on earth, however, where the private ownership of land is not so commonly understood. We heard a returned missionary from Africa say that a missionary there, in the interior, practically ruined his effectiveness with the tribe with which he was working because he fenced in a small tract of land for a garden. The natives could not understand the attitude of a man who thought any part of the earth or the products of the earth were in any special way his own. In Isaac's day the land belonged to the people who were strong enough to have it and hold it.

Isaac Follows in Footsteps of His Father

(1) Abraham was a pioneer but Isaac seemed to be content to follow along the path blazed out by his father, imitating the bad as well as the good. Lest he be killed and Sarah taken by his enemies, if they thought she was his wife, Abraham, both in Egypt and in Canaan had practiced deception by announcing that Sarah was his sister. Isaac did the same, when his enemies threatened, and declared Rebekah was his sister.

(2) Abraham allowed Lot to choose the best of the land rather than have trouble. Isaac assumed the same attitude toward Abimelech.

(3) Isaac like Abraham was a builder of altars and a man of prayer.

(4) Abraham, the pioneer, fought his way through a new country, digging wells for his flocks and family as he went. Isaac was content to retravel the road Abraham made and redig the wells his father had discovered. He might have attempted to show his independence by searching for new wells of water, but remembering the worth of the wells dug by his father, he was content to reopen them.

It has not been uncommon for new generations to have to refight battles won by earlier generations. We often profit by redigging wells that time or indifference have stopped. Achievements of progress are never permanent without the

active support of each succeeding generation. If we were to stop educational processes for only a generation or two, we would throw ourselves back into a primitive form of life. Each generation must pass on its accomplishments and knowledge to the new generation, or progress would soon be at a standstill.

We have discovered, in our generation, that the battle for freedom must be refought in every generation if liberty is to be preserved. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," we are told and this generation knows it to be true. Some one has said, "No question is ever settled until it is settled right." We frequently discover that things are not always settled even when we think they have been settled right.

So we find Isaac here profiting by the past and attempting to build on the accomplishments of the past. We should remember, however, that nothing has intrinsic value just because it is old, unless it be antiques. We should remember also that things and ideas are not either good or bad simply because they are from the past. Each generation must evaluate the past and use or discard its accomplishments on the basis of their value to the life of its day.

There are, however, some wells that the church of today might well redig. Family devotions, moral standards, the sanctity of marriage, the sacredness of the sabbath, aggressive opposition to the liquor traffic, and evangelistic zeal are a few.

Character Revealed In Crisis

At no other time are true elements of character so clearly revealed as in times of crisis. We know the patience, the generosity, the peaceableness of Isaac only as we see him pressed by his enemies. He is meek but not weak. He is careful but not cowardly in the presence of possible danger.

It requires courage and character to refuse to fight back when there is another way around the difficulties faced. Often the easiest way to meet problems seems to be to roll up our sleeves and start fighting, and that despite the fact that fighting usually increases our problems instead of solving them. It usually takes less courage to fight than it does to attempt the more peaceful approach. Often it is our pride, rather than courage, which leads us to attempt to solve our problems by force.

Our successes often bring times of testing. God blessed Isaac and made him prosperous. It was the envy, greed and selfishness of his enemies that caused them to attempt to drive him out of the country.

Our successes often test us in our own hearts. Too often we are different people when prosperity or unusual success comes than we were when life was more simple. His prosperity did not spoil Isaac. He appeared to be as humble, as gracious and as worshipful in prosperity as he was before the larger blessings had come.

Isaac was willing to surrender land but he was not willing to surrender character or his relation to God. In spite of what appeared to be unjust losses, Isaac maintained his good will toward others, his good character and a right relationship with God. Having these, some other things did not matter so much.

One Kind of Peace Always Possible

We think a lot about the desirability of peace in the world, and so we should. It may be that this generation will never see the stable peace of the world based on justice and good will which it so much desires. We should remember, however, that it is possible for all of us, as individuals, to have an inner peace, a peace within our hearts, which no outside disturbance can destroy. Jesus talked much more about that character of peace than he did the peace of the world.

It is something of that kind of peace which we see in the life of Isaac when he finally settled at Beersheba, where the Lord appeared to him and promised His continued blessings. Our lesson text tells us that there Isaac "BUILT AN ALTAR . . . PITCHED HIS TENT . . . and . . . DUGGED A WELL." He had there a place to worship, a place to live and something of the comforts and necessities of life and a sense of security.

It is possible to have peace of heart and mind, peace within, regardless of our immediate surroundings or the situation of the world in which we live. Jesus gave us an example of the peace of which we speak when, on the evening before his crucifixion, and only a short time before his arrest in the garden of Gethsemane, he said to His disciples, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." Jesus here, the center of a gathering storm of hatred and murder that was soon to break in all its fury over His head, quietly wills to His disciples the peace. He is enjoying while in the vortex of this storm. There was in His heart a peace that nothing His enemies could do could destroy.

Our Hope for World Peace

We have just said that world peace may not be attainable in our day. This is true, we believe, unless there is a collapse of communism in Russia that is not now in sight. Even if Russia does not start a war of conquest, it is almost certain, so long as it has the power to do so, that Russia will keep the pressure on the free world, in the cold war, hoping for the collapse of capitalism which will make possible their dream of world conquest.

Isaac had room to make repeated retreats until he finally reached a place where he could live in peace. Our situation today is somewhat different than that Isaac faced. The free world can surrender to the tyranny of Russia but it cannot retreat because there is no place to which it can retreat. The world today has no Beershebas to which we can retreat out of the enemy's way. We can but do what we think is right and just in relation to our fellow man and trust the God of Abraham and Isaac to preserve us.

Fighting Against God

Isaac, in his day, was able to live such a life before his enemies that they finally came to feel that they were fighting against God as they pressed him. The king, with his prime minister and the commander-in-chief of his armies, traveled many miles to make peace with Isaac "lest he hurt them." Perhaps America could so conduct itself that our enemies would feel that they are not only fighting against world opinion but also that they are fighting against the divine order of things and hence against God himself.

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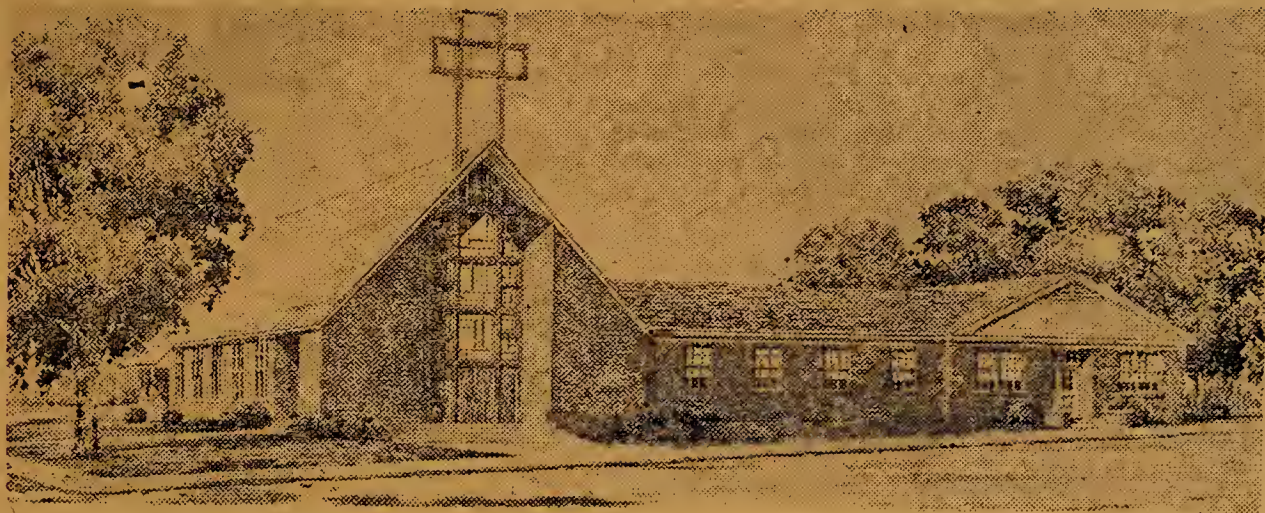
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Springhill Methodists Dedicate Church Plant



Dedication services for The Methodist Church, Springhill, will be held Friday night, May 24, at 8 o'clock. Bishop Paul E. Martin will preach the dedicatory sermon and receive the buildings for dedication. Rev. Frank C. Tucker, Jr., pastor, will conduct the services.

Others having part in the dedication program include Dr. Guy A. Hicks, district superintendent of the Ruston District; Rev. R. W. Vaughan of Ruston; the Rev. W. D. Boddie, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Rayville; and Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, of the First Methodist Church of Monroe.

Sixty years ago in 1897, Dr. Vaughan first came to Springhill, Louisiana and organized the Methodist church. Church members believe that it is an unusual and significant occasion when the first pastor of a church, after so many years, is able to share in a ceremony that marks an important step in the life of the church.

During Rev. Mr. Boddie's pastorate construction was begun, and the education building was completed. Just before he left in 1953, a start was made on the sanctuary.

While Dr. Pomeroy was pastor of the Methodist Church in Minden, Louisiana, he preached the sermon to open the first building fund drive. Later, he was appointed superintendent of the Ruston District, and served in this capacity while both buildings were being erected.

The Rev. Mr. Tucker says, "This dedication service will mark the completion of a great achievement on the part of the Methodists of Springhill. It would have been impossible to have completed the buildings and to have paid for them in a short period of six years, had it not been for the cooperation and devotion of many of the organizations within the church, as well as the assistance of friends and members outside the congregation."

"A number of those who are not members of the congregation have expressed their interest in the worth of this undertaking on the part of the Methodists by contributing money and equipment. This expression of concern is an indication that the community wants to have strong and active churches continually uplifting its spiritual and moral standards."

The buildings being dedicated have been valued at more than \$150,000. Beginning in January of 1949, the two buildings have been constructed and paid for in little more than six years. Robert Charles Smith was chairman of the Official Board during the years of construction. For the last two years, J. T. Wilmoth has served in this capacity. R. A. Smith, chairman, and T. O.

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Editor Honored At Testimonial Dinner

Dr. E. T. Wayland, Editor of the *Arkansas Methodist* since 1941 and Editor of *The Louisiana Methodist* since 1951, was honored with a testimonial dinner Tuesday evening, May 14, at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock. More than 200



Dr. E. T. Wayland

persons representing all sections of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area were present to pay tribute to Dr. Wayland who will retire at the session of the North Arkansas Conference next month. The dinner was sponsored by the Joint Commission of the Arkansas

Methodist and *The Louisiana Methodist*. Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, chairman of the commission, presided at the evening's program. Among those paying tribute to Dr. Wayland were Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Ruston, who spoke of Dr. Wayland and his relations to the Louisiana Conference; Dr. James W. Workman, Beebe, who spoke of Dr. Wayland as a fellow member of the North Arkansas Conference, and Rev. J. M. Hamilton, who spoke of Dr. Wayland as a rival-story teller. Bishop Paul E. Martin concluded the evening program with a tribute

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Mt. Sequoyah Program Announced

An 11-week program of leadership training for the period June 21-September 2 for the Western Methodist Assembly, Fayetteville, has been announced by Rev. Elmer H. Hook, Superintendent of the assembly. The assembly is owned and operated by the South Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church.

Of special interest to Methodists throughout the Jurisdiction will be the formal opening of the Paul E. and Mildred Martin Building, which is scheduled for Thursday, June 13. The new \$110,000 building provides educational training facilities for churches, school workers of several age levels, as well as a chapel seating 120 persons.

The service on June 13 will be held in connection with the meeting of the North Arkansas Conference, which will be in session at near by Rogers.

A large group of visitors from the conference and from various sections of the Jurisdiction are expected to be present for the formal opening exercises.

The regular summer schedule begins with the Jurisdictional Wesleyan Service Guild weekend, June 21-23, followed by the Jurisdictional School of Missions, W.S.C.S., June 24-29.

Other programs during the summer include:

June 30-July 5—S. W. Conference Christian World Mission.

July 8-12—Youth Program.

July 15-26—Leadership Training School.

July 28-August 4 — Evangelistic Program (local).

August 5-9—Jurisdictional Workshop on Evangelism.

August 9-19—M.Y.F. Workshop.

August 20-23—Jurisdictional Missionary Conference.

August 23-25 — Local Church Chairmen—Commission on Missions.

August 26-September 2—Regional Student Workshop.

Louisiana Conf. Convenes Next Week At Centenary

Appointments Will Be Announced Friday, May 31

The 112th annual session of the Louisiana Conference will convene Tuesday, May 28, on the Centenary College Campus, Shreveport, for a four day session. Bishop Paul E. Martin, head of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, will preside at the conference sessions. Other officers of the conference include Rev. J. H. Midyett, Haynesville, secretary, Rev. George Pierce, Jr., Natchitoches, and Rev. W. Ralph Cain, Monroe, assistant secretaries, and Rev. J. E. Hearn, Ruston, Conference Statistician and Treasurer. Dr. Joe J. Mickle, Centenary College President, Rev. Leonard Cooke, vice-president, Centenary College, and Dr. B. C. Taylor, Shreveport District Superintendent, are hosts for the conference.

Bishop Martin and the eight district superintendents of the conference will begin holding cabinet sessions on Friday preceding the conference opening on Tuesday.

Pre-Conference and Opening Session

Pre-conference meetings include that of various boards, committees, and commissions, in the Science Building on the Centenary College Campus at 2 P.M., and annual dinners of the Board of Education and Missions, and the Commission on Higher Education, at 6 P.M. in the College Cafeteria. Conference business sessions will get underway with the roll call and organization at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The announcement of the pastoral appointments will climax the conference sessions on Friday morning at 11:30.

Conference Preacher Named

Dr. Gaston Foote, pastor First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., will be the conference preacher and will deliver sermons on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening and on Wednesday afternoon. Before his appointment to Fort Worth in 1952, Dr. Foote held pastorates in Oklahoma, Amarillo, Texas, Little Rock, Montgomery, Alabama, and Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Foote has traveled extensively in Europe, in the Far East, and in South America. He is also the author of seven books and is a Sunday columnist for a Fort Worth newspaper. He is active in several social, professional, and civic organizations in Fort Worth and is serving at the present as president of the Fort Worth Area Council of Churches.

Memorial Services

Services of Commemoration for those members of the conference, their wives or widows who have died during the past year will be held on Tuesday afternoon, at 3 P.M. The services will be under the direction of Dr. George W. Pomeroy.

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BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN
Presiding



DR. B. C. TAYLOR
Host District Superintendent



REV. LEONARD COOKE
Vice-President, Centenary College

Louisiana Annual Conference Program

SHREVEPORT - MAY 28-31

Business Sessions In Brown Memorial Chapel, Centenary College
Evening Services In First Methodist Church

MONDAY, MAY 27, 1957

2:00 P.M.—Board Meetings—Science Building
5:00 P.M.—Board of Retired Minister's Homes—College Cafeteria
6:00 P.M.—Annual Dinner:
Board of Education—College Cafeteria
Commission on Higher Education—College Cafeteria
Board of Missions—College Cafeteria

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1957

10:00 A.M.—Roll Call and Organization
10:10 A.M.—Welcome to Delegates—Mr. Paul M. Brown and Mayor James Gardner
10:25 A.M.—Report No. 1 of Committee on Conference Relations
10:40 A.M.—Report No. 1 of Board of Ministerial Training
11:30 A.M.—Conference Commission on Higher Education
11:45 A.M.—Report No. 1 of Board of Education—Centenary College
12:20 P.M.—Introductions and Announcements
12:30 P.M.—Adjournment
2:30 P.M.—Nominations from the Cabinet
2:45 P.M.—Report No. 1 of Board of Missions
3:00 P.M.—Service of Commemoration.....Dr. G. W. Pomeroy
Address.....Rev. J. B. Harper
4:00 P.M.—Adjournment
5:30 P.M.—Scarritt-Vanderbilt Dinner—First Methodist Church
5:30 P.M.—Laymen's Fellowship Banquet—Broadmoor Church
7:30 P.M.—Preaching at First Methodist Church.....Dr. Gaston Foote

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1957

8:30 A.M.—Morning Devotional—"Profile In Courage"—Bishop Paul Martin
9:00 A.M.—Report No. 2 of Board of Missions
9:15 A.M.—Report of Conference WSCS President, Mrs. C. N. Cadwallader
9:50 A.M.—Report of the Insurance Committee
10:00 A.M.—Report of Board of Conference Claimants
10:05 A.M.—Report of the Board of Lay Activities.....Mr. Robert P. Lay
10:25 A.M.—Recess
10:40 A.M.—Report No. 2 of Board of Education
11:00 A.M.—Report No. 2 of Board of Ministerial Training
11:15 A.M.—Report of Board of Hospitals and Homes
11:30 A.M.—Report of Camp Brewer Committee
11:40 A.M.—Report of the Conference Trustees
12:00 Noon—Report of the 1000 Club Committee
12:25 P.M.—Announcements
12:30 P.M.—Adjournment
12:40 P.M.—Luncheons—Conference Trustees and Board of Managers of Pastors' School
2:30 P.M.—Board Meetings
3:30 P.M.—Preaching Service in the Chapel.....Dr. Gaston Foote
4:30 P.M.—Methodist Rural Fellowship in Science Building
5:30 P.M.—Seminary Banquets
7:30 P.M.—Preaching Service at First Methodist Church—
Dr. Gaston Foote

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1957

8:30 A.M.—Morning Devotional—"Through Gates of Splendor"—
Bishop Paul Martin
9:00 A.M.—Report of The Board of Evangelism
9:30 A.M.—Report of Board of Temperance
9:45 A.M.—Report of Committee on Conference Relations
10:00 A.M.—Report of Committee on Student Centers and Student Work
10:20 A.M.—Report on District Records
10:25 A.M.—Report of Commission on Minimum Salary
10:30 A.M.—Recess
10:45 A.M.—Report of the Town and Country Commission
11:00 A.M.—Report of Deaconess Board
11:15 A.M.—Report No. 2 of Board of Hospitals and Homes
11:30 A.M.—Report of the Legal Conference
11:40 A.M.—Report of the Commission on World Peace
12:00 Noon—New Legislation
12:00 Noon—Parsonette Luncheon—First Methodist Church
12:30 P.M.—Adjournment
12:45 P.M.—Luncheon for Directors of Christian Education
3-5:00 P.M.—Tea Honoring Mrs. Paul E. Martin—Home of Mrs. Joe J. Mickle
5:30 P.M.—Special Banquets and Dinners
7:00 P.M.—Centenary College Choir—A. C. Voran, Director
7:30 P.M.—Service of Ordination—First Methodist Church

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1957

8:30 A.M.—Morning Devotional—"The Singer Makes The Song"—
Bishop Paul Martin
9:00 A.M.—Report of The Louisiana Methodist and Methodist Information
9:20 A.M.—Report of World Service and Finance Commission
9:40 A.M.—Treasurer's Report
10:00 A.M.—Report of Commission on Church Vocations
10:10 A.M.—Pastors' School Announcement
10:20 A.M.—Report on Retired Ministers' Homes
10:40 A.M.—Report No. 3 of Board of Education
10:50 A.M.—Conference Entertainment Committee Report



DR. JOE J. MICKLE
Centenary College President



DR. GASTON FOOTE
Fort Worth, Texas
Conference Preacher



REV. JOLLY HARPER
Commemoration Speaker

THE LOUISIANA METHODIST

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution shall be made upon a two-thirds majority of the General Conference present and voting and a two-thirds majority of all the members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting, except in the case of the first Restrictive Rule, which shall require a three-fourths majority of all the members of the Annual Conferences present and voting. The vote, after being completed, shall be canvassed by the Council of Bishops, and the amendment voted upon shall become effective upon their announcement of its having received the required majority. (Page 13, 1956 Discipline)

The three proposed constitutional amendments, 9, 10, and 11, are being submitted to the annual conferences of Methodism for vote following adoption by the General Conference of The Methodist Church in session in May 1956. These amendments will be voted upon at the sessions of the Louisiana, Little Rock, and North Arkansas Conferences which meet in the three week period beginning May 28.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Proposed Amendment No. 9 to the Constitution of The Methodist Church Concerning the Transfer of Churches or/ and Annual Conference from one Jurisdiction to another. (Daily Christian Advocate, May 6, 1956, Pages 358-359)

At its fifth quadrennial session held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 25-May 7, 1956, the General Conference of The Methodist Church by more than the constitutional majority of two-thirds (2/3) vote, on Wednesday morning, May 2, 1956, voted to send down to the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church for their consideration and action, the following proposed Amendment to the Constitution of The Methodist Church.

First

Article I of Division Two, Section VIII of the Constitution of The Methodist Church shall be amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph with the heading:—

"Abolition of the Central Jurisdiction"
The Central Jurisdiction shall be abolished when all of the Annual Conferences now comprising it have been transferred to other jurisdictions in accordance with the voluntary procedure of Article V of this section. Each remaining bishop of the Central Jurisdiction shall thereupon be transferred to the jurisdiction to which the majority of the membership of his area have been transferred, and the Central Jurisdiction shall then be dissolved.

Second

The Constitution of The Methodist Church shall be amended by adding a new Article to be known as Article V of Division Two, Section VIII and to read as follows:

1. A local church may be transferred from one Annual Conference to another in which it is geographically located upon approval by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting in each of the following:

- a) The Quarterly Conference of the local church.
- b) A Church Conference of the local church.
- c) Each of the two Annual Conferences involved.

The vote shall be certified by the secretaries of the specified conferences to the bishops having supervision of the Annual Conferences involved, and upon their announcement of the required ma-

jorities the transfer shall immediately be effective.

2. An Annual Conference may be transferred from one jurisdiction to another upon approval by:

- a) The Annual Conference desiring transfer, by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. The secretary of the conference shall certify the vote to the College of Bishops of the jurisdiction of which the conference has been a part.
- b) The remainder of the jurisdiction from which transfer is to be made, by a two-thirds majority of the total Annual Conference members present and voting. The vote shall be taken in the other Annual Conferences of the jurisdiction and certified by their secretaries of the College of Bishops, which shall determine whether two thirds of the total vote in the jurisdiction is favorable.
- c) The jurisdiction to which transfer is to be made, by a two-thirds majority of the total Annual Conference members present and voting. The vote shall be taken in the various Annual Conferences of the jurisdiction and certified by their secretaries to the College of Bishops, which shall determine whether two-thirds of the total vote in the jurisdiction is favorable.

Upon announcement by the two Colleges of Bishops of the required majorities the transfer shall immediately be effective.

3. The vote on approval of transfer under either subparagraph 1 or 2 shall be taken by each Annual Conference at its first session after the matter is submitted to it.

4. Transfers under the provisions of this article shall not be governed or restricted by other provisions of this Constitution relating to changes of boundaries of conferences.

Third

Whenever twenty-five per cent of the local church membership of the Central Jurisdiction have been transferred by this process to another jurisdiction or jurisdictions, the bishop of the area from which the largest number have been transferred shall be transferred to the jurisdiction which has received the largest number of such transfer, and the representation of the Central Jurisdiction on the boards and agencies of the church shall thereafter be proportionately reduced.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Proposed Amendment No. 10 to the Constitution of The Methodist Church Concerning Additional Lay Members in the Annual Conference. (Daily Christian Advocate, May 8, 1956, Page 611)

At its fifth quadrennial session, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 25-May 7, 1956, the General Conference of The Methodist Church by more than the constitutional majority of two-thirds (2/3) vote on Monday morning, May 7, 1956, voted to send down to the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church for their consideration and action, the following proposed Amendment to the Constitution of The Methodist Church.

Amend Section VII, Paragraph 21, Article 1 of the 1952 Discipline of The Methodist Church, which reads as follows:

21. Article 1.—The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the traveling preachers in full connection with it, together with a lay member elected by each pastoral charge. The lay members shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have been for the four years next preceding their election members of one of the constituent churches forming this union, or of The Methodist Church. by inserting after the first sentence, the following sentence: "EACH PASTORAL CHARGE SERVED BY MORE THAN ONE MINISTER IN FULL CONNECTION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO TWO LAY MEMBERS." The Paragraph when amended will read as follows:

21. Article 1.—The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the traveling preachers in full connection with it, together with a lay member elected by each pastoral charge. EACH PASTORAL CHARGE SERVED BY MORE THAN ONE MINISTER IN FULL CONNECTION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO TWO LAY MEMBERS. The lay members shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have been for the four years next preceding their election members of one of the constituent churches forming this union, or of The Methodist Church.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Proposed Amendment No. 11 to the Constitution of The Methodist Church Concerning the number of Members in the General Conference. (Daily Christian Advocate, May 8, 1956, Pages 616 and 617)

At its fifth quadrennial session, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 25-May 7, 1956, the General Conference of The Methodist Church by more than the constitutional majority of two-thirds (2/3) vote on Monday morning, May 7, 1956, voted to send down to the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church for their consideration and action, the following proposed Amendment to the Constitution of The Methodist Church.

Amend Paragraph 5, Article 1 of the 1952 Discipline of The Methodist Church, which reads as follows:

"5. Article 1.—The General Conference shall be composed of not less than 600 nor more than 800 delegates, one half of whom shall be ministers and one half lay members, to be elected by the Annual Conferences."

by substituting the figure 900 in line two for the figure 800, so that the Paragraph when amended will read as follows:

"5. Article 1.—The General Conference shall be composed of not less than 600 nor more than 900 delegates, one half of whom shall be ministers and one half lay members, to be elected by the Annual Conferences."

Should Be Required Reading Annually

WE believe that the average Methodist church does not make enough of the annual commemoration and observance of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience. This historical event which had such an influence on the founder of Methodism is so much a part of Methodist tradition that it is hard to understand why an annual observance of Aldersgate should not be fixed prominently in the Methodist calendar.

We have, it is true, many special days that crowd the church calendar, and perhaps if this observance is left to the discretion of each church the observance is more meaningful. We are also aware that one does not conjure up an Aldersgate experience by simply fixing a date for it in the calendar. But, even so, the approach is so unMethodist-like on this subject which above all is so Methodist.

At least, the observance should specify as required reading for all Methodists the oft-quoted passage from John Wesley's diary of what happened that evening on May 24, 1738, and for your convenience the quotation is as follows:

"In the evening I went, very unwillingly, to a society in Aldersgate street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the 'law of sin and death.'"

"I began to pray with all my might for those who had in a more especial manner despitely used me and persecuted me. I then testified openly to all there what I now first felt in my heart . . ."

Thanks For A Wonderful Occasion

THE senior editor and wife feel that the "Testimonial Dinner," sponsored by the Joint Commission of the Arkansas and The Louisiana Methodist at the First Methodist Church in Little Rock was about the nicest thing that could happen to anyone. Somebody did a tremendous amount of work and planning to make such an evening possible. Not all of our readers had to do directly with the occasion but so many did that personal letters of thanks would be almost impossible. So we take this method of saying to them a sincere, heartfelt thank you. We know that our friends, in this event, went far "beyond the call of duty."

Methodists of Arkansas and Louisiana have been so gracious to us throughout our relationship to our publications that we feel, if it could have been possible, that we should have been sponsoring an appreciation dinner for them rather than receiving further courtesies and expressions of appreciation such as came through this Testimonial Dinner.

Many things combined to make this an occasion that we shall cherish in our memories for all time. The large group of friends present from both Arkansas and Louisiana; the special banquet so well planned; the program of addresses and special music; the large, bound volume of personal testimonials; the lovely silver service from the Commission; the Arkansas Traveler certificate presented by Bishop Martin for Governor Faubus were highlights of one of the most gratifying and delightful experiences that ever came our way.

No minister and wife in any position in the church has had the privilege of serving a more loyal, appreciative people than we have served in connection with our publications. For that high honor and privilege we are devoutly thankful to you and to God.

At the coming Annual Conference, in keeping with the calendar and the law of the church, we shall be turning our responsibilities as co-editor and business manager of our publications to younger and stronger hands. We shall have no uneasiness about the future of the paper under the capable leadership of the editor elect. Neither shall we have any uneasiness about the Methodists of our Area continuing the loyal support and cooperation with the publications which they have been giving both of us while we have been working together.

Again to our friends who gave us such a glorious evening "to have and to hold" we say thanks.

On The Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Guest Editorial By Ben Oliphint, Chairman
Louisiana Conference Board of Social And Economic Relations

LOUISIANA Methodists will have opportunity to voice their opinions at the coming annual conference session this month concerning General Conference action proposing a church in which there is no forced segregation or integration of racial groups.

The action takes the form of a constitutional amendment and must be submitted to the 132 annual conferences for ratification.

The constitution is to be amended by adding a new article to be known as Article V of Division Two, Section VIII. It will be found in the Discipline on page 19.

In trying to decide my own vote on this issue, I have been greatly influenced by two things: the unity with which the action was adopted at General Conference, and the views of some of the leaders of our church whose opinions I respect and trust.

Since the Methodist church reaches to every section of our country, there is naturally reflected in its vast membership the traditions, customs, and historical viewpoints of north, south, east and west.

Since unification Southerners have known that in any vote which follows sectional lines, other sections of the country have a commanding majority.

Any sense of uneasiness along this line was dispelled in this action at Minneapolis. The vote was practically unanimous, not even close enough to require a count.

It seems to me that the action means that the great body of the Methodist church is determined to move forward in unity and brotherhood, with mutual understanding and respect for each other.

Many leaders of the church have spoken to the amendment. Immediately following the General Conference last year Bishop Clare Purcell of Birmingham made this statement to the press:

"The constitutional amendment adopted by the General Conference and to be handed down to the Annual Conference represents the desire of the entire Church to respect the opinions of all sections of our country. The amendment makes it mandatory that the consent of all concerned must be secured before changes in Jurisdictional and Annual Conference boundaries can be effected. The amendment was all but unanimously adopted by the delegates from the South as well as those from all over the world. It is my opinion that this action strengthens the unity achieved in the 1939 union of three major Methodist bodies."

In a letter dated April 22, 1957, he adds, "I most certainly did give hearty approval to the action of the General Conference in handing down to the Annual Conference the proposed amendments. It seems to me that the South can go along with these amendments safely. So long as EACH Annual Conference has the right to approve or reject by a two-thirds vote, I can see no objection to the plan by which a church may be transferred from the Central Jurisdiction to another Jurisdiction."

Bishop William T. Watkins of Louisville, Kentucky, wrote these words concerning the amendments of May 6, 1957:

"I may say that it is my judgment that these amendments will pass the three conferences of my area and in two of them I doubt that they will even provoke debate."

How does the Negro leadership of our church feel about the action? The remarks of Bishop J. W. E. Bowen of the Atlanta area of the Central Jurisdiction made last November in Louisville, speak to the issue:

"As long as there are going to be Negro preachers, there are going to be Negro congregations, and there seems to be no sign of the dwindling of the number of Negro men called to preach—and I might say women, too. We are going to have Negro congregations. As proof of it, just an infinitesimal proportion of Negro church people belong to churches where there are also white people, most of them belong strictly to Negro churches. There is absolutely no basis for any fear or any thought that the Negroes are just waiting for the opportunity to rush into white churches. They have had that privilege through the generations in certain sections of the north, and they can hardly be persuaded to go in."

In view of all this, it seems to me that this amendment to the church's constitution, if passed by the annual conferences, will do much to stop the criticism which is directed at the church because "it's the last to go along on equal rights." At the same time, it should make the problem easier
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Centenary To Award 145 Degrees

Smith Award and Publication Heads Named

Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Science at Centenary College this year total 113, as compared with 26 candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree and six candidates for the Bachelor of Music degree.

The total of 145 includes both those who will complete degree requirements in May and those whose requirements will not be fulfilled until after summer school is concluded in August. Dean Leroy Vogel said both groups will participate in commencement exercises on May 26th since Centenary holds only one commencement each year.

Smith Award Announced

Betty Lou Bentley of Abbeville was awarded the R. E. Smith Award as the student who has done most to promote campus religious life during her years at the college.

Miss Bentley is the daughter of the Rev. R. M. Bentley, pastor of the Methodist Church at Abbeville, and Mrs. Bentley. The award was presented by R. E. Smith of Shreveport, dean emeritus of Centenary, and consists of a cash prize of \$25.

Miss Bentley, who has been an active member of the Methodist Student Movement throughout her four years at the college, was awarded a \$1,000 John Q. Schisler Graduate Award to work for her master's degree in religious education at the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, in Dallas, Texas.

The R. E. Smith and other awards were presented at the annual Senior Honors Day program in the Brown Memorial Chapel on last Thursday. Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, delivered his annual message to the senior class on this occasion.

Publication Heads

Virgil Dixon Morris Jr., a New Orleans student who is a junior at Centenary, was named to serve as editor-in-chief of The Conglomerate, student newspaper, for the second successive year.

Young Morris, an outstanding student at Centenary, is the son of Dr. Virgil Dixon Morris Sr., district superintendent of the New Orleans District, Methodist Church. A married student, his wife is the former Miss Frankie Stephens of Logansport, who will receive her degree with honors this year.

Two Shreveporters have been appointed to serve as co-editors of The Yoncopin, student yearbook at Centenary College, for the 1957-58 school year.

Francis Kelker and Miss Peggy Longino, both of Shreveport, will co-edit the book.

Kelker and Miss Longino won the awards for outstanding work on this year's yearbook at the General Honors Chapel held two weeks ago on the local campus.

Others appointed to positions on the student newspaper staff are the following: news editor, Peggy Todd, Shreveport; associate editor, Penelope Hawkins, Shreveport; so-

Asbury, Lafayette, Observes Second Anniversary

Methodists of the Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, celebrated their second anniversary on last Sunday, May 19.

Leaders of the Asbury Church pointed out that in two years the congregation which began with 47 charter members has now grown to a membership of 285. Physical improvements made during this period include a fellowship building, a temporary educational building, and a parsonage. Services for the congregation were held for the first few months in a nearby Drive-In Theater. Worship services are now conducted in the fellowship building.

The anniversary services last Sunday featured special music composed by Dr. R. E. Chandler, Asbury Music Director, and the lighting of a special anniversary candle. Following the service a congregational dinner was held at the church.

White's Chapel, Gold Dust, Holds Memorial Services

Memorial Services were held at White's Chapel Church at Gold Dust, Louisiana, on May 8, at 10:30 A.M. There were about 350 people from other states and all parts of Louisiana who attended.

The guest speaker was Rev. A. W. Townsend, District Superintendent of the Alexandria District.

Music and singing was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hickman of Port Arthur, Texas, Mrs. Lelia Hickman, pastor of the White's Chapel charge, and mother of Mr. Hickman, assisted in the singing.

Mrs. Frank Hickman gave several selections in a music duet, she at the steel guitar and Mrs. Ruth Stagg of Alexandria, at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Edwards of the Villeplatte Church brought songs and music also. Mr. Edwards presented a solo with Mrs. Edwards at the piano.

Mrs. W. L. Campbell of White's Chapel Church composed and gave a poem in memory of the late Rev. H. D. Fisher, the beloved, deceased pastor who started this Memorial Day observance.

LOUISIANA CONF. CONVENES NEXT WEEK AT CENTENARY

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pastor of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, and the commemoration speaker will be Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Ruston.

Morning Devotions

Of especially interest will be three morning devotionals at 8:30 conducted by Bishop Martin.

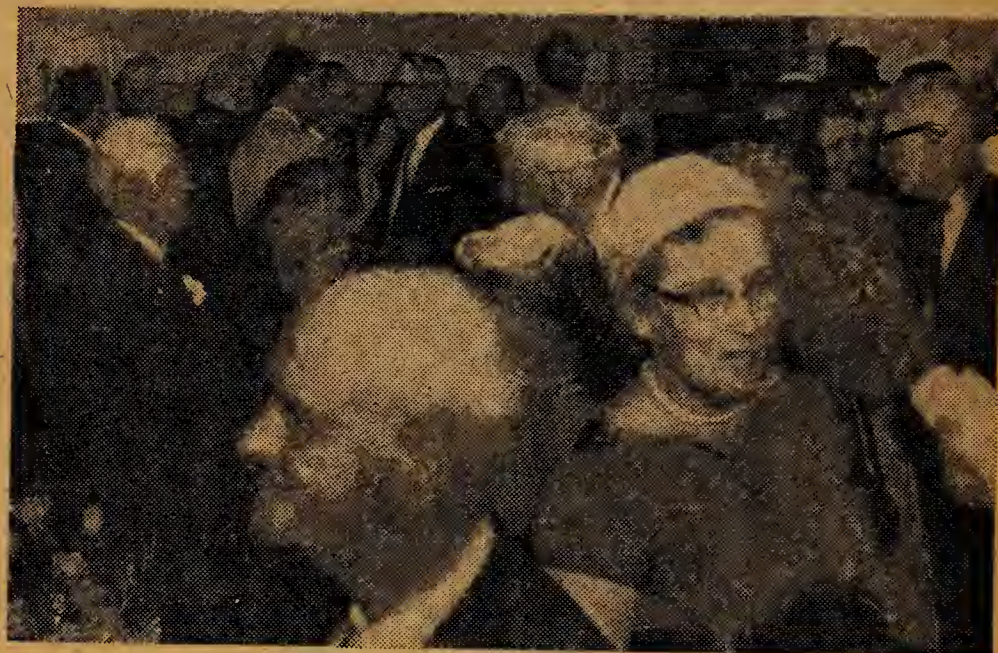
Other special dinners and luncheons include the Centenary banquet on Wednesday evening, the Annual Parsonette luncheon, on Thursday noon, and the Layman's Fellowship

ciety editor, Paula Lynn Martin, Shreveport; feature editor, Nora Bess Stafford, Shreveport; amusements editor, Martha Turner, Shreveport; and business manager, Gagnelle Morgan, New Orleans.

Editor Honored At Testimonial Dinner



L to R, Bishop Paul E. Martin, Rev. Jolly Harper, Ruston, Dr. E. T. Wayland, Little Rock, Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Arkadelphia, and Dr. J. W. Workman, Beebe, are shown examining volume of testimonial letters presented Dr. Wayland on eve of his retirement.



Part of crowd of more than 200 who greeted Dr. and Mrs. Wayland following testimonial dinner, Tuesday evening, May 14, at First Methodist Church, Little Rock.

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to Dr. Wayland as a Christian statesman.

Special music for the program were two solos by Mrs. William Rice, accompanied by Mrs. Martin Hamilton, of North Little Rock.

Gifts presented to Dr. and Mrs. Wayland included a bound volume

of more than 200 letters from friends, and a silver service presented by Dr. Arthur Terry, Little Rock, in behalf of the Joint Commission.

Bishop Martin also presented an Arkansas Traveler certificate in behalf of Governor Orvil Faubus of Arkansas, who was unable to attend.

banquet and the Scarritt-Vanderbilt dinner on Tuesday evening. A Tea honoring Mrs. Paul E. Martin is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, 3 to 5 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Joe J. Mickle.

Ordination Service Friday

The service of ordination will be

held on Thursday evening, and will be under the direction of Bishop Martin. All business sessions will be held in the Brown Memorial Chapel on the Centenary College Campus. The evening service will be held in the First Methodist Church in Shreveport.

ON THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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for those who do not favor integration. Time and place of integration is left to the local situations and is forced on no one.

It may be reasonably simple for churches in some sections of the county to integrate, if they desire. It will likely be many years before such action is desirable in other sections, maybe never. Perhaps the action is the nearest thing to a "status quo" and a courageous stand as any one action could possibly be.

I believe regardless of how you feel about segregation that this action is one which is Christian and practical—one you can support without selling any conviction short. It provides as wisely as is possible for the hope and expectation of most Methodists for a procedure whereby these matters can be dealt with in peace and harmony.

DEFERRING DECISIONS

Deferring decisions is demoralizing and dangerous business. Good intentions cannot be held long in suspense. Who can compute how much folly and failure and sin have resulted from vacillation? The man who is unable to make up his mind is a torment to himself and an object of reproach to others who frequently suffer from his hesitation and fickleness.



The power of decision is the moral backbone of character. When a person of decisive mind appears in our midst, he disposes men to follow him as floating objects are drawn into the wake of a speeding vessel.

We have seen, for instance, a crowd collected at the scene of an accident. They stand, staring helplessly, chattering confusedly, unable to help the situation. Then suddenly a man of calm demeanor forces his way through the press, sizes up the situation at a glance, decides in a moment what can or should be done and directly proceeds to do it. How the others acknowledge and yield to the master spirit!

It is men of decision who, when a ship is foundering, calm the passengers and prevent disorders. It is men of this stamp who bring order into a demoralized community and rally the forces of reconstruction.

During the Battle of the Bulge, a demand for surrender was delivered to a young American general—General McAuliffe—who expressed his decision succinctly. "Nuts," he replied. Marshal Foch, fighting against overwhelming odds said, "We shall attack."

It was said of William Pitt that he formed his plans with such promptitude and executed them with such vigor that no man ever spent five minutes with him in conference without leaving a braver man than when he entered.

Yes, strength of character is developed by clinching our convictions with decisive action. And our moral foundations are undermined by deferring decisions.

How pointedly Jesus put this truth at the conclusion of those sayings which we call the Sermon on the Mount. He said: "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

"And every one that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

To hear the call of duty and do nothing about it, to face a challenging opportunity and then turn away, to be haunted by high aspirations of the Holy Spirit and then keep to our low ways of living, to have the Christ knock at the door of one's heart and then turn Him away—such actions serve to undermine the foundations of character.

Oh, you say, hasty decisions also play havoc. The wise man takes time to think a matter over before he decides. True. But you cannot stand absolutely still while you decide.

You have to take a next step in some direction. And seldom is a situation so dark or complex that a normal person cannot see at least one step of duty ahead. We are not centipedes, we are bipeds. And each of us can know how to put the better foot forward.

Thomas Carlyle uttered a profound truth when he said that if you do the duty next to you and then the duty next to that, it is amazing how the light begins to break on the ultimate duty.

Two parents have been in my study. Their daughter wants to marry a man of whom they disapprove. How the situation is to be ultimately settled is not yet clear. But the immediate next steps seems pretty plain to me. They must keep the confidence of their daughter.

It is my privilege to speak each year on many college campuses. There I meet students who are uncertain about the choice of their careers. I have great sympathy for them because I came to my graduation still at sea about my lifework.

But while a student may not know what he desires to be doing ten years from now, he certainly should know what kind of a person he wants to be a decade hence. We should not defer our decisions about our characters until we can decide on our careers.

The Layman's Column

By
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North Arkansas Conference



THE SEAL OF PROOF

For ages a seal of one sort or another has been proof both of authority and of genuine intent. It was Caesar's seal that some of the Jews asked to have set upon Jesus' tomb, hoping that it would keep Him there. For centuries the means of showing authority to any document has been to "seal" it with hard wax, then to press the signet ring of the signer into the melted wax, thus identifying the person who had set his authority upon it. For those in authority who could not write, this was their "signature." The years have brought the same custom to us today, and many documents are not admitted in court as legal and binding until the persons who signed them have attested their intent before a Notary Public. The Notary then sets his official seal on the documents, thus actually speaking for the contacting parties that they were in earnest when they signed the papers.

The Apostle Paul must have had a lot of discouragements. His followers were always falling away from his Christian teachings, or coming down with a bad case of "don't cares" right when he needed their support the most. There were times when he was almost desperate for spiritual help that never came. The church at Corinth was no exception. After all, it was no small job for Christians to live out the principles of Christ in one of the worldliest cities of that day. They were so careless toward their responsibilities that Paul sometimes had a feeling of helplessness as he considered the future of the Church in what we now call the European continent. Implying them to change their ways and to follow Christ more closely, the apostle writes, "... you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord." We can understand what he meant by these words. Actions of the Corinthian Christians were putting a seal of authority on his teaching, whether they were good or bad.

Maybe we forget too often that a pastor is measured by his congregation, just as the congregation is measured by its pastor. You and I as laymen are the actual "seal" of the success or failure of a pastor's ministry among us. Want to

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

THAT THEY MAY NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN

How do we honor the dead, the heroes of the wars of yesterday, the youths whom we sent to do battle for causes we pictured glowingly to them?

We do not honor them by markers, and flowers, and monuments, large or small, that note where we placed their earthly remains. Not while their spirits know that for which they gave their "last full measure of devotion" has not been achieved—or has since been frittered away. We do not honor them by bands, and bunting, and parades, and eulogies—unless these stir us to action to preserve (or to secure) the things we said their lives would give us who sent them forth.

The fact is that the honoring of those who died on the fields of battle begins on the day after Memorial Day. It is measured by our actions on behalf of the causes to which we give a lip-service on May 30. Every day of the year should be an active Day of Remembrance through service to the causes and principles for which others gave so much. To that true honoring we must dedicate ourselves, our time, our wealth, our effort, our ceaseless vigilance. We can honor our heroes only as we make certain that their younger brothers and their children do not have to fight and die, war after war—and no end in sight, that these same causes and principles be pursued afresh.

The War of the Revolution was fought that principles of political freedom (and with it principles of freedom of religion, of the press, of

have a great pastor at your church? Then take the one whom you have and overwhelm him with Christian kindness and loyal support. Commit a definite and proportionate part of your income to the program of the Kingdom instead of just "chipping in." Mention someone else in your prayers every day. Say a kind word for Christ's servant who is your appointed minister. Then ask God to help you to make your life a "seal of approval" of Christ in your community.

speech) might become established among a young and daring segment of the human race: a demonstration of true freedom to all mankind. We can honor the sacrifices and deeds of the founding fathers only as we maintain that freedom in its purest form, and as we demonstrate its superior character to all the world.

We may look from different angles at the War Between the States and its immediate causes. But we will doubtless agree that its more remote roots lay deep in the question of the slavery of a great mass of black men and women. All sections of the land were becoming conscious of the evils in the slavery—or other restrictions upon freedom—of any people because of race, color, religion, or other opinion. The tragedy was that so many boys had to die before the obvious lesson could be learned, and the ultimate goal reached.

Historians may long disagree with the "cause behind the cause" of the Spanish-American War. But what we told the boys who fought and died there was again that they were doing battle on behalf of an oppressed people (in Cuba), and indirectly on behalf of the oppressed the world over.

The World Wars, we told idealistically-minded boys, were wars to end all further wars, to defend the rights of all human beings, to make the world safe for democracy, their mothers, sweethearts, and younger brothers. Not only life, but religious devotion, idealism, and love of humanity were all thrown upon the altar.

One may well ask if we are honoring these dead today as we make ready the instruments of greater war? as statesmen and the military (of all nations) boast, and threaten, and spread fear? as we line up nation with or against nation in power politics? when in the name of "security" we check the very essence of security—freedom of expression and thought? when we dangle fears above the heads of our own people and against the laws of our own country, and cause the world to look askance at our promises, our motives, our real goals? when budgets for war grow, armies increase, and our best scientists and newest technologies are turned to war's ends?

Indeed, in America and the world over, we need to make the Dove of Peace—and all the cost and effort that make for peace—the symbol, and goal, and everyday quest of our personal and group activity, and not just a pleasant image of our oratory or our convenience. Only as we work incessantly to end war, to achieve peace, do we honor the memory of our fathers and heroes.

Over 15 Million Scriptures Distributed By American Bible Society Last Year

New York (RNS)—A total of 15,170,058 Scriptures were distributed last year in 193 languages in more than 60 countries by the American Bible Society, it was reported at its 141st annual meeting here.

Of the total, 1,007,560 were complete Bibles, 1,681,115 New Testaments and 12,481,383 Gospels and other portions.

The report disclosed that distribution of Scriptures to the blind reached an all-time high in 1956, with 64,832 Braille volumes and "talking book" records circulated in

this country and abroad.

Circulation of Scriptures in Latin America exceeded all past years by rising to 3,959,888 volumes. This was an increase of 419,118 volumes over 1955.

The society aided the Bible Society of Brazil to publish 75,000 copies of its first complete Bible. It also helped other societies publish Bibles in Japan, Korea, India, Indonesia, Belgium and Germany.

In the U.S. the society used 959 tons of paper at a cost of \$1,579,377 to produce 719,671 Bibles, 992,941 Testaments and 11,989,762 portions of the Scriptures.

Foreign countries where the society published Scriptures included Mexico, the Philippines, Thailand, Lebanon, Turkey and Hong Kong.

At the end of 1956, the whole Bible had been published in 210 languages or dialects, the complete Testament in 271 more, and single books in 628 others. This made a total of 1,109 languages into which the Scriptures have been published.

Soviet Magazine Publishes First Article On Religion

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — An article on "freedom of religion" in Russia appears in the May issue of USSR, monthly picture magazine distributed by the Soviet Embassy here.

It is the first article on religion to be printed in the magazine. Now in its eighth issue, USSR is published by the Soviet government under a diplomatic agreement which permits the United States to distribute an illustrated magazine, AMERYKA, in Moscow and other Russian cities.

The article repeats the usual Communist statements about religious freedom in the Soviet Union. These include:

"Religion in the Soviet Union is the personal affair of the individual.

"The law guarantees the right of each citizen to profess any faith, and provides for the punishment of any type of religious intolerance.

"There is complete separation of the church from the state and of the school from the church.

"The state cannot intervene in the internal affairs of the church, nor can the church interfere in the activities of the state.

"Believers of any faith who wish to observe religious rites together may unite into congregations. Central and local authorities grant these congregations the free use of buildings for their services, assign premises for academies, seminaries, and other schools which train clergymen. Congregations may also build new houses of worship."

The article declares that the Orthodox Church continues to have the largest number of adherents, with the Moslems the second largest religious group in the Soviet Union.

Other groups listed as having congregations in the USSR are the Baptist Church, Old Believers, Jews, Armenian (Gregorian) Church, Orthodox Church of Georgia, Roman Catholic Church, Buddhists, Lutheran Church, and "smaller bodies" such as the Seventh-day Adventists and Methodists.

April Church Construction Sets Record

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Church construction set an April record of \$64,000,000 the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported here. This was an increase of \$11,000,000 over the record for the same month last year.

In the first four months of 1957 church construction ran 18 per cent ahead of the same period last year

when an all-time high was established. The four-month total was \$259,000,000.

Construction by non-public schools and colleges declined slightly during April. The total was \$39,000,000 as against \$40,000,000 in March. In the first four months of the year, this type of construction totaled \$163,000,000 compared with \$160,000,000 in the same period of 1956.

American Church In Paris Marking 100th Anniversary

Paris (RNS) — The American Church in Paris, first American chapel founded on foreign soil, marks its 100th anniversary this year.

The church is the oldest non-governmental American institution in Europe. Its congregation was formed to serve the American colony in the French capital.

The present English Gothic structure, erected over the foundation of a tobacco warehouse on the Quai D'Rosay, was completed in 1931 at a cost of \$1,000,000. It replaced the first chapel on the Rue de Berri, off the Champs Elysees. The building was called a chapel until 1883 when a French law prohibiting use of the word "church" for a Protestant house of worship was repealed.

Dr. Clayton E. Williams is pastor of the American Church. In an exchange of pulpits this summer, he is scheduled to preach at First Methodist church in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, on June 30, July 21 and 28. Dr. Howard E. Mumma, pastor of First Methodist, will preach at the Paris church for five successive Sundays, beginning June 23.

Separate United Churches Planned For India-Pakistan

Allahabad, India (RNS) — Plans for the merger of Anglican and Protestant Churches in Northern India and Pakistan now provide for separate United Churches in the two countries rather than one for both of them.

The decision was made by a negotiating committee here which said the revised plan will be discussed and voted upon by the seven Churches involved. The committee said discussions are expected to continue until 1960, and the two United Churches might be inaugurated in 1961.

The bodies contemplating union are the United Church of Northern India; the Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon (Anglican); the Methodist Church in Southern Asia; the British and Australian Methodist Missionary Societies; the Baptist Church in Northern India; the Church of the Brethren; and the Disciples of Christ.

The Church of the Brethren and the Disciples are recent participants in the union discussions, the original scheme having embraced only five bodies. Although Baptists in Northern India are in the plan, the Baptists in East Pakistan are keeping out of it for the time being.

The negotiating committee said that the two projected United Churches will be in full communion from the start. They will be formed, on the same basis, it stated, and provision will be made for liaison committees and joint conferences "so that the closest connection may be

maintained."

Dr. T. Donald Sully of Allahabad, an Anglican clergyman, was named secretary of the negotiating committee. He had previously served as joint secretary with Dr. Augustine Ralla Rama, also of Allahabad, who died March 15.

Marks 150 Years of Protestant Work In China

New York (RNS)—More than 1,000 missionaries, Chinese Christians and others interested in the Far East attended a service of thanksgiving at Riverside church here for 150 years of Protestant work in China.

The service commemorated the arrival in China in 1807 of the first pioneering Protestant missionary—the Rev. Robert Morrison of the London Missionary Society. He is credited with making the first converts to Christianity in the Manchu Empire.

Dr. Morrison also translated the Bible from English into Chinese characters, so that new and prospective Chinese Christians could read the Gospel in their own tongue.

The service was sponsored by the China Christian Fellowship of New York and 15 denominational mission boards.

Among the speakers were Dr. T. Z. Koo of Wilmington, Del., professor emeritus of oriental studies at Iowa State University; the Rev. Tracey K. Jones, Jr. of New York, administrative secretary for China and South East Asia of the Division of World Missions of The Methodist Church; and Dr. Wallace Merwin, executive secretary of the National Council of Churches Far Eastern Joint Office.

Dr. Frank W. Price, director of the Missionary Research Library of the National Council's Division of Foreign Missions, delivered the call to worship. Dr. Herbert Welch (ret.), former Methodist Bishop for China, Korea, and Japan, said a special prayer. The benediction, in

Supreme Court Rejects Appeal Against Sunday Closing Ordinance

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—The Supreme Court turned down a challenge to the constitutionality of a Sunday closing ordinance enacted by the city council of Little Rock, Ark.

It unanimously rejected, without a written opinion, an appeal by H. V. Hickinbotham, a grocer, who was charged with contempt of court when he violated a judicial injunction by remaining open on Sunday.

Earlier in its present term, the court upheld the constitutionality of the Arkansas state Sunday closing law by refusing to review the conviction of a Pine Bluff, Ark., grocer who charged that it was discriminatory and unconstitutional.

Mr. Hickinbotham sought to argue that it was unconstitutional to enforce such a Sunday closing law by means of an injunction, in that this denied him trial by jury and other rights.

When he refused to obey the municipal ordinance enacted last July, a group of 20 grocers, claiming that his Sunday competition hurt their trade, sought an injunction. Chancery Judge Guy E. Williams issued the injunction and when Mr. Hickinbotham violated it fined him \$50 and sentenced him to ten days in jail.

The Arkansas Supreme Court upheld the sentence and the U. S. Supreme Court has now refused to review the case.

Reunion of Christendom Called Unrealistic

London (RNS) — Dr. Gerald Alexander Ellison, Anglican Bishop of Chester, told a meeting in Macclesfield it is "unrealistic" to talk of a reunion of Christendom without taking the Roman Catholic Church into account.

"And it is equally unrealistic," he said, "to think that reunion with the Church of Rome is possible in her present mood in which her condition is total submission to the Pope and total renunciation and detestation of all that has been previously known of Christ's Church."

Dr. Ellison added that these conditions are "unacceptable to any loyal Anglican."

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

DR. B. C. TAYLOR, superintendent of the Shreveport district, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Louisiana Tech on Sunday night, June 2.

THE COMMISSION ON MINIMUM SALARIES will meet Monday, May 27, at 6 p.m., in the cafeteria of Centenary College according to Rev. Jimmie J. Caraway, secretary.

REV. SIDNEY A. SEEGER, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Gueydan, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the high school in Haynesville, Sunday evening, May 12. He is a former graduate of the school.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Men's Club of the Elysian Fields Methodist Church, New Orleans, are as follows: president, Gordon Elliott; vice-president, Bob West; secretary, Ray Triplett; and treasurer, Rufus Webb. Rev. Glen Messer is pastor of the church.

REV. JAMES C. WHITAKER, pastor of the First Methodist Church of DeRidder, will be dean of the junior Methodist camp to be held at Camp Brewer July 1-6. With Mrs. Whitaker he attended a leaders' training meeting at the camp recently and conducted the camp leaders on a practice nature trail.

MRS. VIRGIL D. MORRIS, New Orleans, wife of the New Orleans District Superintendent, has been named an alumni representative on the Board of Trustees of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Morris, who will serve a four-year term, attended the Board's Annual Meeting in March.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College, was guest speaker at the morning worship service of the First Methodist Church, Karnack, Texas, Sunday, May 12. Dr. Mickle, who recently accompanied the Centenary College choir on its second tour of the Far East, spoke about religion in that part of the world. Rev. Billy Bonner is pastor of the church.

REV. HENRY BLOUNT, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, was the featured speaker for the annual Memorial Day services at Harmony Chapel Methodist Church, Saturday, May 11. An old-fashioned "dinner on the grounds" was served at noon to approximately 200 persons. Rev. T. T. Lowe is pastor of the church.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN will preach and dedicate the sanctuary of the Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, at the morning service, Sunday, May 26. Rev. A. W. Townsend, superintendent of the Alexandria District, under whose ministry the sanctuary was built, will preach at the evening service. Rev. Ira W. Flowers is pastor of the church.

THE VANDERBILT-SCARRITT Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 28, at 5:30 p.m., at First Methodist Church in Shreveport. Reservations must be in to Elizabeth Thompson, P. O. Box 4156, Shreveport, by Friday afternoon, May 24. A program has been arranged and all former students, members of Boards of Trustees, and interested friends of Scarritt and Vanderbilt are welcome. Cost will be \$2.00 per person.

THE FRANKLIN High School Department of Music, under the direction of C. A. Gaillouet, presented an eighty-voiced choral group in a concert at the Franklin Methodist Church, Sunday evening, May 12. Preceding the concert there was a brief organ recital by the church organist, Mrs. Sidney Longman. The concert was dedicated to all mothers. Rev. Albert S. Hurley is pastor of the church.

DR. WINNIFRED SEEGER, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Seegers, who has been doing Research work in Geriatrics under the direction of the New York Medical College, has been invited to present two papers at the International Congress of Gerontology to be held in Italy in July. She will also attend another meeting in

Venice, Italy, and will spend several weeks visiting points of interest in Europe. Dr. Seegers did her undergraduate work at Millsaps College and received her M.D. from Tulane University.

ROBERT DON GERMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John German of Many, was the guest preacher at the evening service of the First Methodist Church, Many, Sunday, May 5. Mr. German has recently been licensed to preach by the Methodist Church. Up until his recent resignation because of being transferred by the armed forces to France, to which assignment he is now enroute, he served as Sunday School Superintendent of Christ Methodist Church, Albuquerque, N. M. Rev. John B. Koelemay is pastor of the Many church.

MISS BETTY LOU BENTLEY, a senior at Centenary College, has been awarded one of the recently established \$1,000 John Q. Schisler Graduate Awards to work for her master's degree in religious education. Miss Bentley is the daughter of the Rev. R. M. Bentley, pastor of the Abbeville Methodist Church, and Mrs. Bentley. The fellowship fund was established only a few months ago in honor of Dr. John Q. Schisler, a native of Bono, Arkansas. Miss Bentley, who will receive her bachelor's degree on May 26, plans to enter the Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas, in September.

THE TROUT METHODIST CHURCH celebrated its Golden Anniversary on April 28. The church was dedicated on April 28, 1907, at the time Rev. Luther Roberts was pastor. Rev. W. F. McMurry, D.D. of Louisville, Kentucky, preached the dedicatory sermon. Rev. J. B. Shearer, pastor of the Jackson Methodist Church, preached the Anniversary sermon. Special music for the occasion was "Precious Memories" and "Bless This House." Approximately one hundred and fifty were present and enjoyed the service and dinner served at the church. Rev. Harry W. Cannon, Jr., is pastor of the church.

GRADUATES AND FORMER STUDENTS of the Mansfield Female College, which in 1929 was merged with Centenary College in Shreveport, held a reunion on Caney Lake, May 4-5. Chairman for the event was Mrs. Daisy Bergeron of West Monroe. Established by the Methodist Conference of Louisiana in 1952, the college was incorporated on March 9, 1855. At the time of its opening, it was the first college for women west of the Mississippi. During the war between the states, the buildings of the college were used as barracks and hospital facilities for the Confederate forces.

DR. WILLIAM E. TRICE, pastor of the University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, will exchange pulpits with Rev. Max W. Woodward, Harrow-on-the-Hill, England, for a month this summer. Dr. Trice, his wife, and two daughters will leave Baton Rouge, May 31, for New York to embark for England. Rev. Woodward, his wife and son, will leave June 3 for the United States. Each year the World Methodist Council arranges for the exchange of six United States and six English pastors. Dr. Trice is the first Louisiana minister to be chosen by the program. Both ministers complete their exchange pastorates on July 19.

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, was the principal speaker at the annual May Fellowship Day luncheon meeting at the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, on May 3. The topic of discussion for the meeting, sponsored by the United Church Women of Shreveport-Bossier City, was "Free Schools in a Free America." The event is celebrated throughout the nation under national sponsorship of the general department of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A. Dr. Ellis was introduced by Dr. John J. Rasmussen, pastor of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport. Chairman of the observance was Mrs. D. H. Stephenson. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., is pastor of First Church in Shreveport.

METHODISTS SPEAK

Where does The Methodist Church really stand on the beverage alcohol problem, corruption in politics, the narcotic drug traffic, gambling, and use of tobacco?

A newly released booklet, **METHODISTS SPEAK**, answers this question with quotations directly from "Doctrines and Discipline of The Methodist Church."

METHODISTS SPEAK point out that the Church stands "for the Christian principle of total abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages of any kind."

The Church has spoken out about corruption in politics, saying "Our citizens should demand the most rigid integrity upon the part of public servants and should support this demand by full participation in public affairs."

Methodists have officially gone on record with the belief that "Christian compassion demands a continuing and intelligent concern" about the narcotic drug traffic.

METHODISTS SPEAK is available from TEM Press, 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C., for \$8.00 per 100 copies. Single copies may be purchased for 10 cents each.

RALPH SOCKMAN HONORED ON 40th ANNIVERSARY

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman was honored at a testimonial dinner in New York, May 6, for his 40 years of service as pastor of Christ Church and for his contribution to the spiritual and cultural life of New York City. Dr. Sockman, the only Methodist minister to serve the same parish 40 years, announced at the dinner three gifts to Christ Church totalling \$750,000. The three donors who gave equal shares of the amount were Hugh B. Baker, senior partner in the investment brokerage firm of Baker, Weeks and Co.; Ellis L. Phillips, chairman of the Phillips Foundation; and Alfred P. Sloane Jr., former chairman of the board of the General Motors Company.

MRS. JAY F. DAWSON SUCCUMBS

Mrs. Jay F. Dawson, mother of Bishop Dana Dawson, died May 16, in Denver, Colorado.

Bishop Dawson is head of the Kansas Episcopal Area of the Methodist Church, and former pastor of First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas, and First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.

THE INDEPENDENCE METHODIST CHURCH

held open house on Sunday afternoon, May 9. The congregation recently moved from the Hammond City Hall into the new church building. The date also marked the second anniversary of the church, and was the beginning of a series of services with visiting pastors and special music each night. Those preaching were: Sunday, Rev. George Harkins, pastor of the Clinton Methodist Church; Monday, Rev. Edward Thomas, pastor of the Hammond Methodist Church; Tuesday, Rev. Fred Schwendimann, pastor of the Denham Springs Methodist Church; Wednesday, Rev. R. Carter, pastor of the Covington Methodist Church; Thursday, Rev. James Christie, pastor of the Amite Methodist Church; and Friday, Rev. Angus Carruth, pastor of the Tangipahoa Methodist Church. Rev. Paul Carroll is pastor of the church.

THE W.S.C.S. and the Official Board of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, sponsored a banquet for Juniors and Seniors of the Bogalusa High School who are members of the church, with several special guests, Monday evening, May 6. The affair is held annually in the Education Building of the Methodist church in honor of the senior graduates. A short talk on "After Spring, what then?" was given by Mrs. W. M. Givens, secretary of youth work for the W.S.C.S. Presentations of Bibles to the graduates, as gifts from the W.S.C.S. was in charge of Mrs. J. L. Kellum. Rev. W. H. Giles, pastor, pronounced the Benediction. A highlight of the evening was a display of baby pictures of the graduates, and a general election to select the "Most Glamorous" baby. Winner of the prize was Richard Smith. Committee members in charge of the banquet were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Givens, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rigsby and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Simmons.

Lake Charles First Church Group Visits Missions

The Commission on Missions of the First Methodist Church of Lake Charles sponsored a Motorcade to Missions in Southern Louisiana on May 11. This was an outcome of the study on MISSIONS U.S.A. which has been used as a Church-wide mission study.

A chartered bus took 31 members, including six MYF members, on the trip. The first stop was at the Sager-Brown Home and Godman School at Baldwin. After seeing the buildings and grounds the group assembled in the dining room where refreshments were served by the staff and children of the school. A short but very interesting program was given.

The next stop was at the Mac-Donell Methodist Center at Houma. Here the staff and children gave the party a most hearty welcome, and they accepted the invitation of our group to share a picnic lunch with us. After this fellowship, a tour of the grounds and building was conducted.

The third visit was to the Dulac Indian Mission. As the bus was taking the group to Dulac, all observed the little humble homes along the bayou, the shrimp boats and the people who live and work there. "How grateful we were that our church is aware of their needs and is endeavoring to meet them. Members of the staff and a large group of the little Indian children were on hand to greet us. We enjoyed a cool drink together, and then a social hour followed in which we became better acquainted with each other and the work being done," a leader of the group said.

As they rode home all were most talkative . . . about new friends, the church and its program with these people, and a great desire to do more individually and as a group to assist with this worthy cause. Many are already asking, "when are we going on another motorcade?" Others have said: "Missions really came alive!"

The motorcade was under the planning and supervision of Mrs. W. W. Paxton, the chairman of the Commission on Missions, and her commission. Dr. Carl F. Lueg is the pastor of First Methodist Church.

SPRINGHILL METHODISTS DEDICATE CHURCH PLANT

(Continued from page 1)

Machen, J. T. Wilmoth, C. D. Hamaker, R. L. Ensey, Harry Blanchard, and W. D. Cousins were on the building committee for the education building. The committee for the sanctuary was Wayne Bryan, chairman, I. L. Park, Clarey Anthony, R. L. Byrd and D. L. Booth.

R. A. Smith, who passed away in November of 1955, was in charge of all the construction work, and through his leadership the building was accomplished at a great saving. For many years, he was chairman of the Official Board, and was a Trustee of the church from 1910 until his death.

Preceding the dedication service, a dinner will be held in the fellowship hall of the church for the members of the Official Board, their wives and invited guests.

Following the service, a reception is planned for the members, former members and friends of the church.

BETHEL CHURCH BEGINS CONSTRUCTION



Proposed Bethel Church Plant

The brick work was begun last week on the new sanctuary and educational buildings for the Bethel Methodist Church, at Indian Mound.

The structure is to be of brick throughout except for the partition walls in the educational building. The sanctuary will seat 190, plus 20 in the choir loft. It will feature a divided chancel. The educational building will contain eight Sunday school rooms, a nursery, pastor's study, kitchen, and equipment room.

Bids on the proposed plant ranged upward from \$63,000, however, men of the church are doing part of the labor, thus cutting the overall cost to less than \$50,000. They have dug out and poured the footing, and have been anxiously awaiting the bricklayers so they can again get on the job. On work days, the women of the church serve dinner and coffee to the workers.

This beautiful structure is the fulfillment of a dream of six years, and had its inception under the ministry of the late Rev. Van Carter.

The Rev. Ted Smith is pastor at Bethel.

Shreveport Parsonettes Meet

Mrs. Paul Hildreth spoke to the Shreveport Parsonettes on David Seaberry's book, "HIGH HOPES FOR LOW SPIRITS," April 26, at the last luncheon for this Conference year. The group met at the Cedar Grove Methodist parsonage.

Mrs. Roy Mouser and her co-hostesses: Mrs. John Rasmussen, Mrs. Bentley Sloane, Mrs. Beverly Bond, Mrs. R. E. Smith, Mrs. A. M. Brown, Mrs. Karl Tooke, and Mrs. Leonard Cook served the luncheon.

Plans were discussed to assist the Baton Rouge Parsonettes with the arrangements of the Parsonette Luncheon during Annual Conference, which will be held Thursday noon at the First Methodist Church.

A Tea, honoring the President of the Shreveport Parsonettes, Mrs. B. C. Taylor, was announced for Wednesday, May 8, 1957, in the home of Mrs. James F. Arnold, which will be attended by the ministers' wives, and the W.S.C.S. presidents in the

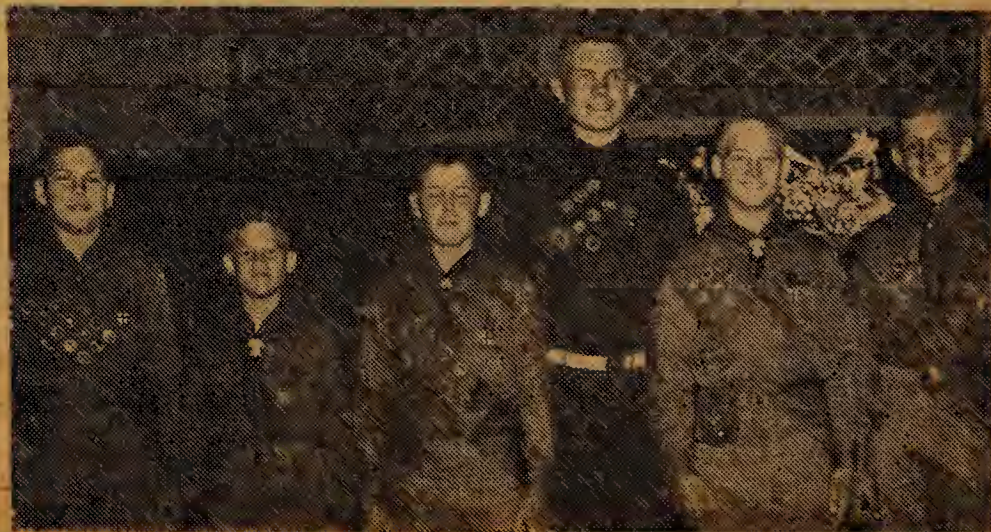
Shreveport District.

Those attending in addition to the hostesses were: Mrs. B. C. Taylor, Mrs. Ned Harris, Mrs. D. L. Dykes, Mrs. F. M. Freeman, Mrs. Ira Flowers, Mrs. W. W. Drake, Mrs. Harold McClung, Mrs. Tracy Arnold, Mrs. Barry Bailey, Mrs. Douglas McGuire, Mrs. Jim McLean, Mrs. Rupert Coles, Mrs. Bobby L. Lawton, Mrs. Lawrence Gilbert, Mrs. James Jones, Mrs. R. M. Brown, Mrs. George Ross, Mrs. K. G. McDowell, Mrs. Eldred Blakeley, Mrs. W. F. Henderson, Mrs. M. C. Cady, Mrs. Marvin Hockenhull, Mrs. Robert De Busk, Mrs. Floyd Durham, and the guest speaker, Mrs. Paul Hildreth.

Alexandria Scouts Receive Awards

On Sunday, May 12, an unusually large number of boys were given the GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD in the service at the First Methodist Church, Alexandria. It is perhaps the largest group from this whole area to receive this award at one time. All of these boys are members of The First Methodist Church and their Scout Master and Pastor have worked with them for a year or more as they worked off the requirements for this high honor, both in the Church and in Scouting. The boys pictured below received this honor and presented a lapel button to their fathers—a symbol of the award which they received. Dr. J. Henry Bowden is First Church pastor.

From left to right: Louis Staples, Jon Harris, Sonny Trammell, Lloyd Edwards, Paul Zundel and Mike Seshul.



THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

A FISH TALE

Well, I would not have believed it if I hadn't seen it! If you had tried to convince me that there are places where you can wade into a stream and stick your net down in the water and bring it up squirmingly filled with fish, I would have pulled a Missouri on you and said, "Show me!" Well, they did show me.

I have reference to the "smelt dipping" activities which took place last week in various communities of northern Michigan. Two places in particular were intriguing to this correspondent who watched with open mouth. The first was Porter Creek at Advance, Michigan, where on two successive evenings literally hundreds of persons swarmed into the creek at a given moment and fifteen scant minutes later were trudging home with bucketsfull of smelt. The portion of the creek where the dipping took place cannot be more than two blocks long. Yet I saw 600-700 people with nets and buckets in the creek ferreting out the fish—all at the same time. The lights went on at 10 p.m., and then at midnight and 2 a.m. That was the signal to enter the creek and have at 'em. When the lights went off at 10:45, the crowd got out. The local official with whom I talked told me that they had clicked off 3,500 persons who participated in the festivities on a single night, two nights previously. That's a lot of buckets full of fish!

Fantastic!

Then later our party stopped off at Piney Point in Lake Charlevoix where our party actually picked up fish by hand from a shallow stream and dropped them in the bucket. This was absolutely fabulous for this character whose boyhood fishing consisted of sitting on a Kansas crick bank with a cane pole for long afternoons when the only things biting were the crawdads and the mosquitoes! Fishing with nets and buckets, scooping up fish with your hands—fantastic I say!

But why say it here? For one thing, as I have thought about it, it all reminds me of how "God provides for his children food in due season." These small food fishes resemble the trout in general structure and ascend the rivers and creeks to spawn. Man has learned when and where to expect this, and he is on hand with net and bucket for the five or six days involved. The smelt can symbolize the provision of a kind heavenly Father for his children. But the children have to get in the creek to get the fish!

A Wonderful World

Then, I think I understand more clearly the experience that morning Peter and James and John came in with empty nets from an all-night fishing expedition on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus was on the shore and called out to them to throw out their nets once more and they would get fish. I imagine they did so reluctantly and unbelievably, weather-wised by their all-night poor luck. But their nets came back loaded with fish. That never seemed to me to be of mir-

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Methodist Youth Fellowship held its Sub-District meeting recently at the Forrest City, Ark., Methodist Church.

Ned Wilford, son of Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Wilford of Forrest City, was named new Sub-District president. Other officers for next year were elected as follows: vice-president, Lucinda Watkins of Forrest City; secretary, Betty Russell of Forrest City; treasurer, Brenda Sykes of Hughes; and the following area chairmen: faith, Molly Gilbert of Colt; witness, Paul Elphinstone of Marianna; outreach, Jenny Belle Gwin of Forrest City; citizenship, Barbara West of Widener; fellowship, Charles Price of Widener; reporter, Cynthia Graham of Forrest City; and counselor, Betty Taylor of Marianna.

Sam Steele

The Sam Steele Sub-district met on May 13, at Jonesville, La.

The new officers for the coming year are: president, Amy Cabaniss, Olla; vice president, Marvin Strange, Lewis Chapel; secretary-treasurer, Donna Steen, Jena; and publicity chairman, Dianne Jones, Olla.

The program area chairmen are: witness, Betty Cooksey, Olla; citizenship, Judith Ann Strange, Lewis Chapel; outreach, Louise Strange, Lewis Chapel; faith, Julia Phillips, Jena; and fellowship, Conrad Pierce, Jonesville.

The adult counselors for the group are Mr. and Mrs. Joel Strange from Lewis Chapel.

There were 35 people present representing four churches.

After the business meeting the

acle status. Now I am sure. We stood on the bank of Porter Creek when the run was subsiding and pointed out fish to the netters in the water who couldn't see them. I think that's what Jesus did that morning.

God has given us a wonderful world, hasn't He?

Arkansas Methodist
Box 1066
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Hoover Rupert:

After reading The Youthful Accent article on "Going Steady" in the May 2, *Arkansas Methodist* I wonder why copies of your article couldn't be published and sent out to our Senior Methodist Youth Fellowships, and adult classes?

We were like many other parents and did not really understand the dangers of going steady. We were new in town and our daughter, a Junior in high school, felt more secure about having a "date" for school functions after she started dating steady.

He was a nice boy, she a nice girl, both trained in Christian homes with good morals and principals.

This year she withdrew from her senior year in high school, they were married; this summer they will have their child.

They have truly grown up too fast. They are preparing themselves for adult responsibilities, and their youth is gone. What they lost is immeasurable.

As parents, we grieved, but we need more action to prevent such occurrences. Having gone through this experience with our beloved daughter, I have learned this is happening every day; it is not as unusual as we would like to believe.

Perhaps articles like yours could help other young people, and prevent the current trend in our high school, that "Everyone Goes Steady." We need parent education, too, in the dangers of steady dating.

Sincerely,

An Anxious Mother

(The above letter, which was received by this office, is self explanatory.—Editor's note)

Department Director Urges Churches To Remember Youth Not In College

Churches must wake up to a forgotten group in their midst—high school graduates that are not in college, according to The Rev. Harold W. Ewing, director, Youth Department, Methodist Board of Education.

This summarizes an interview Mr. Ewing gave recently to the

group had recreation and refreshments. The meeting was closed with the MYF Benediction.

The next meeting will be held on June 10 at Jena, Louisiana.

McGehee

The installation of the McGehee Sub-District officers for 1957-1958 took place Monday night, May 6, at Newton's Chapel, Ark.

Rev. Irl S. Lancaster installed the following officers: president, Mary Ruth Price, Dumas; vice-president, Annette Crockett, Dermott; secretary, Mary Wheeler Prewitt, McGehee; treasurer, Susie Bickham, Newton's Chapel; reporter, Maribeth Prewitt, Tillar; faith chairman, Sue Sievers, Arkansas City; outreach chairman, Barbara Barlow, Dermott; witness chairman, Bengie Outlaw, Watson; fellowship chairman, Frances Henley, McGehee; citizenship chairman, Jimmy Appleberry, Newton's Chapel; and counselor, Mrs. Mataz Bickham, Newton's Chapel.

Dumas MYF Meets

On Sunday, April 28, the regular MYF meeting was held in Dumas. The president, Kenny Culpepper, presided.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Mary Ruth Price; vice president, Stephen Rowland; secretary-reporter, Libby Hellums; treasurer, Myra Farmer; parliamentarian, Skippy Leek; and the following program area chairmen: faith, Andrew Pickens; witness, Eddie Scott; fellowship, David Walt; outreach, Dickie Halsell; and citizenship, Ross Martin.

Nashville, Tennessean. The interview was the first of a series that appeared in that paper.

Mr. Ewing stated that there are many, many youth in the out-of-college group. "The church has an obligation to help them find a stabilizing faith," he said. "In our changing world of today, we can give them a basic faith in God. The church must also help young people find creative ways of expressing their Christian convictions in daily life."

Mr. Ewing pointed out the program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship works in five major areas: (1) train more adults as youth leaders; (2) help youth re-discover fellowship; (3) take the church to people; (4) help youth express their faith; (5) develop volunteer workers. This program is constantly being analyzed to keep it effective and up-to-date.

The interview was given front-page space with three-column picture showing Mr. Ewing with a group of young people at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. The five-column headline read "He Shows Forgotten, Lonely Way to Church."

Baton Rouge Youth Present Program of Music

"Musical Memories—an Evening With Irvin Berlin" was presented at Baton Rouge High Auditorium Friday, May 10.

Under the general sponsorship of the Youth Center of the First Methodist Church, the big musical show presented talented youth from over the city as they presented the melodies of Berlin in gay costumes against clever settings. Catchy skits, musical numbers, and routines were presented to some of the immortal Irvin Berlin tunes such as: "Alexander's Rag Time Band," "Doin' What Comes Naturally," "Always," "A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody," "Easter Parade," "White Christmas," and a host of the other melodies by the famed composer.

Director of "Musical Memories" was Ed Wurst, active in Little Theater work in the city. Musical numbers were staged and directed by Marvin C. Genuchi, former director of the Navy's Blue Jacket Choir, and now minister of music at First Methodist Church. Choreography for the show was done by Carolyn Colvin from the faculty of the Modern Dance School at LSU.

Iowa Youth Hold Annual Retreat

The annual youth retreat of the First Methodist Church, Iowa, La., sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship, was held May 4 and 5 at Longfellow-Evangeline State park at St. Martinville.

Theme for the weekend retreat was "Are Ye Able?" Committees responsible for the planning were: program, Barbara Spell and Alice Findley; printing and publicity, Beverly Sharp, Frances Koonce, and Kenneth Koonce; meals, Carolyn Denison, Linda Bartholomew, Bill Marcantel, and Floyd DeWolfe.

Leaders who assisted in directing the program of activities were:

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Woman's Division of Christian Service

Excerpts from Reports and Recommendations from The Department of Christian Social Relations, April 9, 1957.

United Nations

In view of the facts that there is a changing climate toward the United Nations, indicating a growing opposition in this country, it is imperative that Methodist women give new attention to the promotion of the use of resources and channels that build understanding of the United Nations. Special attention is called to the following:

1. The revised copy of *The Christian's Primer on the U. N.*, the U. N. Credo, and other current U. N. materials, including regular pages of *The Methodist Woman*.

2. The importance of increased emphasis on visitation of individuals and groups to the United Nations, with participation in seminars when possible.

Reply to the North Central Jurisdiction

The Department looks with favor on the request from the North Central Jurisdiction calling for seminars planned to include visits to the U. N. and Washington, D. C. on the same trip. It is recommended therefore that:

1. As one step in this direction plans be made for a Washington Seminar following the Cooperative U. S. Seminar in the fall of 1957 (possibly in Sept.).

2. Plans be made for a U. N. Seminar for Methodist women following the interdenominational Churchmen's Washington Seminar, February 4-7, 1958.

This would involve approximately 30 women in the fall of 1957 and 15 in 1958. These two experiments could be used as a basis for future plans.

World Federation of Methodist Women

In line with the action of the World Federation of Methodist Women taken at Lake Junaluska in August, 1956, recommending that a consultative relationship be sought at the United Nations with the Economic and Social Council, it is recommended that the Woman's Division, as one unit of the World Federation, take the following steps:

Request its Vice President, responsible for World Federation relationships with the Woman's Division, to communicate with the President of The World Federation and convey the hope of the Woman's Division that steps will be taken immediately to make possible this consultative relationship. It is understood that this consultative status with the Economic and Social Council would apply to its constituent subcommittees including the Commission on The Status of Women. A limited number of international non-governmental organizations have this consultative relationship with the Economic and Social Council. This entitles their consultants at meetings to ask for the privilege of the

Little Rock Conference Executive Committee Meets

The executive committee of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met at Camp Aldersgate May 8-9 with Mrs. M. E. Scott, El Dorado, presiding. All Districts in the conference were represented.

Mrs. J. Russell Henderson of the Woman's Division, Mrs. Earl Cotton, jurisdictional secretary of Christian social relations, and Mrs. W. F. Bates, jurisdictional secretary of children's work were present at the meeting.

Mrs. Murray B. McLeod was elected to the board of trustees of Aldersgate.

Guest speakers were the Rev. James E. Major, secretary of the Little Rock Conference Town and Country Commission, and the Rev. John Hassler, conference director of youth work.

Mrs. Charles Ashcraft, Lake Village, conference secretary of spiritual life, gave the devotionals.

The women attended the Raney lectures as a group on Wednesday evening.

A total of 26 attended the committee meeting.

floor to represent the points of view of their units and bring information from them. It also provides a channel of information about these meetings to their national units.

Upon request the President of The World Federation the official observer of the Woman's Division at the United Nations seek to enlist the support of the United States Department of State for this consultative relationship.

Legislation

1. Because of the grave emergency is rapidly developing in Congress, calling for elimination or major cuts in Foreign Aid, including technical assistance, it is recommended that as a first priority Methodist women be urged to write their representatives and Senators expressing their hope that the Foreign Aid program be retained. It is further recommended that the Woman's Division and its members send similar communications.

2. That new information go to conferences and jurisdictions urging them to write their Congressmen and Senators on the following issues: immigration (calling special attention to the action by both the Woman's Division and the Board of Missions in January,) federal aid to education and civil rights.

Information

1. (a) UNICEF

"Since the organization of UNICEF in 1946, the Woman's Division of Christian Service has consistently supported it through (1) local action, such as the Trick or Treat and the Christmas car projects, and (2) by urging that the government of the United States make available promptly each year as large an appropriation as is consistent with the purposes and needs of the organization and its

ability to use it without disruption of the matching aid formula.

"We urge Methodist women to continue community study of UNICEF and local community projects for its support, and to convey to their governmental representatives their convictions about the United States' responsibility for financial contribution to UNICEF. We ask that the president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service convey our continued concern about the U. S. appropriation to appropriate administrative and Congressional units."

In the light of this recommendation you may wish to encourage the local societies and guilds in your Conference to do the following: (1) To work with other church and community agencies to make the UNICEF Hallowe'en Trick or Treat program in your community a real educational experience for children and youth as they get new understanding of the United Nations and its program for meeting the needs of children in many parts of the world. We believe that no other similar program offers the possibilities for community-wide interfaith cooperation. (Order a Trick or Treat Kit from UNICEF, United Nations, New York, N. Y., price \$1.00.) (2) Write your Congressmen and Senators urging full appropriations to UNICEF in keeping with the program policies and our U. S. responsibility. (3) Publicizes the UNICEF Christmas Card project.

(b) CROP

In many communities Christian Rural Overseas Program has become an important channel through

Paragould District Holds Annual Meeting

The spring meeting of Paragould District Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at the Beech Grove Methodist Church April 30th, 1957, with the District President, Mrs. C. W. Nickels, presiding.

The opening worship was conducted by the Beech Grove pastor, the Rev. Charles Reed, who spoke of the Influence of the Christian Family. Mrs. Reed gave the address of welcome. The new District officers were introduced: Mrs. John Thiel of Paragould who will fill the unexpired term of Vice President, Mrs. F. A. Poe, Mrs. Ora Lynch, of Rector who will fill the unexpired term of Secretary of Literature and Publications, and Mrs. R. H. Harris.

The theme of the recent session of North Arkansas Conference "The Spirit of Christ for all of Life" was used with District Officers reporting on "Our Labor Fitly Framed Together." Topics were "With our Stewardship," "With our Knowledge," "With Channels of Information," "With Fellowship," "With Prayer," "In the Future," "On the Field."

The President welcomed the guests: District Superintendent and Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin, Mrs. Hubert Pearce, Past Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Will Stewart, wife of the new pastor at Walnut Ridge, two visiting ministers and

the 103 members present. Mrs. John Thiel, Chairman of Paragould District Woman's Society of Christian Service District Parsonage Committee, made a report, bringing to light that the District Superintendent and Mrs. Gatlin, from their private funds, gave substantial gifts to the new District parsonage which included an Electric refrigerator, washer, dryer, dishwasher and garbage disposal. The women at the meeting expressed appreciation for these splendid gifts.

Following a delicious luncheon served by the hostess society, the guest speaker, Mrs. Elmus Brown, was introduced. Mrs. Brown, Woman's Society of Christian Service Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, told of her line of work and gave a splendid report of a recent session at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., to which she was a delegate.

It was announced that the next District meeting would be held at the First Methodist Church in Poca-hontas on June 4th, and at that time the guest speaker would be our Missionary home on furlough from Japan, Miss Pearle McCain. The closing worship was conducted by District Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. James Chandler.

Mabel S. Pope, Recording Sec'y

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Camden District Woman's Society of Christian Service announces that in addition to the officers elected at the annual meeting April 30 and announced in last week's paper, Mrs. N. S. Thornton of Camden was elected secretary of Promotion.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Alma Methodist Church presented Mrs. Henry Weese with a Life Membership at the worship service Easter Sunday, April 21. Rev. Willis H. Harl made the presentation.

Mrs. Weese, a long time member of the church, has served for a number of years as president of the society, teacher in the Primary department, in the Church School, secretary of Children's Work in the Society, and a member of the Official Board of the church.

Rev. N. Lee Cate, pastor of the Jacksonville Methodist Church, installed the following officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at the morning church service, May 19: President, Mrs. W. A. Moore; Vice-President, Mrs. Thomas E. Davis; Secretary, Mrs. Warren Weaver; Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Bobo. Secretaries of lines of work were also installed at this time.

which food and other commodities have been contributed to meet the needs of people in many parts of the world. "CROP is the food collection agency of your denomination. Thirty-five Protestant and

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Centenary Choir To Record Program For Broadcast

Centenary College Choir members, now rested from their second tour of the Far East in less than a year, will record a half-hour program for the 1957-58 broadcast series of The Protestant Hour.

Director A. C. Voran has been informed that Warde Adams of the Protestant Radio and TV Center will visit the campus on Tuesday to record a number of hymns and anthems as sung by the 49-voice group. The Centenary songsters will be featured on the program to be broadcast on Sunday, Dec. 22.

Christmas music will be sung for the program since the choir will be featured on the radio just three days before Christmas. The half-hour programs are carried in Shreveport by radio station KWKH at 7 a.m. each Sunday.

James W. Sells, director of the joint radio committee of the Methodist church, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., wrote college officials to say that the choir will be presented on the 300-station network of the Methodist Series in America and around the world on the full facilities of the Armed Forces Radio Network.

The Centenary singers returned on April 28 from a month-long tour of Japan, Korea and Okinawa, and letters of commendation from many military officials awaited Voran and his troupe upon their return here. The invitation to make the second tour came as a result of the excellent work done by the choir on its initial tour of the same area last July.

Willson Lectureship Established At Mt. Sequoyah

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Willson, of Floydada, Texas, have established a lectureship at Mt. Sequoyah, Arkansas, summer assembly for the South

Broadmoor XYZ Club Holds Open House



Left to right, in picture, are: Mrs. L. A. White, Mrs. Lillian O'Donnell, Mrs. Carrie Alford, Miss Rosa Mixer, Mrs. Emma Walker, Mrs. Jennie Lindley, Mrs. Robert Brown, Rev. J. M. Alford, Mrs. Sallie Burton, Mrs. Edna Hamiter, Mrs. J. T. Benson and Mrs. Lou Woodul.

The XYZ Club of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, La., held Open House Tuesday, April 23. The first half was an entertainment presented by this older adult group, 60-85 years, consisting of Bible quiz, Spelling Bee, readings excellently done by an 85 year-old member, Folk Dances, an Old Fashioned Style and Crazy Hat show, a Ladies Choral Quintet, all 80-85 years, and a Preachers' Trio.

Everyone adjourned to the recreation hall where the last half of the

Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church.

The lectureship makes possible a series of lectures on great Christian themes each year. The first series will be given this summer by Dr. George A. Warmer, Jr., pastor, First Church, Oakland, California. This summer's series will include four lectures on "The Christian Family." They will be delivered July 16, 17, 18 and 19.

The fund for the lectureship is administered by the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education.

program was held. It consisted of exhibits of past and present hobbies and as quilts, crochet spreads, oil and water color paintings, aprons, doll clothes, china painting and wood carvings. In one corner was a colorful display of new and old dolls, a fish pond for children and a food sale. One table held interesting treasures of past years, brought by its members. Another held the XYZ Scrap Book and exhibits of scrap books and projects it has made for the children at the Polio Center. To complete the evening a poster showing baby pictures of the group was on display—to see if any one could guess their identity. No one could.

The Open House was held primarily to acquaint the rest of the church with the abilities and activities of this Older Adult group.

In spite of a rainy night, a large crowd was in attendance showing that each group was interested in the other.

The XYZ Club means Extra Years of Zest. They meet once a month for a program fellowship and luncheon. The church provides the food and the adult classes take turns serving the luncheon and furnishing transportation. Working with this group is most rewarding. Mrs. Jackson Young is doing an excellent job as director of this group. The Rev. George Harbuck is the Broadmoor pastor.

New Booklet Prepared

The booklet *The Commission on Education and the Workers' Conference-at Work* is attractive and alive.

Written by the Rev. Walter Town-er, director of the Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education, the booklet is issued by the Division of the Local Church of the Board.

It contains detailed consideration of both the Commission on Education and the Workers' Conference, tables listing Methodist church school literature approved and recommended for churches of various sizes, and a bibliography.

Prepared for workers in both

Hendrix Choir To Be Heard On Nationally Broadcast Program

Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, head of the Hendrix College music department, has announced that the Hendrix College Choir will be heard on a nationally broadcast radio program Sunday, November 17. Mr. Warde Adams of the Protestant Radio and TV Center was on the Hendrix campus May 15 to record a musical program by the Choir for The Protestant Hour, he said. Franklin S. Miller of the Hendrix music faculty and minister of music at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, is director of the Choir.

SMALL CHURCH FEATURED IN MAY ISSUE, CHURCH SCHOOL

What is the difference between a small church and a large one? Actually the only differences should be in the number of members and the amount of space in the building and not in the effectiveness of the work being done. The term "small church" should be a numerative and not an evaluative one.

In order to help small churches do their work more effectively the editors of *Church School* magazine have chosen as the theme of their May issue, "The Small Church." The eight articles on this theme should be an invaluable source of ideas for pastors and works in the small churches in the Arkansas conferences. The writer recommends that they be read now and then saved for future reference.

Here is a list of them:

What is the Small Church, by Glenn S. Gothard

"Where There's a Will . . ." by Mrs. E. D. Lewis

They Tried a Workers' Library, by Laura Lynn Tucker

Curriculum Materials for Small Church Schools

Youth Work in the Rural Church, by Cedric M. Powell

Teacher Training on a Three-Point Circuit, by Owen W. Arrington

Use What You Have!, by Jennie Youngblood

Music in the Small Church, by Margaret L. Gothard

Child Guidance also carries a regular feature on the small church. The May issue has an exceptionally good article by Ella Mae Charlton on "Family Night in Rural Church."

—By Rev. James E. Major, Exec. Sec'y, L. R. Conf. Town and Country Comm.

Available For Summer Music Programs



FRANKLIN POOLE

Franklin Poole, son of the Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Poole of Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie, La., will be available this summer for sacred concerts or to lead sacred music in any Methodist Church that would like his services.

He has directed choirs, and at present is a soloist in one of the churches in Yonkers, N. Y. He holds his bachelor of music degree from L.S.U., his master's degree from Emory University in Christian Education, and has completed one year in his work for his master's of music at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Mr. Poole can be contacted through his father, the Rev. D. W. Poole, Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, 1201 Metairie Road, P. O. Box 9305, Metairie, La. The phone number is VERNON 5-9523.

DeWitt Methodists Report Activities

"As the conference year draws to close, we feel that our people have accomplished many things during the past year at the DeWitt Methodist Church for which they should be given recognition," said the pastor, the Rev. Curtis Williams.

The church entered the new educational building just before last conference, but since then it has been air conditioned at a cost of some seven or eight thousand dollars. Since the building was mostly glass, drapes were put all the way around, at a cost of \$1,250. The main building, basement, and sanctuary, were air conditioned at a cost of about \$7,000, and the roof was repaired at a cost of about \$2,600. The church repainted and decorated the sanctuary at a cost of \$1,500, not including the cost of the paint which was donated by the L. A. Black Hdw. Co. Thirty-four new pews have been ordered at a cost of about \$2,800 to be delivered before annual conference, and \$4,000 worth of carpeting has already been delivered which will be laid wall-to-wall as soon as the new pews are delivered. This all amounts to \$28,000, which is in addition to the regular budget.

Church attendance has been reported excellent, both morning and evening, and Sunday School attendance has been the highest average found on the records for the church. A Vacation Church School is scheduled for the last two weeks in May.

Several new members have been received for several consecutive Sundays, one service included baptizing a grandfather, a father, and a high school girl. A large class of children was received on Palm Sunday. Some babies were baptized on Palm Sunday, two on Easter Sunday, and others on Mother's Day.

Star City Church Has Holy Week Services

Through the planning and leadership of the Commission On Membership and Evangelism, with Mr. I. A. Chambers as Chairman, Holy Week Services were held in The Methodist Church of Star City, Arkansas.

The Revival began on Palm Sunday evening and continued through Easter Sunday evening. There were three week-day services daily, an early morning breakfast and service at 6:00 a.m. for the men, a 9:00 a.m. service for all who could attend at that hour, and an evening service at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. R. B. Moore Sr., District Superintendent of the Hope District, was the evangelist for these services. The messages were of such nature that no one was in doubt that God was back of them and in them as He blessed them as they were delivered to the congregation. The entire Church was challenged to greater Spiritual and moral living through the inspiration of the preaching of the Word.

There were 14 additions to the membership of the Church during the revival. Nine of these were on Profession of faith, three from other denominations, and two by certificates of transfer. These new members have added much strength to



The above arrangement of lilies were made for the Easter Sunday service at the DeWitt Methodist Church. The 60 flowers were arranged by Mrs. Lloyd LaFargue and Mrs. Quinn LaFargue, Jr.

Rock Springs, Wilmar Have Special Easter Events

At Rock Springs Methodist Church Easter Sunday morning, three babies were brought to the altar for Christian Baptism. The babies that were baptized were, Mark Pierce Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Harper; Johnnie Robert Chambers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chambers; and Jack Randal Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harper.

A Pre-Easter service was held at Wilmar Methodist Church with a special service on Maundy Thursday. A Sunrise Easter service was held, all the churches of the community had a part in this service. Dr. W. F. Rogers, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, brought the message. The service was held on the High School Campus. At the close of the service everyone went to the school lunch room for coffee and donuts.

Prior to Easter a preparatory class for church membership was held. "Easter Sunday of this year had a great meaning in the hearts of many of the people. Easter Sunday night was a very beautiful picture seen by the congregation. Eleven children came forward to give their hearts to Christ and to join the Wilmar Methodist Church," according to a church leader.

The Revised Standard Version of the Bible, The Methodist Primer, and a certificate of Church membership were presented to the following: Jo Anne Barron, Iva Elaine Barron, Hall Owens Wilkinson, Jr., Michael Alan Willey, Robert Bruce Willey, Theresa Carolyn Bird, James Norman Word, Dennis Louin Groce, Albert Wayne Groce, Carroll Melvin Harris, and Cecil Philip Anderson.

"With the help of God may we ever guide this fine group closer and closer to God," the pastor, the Rev. W. W. Barron, said.

the Church and to the Kingdom of God.

On Easter Sunday morning six babies and small children were dedicated to the Lord in baptism.

Churches Report EMC Programs

Sunday, May 12, marked the climax of the Area-Wide Every Member Canvass Program. This two-state program touched practically all the Methodist churches, and reports received to date by Area leaders are very encouraging.

Typical of the programs in local churches in Arkansas and Louisiana are the two accounts which follow. West Helena, in the Forrest City District of the North Arkansas Conference, and Crossett, Monticello District in the Little Rock Conference, promoted the EMC program in every respect. The results are here presented. Rev. Glenn Bruner, West Helena pastor, and Rev. John B. Hefley, pastor at Crossett, contributed the reports.

West Helena

The Official Board voted to enter into the Area Program for the Every Member Canvass. Mr. Frank Thompson was selected as General Chairman. He selected Mr. Earl Wilson and Mr. John Moye, Jr., as Co-Chairmen for Program and Survey, Mr. Carl Conner, Visitation Chairman and Mr. Ray McCarty, Education and Publicity Chairman.

The Program and Survey Committee studied the needs of the church and prepared the budget. The goal set was for \$18,800; \$11,000 for the regular budget and \$7,800 for the building fund. This budget was presented at the congregational dinner by Mr. Thompson.

Pictures were made of the different Sunday School groups showing their activities. The presentation booklet was prepared for the canvassers. Mr. Carl Conner organized the workers and led them in two training sessions. And following the workers' luncheon in the Church dining hall, fifteen teams went out on Loyalty Sunday to present the story of the church to its members.

Two services were held on Victory Sunday to make it possible for all members to attend. Two hundred twenty-three persons were present and after the commitment services it was announced that one hundred sixty-nine pledges had been made for a total of \$19,154. There is some follow up work to do and it is expected that the total will be \$20,000 by the time all work is complete.

This program has done much more for our church than putting the financial program on sound basis, it has caused a deepening of the spiritual lives of all. The workers were inspired as they studied the work of the church and went forth in the Name of Christ, the membership was blessed as they responded to the call of the Master through his church. There has been

an increase in attendance at the worship services since the program began and we feel that it is now necessary to have two morning services each Sunday.

Crossett

Sunday, May 5th, was "Loyalty Sunday" at the Crossett Methodist Church. On this Sunday afternoon forty teams went out to contact every member of the church to secure pledges for the church's program of work.

Many weeks of preparation went into the study of the program of the "EVERY MEMBER CANVASS" as outlined by the General Board of Activities of The Methodist Church. Mr. Paul Sullins served as the general director; and he had a steering committee of fourteen members to assist him. This committee had weekly meetings.

"Why I Support The Church" was the subject of a series of lay speeches delivered at the Sunday morning worship services. The speakers were Mr. M. H. Russell, Dr. L. T. Sandborn, Mrs. R. O. Nason, Mr. W. E. Hastings, and Mr. W. S. Arnold.

The membership of the church received the "E. M. C. Bulletin" each week throughout this period. This bulletin explained the plan and purposes of the program. A picture folder, carrying the budget of the church for the coming conference year, was mailed to the membership. An attractive work book had just been completed. This was used by the canvassers in presenting the program of the church to the membership. Canvassers had two evenings of training one week in preparation for "Loyalty Sunday."

Besides the general director, the steering committee, lay speakers, and canvassers many other people in the church have given invaluable service to the promotion of this program of work.

Chinese Methodists Witness In Hongkong

By Bishop Ralph A. Ward

Methodist witness and service have been carried to many parts of the world by Methodists who traveled or changed their places of residence as well as by itinerant Methodist preachers.

Thus has it been in Hongkong. Methodists in America during more than a century helped to spread the Gospel and Christian service among the Chinese in various parts of the mainland of China. Until recently they did not work directly in Hongkong which politically is a British Colony.

But among the two million Chinese who fled to Hongkong to escape the oncoming communist regime in China were a great many who had been members of the Methodist Church or associated with its institutions "back home." Thus again Methodism, as people of Methodist experience and fellowship and heritage, came ahead of our organized Methodist churches and other work.

Population Was Less Than Million

Following World War II the population of Hongkong was much less than one million. To this was quickly added about two million more Chinese. Some of these refugees brought money for re-investment. Most of them brought very little or nothing. Many of them came from areas where our Church had been working on the mainland and spoke languages different from the prevailing Chinese language in Hongkong. They did not find in Hongkong churches of their dialect and fellowship.

We had an immediate obligation for these Christian people of our Church. There is also a vast opportunity for evangelism among the masses. Among the three million residents scarcely more than 7% are Christian.

While Hongkong is British territory, its population is at least 98% Chinese and practically all of them prefer to remain under a British government for a long time to come. Even the needs of the communists on the mainland are far better served by their not attempting to take over Hongkong.

International Trade Important

The economy of Hongkong had rested chiefly on international trade, particularly with the Chinese mainland. This trade recently has been much curtailed both by Communist policies and by the embargo which the United States has led the United Nations in imposing. The two million Chinese refugees have come chiefly to escape communism and not because of enlarged opportunities for employment. Thus the economic problems of the Colony have been exceedingly difficult. There is an intense struggle for livelihood. More than that are the strains on morale and spiritual resources.

Beginning in 1953, the Methodist Church has developed congregations; established a resettlement village for about 500 refugees among whom a wholesome community life has been grown with Christian spirit and influence at its center; has re-established the output of Christian literature including "The Upper Room" in the Chinese language for Methodists and others; and has made some contribution in the field of education under Christian auspices.

But the founding and development of local churches as Christian societies and the outreach of evangelism have been central in our work.

The majority of the population is concentrated on a part of an island and across the harbor on the end of a peninsula, ten minutes dis-



BISHOP RALPH A. WARD

tant by frequent ferry service. About half live on the Hongkong Island side and the other half on the peninsula side which is called Kowloon.

Church Building Needed, Kowloon

Our congregation in Kowloon has worshipped in small quarters in a Y.M.C.A. building. This is not too long available for our use. Neither does it give sufficient room for expansion. It is not adequate for Sunday school. It is available only Sunday forenoons. Week-day church activities have to be kept to such a minimum as can be conducted in private homes, most of which are heavily crowded or are very unsuitable for even small group gatherings.

The Rev. Chester Yang was the founding pastor of this congregation and continues to serve these people. His early student days were in the Methodist Boys' High School in Tientsin. While there he became a Christian, the first in his family. Subsequently he helped to lead his father and mother into the Christian faith and church membership. He continued his preparation and eventually was fully ordained as a ministerial member of the North China Annual Conference. Through the help of friends in a Woman's Society of Christian Service in New Mexico, he came to America to finish his college course. In 1954 he graduated from Perkins School of Theology at Dallas, Texas. Meanwhile he served with unusual ability in youth camps and other phases of church work in the United States.

Appointed to Kowloon Pastorate

In 1954 he was ready to accept appointment for pastoral work in Kowloon. His lovely wife and two children, one of whom was born after Chester came to the United States, were still in North China under the communists who have refused thus far to allow them a permit to come to Hongkong. But Chester has chosen to remain in the Free World. He is a good preacher and an even better pastor and has contributed also to other Christian

work in Hongkong, beyond his immediate congregation. (I now have a report that at last his wife and children are about to receive permit to join him in Hongkong.)

During many months the Official Board of the Kowloon Church and we resident American missionaries have sought to secure a suitable property with perhaps some structure on it which could be remodeled for church purposes. We have considered many properties. Some of them could have been bought if the money had been available.

Not Less Than \$60,000 Needed

Our study of the situation, assisted by people of competence in the field of properties, has led to the fair estimate that we must have not less than \$60,000 from outside sources for this purpose.

The local congregation, composed almost entirely of refugees—most of whom are on very small incomes—has already made significant contributions but the total which they can give probably will not be more than about \$8,000. This may suffice for a minimum of remodeling, furniture, and other equipment. The margins for most of our people are very small so that the total of even sacrificial giving from this refugee congregation is not large. Hence the \$60,000 will need to come from friends in America who thus will significantly participate in the continuing ministry of The Methodist Church for and among the Chinese people.

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(All contributions must be sent to Mrs. Hubert Pearce, Methodist Parsonage Wynne, Ark., before June 1. The next listing of contributors will be made in June.)

Africa Is Moving At Increasing Pace, Leader Says

"Africa is moving at an ever-increasing pace," Bishop Ralph Dodge has written. The present-day awareness in this great continent which is almost three times as big as the United States, is so significant that the Methodist Church is fully aware of the opportunities that face it in this "Land of Decision," where 800 separate languages and dialects are spoken.

The American Bible Society which has been one of the missionary agencies of the Methodist Church since 1820, began its work in Africa in 1840 when 1000 copies of the Gospel of St. Matthew were printed in the Grebo language of Liberia. At the present time the American Bible Society publishes Bibles in 6 African languages; New Testaments in 11 more languages and Portions of Scripture in 1 more. Altogether some part of the Bible has been translated into 49 African languages.

Scriptures in more than a dozen of these languages are to be found in the Congo Book Concern, a Methodist bookshop in Elisabethville, Belgian Congo, one of the "Land of Decision." In one Sunday school alone in Elisabethville, eleven different languages and dialects are used each Sunday morning.



Methodist CHILDREN'S Home

MEMORIALS FOR APRIL, 1957

(Report continued from last week)

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:

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 Dr. J. C. Young by Mrs. Grace Breem
 CONNOR MOREHEAD
 Superintendent

OBITUARY

DIFFEE — Rev. Janathon Roland Diffie, age 80, a retired Methodist Minister of Warren, died in a Malvern Hospital Monday, July 23, 1956.

Rev. Diffie was admitted to full conference connections in November 1929. His pastorates included the Camden, Rowell, Traskwood, Leola, Caddo, and Rockport Circuits. He retired in 1948, but continued to serve the Rockport and Rowell Circuits until 1952.

His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Gracia Wiggins Diffie; six sons, Oscar and Wallace Diffie of Bismarck, Willis of Malvern, Rev. R. L. Diffie of Waldo, Roland of Chidester, and Clifton of Magnolia; five daughters, Mrs. Freeman Smith of Gentry, Mrs. Fayette Bennett of Bismarck, Mrs. Forris Sheets of Mountain Pine, Mrs. W. C. King of Malvern and Mrs. Jess W. Taylor of Magnolia; three brothers, Jim of Little Rock, and Lee and Jasper of Wilmington, California; seven sisters, Mrs. Will Tims, Mrs. Rosa Gardner, and Mrs. Euna Henderson of Bismarck, Mrs. Deliah Bingham, Mrs. Lillie Phillips, and Mrs. Cora Magby, of Hot Springs, and Mrs. Charlie Wade of Arkadelphia; 39 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Beaton Methodist Church near Bismarck by the Rev. Jess Hamilton of Arkadelphia, assisted by Rev. B. Y. Finley, a retired minister of Beaton. Interment was in the Beaton Cemetery with Kidder Funeral Home of Malvern in charge.

IOWA YOUTH HOLD ANNUAL RETREAT

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Rev. Byrl Moreland, director of Youth Work in the Lafayette District; Mrs. Horace Denison, adult counselor for the MYF; and Jack Phelps, Johnny Denison, Rachael Branton, Myrtle Phelps, and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Miller, all of whom are members of Wesley Foundation at SLI.

Others who were in attendance were: Carolyn Reed, Billece Curless, Pat Cruce, Faye and Doris Pugh, Jo Anna Cady, Kay France,

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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Eastern Orthodox church bodies cooperate through Church World Service. CROP conducts annual harvest campaigns (in 1957 in about 500 counties in 17 states) with the cooperation of state Council of Churches. CROP accepts donations of staple food grown on the farm, and of cash in lieu of commodities. Some gifts of commodities are converted to cash to help meet Church World Service costs of distributing Government released surplus food; some cash gifts are used for that purpose. One-third of the funds raised for 'Share Our Surplus' (SOS) last year came through CROP. (The above quoted statement is from CROP's 1957 Vacation School Kit — Order from CROP, Elkhart, Ind.)

Methodist women in the 17 states referred to above may want to do the following:

(a) Encourage leaders of Vacation Church Schools to acquaint

Joe Estes, Wendell Marchantel, Fred Denison, Riggie Haney, Ronnie Cady, Richard and Malcolm Sharpe, L. J. Connor, Jimmy Kent, and Horace Denison.

themselves with these Vacation Church School Kits and use them as a means of creating greater understanding of the needs of people in other lands.

(b) Call attention to the opportunities that local churches have to participate in the Harvest Campaigns of 1957 in cooperation with Councils of Churches.

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LESSON FOR JUNE 2, 1957

THE ROOTS OF HATRED

READ GENESIS 25:24-34 and CHAPTERS 27 AND 28.

MEMORY SELECTION: *He who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.* —I John 4:20 (RSV)



We begin today a new series of five lessons in Unit VII. The general subject for the series is, "Severing and Restoring Human Relations." The subject for the first of these lessons is "The Roots of Hatred."

When Jesus was asked "Which is the great commandment in the law?" His answer was, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind . . . The second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." In this answer Jesus is saying that the most important thing in human life, religiously, is a right relationship with God and, second only to that, is a proper relationship with our fellow man.

Since our subject for the five lessons of this series has to do with human relations, let us keep in mind the fact that this is the most important subject we could study save one — our relationship with God.

The Background of Our Story

After the marriage of Jacob and Rebekah, like Abraham and Sarah, they were childless for a while. Isaac prayed to God for a child. His answer came after twenty years. When the answer came it was not for one child but twins. Esau was born first by minutes but being first the birthright, which belonged to the oldest son, was his.

The Difference in Esau and Jacob

While Esau and Jacob were twins, they were in no sense identical twins. They were not alike in appearance, in temperament, in character or in disposition. They grew apart in the passing years instead of together. Esau was the strong, out-of-doors type, a hunter, with a happy-go-easy type of life. Jacob was a man-about-the-house type, more thoughtful and contemplative than Esau.

One very decided difference in the two was in their sense of values. Jacob seemed to have a highly developed sense of values which Esau lacked. Esau, although the older only by minutes, was heir to the birthright which Jacob sensed was of very high value while Esau acted as if he thought it was of little worth. His lack of vision and ambition was in evidence when he returned from a hunt, very hungry. It appears that Jacob had cooked a pot of red beans. When Esau asked him for food, Jacob saw an opportunity to drive a hard bargain. He asked Esau to sell him his birthright for the food. When Esau agreed, Jacob made him seal the bargain with an oath. For Esau, the satisfying of temporary hunger seemed to be of more importance than anything. So with apparent unconcern Esau made a trade

which Jacob knew was of vital importance to his own plans for supremacy.

Fertile Soil for Roots of Hatred

Our subject today is "Roots of Hatred." Although they were possibly the best people on earth at the time, it is not difficult to discover how the roots of hatred found fertile soil in the home life of Isaac and Rebekah. It seemed to be an unfortunate situation where, by our standards of life, almost everything seemed to be wrong.

(1) There was a *paternal favoritism* with little apparent efforts to conceal it that would play havoc in almost any home. The Record says: "Isaac loved Esau . . . but Rebekah loved Jacob." Such a situation in any home makes tragic results almost inevitable. Love, understanding, a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect are necessary in any well-ordered home. These elements seemed to be lacking in the home of Isaac and Rebekah. Such a divided interest and divided loyalty could not but finally affect a divided home. Children want to be loved by both parents.

(2) There was a *scheming mother* who was willing to work at cross purposes with the father of her own children in order to have her desires.

There may be "extenuating circumstances" in the scheme of Rebekah which we should keep in mind as we study her actions. Even before the birth of Esau and Jacob, Genesis 25:22-23 tells us that "The children struggled together within her." When Rebekah prayed to the Lord about it "The Lord said unto her, two nations are within thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger."

Having had this revelation from God that "the elder shall serve the younger" Rebekah evidently decided that she must help the Lord to bring this about, since under the circumstances, with Esau the older, Jacob would normally be serving him. Rebekah evidently knew about and approved Jacob's bargain for Esau's birthright. She heard Isaac, in his blindness, request Esau to bring him venison that he might eat and bless Esau before he died.

Feeling that this blessing of the aging Isaac was necessary, in addition to the birthright Jacob had bargained for with Esau, Rebekah practically ordered Jacob to deceive his father by pretending to be Esau and receive the blessing intended for Esau. Could anything be more likely to grow "roots of hatred" than such a course of action?

(3) In addition to a scheming

mother, there was also a *self-indulgent father*. The Record says, "Isaac loved Esau because he did eat of his venison." One could hardly find a more selfish reason for loving one son more than the other. With such a shallow basis for a paternal preference for one child over the other, we need not be surprised that there was "no love lost" between the two sons. Under such circumstances, Jacob seems to have no compunctions of conscience in deceiving his blind father and, with a series of lies, leading him to give to him the blessing Isaac had planned for Esau, the son he loved. As a result of such fraud the "roots of hatred" grow deep enough in Esau's life to produce a spirit of murder.

(4) In this group of four was Esau, *ambitious but weak*. He wanted the high position to which his birthright entitled him but he was not willing to pay the price necessary to have such a place. He was so lacking in vision and appreciation of the high honors and privileges that were his, as heir apparent to all of the promises God had made to Abraham, that he sold out very cheaply at one point and was tricked at another.

(5) The fourth figure in this "Tragedy of Errors" was Jacob the *scheming opportunist*. Jacob, whose name itself meant supplanter, was a trickster of a very high or low order according as we view it. He tricked Esau out of his birthright; he tricked Isaac into blessing him while thinking that he was blessing Esau; he tricked his father-in-law in later years in their division of cattle.

As we study the lives of these four people, it is not surprising that out of their attitudes, which seemed to run constantly at cross purposes, there were buried deeply, not only in their own lives but also in the lives of their descendants, roots of hatred that have continued down through the centuries.

Practical Lessons We May Learn

(1) We learn from the marriage of Jacob and Rebekah that a good beginning is not enough. One of the most interesting romances of the Bible is that of Jacob and Rebekah. The manner of her selection as a wife for Isaac, her long trip to the home of Isaac camelback, and the manner of her first meeting with Isaac and their marriage all constitute a very interesting and romantic love story. The climax of it all is found in Genesis 24:25 where we are told that "Isaac . . . took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her." Despite this romantic beginning, the marriage missed the way and turned out bad in many directions. A good beginning, noble resolutions and high purposes are not enough. Life must be continued on a high level or later failures may be all the more conspicuous because of the opportunities which usually accompany a good beginning.

(2) Our lesson teaches us that God is able to mend and use very faulty instruments. We may ask ourselves the question, "How could God use people whose lives were so faulty?" The fact seems to be that God did not have a choice, if His work was to be carried on. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in turn, were the best people on earth at the time. They were anything but perfect but they were willing to be

used of God and, despite their faults, God was able through them to lay foundations on which He could build in later years. After all of these years, God must still use people in His work whose imperfections are often plainly evident. It is vitally important that we sincerely try to be Christian. If, in that endeavor, we make mistakes let us remember that we are not the first faulty instruments God has used in His work. We should, with confidence, repent of our sins and again place ourselves in the Lord's hands for service.

(3) There seems to be in the actions of Jacob and Rebekah the feeling that it is all right to do wrong if ultimately good comes from our actions. There may come times when we must choose the lesser of two evils. However, it is hardly conceivable that there can be a situation where it is right to do wrong in the hope that good may come of it. Rebekah likely remembered that God had told her, even before the twins were born, that "the elder shall serve the younger." She seemed to think it was up to her to bring this prophecy to pass regardless of the means used.

(4) We learn in this lesson, as we learn through many experiences of life, that sin brings separation. When Esau became murderously mad, because of the fraud practiced on him by his mother and Jacob, Rebekah told Jacob to "flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran; and tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away." The few days lengthened into almost twenty years. Rebekah, who loved Jacob so much, never saw him again after he went away.

Sin not only separates us from God but it also frequently separates us from those we love most. The tragedy of strong drink has caused more separations between loved ones than any other evil.

(5) We may learn anew here something which we already right well know. It is that small flames may kindle big fires. This enmity between Esau and Jacob did not die with them. Esau became the founder of the Edomites and Jacob the father of the Israelites. The twelve sons of Esau settled in the Arabian country while the twelve sons of Jacob occupied Palestine. The hatred between Israel and the Arabian countries has existed across the centuries and at this time constitutes one of the major problems threatening world peace.

"Roots of Hatred" in Today's World

If we are wondering about why America has a bad name among many of the underprivileged nations of earth, perhaps we might find the answer by studying the lesson for today.

While we may think they are wrong, there are many nations, less privileged than we, that feel that we selfishly exploit them for our own benefit. There may be some that feel that we have tricked them out of their birthright because we are so much stronger than they. There are those nations that feel that we think all special blessings belong first to America and that we see that we have them by devious methods.

Looking at it from our viewpoint, we may feel that America is especially fair and considerate of people everywhere. We should make doubly sure our viewpoint is correct.

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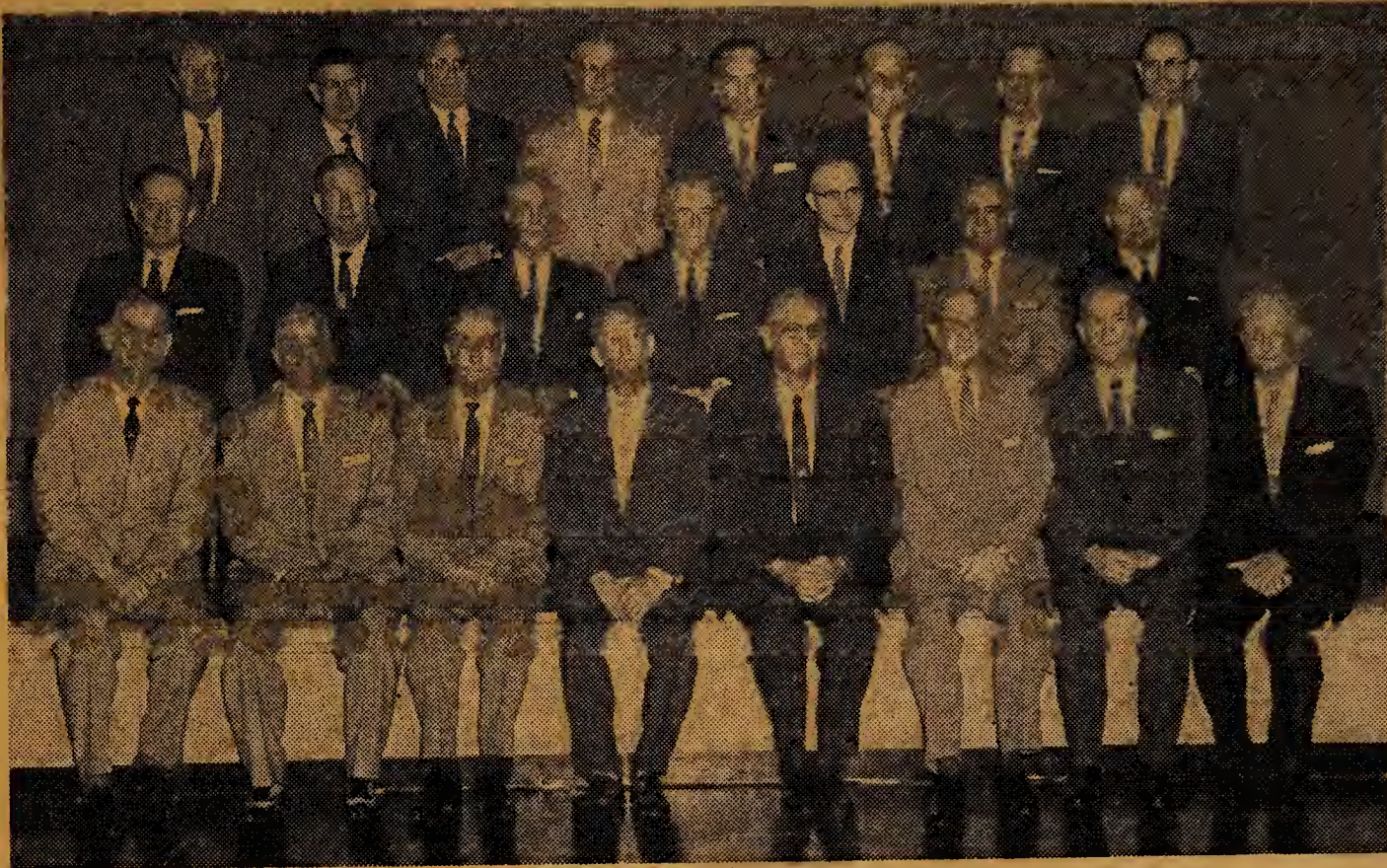
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Arkansas-Louisiana Area Cabinet-1956-57



The above picture of Bishop Paul E. Martin and the 22 District Superintendents of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area was made at a recent session of the Area cabinet in Little Rock, May 13, 14. Those included in the picture are as follows:

Louisiana Conference, front row, L. to R.: Edward W. Harris, Baton Rouge; Sam Nader, Lake Charles; R. R. Branton, Lafayette; James T. Harris, Monroe; Virgil D. Morris, New Orleans; B. C. Taylor, Shreveport; Guy M. Hicks, Ruston; A. W. Townsend, Alexandria.

Little Rock Conference, middle row, L. to R.: E. Clifton Rule, Pine Bluff; T. T. McNeal, Arkadelphia; W. Neill Hart, Camden; Bishop Martin, Little Rock; Arthur Terry, Little Rock; Robert B. Moore, Hope; Kenneth L. Spore, Monticello.

North Arkansas Conference, top row, L. to R.: R. E. Connell, Batesville; Ethan W. Dodgen, Fort Smith; J. Albert Gatlin, Paragould; Roy I. Bagley, Fayetteville; Elmer J. Holifield, Jonesboro; E. G. Kaetzell, Searcy; Otto W. Teague, Forrest City; Henry A. Rickey, Conway.

New Church Organized At Moss Bluff

The Moss Bluff Methodist church was organized Sunday afternoon in ceremonies conducted by the Rev. Sam Nader, superintendent of the Lake Charles District, and the Rev. Rex Squyres, pastor of the new church.

The ceremonies and quarterly conference were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claudius A. Mayo.

The church has purchased a building site of one and a half acres on the black topped road leading to Sam Houston State Park and has announced plans to begin construction of a church building this summer.

Named to the board of trustees were: S. B. Parry, R. T. Livingston, and Mayo. Elected stewards were Odes Seaman, Mrs. J. H. Jones, and Cecil Armistead. Recording steward is Mrs. S. B. Parry and treasurer is Mayo.

The young people of the church met recently and named the following officers for the MYF organization: president, Judy Mayo; vice president, Patsy Livingston; and secretary-treasurer, Betty Sea-



P. H. DUPUY

man.

Services have been held by the group each Sunday afternoon since April 28. The Rev. Mr. Nader also conducted baptismal services for six infants and ten adults. The church began with 21 members, 11 by transfer and ten on profession of faith.

Clinton Methodists Honor Layman For 20 Years' Service

P. H. Dupuy was presented a gift Sunday, May 12, during the morning worship services at the Clinton, La., Methodist Church, as a token of appreciation for the years he has given as church lay leader.

He and Mrs. Dupuy have been members of the Clinton church since 1927, and he has served as lay leader for more than 20 years. Also, according to the Clinton pastor, the Rev. George Harkins, he organized and has been teacher of the adult Sunday school class for more than 22 years, was a member of the Board of Stewards 15 years, chairman of the board one year, is presently serving on the building committee, is a member of the choir, and is a trustee of church property.

W. G. Felps, church school superintendent, presented the gift.

John Durward Boutte is the new lay leader at the Clinton church. He and his wife have been directors of youth work for the past three years, and he is chairman of the commission on education and sings in the choir.

Large Number Attends Centenary Commencement

142 Seniors Receive Bachelor's Degrees

Commencement is a time when one is impressed with both his significance and his insignificance, Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim declared in his baccalaureate sermon at Centenary College.

Dr. Cuninggim, dean of the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., spoke on the topic, "How Much Do I Matter?" The baccalaureate service was held in the Brown Memorial Chapel at 9 a.m., May 26, and the traditional commencement ceremonies followed at 8 p.m. in the outdoor amphitheater on the campus.

"We are accustomed to thinking of the importance of seniors," Dr. Cuninggim said. "Christian faith has helped us in this paradoxical situation by enabling us to see ourselves more clearly. We are not as important as we think we are."

To the natural egotism of the commencement occasion, he said, Christianity responds with the remainder of our creatureliness and gives us perspective to see the vast world around us and put ourselves in clearer position in comparison with others.

"This emphasis may surprise you," the speaker noted, "because usually the commencement season is supposed to build up the ego of graduating seniors. But man's feeling of insignificance is present, it is a realization on the part of those who are graduating. Things have been pretty safe up to now, but what about the future? On my own, how much do I really matter: Out on my own, what will I amount to? And so, seniors are often nervous, perhaps anxious, perhaps even frightened."

However, Dr. Cuninggim advised, the Christian position likewise condemns carrying this line of thinking over into the feeling of worthlessness. He asserted that if one must conclude he is quite often worth very little to men, he is worth a great deal in the sight of God.

"To man's pretenses, Christianity makes response with the reminder of our fruitlessness and real insignificance in the eyes of the world," he commented. "To man's pessimism and disappointments, Christianity responds with man's values in the sight of God, his potential greatness and his opportunities."

Rev. James A. McLean, director of religious activities at Centenary, led the opening prayer, and President Joe J. Mickle introduced Dr. Cuninggim. The Scriptural reading was given by Dean Leroy Vogel, and Rev. R. Leonard Cooke, Cen-

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Program of The Little Rock Annual Conference

JUNE 5-9

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Pre-Conference Meetings

10:00 A.M.—Board of Social and Economic Relations
11:00 A.M.—Commission on Stewardship
12:00 M.—Town and Country Commission, Luncheon Willow Room Phillips Drive In
2:00 P.M.—Board of Education
2:00 P.M.—Board of Ministerial Training
2:00 P.M.—Board of Evangelism
2:30 P.M.—Board of Christian Literature
3:00 P.M.—Board of Missions
3:00 P.M.—Board of Temperance Essay Contest
3:00 P.M.—Board of Conference Claimants
4:00 P.M.—Committee on Conference Relations
4:30 P.M.—Committee on Christian Vocations
5:00 P.M.—Television, Radio and Film Commission
6:00 P.M.—Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Dinner Willow Room Phillips Drive In
7:30 P.M.—Youth Emphasis, Message by Dr. Charles Allen - Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, presiding

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Morning

9:30 Conference Convenes for Organization and Preliminary Business
9:45 Conference Nominations
9:50 Report of District Superintendents
10:15 Report of Committee on Conference Relations
10:20 Report of Board of Evangelism
11:00 Recess
11:15 Service of Commemoration, Rev. Roland E. Darrow, Preacher
Followed by Holy Communion

12:30 Session Adjourns

Afternoon and Evening

2:30 Board of Trustees Camp Tanako
3:00 Board of Ministerial Training
3:00 Commission on Minimum Salary
3:00 Commission on World Service and Finance
3:00 Committee on District Conference Journals
3:00 Board of Conference Claimants
3:00 Board of Missions
3:00 Board of Evangelism
3:00 Board of Education
4:00 Board of Hospitals and Homes
4:00 Hour of Evangelism, Sermon Dr. Charles Allen
Rev. Harold K. Davis, presiding
6:00 All College Banquet, Grand Avenue Methodist Church
7:30 Hour of Evangelism, Sermon Dr. Charles Allen
Rev. Harold Scott, presiding

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Morning

8:30 Devotional Bishop Paul E. Martin
9:00 Report of Committee on Minutes
9:05 Commission on Promotion and Cultivation
9:20 Report of Board of Education
10:00 Higher Education Emphasis
10:20 Recess
10:35 Report of Board of Economic and Social Relations
11:20 Report of Insurance Committee
11:30 Report of Board of Ministerial Training
12:30 Session Adjourns

Afternoon and Evening

3:00 Town and Country Commission
3:00 Historical Society
4:00 Hour of Evangelism, Sermon Dr. Charles Allen
Rev. Howard Williams, presiding
7:30 Hour of Evangelism, Sermon Dr. Charles Allen
Rev. Winslow E. Brown, presiding

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Morning

8:30 Devotional Bishop Paul E. Martin
9:00 Report of Committee on Minutes
9:05 Reports No. 1 and No. 2 Board of Conference Claimants
9:25 Philander Smith College, Dr. M. LaFayette Harris
9:35 Report of Board of Lay Activities
10:00 Report of Woman's Society of Christian Service
10:20 Recess
10:35 Report of Town and Country Commission
10:55 Report of Committee on Conference Relations
11:25 Report of Board of Missions
12:00 Report of Board of Christian Literature
12:10 Report of Arkansas Methodist; Methodist Information
12:30 Session Adjourns

Afternoon and Evening

2:30 Session of the Conference
2:30 Report of Committee on Christian Vocations
2:45 Report of Inter-Conference Study Commission
3:05 Report of State Council of Churches
3:15 Report of Television, Radio and Film Commission
4:00 Report of Board of Hospitals and Homes
4:00 Hour of Evangelism, Sermon Rev. James Robert Scott
Rev. H. O. Bolin, presiding
5:00 Tea for Women attending Conference, at 820 Prospect
7:30 Preaching Service, Sermon Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen
Bishop Paul E. Martin, presiding
Ordination of Deacons and Elders

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Morning

8:30 Devotional Bishop Paul E. Martin
9:00 Report of Committee on Minutes
9:05 Report of Methodist Headquarters Corporation
9:20 Report of Commission on World Service and Finance
9:35 Report of Conference Treasurer and Statistician
9:55 Report of Historical Society
10:05 Report of Committee on District Conference Journals
10:15 Report of Committee on Minimum Salary
10:40 Recess
10:55 Report on Western Methodist Assembly
11:10 Report of Commission on Stewardship
11:20 Report of Conference Trustees
11:30 Report of Trustees Camp Tanako
12:00 Session Adjourns

Afternoon and Evening

1:00 Ministers' Wives Luncheon Willow Room Phillips Drive In
7:30 Great Doctrines of Methodism:
Incarnation Rev. Edward Hollenbeck
Crucifixion Rev. Charles Ramsey
Resurrection Rev. Joe Phillips, Jr.

SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 9

9:30 Love Feast, led by Rev. Robert H. Cannon
10:45 Morning Worship, Sermon Bishop Paul E. Martin
12:15 Reading the Appointments Bishop Paul E. Martin
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Protestantism Showing Phenominal Growth In South Korea

New York (RNS)—Protestantism in South Korea is showing a phenomenal growth, a missions executive said here.

Dr. Wallace C. Merwin, executive secretary of the Far East Of-

fice of the National Council of Churches' Division of Foreign Missions, reported that according to Korean Christian sources the total Protestant constituency in South Korea as of April, 1957 was 1,324,000 as compared with 675,000 in October, 1953.

He called South Korea "one country in Asia that could become a Christian nation in the foreseeable future." And he observed that in Korea "Buddhism and Shamanism are no longer very strong."

"Korea is unusually open to Christianity," Dr. Merwin said. He cited as reasons Japanese domination during Korea's colonial period, the fact the country's present leadership is in the hands of Christians, bitter opposition to Communism, and the contributions made by Christian schools, hospitals and orphanages.

As an example of Protestant growth in South Korea, Dr. Merwin noted that in the one city of Taegu there were in 1940 seven Presbyterian churches, in 1947, seventeen, in 1954, 135, and in the summer of 1956, 170 Protestant churches of which the majority are Presbyterian.

In Seoul, he added, "there are more Presbyterian churches than in any city in the world." Dr. Merwin said there were some 300 Presbyterian churches there "as compared with 100 or more in cities like Philadelphia and Los Angeles" where the denomination is strong.

Dr. Sudbury Sees Need To Apply Christian Principles

Morristown, N. J. (RNS) — The Church today, instead of being able to concentrate on its primary task of evangelism, has to spend an "inordinate" amount of time applying Christian principles to society, a former president of the Methodist Church of South Africa said here.

Dr. Stanley B. Sudbury, minister of Central Methodist Church in Durban told the annual meeting of the Newark Methodist Conference that the Church is obliged to devote a great deal of time to "defending civil and religious liberties, protecting the underprivileged and stating the principles of Christ which apply to national life and which once were thought to be axiomatic."

"We dare not remain silent or inactive no matter how much we long to concentrate upon preaching and pastoral service," he said.

Dr. Sudbury said the "strongest message" of Methodists to this generation "is found in the emphasis upon personal experience, personal responsibility and personal rectitude of living."

Remains of Ancient Church Discovered

Belgrade (RNS)—Remains of one of the oldest Christian churches with well-preserved frescoes have been found at Pomoriye, a Bulgarian city on the Black Sea, the Sofia Radio reported. The station said scientists had calculated that the church dates back some 1,800 years.

Ancient Gospel Manuscript Restored

London (RNS)—The Moscow Radio reported that an ancient precious copy of the Four Gospels which had been lost for centuries has been restored to the public library at Leningrad.

The station identified the volume as one prepared at the request of the Ostromirov family by Deacon Gregory in 1056 for the church of St. Sophia in Novgorod.

It said the volume was taken to Moscow in 1770 by Czar Alexander I and later placed in the Leningrad library.

Copies of the manuscript are now being prepared for use by the Russian Orthodox Church, the station added.

19,000 Hear Graham's Sunday Sermon

New York (RNS) — Nineteen thousand persons jammed Madison Square Garden to hear evangelist Billy Graham give the first Sunday sermon in his New York crusade.

All 18,500 seats in the area were filled and 500 standees were scattered through the vast auditorium. It was the largest crowd Mr. Graham had attracted to the Garden in the first five days of his campaign here.

A record also was set in the number of "decisions for Christ." An official count disclosed that 957 came forward at the close of the Sunday night rally and signed "decision" cards.

Later, all subway trains in the Garden area were placed on a temporary local schedule to accommodate the crowds as they scattered to their homes.

Crusade officials announced that a total of 84,000 persons had attended the first five Garden rallies. They said the total number of "decisions" made at these meet-

ings was 3,570.

The Sunday night rally was preceded by Mr. Graham's first evangelistic appearance in Brooklyn. There a Norwegian Independence Day crowd of 40,000 persons thronged Leif Erickson Park to hear him. Mr. Graham moved from a patriotic theme to his preachment that repentance of sin and complete "surrender to Christ" is the sole road to salvation.

Church Dedicated As National Shrine

Smithfield, Va. (RNS)—St. Luke's Episcopal church near here, oldest church building in the United States, was dedicated as a national shrine at a service in the restored edifice and at a special program from an outdoor platform.

The church, oldest Gothic structure in the country, is situated in the Isle of Wight County, about four miles from Smithfield. It is also known as the Old Brick Church.

Built in 1632, the church served as a house of worship for early settlers in the Jamestown area. Its dedication was part of the year-long ceremonies marking the 350th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, first successful English colony in the New World.

In a letter sent earlier to the Historic St. Luke's Restoration Committee, sponsors of the restoration project, President Eisenhower described the church as "in truth a national shrine."

"Visitors there will be reminded of the deep religious convictions of the first settlers, their faith in God and their faith in themselves as children of God," the President said.

Faulkner Says Hemingway Has Found God

Charlottesville, Va. (RNS) —William Faulkner, Nobel and Pulitzer prize-winning novelist, said here that Ernest Hemingway, another winner of the two coveted awards, was improving as a writer because "he has found God."

The 59-year-old Mississippian, considered by most literary critics to be the outstanding contemporary novelist, is here as a writer-in-residence at the University of Virginia. His comment on Mr. Hemingway was made during a question period following a public reading of the Faulkner short story, "Two Soldiers."

Asked what he thought of Hemingway as a novelist, he replied: "He is a man of integrity and if

his work continues, he is going to get better because his last work, 'The Old Man and the Sea,' was his best because he discovered something. He found God. Before, he was working in a vacuum."

Last August Mr. Hemingway, who lives in San Francisco de Paula, Cuba, gave his Nobel medal to the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity of Cobre, patron of Cuba. He presented the gift at a fiesta there given in his honor.

The medal was delivered to the shrine in Santiago de Cuba on Sept. 8, the day on which Cubans honor their patron with pilgrimages and celebrations. Throughout the world Roman Catholics observe that day as the birthday of the Mother of Christ.

Moslems To Occupy Pulpits

Boston (RNS) — Moslems from half a dozen Middle East countries will occupy pulpits in Universalist churches across the country on Sunday, May 19, it was announced at the denomination's headquarters here.

The program, sponsored by the Universalist Service Committee, seeks to increase cultural and religious understanding between the liberal Christian community and the Moslem world.

In communities where it is not possible to secure Moslem pulpit guests, the announcement said, the local minister will speak on "The Cultural Contributions of Islam" or use worship materials derived from the Koran, sacred book of Moslems.

Communist Organ Concedes "Powerful Religious Sentiment"

Warsaw (RNS)—Poland's leading Communist monthly, Nowe Drogi, declared in a special article that there is "a powerful religious sentiment among the Polish people which the government cannot ignore."

At the same time, the article appealed for "toleration" on the part of both religious believers and those who profess no religion.

It was written by Tadeusz Mrowczynski, leading Communist intellectual. Nowe Drogi is the organ of the United Workers (Communist) Party.

The article appeared shortly after Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, had arrived in

Rome for his long deferred visit to the Vatican.

Referring to the recent reintroduction of religious instruction in the public schools, Mr. Mrowczynski said this had been "bound to follow the recent changes in the political sphere."

Catholic observers here said this was the first time an article on religion had been published in Nowe Drogi which did not contain adverse references to the Vatican and the Catholic Church in Poland.

They said this could be taken as an indication that the Gomulka regime is determined not to antagonize the Polish people by reviving the anti-religious policies of the former Stalinist regime.

We Appreciate Their Leadership

SINCE the time of early Methodism, the role of the district superintendent has been indispensable in Methodist policy. In the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the office was known as "presiding elder," a title which today many hold is more descriptive of the office's function. But whatever name or title the office holds, the place of the office fills a real need in the work of Methodism.

During the Area's annual conference sessions beginning this week in Louisiana and continuing the next two weeks in Arkansas, the Area's 22 district superintendents will figure prominently in the work of the conferences. Bishop Martin, with their assistance and counsel, will make the assignments of more than 600 Methodist pastors to the various charges. These ministers chosen because of their leadership abilities will help determine policy and program for the next conference year. Their responsibility in advising and helping younger men in their conference relationship is a determining factor in shaping the younger men's destinies.

But their largest service is perhaps rendered serving as the link between connectional Methodism and the local church. The functions outlined above could be assigned others if there were no district superintendency, but the link they effect between connectional Methodism and the local church can be effected satisfactorily in no other way.

For most local churches, year after year, the visits of the district superintendent at quarterly conferences and worship services are the only visible representations from Methodism at large which churches have. He comes in an official capacity to receive reports and inquire as to the general welfare of the church's program.

District superintendents are not responsible any more than other Methodist leaders for creating or determining Methodist program. They do have a responsibility for administering it on a district level, and this responsibility becomes theirs when they accept office. Local church leaders would do well to remember this and be grateful for such assistance which the district head in his judgment may offer. Local leaders might also remember that district superintendents have local churches in mind when and if they have any voice in deciding program matters which may later be presented to local churches.

Often misunderstood, too little appreciated, and always bearing a heavy responsibility, these ministers of the gospel are deserving of everyone's support as they conscientiously seek to fulfill the trust committed to them.

The Amendments

THE annual conference sessions this year will be voting on three proposed amendments to Methodism's constitution. These proposed amendments were voted by overwhelming majorities at the 1956 General Conference session and must be ratified by a three-fourths majority vote of all annual conference members present and voting before they amend the church's constitution.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 9 concerns the transfer of churches or/and annual conferences from one Jurisdiction to another. This amendment in our judgment represents a workable solution to a situation that desperately needs attention. It provides a democratic manner of answering needs where and when enough Methodists desire to change, on an administrative level, churches or annual conferences from one Jurisdiction to another. Where enough Methodists want the change they should be permitted to make the change. That is the issue, nothing more, nothing less. We will vote for the proposition.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 10 would increase

the number of lay members representing local churches in the annual conference for those congregations having more than one minister in full connection, from one lay member to two. Since this provides for more equitable representation, we will vote for it.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 11 would in effect legalize a situation that could arise at future General Conferences if the present ratio of one delegate for each 70 annual conference members resulted in more than 800 General Conference delegates, the present constitutional limit. The amendment would increase the limit to 900 General Conference members thus avoiding an awkward situation if more than 800 annual conference members showed up for a General Conference session. The issue is simply does Methodism want a larger General Conference or a smaller one. We believe that a slightly larger one would in no wise adversely affect its efficiency; therefore we will support the proposal.

For This We Give Thanks

IT is our feeling that no other Episcopal Area in America has been so wonderfully blessed in episcopal leadership for the past three and a half quadrenniums as has the Arkansas-Louisiana Area under the leadership of Bishop and Mrs. Martin.

They came to us as our leaders in 1944 with such unqualified expressions of confidence and love by their friends in Texas that we could not but be affected by that enthusiasm and, from the beginning, felt that we were especially fortunate to have them as our episcopal leaders. That early confidence and respect rapidly grew into sincere affection and love that has deepened with each passing year.

Now, as Bishop Martin begins his fourteenth round of Annual Conferences in our Area, it is doubtful whether any Bishop and wife anywhere are loved and trusted so universally by their people as are Bishop and Mrs. Martin, after these many years of friendship, fellowship and service among us.

Throughout these thirteen years that Bishop and Mrs. Martin have been our leaders, the Arkansas Methodist and later The Louisiana Methodist have had no better or more loyal friends than they. The wonderful thing about it all is that every other institution of The Methodist Church in our Area, whether it be our colleges, our institutional homes or individual churches, has the same feeling. It is as amazing as it is gratifying to see two people able to generate so much of good will over so wide an area in such a comparatively short time. More lay-workers across our Area have a feeling of personal friendship for the Martins than for any Methodist leaders that ever came our way. Each Methodist minister throughout the Area, regardless of the rank of his field of service, seems to have a feeling that the Martins are personal friends, deeply interested in his welfare.

Hence we say, for such leadership we are devoutly thankful. However, in our relationship to these consecrated leaders, we should not stop with thanksgiving. There should also be a realization of the price they must pay in order to render such service. In addition to the continuous responsibilities they accept throughout the year, there are the demands on time that grow with an ever-increasing tempo as the time for Annual Conferences approach. There is no time to relax in preparation for three Annual Conferences in three consecutive weeks. Most of our conference leaders feel exhausted at the end of one Annual Conference. It requires more than human strength to go through three Annual Conferences in succession with the efficiency and gracious spirit always in evidence in the lives of our episcopal leaders.

Not only for ourselves, but for Methodism throughout the Arkansas-Louisiana Area we want to say to Bishop and Mrs. Martin, after these thirteen wonderful years in which they have been our spiritual leaders, that we are devoutly grateful to them for the challenging example of life they have given us as friends, as servants of the church and as servants of God and man.

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Nat'l Adult Leader To Leave General Board

Nashville, Tenn.— (MI) — The Rev. Dr. M. Leo Rippy, Nashville, director of adult church-school work for the Methodist Church for 29 years, will resign October 1 to become minister of education at Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Rippy has been a frequent visitor to the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, and was a leader in the Area Adult Convocation held in Little Rock in January.

In accepting the new position, Dr. Rippy plans to conclude his ministry where he began it. He was director of religious education at Mount Vernon Place church from 1919 to 1924.

Announcement of Dr. Rippy's resignation from the staff of the Methodist Board of Education here was made by the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, general secretary of the board's Division of the Local Church.

No successor to Dr. Rippy has been named as yet, said Dr. Adkins.

Dr. Rippy has been director of the Department of Christian Education of Adults of the Methodist Board of Education since 1940, right after the unification of three branches of Methodism. From 1928 to 1940, he was director of adult church-school work for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

In his present position, Dr. Rippy supervises a program for 2,700,000 adults in church schools of The Methodist Church.

Dr. Rippy is credited with being the first leader in any Protestant denomination to initiate the "young adult" and "older adult" movements in the church school. He also has been in the forefront in working with physically handicapped people in the church school.

Methodist Supported Italian Home Celebrates 53rd Year

Naples—Casa Materna Orphanage, a Methodist-supported institution which is the largest Protestant home for children in Italy, celebrated the beginning of its 53rd year on May 26.

The actual date of founding was June 12, 1905, but the early Anniversary Day was set to allow day-school students to take part in the festivities.

Founded when the Rev. Riccardo Santi, a Methodist minister, brought home two children from the streets of Naples to share his birthday dinner, the orphanage-school today has 560 children under its care.

"Papa" Santi, as he is affectionately called by the boys and girls, was guest of honor May 26. He will be 86 years old in June. Other guests for this year's celebration were American military and their wives who are stationed with the NATO forces in Naples.

They inspected the progress on the new boys' dormitory which is now under construction with funds raised by the Casa Materna children's choir in a 1956 tour of the United States. The choir sang more than 140 major concerts and made 50 radio and TV appearances.

Sing Lustily, Modestly Is John Wesley's Admonition

The current renewal of interest in hymnody growing out of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley makes particularly appropriate the rereading of his brother John Wesley's "Rules for Congregational Singing:"

1. Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.
2. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering them or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.
3. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.
4. Sing **lustily**, and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you are half-dead or half-asleep; but lift up your voices with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sing the songs of Satan.
5. Sing **modestly**. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation—that you may not destroy the harmony—but strive to unite your voices together so as to make one clear melodious sound.
6. Sing **in time**. Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing **too slow**. This drawing way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us, and sing all our tunes just as quickly as we did at first.
7. Above all, sing **spiritually**. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this, attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord would approve of here, and reward you when He cometh in the clouds of heaven.

Publishers Name Fiction Contest Winners

Grand Rapids, Mich.—The Zondervan Publishing House has just announced the prize winners in its \$5,000.00 International Christian Fiction Contest which closed December 31, 1956.

Mrs. Phyllis Woodruff Sapp of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma won the First Prize of \$4,000.00 with her novel *THE SMALL GIANT*, the story of a fearless young lawyer who refused to compromise his Christian principles even in the face of ridicule and physical danger.

The Second Prize of \$750.00 was awarded Mrs. Sallie Lee Bell of New Orleans, for her striking

story, *THE BARRIER*, a story of young love in the face of tremendous odds and injustice which embittered and blighted the lives of two courageous young people.

The Rev. Mr. Craig Massey of Altoona, Pennsylvania was awarded the Third Prize of \$250.00 for his novel, *THAT FAMILY ON ARCHER STREET*, which is the story of the lives and loves of a typical American family.

The First Prize winner, *THE SMALL GIANT*, is scheduled for publication in August of 1957. The other two prize winners will be released in 1958.

Announces RSV of Apocrypha for September

New York—(NC)—A Revised Standard Version of the Apocrypha will appear Sept. 30, on the fifth anniversary of publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Announcement was made by the Rev. Dr. Luther A. Weigle, New Haven, Conn., chairman of the Standard Bible Committee of the National Council of Churches.

The Apocrypha comprises the fourteen books of the Old Testament appearing in the Latin Vulgate Bible of 1592 which were not in the Hebrew Bible and which are now excluded from the Authorized Version. With the exception of one, these books appear in the Septuagint, a Greek version of the Old Testament, but they are not included in the Hebrew Canon of Holy Scripture.

Because of their inclusion in the Latin Vulgate, the church throughout the medieval period looked upon these books as belonging to the Scriptures, though not unaware of their lack of canonical status among the Jews.

Baptist Sings Praises of Charles Wesley's Hymns

God's gift to the Christian church is what Dr. John W. Bradbury, Baptist editor, calls Charles Wesley in the lead editorial of *The Watchman-Examiner* for May 16.

Baptists are urged to give "warm response" to the request of the Hymn Society of America, The Methodist Church and the World Methodist Council to join them in marking the 250th anniversary of Charles Wesley's birth, which is being observed this year.

In expressing the hope that regional hymn festivals now being planned will bring about a revival of congregational singing, Dr. Bradbury encourages his readers to "search the hymn books for Charles Wesley's hymns."

A Tribute At Time of Retirement

By Manning Jennings, Elaine

Sunday June 1st will find a man "Young at Heart" reading the scripture to the Elaine Church for his last time as an active minister; thereby closing his book on 45½ years of wonderful work for the Lord. 1911 found a young man preaching for the first time in the Lorado Charge; he must have been a worker because 1957 finds him still busy. Regardless of the years behind him the last three years by his direction and leadership were times of activity in the Elaine Charge. This Charge comprises Mellwood, Wabash and Elaine, a distance of 14 miles. Rev. Sam G. Watson is that minister.

Progress has been made at all three of the churches. Unfortunately the Wabash Church burned to the ground three months ago with several major improvements having been completed there. Undaunted, the Wabash group found a house, quickly converted it into a house of worship and services are being held there. Blue prints have been approved, and \$55,000 raised for the new Wabash Church which should soon be built.

Mellwood Church has a new roof, repairs and remodeling of its educational building and new windows for the auditorium. The Elaine Church is proud of the completion of its new Children's Church School facilities, air conditioning has been added in one section, new windows in the church, redecorating and painting in the auditorium, the recreation room and kitchen have new tile floors and metal dining tables.

Both the church and parsonage have been treated for termite control and quite a major number of alterations done at the parsonage. All new pews have been given the Elaine Church by Mrs. J. M. Countiss in memory of the late Mr. J. M. Countiss, Sr.

All of these projects have been completed during "Preacher Sam's" stay in Elaine and when he goes to his last Quarterly Conference he will submit his report with all financial obligations, paid in full. Yes, it will be a young man in the pulpit that Sunday, regardless of the fact that he is retiring, because an old man could never have accomplished as many projects of such importance to our churches.

Nora, his wife, has likewise been housekeeping in parsonages of northeast Arkansas Methodist charges for these 45½ years, and together they have raised a fine family: Rev. J. William Watson, the Methodist minister at Jonesboro, Arkansas, Sam D. Watson who will be graduated from Arkansas Medical School this month as an M.D., Frank Watson with the U. S. Employment Office at Pine Bluff, Ark., and a daughter, Mrs. Carl Conner of West Helena, Ark. There are also several grandchildren who will enjoy their grandparents' retirement.

Citizens of Mellwood and Elaine, of all denominations, gave the two "Watsons" a surprise visit the other night and added to their new home furnishings. Other parties of appreciation are planned for them before they move to West Helena where their home will be.

LIFE'S RELAY RACE

At the Olympic Games in London one summer a dramatic incident occurred right in front of my section of the stadium. A relay race was on. The French team had started well. But as the baton was being passed to the third runner, he dropped it. The accident, of course, put the team out of the running. The runner dropped to the ground, flung his hands to his head in a gesture of despair, and openly wept. His emotional outburst continued as he was led from the arena.



To take defeat so tearfully might seem a bit unsportsmanlike. But one should remember how many persons were involved in that runner's failure. There were his watching compatriots whose hopes were dashed. There were the two teammates who had run before him and whose work was ruined by his blunder. And then there was the runner who was to come after, but who never got the chance to run because of the accident.

The whole spectacle made me realize how much life is like a relay race. In the race of life, no one starts from scratch, each for himself. Others have run the course before us and we start from the point where their lives touch ours.

Our parents come down the track; for a while we run along beside them until they are able to pass the baton of their work and character on to us. Then we carry on while our parents slow down and eventually step out of the race. Ultimately we come around to the day when we transfer our interests and unfulfilled hopes to our children. Thus generation is linked to generation.

This idea of life as a relay race, for one thing, humbles us with a sense of indebtedness. A person of fine nature is ever humbly grateful. He recognizes his indebtedness to his parents for their nurture during his infancy. When he sits down to eat, he bows his head in gratitude for the bounties of earth and the services which have brought his food to him.

When he stands up to speak in public, when he enters a church for worship, when he goes into the booth to vote, he is mindful of the cost by which these freedoms were purchased. He is conscious that the word "blessing" and the word "bleed" come from the same root word, and that the red blood of sacrifice is on all the blessings he enjoys.

The world does not owe us a living just because we were born into it. The grace of God has been woven into our inheritance and we are recipients of favors not earned by physical birth.

During the presidency of Mark Hopkins at Williams College, some village buildings were defaced. When the culprit was caught, he turned out to be the son of a wealthy supporter of the school.

Called before the president, he pulled out his pocketbook and said jauntily, "Well, Doctor, what's the damage?" President Hopkins replied, "Young man, put up your purse. Tomorrow at prayers you will make public acknowledgment of your offense, or you will be expelled."

Speaking later of the incident, Mark Hopkins said: "Rich young men come here and take that tone as if they could pay for what they get here. No student can pay for what he gets at Williams College. Can any student pay for the sacrifice of Colonel Williams and our other benefactors? For the heroic sacrifices of half-paid professors who have given their lives that young men might have, at the smallest cost, a liberal education? Every man here is a charity student."

Colleges have raised their tuition and parents who have to pay the increasing costs of education may question how far their children are recipients of charity. But in every college worthy of the name students are still not paying the full cost of their schooling.

Our generation not only feels indebted to its forerunners, but we in our time have known those who ran beside us before they gave their lives for our country. A young naval lieutenant in the last war saw his comrade killed by a Japanese bomber. He said to me that he felt it his duty to help fulfill what his pal wanted to do for our country.

In many sections of America May 30 is observed as Memorial Day. Whether or not we live in communities which, this week, will decorate the graves of the departed, we should take some time to honor the dead. Edmund Burke said that society is a compact between the living, the dead and the great unborn. Only as we keep faith with those who went before us and with those who come after us, are we worthy citizens of our time.

The Layman's Column

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DO-IT-YOURSELF RELIGION

There is a great movement these days toward the idea that the average person can do about anything he wants to do, with little or no training. Buy a small woodworking unit that you can plug into the light socket and you can do everything with it, including the trimming of your finger nails back to your knuckles. Buy a sewing machine and a pair of scissors and you can make clothes for the entire family, even though your oldest boy may have to put his foot through the back pocket to get his pants on. Buy a load of second-hand brick and a trowel and you can make a fine backyard barbecue pit, even though your back squeaks for a month every time you get out of a chair.

There is nothing particularly wrong with the do-it-yourself craze. The trouble is that too many people think that the years a person spends learning slowly and painfully to be a finished cabinetmaker or a seamstress or brickmason can be sidestepped if you hold your working tools in one hand and an instruction book in the other. In our mad rush to get a lot of things done in the least possible time, we have acquired a habit of slipshod thinking toward any phase of human activity. Poor workmanship can always be covered over with a coat of paint or a piece of pretty ribbon.

In the field of spiritual matters, we seem to want to do the same thing. We hear a lot about the "power of positive thinking," so that we are led to believe that if you wish for anything hard enough, you can get it. If you just smile and say, "Everything is going to be all right," you can be sure that one fine day someone will drive up to your door and hand you the keys to a gold plated Cadillac. It's just that easy! . . . But life just isn't that easy. God still holds the keys to our present and future lives. People who are weary of soul can't think themselves into joy. Sinners can't do it themselves when they seek salvation. God has to be called in any time we really want to find the best and the most out of life. The only way to a victorious and happy life is to listen to His voice every day. Prayer is still our only means of communication with

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

THE DILEMMA OF AMERICAN EDUCATION

The American people are today faced with an almost insurmountable dilemma in the field of education—a dilemma that, if unresolved much longer, will change the basic character of the nation. I refer to the failure of all our boasted institutions to give youth a satisfactory spiritual foundation for life.

We say the public schools must not teach religion; that church and state must be separate. We leave religious instruction—and with it the development of any philosophy of life, or motivation for all the good we want for America—to the church and to the home. But the church is ill-equipped for the job—ill-equipped in building, in staff, in resources—divided as to what and how it should teach—powerless to draw a great segment of youth into its classes. And the average American home and family have neither the skill, the time, nor the desire to teach religious attitudes and to develop spiritual truths among their offspring.

Now I believe in principle in the separation of church and state. Neither should attempt to dominate the other. But sometimes I wonder if the agitation for separation is much more than a battle in a prolonged war between faiths and communions. And I tremble as I see men, products of secular education, without rootage in conscience, in faith, in religious purpose, rise to high place in government, in industry, in trade-union. Men who will rob their brethren and frankly wonder why others look askance because they had "the bad luck to be caught," and men who vote known thieves back into office: are they not products of a godless education—yes, victims of the seemingly laudable desire to keep the schools "free from the church?"

I have before me a report of two nationwide educational bodies which laud the contribution

God. Regular Bible study and meditation cannot be improved upon as a means of finding God's will. Of course we must take the step toward Him, but He will do the rest if we listen to Him and follow His voice.

of the public school to American life. They say in part: "A source of profound strength lies in the American education heritage. For more than a century, the American people have sought to develop an education uniquely designed to further their way of life; the product of their labor has been the public school. Nowhere else in the world is there a school approaching it in character, scope, magnitude, and responsibility. Designed especially for their task, public schools have stood as great well-springs of freedom, equality, and self-government. They must continue as supporters and guardians of the American way of life."

Several chapters later, the report declares that the public schools have taught certain values and "nurtured a moral unity" within which "a diversity of religious commitments has flourished." These values respect for human personality; individual moral responsibility; the superiority of free enterprise; devotion to truth; brotherhood of man; "the abiding importance of the life of the spirit," plus freedom of religious choice. I am not clear that the schools are not here being credited with values built into the body politic by the churches.

Yet this report and many others seem studiously to avoid saying that religion is a part of necessary education—though they want to have what religion and church can give. Rather they seem to worship at the altar of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the U.S.A. What Americans have, spiritually and morally, came not from these documents themselves but from the religious faith that gave them birth. And we still need that faith to help us maintain these instruments—and to grow on beyond them. It would, indeed, be ironic, if narrow adherence to the Constitution nullified the values of that Constitution.

An insufficiently-publicized report of the Harvard Student Council said recently: "Students think of the most profound questions of their lives in religious symbols. Their interest in religious issues is keen. To avoid discussing these things is to neglect a responsibility and an opportunity. . . A large proportion of students want something they call religion in their philosophies of life. . . Commitment is important to a man's full development. Psychologically, it invigorates and empowers. . . Religion and the university act on separate planes much of the time, but on these grounds, where fundamental ideas about men and the universe are discussed rationally and dispassionately, they meet. And it is on these grounds that education makes its contribution to the formation of commitments."

What You Have Left That Counts

By Jack Cooke, Welsh.

Those words were spoken by Harold Russell, the American Veteran who lost both hands in combat, and who went on to prove that he could live a happy, useful life with what he had left.

The people of Welsh, Louisiana, know and love another man who has also proved that although he has lost much, he still has a great deal left. Pat Ramey was born fifty-seven years ago at Goosepond, Alabama, a small resin and turpentine community near Mobile. He was the youngest of five children. His father, a turpentine maker, was killed by a workman in 1909 when Pat was just nine years of age. The following year the banks closed and all of their savings were lost. They rented a larger house and took in roomers and boarders. Pat learned to take the responsibility of a man when he was just a boy. He finished the 9th grade and then enlisted in the army and served in France during World War I. When he came out of serv-

ing in Lake Charles for their third place of business.

But in May of 1940, the bottom dropped out for Pat and Vinnie. An ambulance tried to go around a truck on the highway and collided with it. Pat was directly behind the truck in his car and he had to hit either the ambulance and truck or the ditch, so he drove his car into the ditch. As a result of his injuries he lost use of both of his legs, and his nervous system gave way completely. They had to sell their restaurants in order to pay the hospital and doctor bills. For more than two years each day seemed to be the last for Pat. The best that the doctors could do for him was to make it possible for him to get around in a wheelchair. He admits that he could not have made it at all had it not been for Vinnie's love. One morning he looked in the mirror and said to himself: "Well, it looks like you are going to live for a while longer. You had just as well



ice in 1919 he had a chip on his shoulder, bitterness in his heart, and very few close friends. The next eighteen years were difficult ones. By the beginning of the depression, he had owned and lost several restaurants and cafes. But after each loss he always made a comeback.

In 1937, Pat went to see his brother in Port Arthur, Texas. His niece said to him one day: "Uncle Pat, there's a girl at the office whom I want you to meet. She is my boss." The following Sunday he met Vinnie Aguiard. "All my life I had been looking for someone," said Pat, "and when I met Vinnie, I knew my search was over." They were married on Tuesday, and as Pat says, "life began for me when I met Vinnie."

In the fall of 1938 he and his new bride moved to Welsh, leased a restaurant and by the following fall had opened a second restaurant in the neighboring town of Iowa. A year later, they had leased a build-

quit thinking of yourself and think about others." That is what he has done since that time.

Today he is on the Official Board of the Local Methodist Church. He is a trustee of the church property. He is the bookkeeper for several business firms. He handles the Income Tax Returns for many people. Last year he supervised, designed, and bought all the kitchen equipment for one of the most modern restaurants in Welsh. The owner named it "Pat's Place." He was to be the manager of it, but his health would not permit. He is an excellent cook, is famous for the secret way that he fries chicken. He has helped to educate one young man for The Christian Ministry. He gets around over town in a wheelchair run by a battery. Everyday you can see him in town. All of the children and young people know and love him, and Methodists can be proud of him.

Think now of Pat Ramey and his
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Arkansas Mother of Year



L to R, Rev. H. J. Couchman, Wylie G. Key, and Mrs. C. A. Dawson.

Mrs. C. A. Dawson, "Arkansas Mother of 1957," was honored by members of the First Methodist Church, Marked Tree, Sunday, April 14, with a brief special ceremony during the morning service.

Mrs. Dawson received a Mother of the Year pin, engraved with her name and the year of her selection, and a dozen red roses.

Wylie G. Key, Chairman of the Official Board, presented the pin and expressed the appreciation and pride of fellow church members in the selection of Mrs. Dawson as the state's Mother of the Year.

Rev. H. J. Couchman, Pastor, presented the roses to Mrs. Dawson and paid tribute to her saying, "We feel one of the main reasons you were chosen for this honor is because of your loyalty to your church and the love and loyalty for the church you have given your children." Rev. Couchman told Mrs. Dawson that nine of the beautiful red roses represented her family and that the remaining three in the dozen signified her devoted service as a homemaker, a worker in her church, and a worker in her school community. Mrs. Dawson was chosen as the Arkansas Mother of 1957 by the State Mother of the Year Committee. Chairman, Mrs. Tullie Wyrick, of Magnolia, made the announcement April 4.

Mrs. Dawson's official citation as Arkansas Mother of 1957 was made by Governor Orville Faubus at 3:00 p. m. Tuesday, April 9, in the Governor's Office.

As the Arkansas representative in the National Mother of the Year selection, Mrs. Dawson spent the first week of May in New York with other state Mother of the Year nominees.

Mrs. Dawson's first act on notification of her honor was to call each of her seven children, the two daughters who live in Marked Tree and the five children who live away at points from Key West, Fla., to

Los Angeles. She said, "I told them I felt they were responsible for me having this honor, but they disclaimed the credit."

Speaking of the impending trip to New York as the Arkansas Mother of the Year representative, she said, "I only hope I can do Arkansas an honor and relate to others the many good things about our state that need to be known."

Anxious to share the credit for her nomination, Mrs. Dawson paid tribute to her husband, C. A. Dawson, as the "guiding hand through the years in our family life."

The Dawsons, who married in Marked Tree in 1909, have lived there the entire time and all of their children were born in Marked Tree and attended local schools. Mr. Dawson has been secretary-treasurer of E. Ritter & Company in Marked Tree since 1907.

Mrs. Dawson was born in Sturgis, Ky., sixty-six years ago, the daughter of the late Mary Lee Waskom and James Thomas Waskom. She moved to Marked Tree at the age of 14 with her mother after Mr. Waskom's death. She has one brother, J. G. Waskom of Marked Tree and one sister, Mrs. Louis Ohls of Arkadelphia.

Though she had not completed high school, Mrs. Dawson passed an examination for a teacher's certificate in Poinsett County in 1906 and taught the first five grades of public school from 1906 through the spring of 1908.

The Dawson's seven children have provided an enviable record that is thought to be unparalleled in the nation. All seven have attended the full 12 years of Marked Tree Schools and each graduated at the head of his or her respective class. All went on to the college of their choice and received a college degree.

Those children are Mrs. Donald H. Smith of Fairview, Okla.; C. Alston Dawson, who owns his own
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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. ROBERT CRICHLLOW, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Jennings, preached the Baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of the Jennings High School Sunday, May 19.

REV. A. W. TOWNSEND, superintendent of of the Alexandria District, preached at the evening service of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Sunday, May 19, where Dr. J. Henry Bowden is pastor.

REV. FRANK C. TUCKER, pastor of the R Springhill Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the observation of National Family Week at the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Wednesday evening, May 8, where Rev. Jolly B. Harper is pastor.

REV. ROBERT TOWNSEND, pastor of the Boyce Methodist Church, was guest preacher at the Pineville Methodist Church Sunday morning, May 19, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. John F. Kilpatrick, who was preaching in revival services in the Gordon Avenue Methodist Church, where Rev. T. A. Brown is pastor.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Wesley Fellowship Class of the Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans are: Mrs. Iris Sewell, Teacher; Mrs. Ira Gilbert, president; Mrs. Vina Terrell, vice-president; Mrs. Freda Mashburn, secretary; Albert Francisco, treasurer. Rev. E. P. Drake is pastor of the church.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the Antioch Methodist Church, on the Simsboro-Antioch Charge, met Friday night, May 10, with twelve members present. Hale Shadow of Ruston presented the Charter to the Club. Dinner was served by members of the W. S. C. S. Rev. L. M. Sawyer is pastor of the church.

MEMBERS OF THE MEN'S BIBLE CLASS of the Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, have recently completed installing a tile floor in the church nursery. The material was paid for and labor furnished by class members. This project completes the renovation of the church nursery. Rev. E. P. Drake is pastor.

WARRENE BOYD of Bogalusa has been elected president of the Maroon Jackets, honorary society for women students at Centenary College. Peggy Longino of Shreveport, is the new vice-president, and Mimi Lingenfelter, also of Shreveport, will serve as secretary. Marcella Flynt of Baton Rouge was elected treasurer.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College, was special speaker Sunday at the morning worship service of the Methodist Church of Karnack, Texas, where Rev. Billy Bonner is pastor. Dr. Mickle, who recently returned from accompanying the Centenary College Choir on its second tour of the Far East, discussed religion in that part of the world.

A SINGING SCHOOL will be taught each night, Monday through Friday from 7:00 to 8:45 at the Clay Methodist Church, June 3-14. R. E. Roberson will be the teacher and Richard Roberson the pianist. For further information regarding the school please contact the pastor, Rev. V. Leo Westbrook, or the Church School Superintendent, Roy D. Bryan.

A. C. VORAN, director of the Centenary College Choir, Shreveport, was guest speaker Thursday, May 16, at a luncheon meeting of the North Shreveport Lions Club. He discussed experiences of the Centenary Choir in the Far East. Mr. Voran also is director of Music at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, where Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor.

A TWILIGHT MUSICAL was presented by the Centenary College Choir of Shreveport at Hodges Gardens, located between Many and Leesville, Friday evening, May 10. The 49-voice choir, which recently returned from a month's tour of military bases in the Far East, sang from a lighted float in the 225-acre lake which is

located in the center of the garden area. A. C. Voran is director of the choir.

A MEETING of parents and teachers of the Children's Division of the Winbourne Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was held Wednesday, May 22, to discuss better use of literature for religious education in the Church School. Mrs. Charles F. Learner, District Director of Children's Work, attended the meeting and helped in the discussion. Rev. A. A. Collins is pastor of the church.

REV. D. R. DEEN, pastor of the Glenmora Methodist Church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon for the Glenmora High School senior class, Sunday evening, May 26. The service was held in the Dramatic Arts building of the high school. Also joining in the services were Rev. Devoe Byrd, who gave the invocation, and Rev. J. R. Thompson, who pronounced the benediction.

VICTORY SERVICES were held at the Antioch Methodist Church, on the Simsboro-Antioch Charge, Wednesday evening, May 8, concluding the Every Member Canvass. According to report, the Canvass was a success with pledges exceeding expectations. R. M. Bingham was general chairman of the Every Member Canvass. Rev. L. M. Sawyer is pastor of the church.

THE LADIES FRIENDSHIP CLASS of Wynn Memorial Methodist Church of Shreveport, held their monthly class meeting Tuesday evening, May 21, in the home of Mrs. J. S. Turrentine with fifteen members present. A motion was made and passed, to furnish dinner every fourth Sunday to the men at the Shreveport Rescue Mission for six months, beginning the fourth Sunday in June. Rev. K. G. Rorie is pastor of the church.

REV. ROY GRANT, pastor of the Ringgold Methodist Church, preached the Baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of the Eros High School Sunday morning, May 19. He is a native of the community and a graduate of the school. The Rev. Mr. Grant will preach in revival services at the Antioch Methodist Church, near Eros, beginning June 3. Rev. Leon Marsalis, pastor, is inviting all Methodist Churches nearby to attend the services.

SIDNEY SEEGER, son of the Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Seegers, has been appointed Principal of the North Monroe Junior High School. Mr. Seegers is a graduate of La. Tech, and received his Masters degree from George Peabody College. He has been on the faculty of Nevelle High School for several years serving as Guidance Counselor the past year. He is a member of the Official Board of the St. Paul's Methodist Church, Monroe.

AT THE MAY MEETING of the Official Board of the Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, the officers were re-elected for the new Conference year. They are: John Eagan, chairman; Fellmer Bean, vice-chairman; George Freeman, treasurer; and Joseph Bell, secretary. The members of the Official Board extended a note of thanks to these men who had served the church so well this past year. Rev. E. P. Drake is pastor of the church.

A JOINT VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL will be held by the First Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Jennings, June 3-7, under the direction of Mrs. Edgar Broussard. Rev. Robert Crichlow is pastor of the Methodist Church and Rev. Harold Jackson is pastor of the Presbyterian Church. A service of recognition for the Church School workers will be held June 2 at the morning worship service.

METHODIST SENIORS of West Lake High School and their guests were honored at a family night supper at Mathison Park, Wednesday, May 22, by the W. S. C. S. of the West Lake Methodist Church. Mrs. John A. Craver

was in charge of arrangements. Serving on the planning committee were Mrs. James A. Cochran, Mrs. C. F. Simpson, Mrs. Byron F. Roberts and Mrs. John F. Farrell. Rev. Rex Squyres is pastor of the church.

REV. C. K. BROOKS, pastor of the Concord-Mt. Pleasant Charge, preached at the annual home-coming service of the Zoar Methodist Church, Sunday, May 12. A Singing Convention was held in conjunction with the home-coming celebration. Services started at 10:00 a. m. and continued after a dinner, which was served on the church grounds at noon. The Zoar Methodist Church is on the Concord-Mt. Pleasant Charge.

REV. JAMES McLEAN, director of religious activities at Centenary College, is the cover artist for a special issue of "Motive" magazine, official publication of the Methodist Student Movement. The issue, which will be distributed to churches as well as placed on public sale, is devoted to Methodism. The Rev. Mr. McLean's cover depicts John Wesley's Aldersgate experience which gave him the confidence to establish the Methodist religion. The cover is the fifth which the Centenary official has done for the magazine.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Minden, are as follows: president, H. L. Bridges; vice-president, O. O. Hammons; secretary-treasurer, W. E. Green. The new officers were elected at a dinner meeting held at the church recently. Dr. W. G. Banks, program chairman, presented L. C. Starr, who spoke on "Prayer." The meal was prepared and served by the ladies of W. S. C. S. Circles 7 and 9, under the direction of Mrs. Joe Greer and Mrs. C. B. McDonald. Rev. Dan R. Robinson is pastor of the church.

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION of Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, held a special family-church covenant service at the morning worship hour on Mother's Day, May 12, in which the chairman of the commission, V. D. Walter, presided. Each family of the church indicated its part of the covenant by sending one member of the family to the altar of the church with the covenant card. Officials of the church received the card and represented the church's promise to bring every possible good method and influence in teaching and preaching to the support of the home. Rev. Ralph Cain, pastor, used as his sermon subject for the special service, "Everlasting Debts We Owe."

THE ELIZABETH AND HOPEWELL Men's Club met at the Elizabeth church Tuesday, May 14, for a barbacue supper and to elect officers for 1957-58. The Honorable Minos D. Miller, 31st Judicial District Judge, presented an interesting and informative talk on "Blessings We Americans Enjoy." The following officers were elected: Delbert Houston, president; Laurence Pickering, vice-president; Marvin Houston, secretary-treasurer; and Robert Richardson, reporter. During the business session, a project was adopted to promote camp attendance at Camp Brewer by having a picnic at the camp Saturday, May 25, for prospective campers and anyone interested in the project. Rev. John F. Kellogg is pastor of the Elizabeth-Hopewell Charge.

THE ANNUAL YOUTH RETREAT of the First Methodist Church, Iowa, was held May 4-5 at Longfellow-Evangeline State Park at St. Martinville. Theme for the week-end retreat was "Are Ye Able?" Committees responsible for the planning were: program, Barbara Spell and Alice Findley; printing and publicity, Beverly Sharp, Frances Koonce, and Kenneth Koonce; meals, Carolyn Denison, Linda Bartholomen, Bill Marcantel, and Floyd DeWolfe. Leaders who assisted in directing the program of activities were: Rev. Byrl Moreland, director of Youth Work in the Lafayette District; Mrs. Horace Denison, adult counselor for the MYF; and Jack Phelps, Johnny Denison, Rachael Branton, Myrtle Phelps and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Miller, all of whom are members of the Wesley Foundation at SLI.



NEWS IN BRIEF

The Woman's Society of the Fifth Street Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, has elected officers for the coming year and they were installed Sunday night, May 26.

Those elected include: president, Mrs. Paul Barnett; vice president, Mrs. Charles Hatfield, jr.; recording secretary, Mrs. Bennie G. Ruth; treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Rowland; secretary of supply, Mrs. Sue Burris; secretary of promotion, Mrs. Cora

Guthrie; secretary of missionary education and service, Mrs. Bill Totten; secretary of literature and publications, Mrs. Bob Everett; secretary of Christian social relations, Mrs. Lyons; and secretary of status of women, Mrs. Jim Pendargrass.

The group sponsored a rummage sale May 25; and a chicken dinner at the church, May 31. A pledge service was conducted by the society Wednesday evening, May 22.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE-WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD FINANCIAL REPORT—FOURTH QUARTER—1956-57

Balance February 15, 1957	\$10,663.49
RECEIPTS:	
Undirected Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$18,710.76
W.S.G.	2,697.84
Study Project:	
W.S.C.S.	595.19
W.S.G.	54.80
McKimmey Fund:	
W.S.C.S.	301.32
Stahley Fund, W.S.C.S.	267.50
Ark-Okla Rural Work:	
W.S.C.S.	309.75
W.S.G.	21.25
Robben Fund, W.S.G.	1,058.00
Special Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	4,550.00
W.S.G.	620.00
Memorials, W.S.C.S.	150.00
In Remembrance Fund	131.00
Credit on Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$25,015.52
W.S.G.	4,451.89
Total Pledge	\$29,467.41
Children—World Service	5.00
TOTAL PAID ON APPROPRIATIONS	\$29,472.41
Week of Prayer:	
W.S.C.S.	62.24
W.S.G.	1.20
Cash for Supply Work:	
W.S.C.S.	968.55
W.S.G.	394.73
Narcotic Education	202.71
Elizabeth Thornburg	
Workman Fund	157.95
Student Loan Fund	18.10
Miscellaneous	13.40
Total W.S.C.S.	\$26,443.47
Total W.S.G.	4,847.82
TOTAL FROM DISTRICTS	\$31,291.29
Youth Fund	744.94
Offerings at annual	
Meeting	118.70
Love Offering for Hiroshima	
Girls' School:	
W.S.C.S.	262.30
W.S.G.	180.54
Sale of Literature at	
Annual Conf. Meeting	206.51
Refunds	27.75
Gifts	30.50
Result of Study	15.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$32,877.53
Add Balance	10,663.49
To account for	\$43,541.02
Amt. reported spent on local	
Church and Community work—	\$14,134.49
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Pledge to Missions:	
W.S.C.S.	\$14,856.01
W.S.G.	2,848.05
Special Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	4,495.00
W.S.G.	620.00
Memorials	150.00
In Remembrance Fund	131.00
Credit on Pledge	
W.S.C.S.	\$19,632.01
W.S.G.	3,468.05
TOTAL CREDIT ON PLEDGE	\$23,100.06
Youth Fund	\$ 744.94
Child Service Fund	5.00
TOTAL ON APPROPRIATIONS	\$23,850.00
Week of Prayer	63.44
Cash for Supply Work:	
Foreign	1,434.58
Home	191.00
Division Cultivation Fd.	32.33
Narcotic Education	202.71
Elizabeth T. Workman	
Fund	37.89
Promotion by Conference	
officers	2,397.32
Christian Social	
Relations	29.81
Student Loan Fund	18.10
Total	\$28,257.18
Balance May 17, 1957	15,283.84
Accounted for	\$43,541.02
Mrs. J. L. Verhoeff, Treasurer	
Little Rock Conf. W.S.C.S.	

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Youth: Bobby Sanders, Ellen Martin Ohls; Adult: Mrs. W. H. Halliburton, Mrs. H. A. Daugherty, Mrs. E. E. Martin, Mrs. J. H. McAllister, Mrs. C. H. Burleson, Miss Lillie Potter, Mrs. George Hildreth, Miss

Gertie Allen, Mrs. C. W. Melson, Mrs. B. W. Ridgeway, Mrs. Joe P. Johnson, Miss Emogene Dunlap, Mrs. Clyde E. Reid, Mrs. J. L. Green, Mrs. W. H. DeVore.

CAMDEN DISTRICT—Baby: Stephen Pickering, Ted Miller Barnes, Janice Hale, Kay Elizabeth Blackman, Elizabeth Suzanne Davis, Mary Elizabeth Bently, Kathy Sue Ballard, Frankie Jo Hisaw, Teresa Ann Patterson, Catherine Ann Grigg, Betsy Sue Alspaugh, Debra Ann Vaughn, Sarah Lynn Vaughn, Elizabeth Jean Matthews, Susan Augusta Price, Suzanne Herrington, Rebecca Jewell Blackman; Youth—Warren Taylor; Adult: Mrs. Blanche Arnold, Mrs. Mabel Mead, Mrs. Ben Saxon, Mrs. J. L. Dedman, Jr., Mrs. Flossie Duncan, Mrs. John Stinson, Mrs. Carl Dickson, Mrs. E. L. Adams, Mrs. Cecil Culver, Mrs. Ethel Kinnard, Mrs. Burney Wilson, Mrs. E. E. Paxton, Mrs. E. W. Gaston, Mrs. Howard Elder, Mrs. A. Tiller, Mrs. B. R. Sayer, Mrs. Joe Crawford, Mrs. J. C. Akin, Mrs. Earl Heinback, Mrs. B. F. Scott, Mrs. Carrey E. Clark, Mrs. Fred Mayfield, Mrs. Georgia Carter, Mrs. Ben L. Jean, Mrs. Una Waddell, Miss Carrie Brown, Mrs. Bernice Wilson, Mrs. J. T. Burns, Sr., Mrs. Helen Fogle, Mrs. Holman Wilson, Mrs. Florence Lawson, Mrs. Earl Phillips, Mrs. Bennie Russell, Miss Nettie Favors, Mrs. V. R. Wickers, Mrs. J. M. Peace, Mrs. Rachel Thomas, Mrs. Amanda Wike, Mrs. Sarah Emma Scott, Mrs. Robert Rhodes, Mrs. Keith Laster, Mrs. Fletcher Kizzia, Mrs. Evelyn Curtis, Mrs. W. M. Meeks, Sr., Mrs. Jesse Murph, Mrs. R. N. House, Mrs. Perry Bolding, Mrs. Martha Hedgecock, Mrs. Abbie Martin; Honorary Life—Mrs. Walter Birch.

HOPE DISTRICT—Baby: Karen Sue Brugmann, Elizabeth Anne Carlton, Karen Marie Cox, Sophia Arnold, Terry Sue Parson; Adult: Mrs. Jessie Penuel, Mrs. Gordon B. Carlton, Mrs. Tom Garland, Mrs. W. R. Dunn, Mrs. Cecil Weaver, Mrs. Sam Huckabee, Mrs. Syvelle Burke, Miss Mary Anita Weaver, Mrs. Iona Cress, Mrs. Jess Morris, Mrs. L. O. Lee, Mrs. Virginia Slover, Mrs. Estelle Mullins, Mrs. Bernice Wright, Mrs. George Reese, Mrs. Martin Watkins, Jr., Mrs. Thelma Harris.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Baby: William Bradford Shoup, Jean Linebarger, Jeffrey Lee Richards, Jay Edward Richards, Hubert Duncan Scott, Kenneth Woodrow Highfill, Lore Gail Keaton, Eleanor Les Jefferies, Daniel Webster Felton, Robert Allen Henry, Lee Ann Tyer, Janet Dean, Robert Miles Moore, Jana Sue Beard, Ann Genise Hines, Sandra Kee, Kristen Lin DeGinther, Lucy Anne Gillespie, Charlotte Anne Bevels; Youth: Patti Casey; Adult: Mrs. E. L. Hunt, Mrs. John Brazil, Mrs. Jesse Miller, Miss Maude Steed, Mrs. Henry M. Brown, Mrs. Rowland Bragg, Mrs. H. D. Hart, Mrs. K. E. Gilbert, Mrs. Katherine Parker, Mrs. Lester W. Snell, Mrs. Vernon Perkins, Mrs. Alice Bond, James Douglass, Mabel Hammett, Francine Oakley, Lola Buck, Buford Steed, Mrs. S. D. Arnett, Mrs. W. F. Barbee, Mrs. R. L. Harkey, Mrs. Lee Martin, Mrs. J. H. Rice, Sr., Mrs. E. N. Whitwell, Mrs. J. K. Daughenbaugh, Mrs. H. R. Holland, Mrs. W. T. Butler, Mrs. Lester Seaman, Mrs. Birtle McNeill, Mrs. Vail Paschal, Mrs. Jack Campbell, Mrs. J. Lee Cooper, Mrs. Lena Mae Fink, Mrs. Alfreda Wilson, Mrs. Pearl Cummings, Mrs. Eugene T. Davenport, Miss Christine Raetz, Mrs. Katherine Simmons, Miss Jessie Ehlers, Fannie Lucile Roberts, Mrs. John Wilson, Mrs. Ernest Efrid, Mrs. C. G. Belin, Mrs. C. F. Fowler, Mrs. R. F. Derden, Mrs. Edgar Dixon, Mrs. N. T. Hollis, Miss Dallis Smith, Miss Dorris Smith; Honorary Life: Mrs. J. B. Rebsamen, Mrs. Rose Mortenson, Mrs. Vertie Frederick; Memorial: Mrs. Henderson M. Jacoway.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Baby: Winston Roy Purifoy, Jr., Julia K. Barnes, Larry Mattison, Cecil Sanford Suitt; Youth: Betty Hinds, Katy Lou Wagner; Adult: Mrs. W. B. Anderson, Mrs. Guy Robinson, Mrs. O. H. Darling, Mrs. G. V. Shockley, Mrs. Clyde Garner, Mrs. Kenneth Thomas, Mrs. M. E. Baker, Mrs. Billie Foote, Mrs. F. L. Hart, Mrs. Alice Hanley, Miss Floyd

Edith Martin Arrives In Africa



Pictured above is Mrs. Elmer Hook, North Arkansas Conference secretary of Missionary Personnel, and Miss Edith Martin, at the World Methodist Conference.

M.M.C.C. Tunda Station, par Kibombo, Congo Belge, Afrique, May 10, 1957.

Dear Folks,

It hardly seems possible that I am in the Congo and at work again. The world seems smaller than it did when I first came to Africa twenty-five years ago.

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Rev. R. Leonard Cooke, vice president of Centenary College, said three young persons are attending Centenary on National Methodist Scholarships this year, and the college has been promised an additional two scholarships for next year, funds permitting.

Currently, the scholarships carry a valuation of \$400 each, the college official said, but a maximum of \$500 each has been set for the scholarships to be available for the 1957-58 school year. At least one year's membership in the Methodist Church, a scholastic average of not less than "B" and a determination to enter full-time Christian work upon the completion of college work are among the prerequisites for obtaining one of the National Methodist Scholarships.

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to 1,000; \$75 if from 1,001 to 1,500; \$100 if from 1,501 to 2,000; and \$150 if church membership is from 2,000 up.

The Rev. Mr. Cooke said an alternate day for Methodist Student Day may be designated by the local church commission on education or the Conference board of education, if necessary.

MSM Training Conferences Set

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—More than 1,500 Methodist college students are expected to attend seven regional leadership training conferences of the Methodist Student Movement this summer.

The schedule of conferences is as follows:

June 5-12, Camp Casowasco, N. Y.; June 6-13, Lake Junaluska, N. C.; June 9-15, Epworth Forest, Ind.; August 24-31, Camp Egan, Okla., and Lake Poinsett, S. D.; August 31 to September 7, Lake Tahoe, Cal.; and September 2-8, Camp Magruder, Ore.

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Theme of the conferences will

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

WHAT ARE YOU WORTH?

If you have been feeling pretty low lately and you need something to bolster a sagging ego, give a thought to what the atomic age has done to increase your market value. Here is real encouragement to those who have suffered under the 98 cent tag. You recall the fact that some idle brother figured out the chemical value of the human body. He took as an example a man weighing 140 pounds. He has enough fat for seven bars of soap, carbon enough for 9000 stencils, phosphorus for 2200 match heads, iron for one medium size nail, lime enough to white-wash a chicken coop, water enough to fill a ten-gallon barrel, and sulphur enough to rid one dog of fleas. Market value less than ten dollars. Of course we have been age-inflated by the spiral of economic inflation and you might even sell for \$17.50 on today's thriving market.

The Age of Wonders

Well, hold onto your million-dollar liver, friend, but the age of wonders has come again. You have increased in monetary value according to atomic researchers. They say that the atoms in the human body have an energy of 11,400,000 kilowatt hours per pound. Pardon me while I rest my hundred-thousand-dollar eyelid (the left one, the right one works harder and is worth one-hundred thousand dollars and ninety-eight cents). Anyhow, that energy potential sells for 570 million dollars for each pound. If you weigh 150 pounds, that totals 85½ billion dollars. Just think what some of us who weigh in at a tenth of a ton could do for the national debt. I should live so long! Even you hundred pounders could put a dent in that national indenture.

So don't sell yourself short. When you respond to that greeting, "How you feeling?" with a "Feel like a million dollars!", take another look at yourself. You're underselling yourself. Even when you are at your worst (which for some is the usual self, of course) you are worth a cool half-billion dollars. Isn't good old science wonderful? And on this diet, every pound I lost costs me millions of dollars. Oh well, just pass the pie. Make it a la mode (the best words I know in French).

Look At Christian Concept

If you want to get serious a moment, take a look at the Christian concept of life if you want to see what a person is really worth. At the very heart of the message of Jesus was this emphasis on the sacredness of human personality. A person is of infinite value just because he is a person. Say, that's a revolutionary doctrine! Especially is it so in a world like ours where some seek to put the state above the person in value, where

be "The Christian Faith Confronts University Values," said the Rev. Jameson Jones, Nashville. A staff member of the Methodist Board of Education here, he directed the planning of the conferences.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Little Rock

The monthly meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, Little Rock Sub-district, was held at Oak Forest Methodist Church May 20, at 7:00 p.m.

New officers elected were: president, Ann Hansen, Pulaski Heights Methodist; vice president, Joe Miller, Pulaski Heights Methodist; secretary, Patty Casey, Asbury; treasurer, James McDaniel, St. Paul; Power and Concern representative, Bill Cooper, Winfield Methodist; publicity co-chairmen, Rita Taylor, Henderson Methodist; and Janet McClelland, 1st Methodist.

New chairmen for the five program areas are: witness, Lou Adams, Highland Methodist; faith, Mickey Edgings, 28th Street Methodist; citizenship, Edith Garland, Pulaski Heights Methodist; outreach, Diane Carter, Highland; fellowship, (co-chairmen) Mary Brannon, Asbury, and Johnny Lamb, Hunter Methodist.

The next meeting will be June 18 at St. Paul Methodist. E. F. Price, Henderson Methodist Church, is sub-district counselor.

Rice Belt

The Gillett, Ark., MYF was host to the Rice Belt MYF Sub-district meeting recently. Billy Boyd Smith, Gillett, opened the meeting with prayer and presided. The program presented by the members of Gillett MYF emphasized the use of MYF funds in China, Africa, Japan, and the U. S. A film "Your Nickels" showed the many opportunities offered to youth by participating in Christian activities.

Miss Sybil Blankenship, Director of Youth Work, Stuttgart, installed the following Sub-district officers for 1957-1958: President, Billy Boyd Smith, Gillett; Vice-President, Lou Ann Darwin, St. Charles; Secretary-Treasurer, Sissy Hazzard, DeWitt; Reporter, South division, Pat Burk, DeWitt; Reporter, North division, G. W. Sorrels, Jr.; and Counselor, Mrs. Raymond Heien, Lodges Corner.

Units represented were First Methodist and Grand Avenue, Stuttgart; First Methodist, DeWitt; St. Charles and Gillett.

the impact of human slavery is still felt in the social traditions of the nation, where men are ruthless in their sacrifice of persons and personal values to gain power, prestige, and wealth, where so many of us dissipate the potential spiritual energy of a God-endowed life.

How do you figure the value of a person? I hope not on his chemical value, or on the basis of race, ancestry, or social position. The Christian gospel figures it on the basis that a person is a child of God, with all the potentialities of divine greatness. How close to that standard do you do your figuring?



NEWS IN BRIEF

The Woman's Society of the Fifth Street Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, has elected officers for the coming year and they were installed Sunday night, May 26.

Those elected include: president, Mrs. Paul Barnett; vice president, Mrs. Charles Hatfield, jr.; recording secretary, Mrs. Bennie G. Ruth; treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Rowland; secretary of supply, Mrs. Sue Burris; secretary of promotion, Mrs. Cora

Guthrie; secretary of missionary education and service, Mrs. Bill Totten; secretary of literature and publications, Mrs. Bob Everett; secretary of Christian social relations, Mrs. Lyons; and secretary of status of women, Mrs. Jim Penda-grass.

The group sponsored a rummage sale May 25; and a chicken dinner at the church, May 31. A pledge service was conducted by the society Wednesday evening, May 22.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE-WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
FINANCIAL REPORT—FOURTH QUARTER—1956-57

Balance February 15, 1957\$10,663.49

RECEIPTS:

Undirected Pledge:\$18,710.76
W.S.C.S. 2,697.84
W.S.G.

Study Project: 595.19
W.S.C.S. 54.80
W.S.G.

McKimmey Fund: 301.32
W.S.C.S. 267.50
Stahley Fund, W.S.C.S.

Ark-Okla Rural Work: 309.75
W.S.C.S. 21.25
W.S.G.

Robben Fund, W.S.G. 1,058.00
Special Memberships: 4,550.00
W.S.C.S. 620.00
W.S.G.

Memorials, W.S.C.S. 150.00
In Remembrance Fund 131.00
Credit on Pledge:\$25,015.52
W.S.C.S. 4,451.89
W.S.G.

Total Pledge\$29,467.41
Children—World Service 5.00
TOTAL PAID ON APPROPRI-

ATIONS\$29,472.41
Week of Prayer: 62.24
W.S.C.S. 1.20
W.S.G.

Cash for Supply Work: 968.55
W.S.C.S. 394.73
W.S.G.

Narcotic Education 202.71
Elizabeth Thornburg 157.95
Workman Fund 18.10
Student Loan Fund 13.40
Miscellaneous\$26,443.47
Total W.S.C.S. 4,847.82
Total W.S.G.

TOTAL FROM DISTRICTS\$31,291.29
Youth Fund 744.94
Offerings at annual 118.70
Meeting 262.30
Love Offering for Hiroshima 180.54
Girls' School: 206.51
W.S.C.S. 27.75
W.S.G.

Sale of Literature at 30.50
Annual Conf. Meeting 15.00
Refunds\$32,877.53
Gifts 10,663.49
Result of Study\$43,541.02
TOTAL RECEIPTS\$14,134.49
Church and Community work—

DISBURSEMENTS:\$19,632.01
Pledge to Missions: 3,468.05
W.S.C.S. 2,848.05
W.S.G.

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W.S.C.S. 620.00
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Credit on Pledge\$23,100.06
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TOTAL CREDIT ON PLEDGE\$23,850.00
Youth Fund 5.00
Child Service Fund 63.44
TOTAL ON APPROPRIATIONS\$28,257.18
Week of Prayer 15,283.84
Cash for Supply Work:\$43,541.02
Foreign 1,434.58
Home 191.00
Division Cultivation Fd. 32.33
Narcotic Education 202.71
Elizabeth T. Workman 37.89
Fund 2,397.32
Promotion by Conference officers 29.81
Christian Social 18.10
Relations\$28,257.18
Student Loan Fund 15,283.84
Total\$43,541.02
Balance May 17, 1957\$43,541.02
Accounted for\$43,541.02
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ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT — Youth: Bobby Sanders, Ellen Martin Ohls; Adult: Mrs. W. H. Halliburton, Mrs. H. A. Daugherty, Mrs. E. E. Martin, Mrs. J. H. McAllister, Mrs. C. H. Burleson, Miss Lillie Potter, Mrs. George Hildreth, Miss

Gertie Allen, Mrs. C. W. Melson, Mrs. B. W. Ridgeway, Mrs. Joe P. Johnson, Miss Emogene Dunlap, Mrs. Clyde E. Reid, Mrs. J. L. Green, Mrs. W. H. DeVore.

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Edith Martin Arrives In Africa



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Goals In Action

ALPHARETTA LEEPER

EDITOR'S NOTE: Address given by Miss Alpharetta Leeper at the Annual Conference of the Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service. Miss Leeper is Secretary of Missionary Personnel for the Woman's Division, Methodist Board of Missions. This article is published at the request of Conference Woman's Society leaders.

AND it came to pass that the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Church known as Methodist set for itself new goals for the Quadrennium which should span the years from 1956 to 1960. And as was her custom Mrs. Local Member of the Society looked with eagerness to these goals which were to be her call to action and growth during the four years which stretch ahead. Indeed she determined to take them to heart and breathe into them the breath of her own life and service.

Commitment

In order that no time might be lost Mrs. Local Member responded to the call before her and accepted the first goal which challenged her **TO COMMIT HERSELF TO THE SPIRIT AND PRINCIPLES OF CHRIST FOR THE WHOLE WORLD.**

This would not be an easy task but Mrs. Local Member applied herself to a program of action. First of all she searched her heart in an effort to learn the depth of her commitment to Christ. It was easy for her to see that she faced countless limitations here since she was chagrined to note how careless she had become regarding important matters.

In light of this new awareness Mrs. Local Member sought her Bible and other guides to spiritual development and began to make them a part of her daily life. Thus she added new books to her library, sought and shared fellowship with Christian friends and began to practice new disciplines in her personal devotional habits. How difficult it was to break old patterns of carelessness, but how rewarding to gain new insights into the nature of God and His will for her life and for the life of men and women throughout the world.

Accepting Responsibility In Local Church

It was not long, however, before Mrs. Local Member knew that the first call must lead into actions of another sort so she sought **TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY IN THE TOTAL PROGRAM OF THE LOCAL CHURCH.**

This, too, meant study and discipline. No longer could she make vain excuses for neglecting Sunday worship. No longer could she permit herself to spend money and time on things that held no real worth. Instead she was learning to give, and give, and give again—what God had given her—and what a joy it was! She found community activities that called for an effective Christian witness. She found young friends who needed her love and guidance. And in each new task she rejoiced that God had found her worthy.

Educational Institutions

But this was not enough; she was called **TO INTERPRET THE PLACE OF THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH.**

As she looked into the meaning of this call Mrs. Local Member was thrilled to recall the many things she had learned about the various educational endeavors of her organization. This knowledge made it possible for her to share

the objectives of these institutions and make known to others the part they played in making the world mission of the church a living, vital force in young lives in 32 different nations throughout the world.

Missionary And Deaconess Recruitment

But her task could not stop here. She was called **TO CONFRONT HER LOCAL CHURCH WITH THE CHALLENGE OF RECRUITMENT TO MISSIONARY AND DEACONESS SERVICE.**

Long had she heard of the need for workers in the missionary outreach of the church. Long had she ignored the cry for teachers, social workers, nurses, doctors, technicians, dieticians, and countless other trained leaders in the mission agencies at home and abroad. Little had she sought to learn of the type of person who must be called to serve in these fields as deaconesses and missionaries. This could no longer be true. Mrs. Local Member was now confronted by a vivid view of the young lives who marched before her vision—her own daughter, her neighbor's child, that young person who had such a gift with the children in vacation church school, that lovely nurse who had so recently sought her counsel regarding a tough decision. Yes, there were these and many more. Perhaps she could begin sharing with them many of the needs and challenges which awaited those who would make Christ the most vital force in their lives. From this day forward she would seek to do her part.

Fellowship Without Barriers

But there was more. If Mrs. Local Member was going to challenge youth to go forth to break down barriers of poverty, sickness, cultural and racial misunderstanding, she must start through her own life **TO CREATE A FELLOWSHIP WITHOUT BARRIERS IN LOCAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.**

How happy she was that she had begun to develop new disciplines in her devotional life. Without these hours of study, prayer, and soul searching Mrs. Local Member could not have been able to see the areas in her own life where she had failed to work toward the creation of a fellowship without barriers. Now she recalled with regret her attitude of indifference toward the poor family which had moved into her neighborhood. Heretofore the children were little hindrances to a peaceful neighborhood. Through her new eyes she came to see a troubled and lonely mother and



MISS ALPHARETTA LEEPER

little children who cried out for love in each loud clamour of noise and rowdiness. Perhaps she could help. She remembered too the lonely people of her church who came faithfully but were never taken into the inner fellowship. No doubt she could be used as an instrument in making of her church and community an inclusive, rather than an exclusive fellowship. No doubt she had been too concerned about her own status to note how much she might do for others. In such hours of self-evaluation Mrs. Local Member knew she must go even further than this. There was much tension and racial misunderstanding in her community. What could she do to become a reconciling force for God in this area of extreme concern? She knew she could participate in the services of worship sponsored by the Council of Church Women on the Day of Prayer. She knew, too, that there were other occasions when she would be called on to worship with those of other races. But could she stop here? Her heart said "No." She must do more. She must speak bravely in the face of broad generalities which so often seek to condemn and undermine. She must support those people who stood out bravely for the spirit and will of Christ through racial justice and understanding. She must seek His strength in finding new ways by which she could help destroy these barriers, and here Mrs. Local Member prayed with longing and deep contrition.

Identify With World's Peoples

And out of her hours of turmoil and struggle Mrs. Local Member found herself ready to move on to still another call—that one which beckoned her **TO IDENTIFY HERSELF WITH THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.**

Day by day Mrs. Local Member had read her newspapers and magazines and had wondered much about all of the people "over there" who were causing so much trouble and unrest. But now she began to see them in a different light. Suddenly she realized that they had been nations and peoples who had been in a deep sleep or had been pressed beneath the heel of various conquerors who were sometimes good and sometimes bad, but who always came from the outside to rule over them. Now the submerged were seeking a new way. Was it strange that they should act like rebellious adolescents who were eager to take on adult responsibilities at one turbulent moment? Ah, she was beginning to understand and understanding brought a new sense of appreciation and concern into the heart of Mrs. Local Member. And she was glad.

For Justice And Peace

And she was led to look up and note that her final goal for the quadrennium was related to this newly awakened concern for identification. Truly she was called **TO SPEAK AND ACT BOLDLY IN CHRIST'S NAME FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE FOR ALL PEOPLE.**

Suddenly Mrs. Local Member recalled a visit she had made to the United Nations. On that day the sun was shining brightly and the flags of all of the member nations were flying in the breeze. Mrs. Local Member had stood across the street on First Avenue and watched them wave, and as she watched it seemed that men, women, and children of every nation were gathered around the flag staffs with faces to the sun singing joyously the words: "Jesus shall reign, Where'er the sun, Shall his successive journey run." And sure enough, high above all other flags, she seemed to see yet another one—the Christian flag which bound them all in one fellowship with Christ the Lord.

Mrs. Local Member gloried in the renewal of this dream and pledged her life and her energies toward its fulfillment. Of course it could not come about in the next quadrennium but she was convinced that her life would be set forth as one of God's instruments so that in His own good time all people might come under his sway of love and brotherhood.

It is true that the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Church known as Methodist has set for itself new goals for the quadrennium which is to span the years from 1956 to 1960. Let us pray that in the heart of every Mrs. Local Member there might be born the desire and the will to make the goals real in her own life during the years that stretch ahead.

Methodist Student Day Set For June 9

Nashville, Tenn.—(MI)—Methodist churches across the nation will observe Methodist Student Day, Sunday, June 9.

Methodist Student Day is observed annually to emphasize the work of higher education in church-related institutions. An offering is received for the support of National Methodist Scholarships and the Student Loan Fund for Methodist students.

Ninety-five per cent of the offering goes for scholarships and five per cent to the Student Loan Fund. The loan fund is largely sustained by the repayment of earlier loans.

The observance is promoted by the Division of Education Institutions of the Methodist Board of Education, which has its national headquarters here.

More than 5,000 scholarship awards, totalling more than \$1,500,000, have been granted since the scholarship program was started in 1944.

A total of 485 National Scholarships will be made available for the 1957-58 academic year. They are available in limited numbers in all the more than 100 accredited Methodist colleges and universities.

The Student Loan Fund, begun in 1872, has been used by more than 80,000 students. Last year, 2,170 student loans were granted, totaling \$457,000.

Dr. Sockman Honored for 40 Years Service

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Church of New York City and author of the weekly "A Lift For Living" column in this publication, was honored at a testimonial dinner May 6 in New York for 40 years of ministry and his enduring contribution to the spiritual and cultural life of the nation.

Trustees and members of the church with which they became affiliated forty years ago, colleagues with whom they have been associated in other religious and community enterprises, and friends from all faiths and many places combined to pay tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Sockman.

Dr. Sockman was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, received his bachelor's degree from Ohio Wesleyan University and his M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from Columbia University.

In 1917 he came into the full pastorate of the church where he has served continuously for 40 years. He is the only Methodist minister now in active service who has served the same parish for that length of time.

In 1929 Dr. Sockman and his parishoners began the planning of a new church which was completed and entered in 1933. It is Christ Church, Park Avenue at 60th Street. It represents a cost of over \$3,000,000 and is one of the finest examples of marble and mosaic in American ecclesiastical architecture.

Since 1928, he has ministered to the people throughout this country and Canada over a nationwide radio pulpit. The National Radio Pulpit is broadcast each Sunday from October to May over the NBC network.

Dr. Sockman has received honorary degrees from 16 universities. In a poll conducted by the *Christian Century*, he was named one of the six foremost clergymen of all denominations in the country today. He was a member of the central committee of the World Council of Churches from 1948 to 1954.

At Duke University Commencement in 1954, Dr.



Sockman was hailed as "Dean of the American Protestant Pulpit." He has twice declined the office of Bishop because of the high value he places on the parish pulpit.

Dr. Sockman is author of several books, three of which were Religious Book Club selections. The last four best sellers are: "The Higher Happiness," "How To Believe," "The Whole Armor of God," and "A Lift for Living."

Some Hells I Have Known

S. L. Morgan, Sr.

I think we all have built little hells for ourselves, and know their torture. I've just read the touching story of the unknown woman who recently went into Efid's department store in a North Carolina town, and asked to see the manager privately. She said to him, "Years ago when a girl I shoplifted from this store. I'm married now and have a family, and I must clear my conscience. I made a note of the prices of the articles I took. The amount was \$29.59. My husband told me to forget it. But my conscience won't forget it. I want to pay it."

He offered to cancel it. She said positively, "My conscience won't cancel it; I must pay it." And she did, to the last cent.

I know the wisdom of it from experience. One summer in my college days I sold things. Once I sold a woman a stereoscope with one lens cracked, not having a perfect one. I offered it at half price, thinking she'd see it. But she didn't. Of course I should have pointed it out, for I wasn't sure it was usable. I regretted it at once, but it seemed a trifle, and I let it pass.

That was 60 years ago. All this time it has been a poisoned memory. Thousands of times, I judge, it has come to mind to plague me with shame and remorse. Doubtless it has lingered in my subconscious as part of a complex of causes that has often brought me inner distraction, frustration and a feeling of inferiority. And all this misery it has caused me for 60 years could have been avoided by even a letter offering to make good the wrong of a few dimes.

Another incident, also about 60 years ago, a smaller matter than the other, haunted me increasingly for 40 years. It was hardly a sin, but only a failure to be manly and fine. But as my ideals grew finer, and my conscience

more exacting, the thing grew uglier and uglier till it became a torture—through the 40 years. Then I wrote a letter to apologize and make the wrong right, if possible. A generous reply came, and only then did the 40 years of torture end. Pity it wasn't sooner.

My Worst Hell

Ten years ago, in a tense moment, I built for myself what I think was the worst hell I've known in my lifetime. And I've just lately climbed out of it. It is indeed a curious story.

I had conceived what I believed and still believe was potentially a great project by which our men's Bible class, under the shadow of the greatest Baptist college in the state, might become a model class to improve the Bible teaching of the entire state. I talked to our able, admirable teacher, and he agreed the plan had possibilities. I dared to ask him if he would allow me 15 minutes the following Sunday morning to present the matter to the class, he in no way responsible for what I said. He agreed.

I looked forward to that little speech with intense concern and hope. I was so sure of my project that I invited the college president, the pastor and other notables to be present to appraise its merits. In many years as pastor of rather prominent churches, I doubt if I had ever looked forward to an address with so great expectation and hope. I sat tense, with a sense of destiny impending, awaiting my turn to speak.

Some days had passed, and I hadn't mentioned the matter again to the teacher, and the arrangement had slipped his memory. He used all the time, and I was left nonplused.

I felt bound to explain to the guests I had invited. I got up tense and excited to the nth degree. I lost my usual poise, and said some

nonsensical things, incidentally reflecting on the teacher. And then felt deeply ashamed and chagrined. That night I lost sleep over it. I told the teacher of my chagrin. Admirable man that he was, he assured me it was a trifle, and not to worry. And in retrospect it seemed to me just one of those incidents that is bound to come now and then as the common lot of all mortals, and was not a matter to remember and worry about. Surely it would soon pass.

But I couldn't forget that by losing my head and my tongue and saying random things I had degraded the image of God in me—and before a great class. And yet I couldn't then see it as a thing to confess and apologize for. But as time passed, I found the memory still haunted me—and year after year.

Ten years passed, and still it haunted me. During that time I had read many books on psychology. I count it the most important truth I learned from psychology, that it is harmful, even dangerous, to bottle up any guilt feeling, or anything that may become a ground for brooding. It may work great harm inside, even lasting harm. But opened up, confessed, or one's motives set in proper light, one intuitively feels a happy sense of release. It is the sense that one has disowned the thing, and now God and men understand, forgive, and restore one to confidence and favor.

Clearly I should have done that promptly before the class that had seen me lose my head and had heard me speak random words. That I did just a few Sundays ago—after ten years of torture. Then release came. Meanwhile I had written at length and was offering the world the gist of what I had wanted to give the class that morning ten years before.

A Heeded Warning

Our sins and follies don't just fade out of themselves. The heart of our religion, indeed, is that the only way out for the offender is through repentance, confession, and making wrongs right.

I've had my hells and know the way out. I warn all others, out of my own painful experience, to take that way, for it is God's way to escape the hells we make for ourselves in this life, and the hell to come in the other world for those who neglect to make wrongs right.

OBITUARIES



MRS. RUBY HALL GILLIAM

GILLIAM—Mrs. Ruby Hall Gilliam was born July 25, 1891 at Lexington, Tennessee, and died April 23, 1957, at Hot Springs, Arkansas. On August 29, 1909, she was married to the Rev. Cleve Gilliam and to them were born five children, two of whom died in infancy.

In 1930 the family moved to Arkansas, Brother Gilliam transferring from the Memphis Conference to the Little Rock Conference to which he has belonged ever since. In 1946 he and his wife came to the Fountain Lake Methodist Church and established their home in this community.

Sister Gilliam was a kind and gracious person and made their parsonage home a happy place where everyone was made to feel welcome by the cordial and sincere hospitality shown to guests. Her manner was quiet and unassuming but she was practical and loyal to the core of her nature. For this spirit she contributed her part to the effectiveness of her husband's ministry.

She was soundly converted and joined the Methodist Church in her girlhood, and her life as she lived it among us, truly exemplified her faith in and her love to, Jesus Christ her Lord. Her husband and her children rise up to call her blessed.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Hall, Van Nuys, California; Charles of the U. S. Air Force and stationed at present in Maine; and Harold, Santa Barbara, California; one brother, Claude Hall, Savannah, Tennessee; one sister, Mrs. Tom

Bunch, Lexington, Tennessee; and nine grandchildren.

The funeral service was held in Fountain Lake Methodist Church of which she was a member. The Rev. T. T. McNeal had charge of the service assisted by Dr. E. C. Rule, Rev. Russell Brown, her pastor, and the writer. Burial was in Harris Memorial Cemetery at Morning Star, near Hot Springs.

—Rev. Roy E. Farr

MARTIN—Emory Marion Martin was born in Talidaga County, Alabama, November 26, 1881. He came to Arkansas with his parents at the age of one year. He was married to Miss Effie Moore of Mt. Ida, Arkansas, on May 7, 1906, and they raised their family in the New Salem Community near Mt. Pine, Arkansas. Mr. Martin was a farmer and rural school teacher. The writer was one of his pupils at Morning Star, Arkansas. He was a great Methodist layman. His name appears constantly in the records of the New Salem Methodist Church and the Hot Springs Circuit. He served his church as lay speaker, church school superintendent, teacher, steward, and choir director.

He is survived by his wife, five sons: Leo D. of Beaumont, Texas; Otha K. of San Jose, California; Woodrow Dean of Hot Springs; June David of Saratoga, California; and Otis Marion of Cupertino, California; three daughters: Mrs. Mrs. Iona Frazier of Campbell, California; Mrs. Cortez McKee of San Jose, California; and Mrs. Rosalie Mahan of Hot Springs; one brother: G. A. Martin of Gainesville, Florida; three sisters: Mrs. H. A. F. Ault of Hope; Mrs. Mary Bulliard of Hope; and Mrs. Virginia Rascoe of Hot Springs.

The funeral was conducted in the New Salem Church by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Crowe, and the writer. Burial was in the cemetery at Mt. Ida.

—By Rev. Alfred I. Doss.

MEDLOCK—Miss Susanna Lorene Medlock, 1619 State, Secretary for the State Geological and Conservation Commission, died in a Little Rock Hospital December 16, 1956. "Miss Sue" to those who knew her best was a member of a pioneer Methodist family in Arkansas, having lived in the Collegeville Community, Saline County, during her childhood. Her father, the late John Forsythe Medlock, whose home still stands in which a room was furnished similar to the "Prophet's Chamber" in the Bible, where all traveling preach-

ers were welcome. Her mother was the late Mary Ann Jordan Medlock, who was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wellesbourne, England, prior to her marriage.

Before going to China "Miss Sue" attended Scarritt College at Nashville, Tennessee. From 1922 to 1925 she was a Methodist Missionary at Soochow University in Soochow, China.

After returning to the States in 1925 "Miss Sue" was very active in church work and worked as secretary for fourteen years at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock. While there as a faithful servant of God, she served as secretary to a number of ministers; among them, Rev. C. M. Reves now retired, of Conway, Arkansas, and two which are now Bishops of our Methodist Church — Bishop

William C. Martin of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Area and Bishop H. Bascom Watts of the Nebraska Area.

While at First Church "Miss Sue" had a part in touching the lives of many of her "boys and girls" as she called them. Seven of her girls are now serving as ministers' wives and two of her boys are now in the ministry.

"Miss Sue" was a member of the Winfield Methodist Church and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Survivors include a brother, B. F. Medlock and one sister, Ruth

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Medlock both of Little Rock; six nieces, Mrs. David Wade, Austin, Texas; Mrs. Clifford L. Vincent, Little Rock; Mrs. Jesse L. Johnson, Van Buren; Mrs. Clyde Gilchrist, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. W. H. Ferguson, and Mrs. H. H. Haskett, both of Little Rock; and six nephews: B. Casey Medlock, San Antonio, Texas; Raymond Medlock, North Little Rock; Rayburn Medlock, Little Rock; Marion P. Medlock, Indianapolis, Indiana; Homer Medlock, Los Angeles, California; and Ray Medlock of Texarkana.

Funeral services were conducted December 18 at 3:30 p.m. in Ruebel Funeral Home Chapel by Dr. Fred R. Harrison, and the Rev. J. Cammel English.

Burial was in Collegeville Cemetery, Saline County.

One can hear our Master say to "Miss Sue," "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joys of my Lord."—By one who loved her very much, Mrs. Jesse Johnson, Van Buren.

ARKANSAS MOTHER OF YEAR

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construction business in Jacksonville, Ill.; Miss Marion Dawson of Marked Tree; Mrs. Hadley Hays of Marked Tree; LCDR (USN) Howard Dawson of Key West, Fla.; Mrs. Don Aldrich of Riveria, Calif., and Mrs.

Bob Williams of Texarkana, Tex. There are now eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild to swell the Dawson family.

Mrs. Dawson has made her home and family the center of her activities for the past 48 years, but there has been time too for service and leadership in community institutions.

Mrs. Dawson is currently serving as vice president of the Woman's Progressive Club and secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She is also Communion steward and chairman of art decorations. Her nativity and passion week scenes with life-size figures on the church lawn have caused comments of praise throughout eastern Arkansas. She is past president of both the P-TA and W.S.C.S. of the Methodist Church and past chairman of the Poinsett TB Association.

Mrs. Dawson also finds time to serve as the official hostess for her church and her home is always open to visiting officials in Marked Tree for church functions, commencement and other such local affairs.

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extraordinary achievements. An automobile accident crippled and paralyzed his body, but it left the rest of him untouched. What do I mean by "the rest of him?" I mean his wonderful spirit, his devotion to his church, his enthusiasm, his interest in others, his intelligence, his courage, his willpower, his resourcefulness. I mean the intangible

but intensely real thing called his religious faith. Pat's faith has brought him through, and those who know him have no fear that he will ever lose it. His presence at church is an inspiration to all. Neither hardship nor false pride keeps him from coming to the Altar on Communion Sunday. Not only Methodists but members of all faiths love Pat. He has lost much—yes—but using what he has left, he is a blessing to The Methodist Church as well as to The Welsh Community.

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LESSON FOR JUNE 9, 1957

RECONCILED TO GOD AND MAN

READ GENESIS, CHAPTERS 29 THROUGH 33.

MEMORY SELECTION: As the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. —Colossians 3:13 (RSV)



This is the second of the five lessons in Unit VII which is a study of "Severing and Restoring Human Relations." Today we study the subject, "Reconciled to God and Man."

In last Sunday's lesson we studied the record of the fraud Jacob practiced on his blind father which got for himself the paternal blessing which Isaac had intended to give Esau. When Esau returned from the hunt and discovered that, for the second time, Jacob had supplanted him, first by buying his birthright and at this time by trickery having for himself the blessing Isaac had promised to his favorite son, Esau was murderously mad. He decided to kill Jacob soon after his father's death.

Rebekah, the mother, heard of this decision of Esau. Watching out for her favorite son, Jacob, as she commonly did, Rebekah advised Jacob to run away to the home of her brother Laban who lived in Haran. We will remember that Haran was the city in which Terah, the father of Abraham, had stopped while on his way to Canaan. We remember that Terah died in Haran. It was from this city that Abraham started on his journey, years before, for the land of Canaan. Laban, who still lived in Haran, was a great-grandson of Nabor, Abraham's brother. Jacob, realizing his danger, took his mother's advice and started to Haran.

Background of Our Lesson

It was on the way to the home of his Uncle Laban, in Haran, that Jacob had a wonderful dream. He saw a ladder resting on the earth and its top reaching into heaven. Angels were ascending and descending on it. When Jacob awakened, he felt that he had been in the very presence of God. There he built an altar and called the place Bethel.

When Jacob reached the home of Laban, he soon fell in love with his younger daughter, Rachel. Laban promised to give her to him as a wife if he would work for him seven years. This Jacob gladly did. At the end of the seven years Jacob found himself at the whip-end of the lash of trickery he had so frequently used. He discovered, after his marriage to the bride, who likely was heavily veiled according to the custom of the time, that Laban had given him Leah as a wife instead of Rachel. Jacob, apparently, could accept a fraudulent deal about as well as he could give one. Hence, when he saw that he had been deceived by Laban, he immediately made another contract to work another seven years in order to have Rachel as his wife.

Jacob lived with Laban, his

father-in-law, about twenty years. Their relationships were not always so congenial and their dealings were interspersed with trickery on both sides. All of this time Jacob must have held in his mind memories of the land God had promised to Abraham, his grandfather and to Isaac his father and to him as the one in direct line of succession. Finally he decided to return to Canaan. Twenty years was not long enough to erase from his memory the fact that Esau had decided to kill him, and this danger he must face if he returned to his former home.

So great was his desire to go back home that he decided to risk the danger. He sent messengers ahead to tell Esau of his coming and that he was coming in a peaceful mood and wanted to make peace with his brother. About all Esau let the messenger from Jacob know was that he would come to meet him with four hundred men. Conscience stricken as he was, this was frightening news to Jacob as it seemed to mean that Esau was coming to carry out his purpose to kill. Jacob selected special gifts to be given to Esau and planned that they should be presented at short intervals as repeated evidence of Jacob's recognition of his indebtedness to Esau. Along with this offer of gifts, Jacob had all of his possessions and his family to move on toward the meeting place with Esau. He, himself, for the time remained behind.

"And Jacob Was Left Alone"

After Jacob had sent his party on, the first verse of our lesson text says, "And Jacob was left alone." Jacob found himself not only alone with his thoughts and conscience, but alone with God. Despite our weakness, folly and sin, for most normal people, there comes a time when we find ourselves alone with our thoughts and God. It was the Psalmist David who said, as he seemed to stand before God in his guiltiness, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned and done this evil in thy sight." We cannot sin against our fellow man until we have first sinned against the goodness, mercy and guiding spirit of God. However great may be the wrong we have done our fellow man, it cannot but be secondary to the fact that, in doing it, we have rejected God's plan for our lives. That is the great sin of life because every other sin we commit is the result of that basic sin.

Two Great Reconciliations

(1) First there was the reconciliation with God. Jacob felt that he was in the presence of God at the place he named Bethel shortly after he started to Haran, but for the

twenty years that intervened between that experience and the time he was to meet Esau, there was not much said about Jacob's relation to the Lord. Now, in this crisis in his life, when he must meet the brother he had wronged and with whom he hoped to be reconciled, Jacob suddenly sees how important it is first to be reconciled with God.

We frequently speak of Jacob wrestling with an angel. The Record says that "There wrestled a man WITH HIM." The angel was wrestling with Jacob. The great emotional experiences we sometimes have in our relation to God are at times thought of as struggles with God. Any struggle we have in our relation to God is a struggle within our own hearts in our efforts to bring ourselves into such an attitude that God can do for us what we desire. The penitent sinner's anguish of soul is not caused by the refusal of God to answer his prayers and forgive his sins; the struggle is within his own heart to come to the place of sincere repentance for the sins of his life and a willingness and desire to quit them. God does not call us and then, when we come to Him, push us back. Rather God "wrestles" with us in an effort to bring us into an attitude in which He can bless us. After the long night of struggle Jacob was reconciled to God.

(2) The second great reconciliation was with Esau, his brother. Jacob came before Esau in a spirit of humility, repentance, confession, generosity and restitution. It is not surprising that "Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept." Jacob found what most of us will find. When we approach those we have wronged in the spirit Jacob exhibited here, we will find that forgiveness and reconciliation follow as the night the day. Jacob seemed to realize in that early day what we should well know after these passing years; it is that we cannot generate in our own hearts the attitude and spirit that will bring reconciliation with our brother until we have first been reconciled to God.

Jacob's Date With Destiny

Shakespeare tells us:

"There's a divinity that shapes our ends,

Rough-hew them how we will.

Jacob, like all of us, was caught within the circle of this "divinity-shaping" destiny. He had to stand before God with the life he had builded with every fault of life as plain to God as an open book. Despite our powers of trickery and scheming or the unusual brilliance we may think we possess, let us be sure of this, we too have a date with destiny at which time we also must stand in the presence of God. It will be a blessed thing for us if that day comes while we live here and that meeting with God results in the transforming and redeeming of our lives and souls. Let us bear in mind, however, that, if this date with destiny does not bring us into the presence of God in life here and now, eventually we must meet God, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." (II Corinthians 5:10.)

Jacob had to meet the fact that he had wronged his brother. He

ran away from the scene of his treachery and stayed away for twenty years but he never got away from the wrong he had done another. We may do a kindness or show a favor to another and forget it with the passing of the years. It is doubtful if we can deliberately wrong anyone without the memory of it following us until we have righted the wrong or passed beyond the power to do so. It should never be necessary for us to dodge anyone for a day, or for twenty years as Jacob did.

A New Name and a New Nature

After Jacob's experience of wrestling through the night, he received a new name and much better he received a new nature. He could turn from the presence of God to meet an angry brother with a degree of confidence and assurance that would have been impossible otherwise. Jacob's new name was Israel. He bore it well and gave the name to his descendants which they bear until today.

Jacob called the place Peniel where he met God, and received a new name. When we have experienced our Peniel we too receive a new name. Our new name is Christian. That name we should bear proudly and faithfully. We should avoid, so far as possible, doing anything that would dishonor the name we bear.

It Is Not Always Easy To Become Truly Christian

It is possible for children, properly trained in the home and Sunday School, to naturally, normally and apparently easily make a dedication of their lives to the Christian way of life, when they have come to the proper age. While that may be true for children, for the adult, who has known the way of deliberate sin, the process of TRANSFORMATION into a NEW CREATURE is not so easy. We have known people of that character to "wrestle" with the impulse to become Christian much longer than Jacob wrestled with the angel at Peniel. It may not require a struggle to get the consent of one's mind to join the church. Joining the church and becoming genuinely Christian are not necessarily synonymous terms. Some join the church without becoming Christian; some think they can become Christian without joining the church. That may be possible but not very likely. Transformations are not easy. One does not just casually make up his mind to be transformed in character. That for an adult is a rather revolutionary experience. It is not easy but it is eternally rewarding.

Success Does Not Always Guarantee Peace or Happiness

Jacob was unusually successful in his twenty years stay in Haran. He had herds and flocks and servants and most of the things that wealth of his day could provide. Nevertheless, his knowledge of the wrong he had done his father and brother led him to return home, with all the risks involved. His real happiness began when he found peace with God and later made peace with his brother.

The supplanter bows before the supplanted in humility and penitance and is forgiven. The sinner bows before God and is forgiven. Having made peace with God and man, there came a sense of happiness and well being which material things could not bring.

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Centenary Given New Student Center

The generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Randle T. Moore of Shreveport soon will make possible a new and completely modern student activities center on the Centenary College campus.

The new structure, which will cost approximately \$314,000, will be known as "The Moore Student Center." Construction is scheduled to begin within ten days, and completion is anticipated by January or February of 1958.

Moore, who has been a member of the Centenary College board of trustees for about 36 years, is identified prominently with Ark-La-Tex railroad and lumber interests. The Moore name has been a familiar one in Methodist circles for many years, and Moore formerly served as chairman of the board of Shreveport's First Methodist Church.

Plans for the structure were drawn by J. Cheshire Peyton and Associates, Shreveport architects, and the construction contract was awarded to The Werner Company, also a local concern.

Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary College, said the new building will contain a full basement and first and second floors. The present one-story student center, built at a cost of approximately \$20,000 almost two decades ago, will be completely renovated and modernized and will be incorporated into the new structure in such a way that it will not be recognizable upon the completion of the Moore

Louisiana Conference Concludes Annual Session



The Rev. D. W. Poole, left, and the Rev. Luman Douglas are pictured conferring about their new responsibilities as superintendents of the Baton Rouge and Ruston Districts respectively.

The Rev. Edward W. Harris, who was superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, was appointed to Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans; and the Rev. Mr. Douglas succeeds Dr. Guy Hicks on the Ruston District. Dr. Hicks was appointed to the First Methodist Church, Alexandria.

Student Center.

Plans call for the basement to include a large book store where students may buy books and supplies, and a completely modern campus post office.

The main floor will contain an auditorium-type room measuring 60 by 101 feet and containing an adequately sized and lighted stage for student programs and productions. In addition, the main floor will contain a large snack bar, completely equipped kitchen, storage room, large rest rooms, hostess room, office for the school nurse

and one general office room.

The second floor will house the Lewin N. (Pete) Semon Jr. Memorial Faculty Lounge, furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Lewin N. Semon of Shreveport several years ago in memory of their son. The lounge currently is located in the Science Building. A kitchen will adjoin the lounge.

Also to be on the second floor are an office for the faculty secretary, a mimeographing room, rest rooms, offices for the student newspaper and yearbook and spacious alumni offices.

Appointments Announced For New Conference Year

The announcement of the pastoral assignments at noon last Friday climaxed the 112th annual session of the Louisiana Annual Conference. The 1957 session was held on the Centenary College Campus, Shreveport. Evening sessions were held at the First Methodist Church, in Shreveport.

Bishop Paul E. Martin presided at the business sessions which were held in the Brown Memorial Chapel at Centenary.

Conference hosts included Dr. Joe J. Mickle, Centenary, president; Rev. Leonard Cooke, Centenary, vice president; Dr. B. C. Taylor, Shreveport district superintendent; Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor of Shreveport First Church.

Changes in pastoral assignments included the appointments of two new district superintendents. Rev. Edward W. Harris, who had completed a six year term as head of

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Appointments

the Baton Rouge District will be succeeded by Rev. D. W. Poole, pastor since February, 1955, of the Munholland Methodist Church, New Orleans. Rev. Mr. Harris succeeds Rev. Mr. Poole at Munholland.

Rev. Luman Douglas, pastor of Carrollton Church, New Orleans, was appointed head of the Ruston District, succeeding Dr. Guy M. Hicks who was appointed by Bishop Martin to the First Methodist Church, Alexandria. Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, pastor at Alexandria First Church since 1952, replaces Rev. Mr. Douglas at Carrollton, New Orleans.

Thirty-seven per cent of the pastoral charges will have new pastors, a preliminary check of the list of the appointments reveals. Where changes are being made, pastors will fill their new pulpits for the first time on Sunday, June 9, according to Bishop Martin.

Highlights of the conference included:

Devotionals conducted Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings by Bishop Martin at the beginning of the daily business session.

Sermons by Dr. Gaston Foote, conference preacher who preached Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings and Wednesday afternoon. The Thursday evening message was the ordination sermon.

The welcoming of the annual conference by Paul M. Brown, chairman of the Centenary Board of Trustees, and Shreveport's
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Central gathering place for the entire campus of Centenary College will be the new "Moore Student Center," soon to become a reality through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Randle T. Moore, prominent in Shreveport Methodist circles. The \$313,831

structure is slated for completion in January or February of 1958 and will be constructed of red Colonial brick, similar to that used in other buildings on the campus. (Photo by Thurman C. Smith)



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN
Presiding



DR. ROY I. BAGLEY
Host District Superintendent



REV. E. B. WILLIAMS
Commemoration Preacher

North Arkansas Annual Conference Program

JUNE 12-16

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, ROGERS

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

Pre-Conference Meetings

6:00 P.M.—Board of Evangelism Dinner, A Q Chickenhouse, Springdale
7:30 P.M.—Board of Missions Meeting in room assigned, Rogers
8:00 P.M.—Coordinating Council—room assigned Rogers
All other Boards, Commissions, and Committees as announced

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

8:30 A.M.—Board of Pensions
8:30 A.M.—Board of World Peace
8:30 A.M.—Board of Hospitals and Homes
9:00 A.M.—Board of Missions
9:00 A.M.—Board of Evangelism
9:00 A.M.—Board of Christian Literature
9:00 A.M.—Town and Country Commission
10:30 A.M.—Conference Convenes for Organization and Roll Call
10:45 A.M.—Report of Planning Committee
10:50 A.M.—Welcome from Host Church and announcements
11:00 A.M.—Nominations from the Cabinet
11:10 A.M.—Report No. 1—Committee on Conference Relations
11:20 A.M.—Service of Commemoration, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper,
Sermon by E. B. Williams, Pastor, Gardner Memorial, North Little Rock
12:30 P.M.—Adjournment
1:00 P.M.—Board of Pensions luncheon, A Q Chickenhouse, Springdale
1:00 P.M.—University Luncheon
2:30 P.M.—Conference Convenes
2:45 P.M.—Report of Board of Evangelism
3:25 P.M.—Report of Conference Statistician
3:40 P.M.—Report of American Bible Society
4:00 P.M.—Consecration and Naming of new Educational Building
4:30 P.M.—Boards, Commissions, and Committee meetings as announced
5:30 P.M.—Training Council Dinner, Hotel Arkansas
7:30 P.M.—Worship Service—Sermon by Dr. Paul V. Galloway, pastor of Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

8:30 A.M.—Devotional, Bishop Paul E. Martin
9:00 A.M.—Report on Journal
9:05 A.M.—Report on Mt. Sequoyah
9:20 A.M.—Report on Board of Education
10:00 A.M.—Report of Board of Christian Literature
10:30 A.M.—Report of Board of Hospitals and Homes
11:00 A.M.—Report of Board of Temperance
11:30 A.M.—Adjournment—Members of the Conference and friends invited to luncheon on Mt. Sequoyah
2:00 P.M.—Opening—Paul E. and Mildred Martin Educational Building, Mt. Sequoyah
5:30 P.M.—Rural Fellowship Dinner
7:30 P.M.—Worship Service—Sermon by Dr. Paul V. Galloway

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

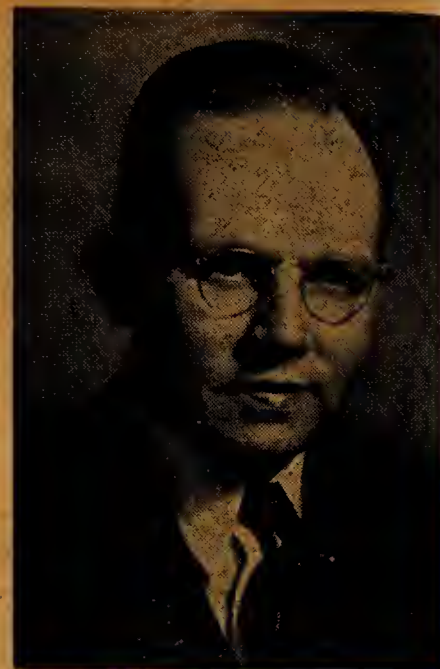
8:30 A.M.—Devotional—Bishop Martin
9:00 A.M.—Report Committee on Journal
9:05 A.M.—Dr. D. Stewart Patterson, Commission on Camp Activities.
9:20 A.M.—TRAFICO Report
9:35 A.M.—Board of Ministerial Training
10:35 A.M.—Town and Country Commission
11:00 A.M.—Quadrennial Emphasis
11:45 A.M.—Report No. 1 Board of Missions and Church Extension
12:15 P.M.—Report Board of World Peace
12:30 P.M.—Adjournment
1:00 P.M.—Laymen's Luncheon
2:30 P.M.—Conference Convenes
2:30 P.M.—Board of Missions and Church Extension report No. 2
3:00 P.M.—Committee on Group Insurance
3:15 P.M.—Report Board of Lay Activities
3:45 P.M.—Adjournment
4:00 P.M.—Worship Service—Sermon by Dr. Paul V. Galloway
5:30 P.M.—Hendrix College Dinner
7:30 P.M.—Service of Ordination—Sermon by Dr. Paul V. Galloway

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

8:30 A.M.—Devotional—Bishop Martin
9:00 A.M.—Report Committee on Journal
9:05 A.M.—Report Conference Treasurer
9:20 A.M.—Report Commission on World Service and Finance
10:00 A.M.—Morning Coffee honoring Mrs. Paul E. Martin
10:00 A.M.—Report District Conference Journals
10:10 A.M.—Report Historical Commission
10:20 A.M.—Report No. 3 Board of Missions and Church Extension
10:35 A.M.—Report No. 2 Committee on Conference Relations
10:45 A.M.—Report Board of Social and Economic Relations
10:55 A.M.—Report Board of Pensions
11:25 A.M.—Report Coordinating Council
11:45 A.M.—Selection of Meeting place for 1958 Annual Conference
12:15 P.M.—Adjournment
1:00 P.M.—Luncheon for Ministers' Wives, Bentonville Methodist Church
1:00 P.M.—Arkansas State College Luncheon
7:30 P.M.—Conference Youth Rally

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

9:30 A.M.—Love Feast—Benjamin Few, presiding
10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship, Sermon by Bishop Paul E. Martin
12:00 Noon—Closing business of Annual Conference and reading the Appointments



REV. HAROLD D. WOMACK
Host Pastor



DR. PAUL V. GALLOWAY
Conference Preacher



DR. C. ERNEST THOMAS
Representative of General Board of Evangelism

Urges Cleanup of Religious Racketeers

New York —(RNS)— Clergymen were challenged here by a Protestant layman to clean the ministry of "people who use God as an avenue of profit to the detriment of other human beings."

Frank Ketcham, a Washington, D. C., attorney and an active layman in the Congregational Christian Churches, singled out for special criticism individuals who use radio and television for "religious rackets

Urges Psychiatrists Attend Prayer Meetings

Boston—(RNS)—More ministers at psychiatric staff meetings and more psychiatrists at prayer meetings were urged here by a Massachusetts state hospital chaplain.

"An unmet need between the two disciplines, psychiatry and religion, is for adequate opportunity to communicate personally," said the Rev. Henry H. Wiesbauer, Hopkinton, Mass., Protestant chaplain of the Westboro State Hospital.

The Episcopal clergyman spoke to the Unitarian Alumni Association of the Tufts University Crane School of Religion.

"While many theological seminaries now offer courses of orientation to and pastoral clinical training in psychiatric understanding," he said, "medical and psychiatric facilities appear to be lacking any similar professional orientation to theological knowledge."

Mr. Wiesbauer said clergymen are becoming more active in mental hospitals and important members of the therapeutic team.

He suggested that ministers and laymen visit mental patients, send remembrances on holidays and anniversaries and assist in rehabilitation once the patient returns home.

Catholic Program Broadcast Over Budapest Radio

Budapest —(RNS)— A Roman Catholic religious program was broadcast over the Budapest Radio for the first time since 1947.

It marked the beginning of alternate Catholic, Lutheran, Reformed and Unitarian programs to be aired over the station on Sundays.

The Catholic program consisted of sacred music and a sermon from one of the city churches.

Park Service Preparing Criteria on Churches as Nat'l Historical Sites

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — The National Park Service is preparing a "list of criteria" that will determine when a church can qualify as a national historical site.

Conrad L. Wirth, director, said the criteria will be made public when the agency gives its views at a public hearing in the near future. The hearing will concern legislation that would add land adjacent to two Philadelphia churches to the Independence National Historical Park.

The churches are Old St. Joseph's Roman Catholic and St. George's Methodist. The former is the oldest (1729) Catholic church in which public worship services have been held continuously every Sunday. It is a monument to the

designed to enrich the pockets of their practitioners." He addressed a communication workshop sponsored by the Office of Communications of the Congregational Christian Churches at Union Theological Seminary.

In some instances, Mr. Ketcham said, the guarantee of freedom of religion provided in the First Amendment to the Constitution "has amounted in effect to religious license" for these "rackets."

The attorney acknowledged that abuse of religious freedom was not a new problem. "However," he said, "with the development of television and radio, an unqualified person holding himself out as a minister and appealing to the anxieties of our people now can make substantial amounts of money."

"There are many cases of individuals calling themselves ministers," Mr. Ketchum continued, "who purchase time on radio or on television and do, in my opinion, untold damage to the emotional well-being of hundreds of thousands of people and make fortunes doing it."

According to the attorney, who practices before the Federal Communications Commission, the unscrupulous practitioners of religion are immune from government prosecution even when fraud has been established because they can "plead the First Amendment."

"The evils of these situations are growing," Mr. Ketcham said. "Our people are anxious and troubled. They will turn to almost anyone who sounds plausible to them in their anxieties. As Christians, we should not permit them to be victimized and damaged, both spiritually and physically by charlatans and frauds."

Nuns Move From St. Lawrence River Island

Montreal—(RNS)—The Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame sadly removed the last of their effects from an island in the St. Lawrence River here that has been their home for 250 years.

Purchased for little more than \$1,000 in those early days the nuns sold it for \$3,000,000 and moved out to make way for a \$100 million "dream city."

The island, located directly opposite the City of Verdun, is a lush, tree-studded farmland that maintained the ancient pace of New France. It was never connected to the industrial mainland by even a bridge.

Almost entirely self-sufficient, the nuns resorted to boats to get to the mainland. They fought floods and fires single-handedly because of their isolation.

As a result of the sale the nuns have bought a 21-acre farm at Ste. Dorothee. They are now developing it into a similar establishment for the care of aged, sick and convalescing nuns.

religious toleration practiced in William Penn's colony. St. George's (1769) is the oldest Methodist church in America and has many important connections with the early history of that denomination.

Clergyman Mum On Religious Freedom In China

Hong Kong—(RNS)—The Rev. Shiro Aoyama, Japanese Lutheran clergyman who arrived here after a month's visit to Communist China, declined to give a "yes" or "no" answer when asked if there is freedom of religion in that country.

When reporters brought up the question Mr. Aoyama laughed and said, "It says so in the constitution."

He was a member of a 15-man delegation of Japanese Christian leaders, headed by the Rev. Asan Junichi, who visited churches in Hankchow, Shanghai, Canton and other cities.

Mr. Aoyama said he was told by Communist authorities that there were 90,000 Lutherans in the Chinese mainland before the Communist "liberation" but today there are only 53,000.

His Chinese informants failed to give an explanation for the drop in numbers, he said.

Says Protestants Need Clear-Cut "Separation" Definition

Philadelphia —(RNS)— Protestants need a clear-cut definition of "separation of Church and State," a religious liberty expert told the annual Church Conference of Social Work here.

Dr. Claud D. Nelson, executive director of the Department of Religious Liberty of the National Council of Churches, said there is "haziness and confusion" among churchmen over "the much-used phrase."

"It is used as a shibboleth, more than anything else," he said. "Even

Bishop Oxnam Sees American Morals Better Than Pictured

Washington, D. C.— (RNS) — Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington told a national television audience that American morals are better today than they are pictured.

The bishop said he could not agree with a characterization of the present day as a "period of sagging public morality."

"This sag is confined to a relatively small percentage," he said. The Methodist leader noted that only one student out of every 100 presents a serious behavior problem, according to a recent survey of teachers, and that "95 per cent of their students were exceptionally well behaved."

"When you come to juvenile delinquency you are dealing with less than three per cent of our young people—don't forget the 97 per cent," Bishop Oxnam said.

Supreme Court decisions pertaining to it seem to be confusing and conflicting."

The conference was sponsored by the National Council's Department of Social Welfare in cooperation with the Christian Social Welfare Associates. It was held in conjunction with the National Conference on Social Work.

Dr. Henry J. Whiting, welfare secretary for the National Lutheran Council, took the position that "there is nothing wrong with accepting public funds, if there are no strings attached." Other speakers pointed out that 90 per cent of all social welfare is supported by public funds and that many private agencies get up to 90 per cent in public support.

Dr. Whiting said that "teamwork" and "total involvement" should be meaningful words to the Christian social worker.

Both are necessary, he said, if the whole man and not just his spiritual welfare are the concern of the church's social welfare program.

Summer Work Camps In 26 Countries

New York—(RNS)—More than 1,000 young people from around the world are expected to participate in 40 ecumenical work camps in 26 countries this summer.

The annual Ecumenical Work Camp program is sponsored by the World Council of Churches' youth department.

The youths will work in projects ranging from road building to planting fruit trees or serving as attendants in mental hospitals. They will receive no remuneration and must pay for their transportation abroad and lodging in the camps.

For the first time an ecumenical camp will be held in Iceland, where workers will help a 600-member parish start building its own church.

Other projects on this year's program include the erection of prefabricated homes in Sitka, Alaska;

construction of a school and playground at Wao, Lanao, the Philippines, and giving agricultural and social services to new settlers in this community.

In this country, camps will help build El Calvario Neighborhood House, which serves a Mexican section in Los Angeles; erect a second unit for a conference center of a Negro boarding school at Keyville, Ga.; and finish a chapel for a Russian Orthodox camp center at Kerhonkson, N. Y.

Some youth also will serve as regular ward attendants in the State Mental Hospital at Allentown, Pa.; and a group will work with American Indians in the Cheyenne River Agency.

Among foreign countries where the young people will serve are South Africa, Okinawa, Brazil, Italy, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Honk Kong, Japan and Malaya.

"Above And Beyond The Call Of Duty"

OUR government honors its heroes with various forms of citations and medals. These honors, of course, are never bestowed on a person for doing what was expected of him; they are for service "Above and beyond the call of duty."

It is just as true in every other field of endeavor that people do not receive special recognition for doing what is expected of them, even though their work has been well done.

This is especially true in the ministry. If we follow the regular pattern and do well the work that is committed to us, we may be considered "safe," dependable servants of the church, but there are many ministers in that group. There are those, however, who go beyond the "safe" and dependable status. They render the unasked, unexpected service. Most of us, if not all of us, entered the ministry expecting to render a service beyond the call of duty. If we find ourselves now content to do only what is expected of us, we should strive to regain that earlier ideal in which love for God and the church was the measure of the service we rendered.

Our Lord gave us the pattern for the character of service in the gospel of the "second mile." All of us have, on some occasion, experienced the unusual joy and satisfaction that comes at the end of that "second mile" of service. We should not be content merely with the memory of such a joy when it could be a reality every day we live.

The Old Question That Is Ever New

"THE old question that is ever new;" last week it was called in the Louisiana Conference, it will be called in the Little Rock Conference this week and again it will be called next week in the North Arkansas Conference. The question, as it appears in our Discipline is Number 51: "Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year?" While the question may be Number 51 in the Discipline, it is, in fact, question Number 1 in the minds of preachers and layworkers in every Annual Conference.

This year, as every year, preachers and their wives, as well as layworkers, have crowded and will crowd the sanctuary to hear the reading of the appointments as eagerly as children about a Christmas tree waiting for their names to be called and the presents they are to receive. There is one remarkable difference; we all know what our "present" is to be before our names are called.

Nevertheless, it is an old experience that is interestingly new every year. An amazing amount of business is transacted at an Annual Conference. Reports are had of the year just closed; plans are made for the year ahead. There are Board meetings, banquets, "bull sessions" and "kitchen cabinets," but always, in an Annual Conference, the climax comes when the bishop, usually after a few "delaying tactics" by way of an appetizer, and some wholesome advice, asks the old question that is perennially new, "Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year?" Let us pray that every minister and family and every church of the Area may be made happy by the answer of that question this year and pray also that the conference year ahead may be the greatest year the Arkansas-Louisiana Area has ever known.

Louisiana Conference In Annual Session

THOSE who were numbered among the members and visitors attending the Annual Conference session last week at Centenary College, Shreveport, left with the feeling that they had been in attendance at a great conference session. And rightly so, for the conference was just that.

We heard the remark again and again during the week that

the 1957 conference session reached one of the high points in the history of the conference. The sessions were punctuated repeatedly with inspirational moments of unusual import. Well planned, efficiently conducted, comfortably entertained, well attended, spiritually refreshing, the week was everything that an Annual Conference session should be.

On the issue most fraught with possibilities of concern, the amendment voting, the spirit of the conference was fine. Although there were disagreements of judgment, there was no disagreement of spirit.

Many forward steps were taken at the conference, the significance of which will be more obvious with the passing of time. Among actions taken was the passage of a resolution calling for the organization of a state council composed of all board and commission group heads for the purpose of coordinating and promoting all Methodist programs. Methodists in Arkansas will have a similar proposal before their conferences this week and next. This type of organization has been effected in a number of states already, and Methodists there have found that these councils are a fine means of bringing all Methodist programs together so that each phase will be seen in the light of the total picture.

Not the least in contributing to the unusually fine spirit of the conference sessions were the sermons, devotionals, and special addresses. Dr. Gaston Foote, Fort Worth pastor, preached to capacity congregations at the First Methodist Church on three evenings. Many conference members and visitors were blessed by the opening devotional messages of Bishop Martin to begin each day's business session. Rev. Jolly Harper delivered a helpful commemoration sermon at the annual memorial service.

The conference was climaxed on Friday morning with the announcement of the pastoral appointments. More than 37% of the churches of the conference will have new pastors next Sunday morning, an unusually large turnover. This percentage very often is less than 30%. Bishop Martin appointed two new district superintendents in the appointments, and there were no changes in the special appointments.

Gifts To Centenary

DURING this period when the General Conference emphasis on Higher Education is foremost in the thinking of church leaders and local churches are giving attention to ways and means of increasing financial support of Methodist colleges, it will be well to remember what others are doing because of their belief in the high value of Methodist colleges.

For example, announcement was made during the past week of the gift to Centenary College of another building which will mean much to that school's developing program. The gift of Mr. and Mrs. Randle T. Moore of Shreveport, the building will be the student center for the college. Methodists of Louisiana are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Moore for this liberal expression of their confidence in the work Centenary is doing.

Those attending the Friday morning session of the Annual Conference last week were impressed with another gift to Centenary. Rev. D. B. Boddie, a retired member of the conference, presented the college a check which represented the amount an anonymous benefactor had contributed toward Brother Boddie's room and board expenses while a student in Centenary, 1910-1912.

The Louisiana Conference is making substantial moves in the direction of attaining the \$1.00 per member goal set by the 1956 General Conference for support of Methodist colleges. Gifts such as the two mentioned above will inspire Methodist churches to greater support.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. JACK SHAW, pastor of the Cotton Valley Methodist Church, is the director of the Senior Young Peoples' Camp to be held at Caney Lake June 10-15.

DR. B. C. TAYLOR, superintendent of the Shreveport District, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Louisiana Tech, Ruston, Sunday evening, June 2.

REV. LOUIS M. COPPAGE, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, preached at the morning service of the Iowa Methodist Church, Sunday, May 26. Rev. E. W. Day is pastor of the church.

REV. D. W. POOLE, pastor of the Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, Metairie, was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, Sunday morning, May 26, at both the eight-thirty and the eleven o'clock services. Rev. Fred S. Flurry is pastor of the church.

WAYNE MURDOCK of the Norwela Council of Boy Scouts presented a charter to the Explorer Post of Boy Scouts at a meeting of the Men's Club of the Benton Methodist Church, Tuesday, May 7. The Scout Troop is sponsored by the Club. Rev. L. A. Carrington is pastor of the church.

REV. O. W. SPINKS, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, has been elected vice-president of the Alexandria Ministerial Association. Other officers include Rev. Thurston Brice of Parkview Baptist Church; Chaplain Harold Hawkins, Baptist Hospital; and Captain Howard Costner of the Salvation Army.

NEW COKESBURY HYMNALS were dedicated at the evening services of the Greta Gretna Methodist Church, Sunday, May 26. The hymnals, the gift of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, will be used in the evening services of the church, in the Church School, the Youth Fellowship and other groups. Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh is pastor of the church.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, furnished the food and drinks for a church family picnic held Sunday afternoon, May 26, at the U. S. Air Force Base, near Baton Rouge. A vesper service was held at sunset to climax the day of fellowship. Rev. J. P. Woodland is pastor of the church.

REV. J. T. GARRETT, pastor of the Chatham Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the Springhill Methodist Church annual memorial and homecoming service, Sunday, May 19. Dinner was served on the grounds of the church, and an old fashioned singing was held in the afternoon. Rev. Clark W. Bell is pastor of the church.

DR. H. L. JOHNS of Media, Pennsylvania, preached at the First Methodist Church, Monroe, Sunday morning, May 26. Dr. Johns is Associate Secretary of the Division of National Missions, Board of Missions, and is in Louisiana to attend the Annual Conference. Mrs. Johns is with Dr. Johns. Dr. George Pomeroy is pastor of the church.

CREIGHTON OWEN was elected chairman of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, at the May meeting. Orville Britt was named vice chairman; Miss Katherine Ferguson, secretary, and Mrs. Milton Goins, treasurer. The officers will serve for the 1957-58 fiscal year which began June 1. Dr. J. Henry Bowdon is pastor of the church.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Official Board of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, are: Chairman, M. O. Hines; vice-chairman, J. F. Henry; secretary, Robert E. Leake; treasurer, S. L. Wright; assistant treasurer, A. J. Ganier; financial secretary, H. N. Pharr; and lay leader, Charles E. Schmidt. Dr. A. M. Serex is pastor of the church.

NEW OFFICERS of the recently formed Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information are: chairman, Dr. Virgil D. Morris of New Orleans; vice-chairman, Rev. Jack Cooke of Welsh; and secretary, Rev. Earl Emmerich of Lake Charles. The Commission was organized at the recent Annual Conference.

REV. MAX WOODWARD, Harrow-on-the-Hill, England, will preach at the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Sunday, June 16. The Rev. Mr. Woodward will exchange pulpits with Dr. Wm. E. Trice, pastor of the University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, for a month. He and his family will leave England June 3 for the United States. Rev. J. P. Woodland is pastor of the Broadmoor Church.

THE CADDO HEIGHTS Methodist Church, Shreveport, celebrated Victory Sunday with dinner on the grounds at which time the church's charter members, F. H. Rogers and Mrs. Alma German were honored. The every-member canvass committee reported that \$30,000 was pledged to meet the budget for the new year. Rev. George W. Ross is pastor of the church.

REV. OAKLEY LEE, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Leesville, has received a citation from the Reserve Officers Association of the United States. This citation reads: Col. Oakley Lee USAFR, has served with distinction, the Louisiana Department of the R. O. A. as Chaplain during the period 1956-57, and is presented this award in recognition of outstanding services.

GEORGE CULBERTSON, a junior student from Shreveport, will serve as president of Alpha Sigma Chi, honorary chemistry fraternity at Centenary College, during the 1957-58 academic year. He succeeds Gerald Eskelund, Shreveport, in the post. Larry McKinstry of Bastrop, a sophomore, was elected vice president of the organization, and Peter Culotts, a junior from Shreveport, will serve as secretary-treasurer. Dr. John B. Entrikin, head of the chemistry department at Centenary, serves as faculty sponsor.

DR. JOHN B. ENTRIKIN has been elected to succeed Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes as president of the Centenary College Faculty Club for the forthcoming academic year. Dr. Entrikin is head of the department of chemistry at Centenary, where Mrs. Hughes is instructor in education. Mrs. Fariebee Parker Self is the new vice president of the organization, and Dr. Donald W. Emerich was elected secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Self is assistant professor of mathematics, and Dr. Emerich is associate professor of chemistry.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN officiated at the dedication services of the Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday morning, May 26. Participating in the service were Dr. B. C. Taylor, district superintendent, and several former pastors of the church. The \$20,000 sanctuary, now free of debt, was erected in 1951 under the pastorate of the Rev. A. W. Tonwsend, Jr., who conducted the evening worship service. Mangum Memorial Church now has a membership of 1447. Rev. Ira W. Flowers is the pastor.

A SPECIAL FEATURE of the morning worship service of the First Methodist Church, Amite, Sunday, May 26, was a message from the church's missionary family. The voices of Rev. Hendrix Townsley and his family, now in the United States on a year of furlough from their service in India was heard by means of tape recordings prepared for use on this particular Sunday. The Townsleys, supported in their work by the First Methodist Church congregation for sixteen years, will return this summer to their work in India for the Meth-

odist Board of World Missions. Rev. James E. Christie is pastor of the church.

A BELL CHOIR will be formed in the First Methodist Church of Baton Rouge soon. The set of pitched bells for the Bell Choir has arrived from the Whitechapel foundry in England. They were ordered two years ago but the special craftsmanship casting then in bronze, attaching the tooled leather handles, and attaining the proper pitches for the octaves takes several years, according to the minister of music, Marvin Genuchi. Announcements for the try-outs for the Bell Choir will be made at a later date and will include teen-age and adults who read music well. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor of the church.

THE TWENTY-SECOND annual baccalaureate service at Dillard University, New Orleans, was held June 2. The service began on Kearny Terrace and followed the traditional procession of candidates, trustees and faculty down the Avenue of Oaks. Dr. John E. Marvin, editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate, delivered the sermon. A former Methodist pastor in Michigan, Dr. Marvin served in the Michigan and Newark Conferences of the Methodist Church and also at the Ford Memorial Church in Detroit. He has been editor of the Advocate since 1939. The commencement address was delivered by Judge William H. Hastie of the third circuit of the United States court of appeals on June 3.

THE HOYER MEMORIAL Scholarship to Centenary College has been awarded to Carleton Chambers III of El Dorado, Arkansas, for the 1957-58 school year. A \$51,000 estate left to Centenary in 1955 by the late Mrs. Gus Hoyer of Shreveport in memory of her son, Gus, a Centenary graduate, is used to endow the scholarship. Mrs. Hoyer died in the spring of 1955 after devoting many years of her life to teaching in the schools of Caddo and Bossier Parishes. The scholarship covers full tuition at Centenary. Carleton Chambers, who plans to take a pre-medical course, will enter Centenary as a freshman in September. He is a member of the National Honor Society at El Dorado High School and was voted best citizen of the school during his freshman year.

A YOUTH CARAVAN composed of four students and an adult counselor will be a feature of the varied program of summer activities at First Methodist Church, Amite. The caravan program will consist of a week of worship, study, recreation and leadership training under the guidance of the trained members of the caravan team and their counselor. Tentative plans for the summer program for the Youth Division include a night of activities each week for both Junior High and Senior High ages. Crafts, drama, trips, swimming parties, tennis tournaments, ping-pong, volleyball, badminton, folk games and many other forms of recreation be included in the summer-long program of activities. Other youth of the community have been invited to join the youth of the church in this program, according to the pastor, Rev. James E. Christie.

A SHREVEPORT COED, Miss Zina A. Hengy, has been awarded a \$200 merit scholarship to Centenary College for the 1957-58 school year. Miss Hengy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Hengy, will begin her sophomore year at Centenary in September and was awarded the scholarship on the basis of outstanding work done during her freshman year. She is a member of the staff of the student newspaper and the Future Teachers of America at Centenary and was salutatorian of her graduating class at St. Vincent's in May, 1956. The Dennis E. and Rosa M. Crouch Memorial Scholarship, established last year by D. J. S. Crouch of Dayton, Ohio, in memory of his parents, will go to Larry McKinstry of Bastrop. The scholarship this year carries a valuation of approximately \$100. R. Leonard Cooke, Centenary vice president and chairman of the scholarship committee, announced the recipients of the two scholarships.

PRESERVING PERSONAL VALUES

More and more we live and move in large masses. War, as well as modern life, does that to us. The boys who lived in bunks and barracks longed to get back to the farm or the village where, as they said, they could have the world to themselves.



One wonders, however, where in our tomorrows we can have the world to ourselves. Perhaps there will be some decentralization of our large cities, but in this day of huge factories and easy travel it will be more and more difficult to disassociate ourselves physically from the crowd.

The growth of the group tends to dwarf the individual. The crowded city tends to smother individuality. Lost in the crowd, we are prone to lose our sense of personal responsibility, and with that our personal morals loosen.

"Character," said Dwight L. Moody, "is what a man is in the dark." And one form of darkness is that of numbers. In the small town a man is under the observation of his neighbors, but in the large city there are few neighborhood newspapers to keep track of his virtues and no neighborhood gossips to keep track of his vices.

For that reason many a man is not the same when he leaves the small town for the big city. When we live in large cities and work in huge factories, the tendency is for morals to become slack, politics to become machine-ridden, and philanthropy to become cold and impersonal.

What, for instance, does the word neighbor mean in a city of a million? When we become so hardened that a street accident involving loss of limb or life means little more to us than an inconvenient blocking of traffic; when the visit of the doctor to the apartment across the hall scarcely

arouses our inquiry; when people dwell side by side without exchange between heart and heart—then such living is demoralizing.

It would be hard to say how much of our present industrial and social unrest is due to this large-scale living and working, with the attendant lack of personal acquaintance and individual attention. An employer in Connecticut told me proudly of the good relations in his factory of 600 employees. The men were organized but they were known to him personally, and in that atmosphere of mutual acquaintance and understanding their difficulties dissolved. Such association cannot be paralleled in large factories, but some more personal relationships must replace the long-range dealings between men unknown to one another.

More important than the production of things is the production of men. And men are not made in masses.

And we need the spirit of Christ to preserve the personal touch. This the Christ does by proclaiming a gospel of persons. Jesus never used the big, vague, abstract terms so common among us, such as "humanity," or "society" or "the masses." Jesus dealt with a sick daughter, a prodigal son, a dishonest publican, a pitiable Magdalene. To Him every individual was a person known by name—not by number, not as a "hand," not as a unit in so much manpower.

Jesus also dealt with persons, not percentages. His was the gospel of a Good Shepherd who was not satisfied to save ninety and nine out of a hundred. Ninety-nine per cent is a mighty good average in any modern merchandising operation, but not with Our Lord, who goes out to get the one that is lost. Jesus pictured as a Father, and a father who loses one of his five sons does not sit back contentedly and say, "Well, four out of five, that's pretty good." To a good father, a son is a son, whether he be one of five or ten. So is every child of God in his Heavenly Father's sight.

Aldous Huxley says the last two wars have made us so familiar with human suffering we have grown callous to it. So it may seem. Then little Benny Hooper falls into a dry well and we all watch his rescue with bated breath. We listen for his breathing and lift our prayers for his safety.

Yes, we can still be reached by the personal touch. Let's cultivate it.

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



THE STEWARDSHIP OF ABSTINENCE

What I am trying to do in this article is to offer my own witness about a special aspect of Stewardship. This word Stewardship is an exceedingly valuable word, and could stand more use and acceptance. It might also be called Responsibility. It might also be called Discipline. Certainly if any Christian is to be a true steward of the things of God, he must discipline himself in his daily life so that his stewardship will be channelled into the patterns of God's wishes. Using the word Responsibility, if a person assumes the role of a steward (and every Christian should) he cannot avoid a large responsibility toward every one whose life he touches, accepting the responsibility of trying at least to show his life as an example of some sort to others.

The Stewardship of Abstinence cannot be sidestepped in as busy a world as we live in today. If there is any evil at all in the use of any sort of alcoholic beverages, then whatever we have to do with the liquor business brands us as being on the side of that business. If we claim the right to do our social drinking, we cannot, at the same time, disclaim the responsibility of showing by our actions that young people also have every right to do it. If business men and society women have a right to take their cocktails, then what is wrong with the students at our colleges doing the same? If there is some age or station to which one must attain before he can be called a proper social drinking person, then what is the age or station? Mr. and Mrs. Methodist, if you like your cocktails, why don't you encourage your adolescent children to do the same?

These questions have nothing to do with the laws of our state or nation. I'm simply trying to hold up for inspection the words, The Stewardship of Abstinence. Where should Christians stand on this question, once they have accepted the thesis that they are their brothers' keepers? And finally, admitting that we are our brothers' keepers, are we not even the more the guardians of our children's lives and futures? If we have a Stewardship in the other fields of life, who can deny the statement that we also have a Stewardship of Abstinence?

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

"IF ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE"

When seven-year-old Benny Hooper fell down a 21-foot well-hole in eastern Long Island recently, the whole Atlantic Coast and much of the rest of the country seethed with concern. Millions tuned in on radio and television each hour to learn the fate of this hitherto unknown lad—one of several million "unknowns" of his age. When rescue was affected, the *New York World-Telegram* gave the first four pages of its Saturday issue to the story and pictures of the event; while the more staid *New York Times* gave many columns, and agents of communication the nation over thought it highly newsworthy.

Perhaps only within a nation long conditioned—by the Christian faith permeating the thought of all society—could the plight of one obscure lad draw more than 100 newsmen to the scene, and stir the heart-interest of a hundred million people. I am glad that Benny's brave fight and the struggle of neighbors to rescue him re-emphasizes the Christian's concern for the individual.

My friend was telling me only yesterday of his visit to the Mediterranean world last year. At one point he had photographed some ancient stone altars where, through long years, children were sacrificed to the worship of the god Moloch. Ancient picture-writing told of the orgies, and told why the sacrifice was demanded. These my friend gathered into his camera, thankful meanwhile that he lived in a more enlightened day, a day when the individual was important, and under a God of love, justice, and righteousness.

"A little later," said my friend, "I visited a military cemetery in that same land—and took pictures of the thousands upon thousands of simple crosses that mark the graves of boys who fell in the battles of recent years in that area . . . It was only after I arrived home and developed my pictures, that I placed beside each other the photo of the altar of sacrifice to Moloch and the picture of the graves of boys recently sacrificed to the god or gods we really serve and worship—sometimes even as we name the God of Peace and Justice."

And in my imagination I saw the millions of "Benny Hoopers"—each a concern of a family, a community, a nation, and a religion—who may, in the years ahead, be marched into the open

graves of some other military cemetery because man might care for one but could not organize to save a million ones. If the rescue of Benny was worth all the pages and columns and pictures given him—and it was—should not the whole effort of press, and radio, and TV, and photography, and of every form of human ingenuity be mobilized to save a million boys—or a hundred million, including your own son—from the depths of the "wells" we are now preparing for them through the power of nuclear fission? Are they not now worth a million times four pages in the *New York World-Telegram*?

Yet we complacently go on from uranium bomb to hydrogen bomb, to cobalt super-bomb: each many times more death-dealing than its predecessor. And scientists (some of whom seem more military-minded than scientific-minded) argue about radiation, fall-out, "clouds of radioactive dust" will they be harmful to human life, to the unborn generations, to the food supply of the race?

If there is any danger whatsoever that any bomb may ever make any city a tomb, or that any radio-active dust may affect the life and well-being of even one Benny Hooper, then every skill of the press, every art of the negotiator, every message of state and of church, every thought of the philosopher, and every book from the printing-plant should be directed now toward the rescue of the city—and of Benny. If boys and men do not survive, neither will any art or craft to which men now divert their attention.

Construction On Washington National Cathedral Halted

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Major construction on the Washington National Cathedral (Protestant Episcopal) has been halted for the first time since World War II because of lack of funds, Bishop Angus Dun of Washington disclosed here.

The last time work on the Cathedral was interrupted was in 1942 when the wartime shortage of materials made it impossible to continue. Construction work resumed in 1948 and has made steady progress since then.

Bishop Dun said that even as Cathedral workers rejoice at the completion of two new bays "we must regret that major construction must cease for a considerable time until further funds are gathered."

The bishop told the annual convention of the Washington Diocese that about \$15,000,000 has been spent on construction of the Cathedral since the cornerstone was laid in 1907. He said that at least an equal amount will be needed to complete the structure which will be the world's twelfth largest religious edifice when completed.

Make Plans

For New



The Proposed Wesley Foundation Building

Wesley Foundation Building

At Southern State College, Magnolia

BY JEANNE MASON, METHODIST INFORMATION

About 100 Methodist ministers and laymen met at Southern State College, Magnolia, May 30, to discuss financial plans for the erection of a \$50,000 Wesley Foundation Building near the college campus.

Facilities of the proposed building include kitchen, all-purpose room, mechanical equipment room, library, consultation room, staff and student offices, lounge and rest-rooms.

With construction tentatively scheduled to begin this summer, the building will contain about 3,740 square feet of floor space. The all-purpose room, which will be used as a chapel until an addition for that purpose can be erected, will accommodate 140 students.

Of brick veneer and brick tile construction, the building will be of colonial type architecture.

Peace Family Provides Building Site

The lot for the building and \$5,000 were donated by the M. E. Peace family, members of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia. The church has added \$5,000 and conference benevolences have provided about \$1,000 to date, according to the Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, pastor of the First Church and chairman of the planning committee.

Other members of the committee are Dr. Dolph Camp, president of Southern State College; Mr. and Mrs. Peace, Magnolia; Dr. W. Neill Hart, Camden District Superintendent; L. E. Tennyson, chairman of the board of trustees, Smackover; and Herschel Dortch, president of the Wesley Foundation at Southern State.

Members of the board of trustees

in addition to Mr. Tennyson include Ed Horton, Camden; O. A. Graves, Hope; Gus Orr, Texarkana; Mrs. Peace, Magnolia; Dr. Roy E. Fawcett, executive secretary of the Little Rock Conference Board of Education, Little Rock; and the Rev. Mr. Hozendorf.

Need Is Evident

There were approximately 150 students on the Southern State College Campus during the last school term who expressed Methodist preference on questionnaires concerning choice of denomination.

The Wesley Foundation group, composed of about 50 students, met in the college's music building. A weekly session was held on Wednesday night, and other activities were scheduled periodically.

Needs expressed as urgent by the group included a Wesley Foundation Building.

Methodist Youth Leader Urges Government Study

Washington, D. C.—(MI)—Government study and trained personnel for the control and treatment of juvenile delinquency were recommended by Paul Bosley, president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, at hearings of a Congressional committee.

He testified May 20 before the House subcommittee on Special Education, which is considering 11 bills dealing with proposed federal programs in the field of juvenile delinquency. Chairman of the subcommittee is Rep. Carl Elliott of Alabama, an active Methodist layman.

"Basic to the attempt to understand the problem and then train personnel to meet it is the need to realize that juvenile delinquency is an increasingly serious problem which apparently cuts across all economic and social groups," Bosley said.

Explaining that the National Conference of Methodist Youth is a representative body of more than 1½ million members, Bosley said he could not speak for all members but he believed the Conference would "vigorously support the measures embodied in these bills."

He stressed two aspects of the proposed legislation—grants for demonstrations and studies and for training personnel—as being of particular concern to the youth organization.

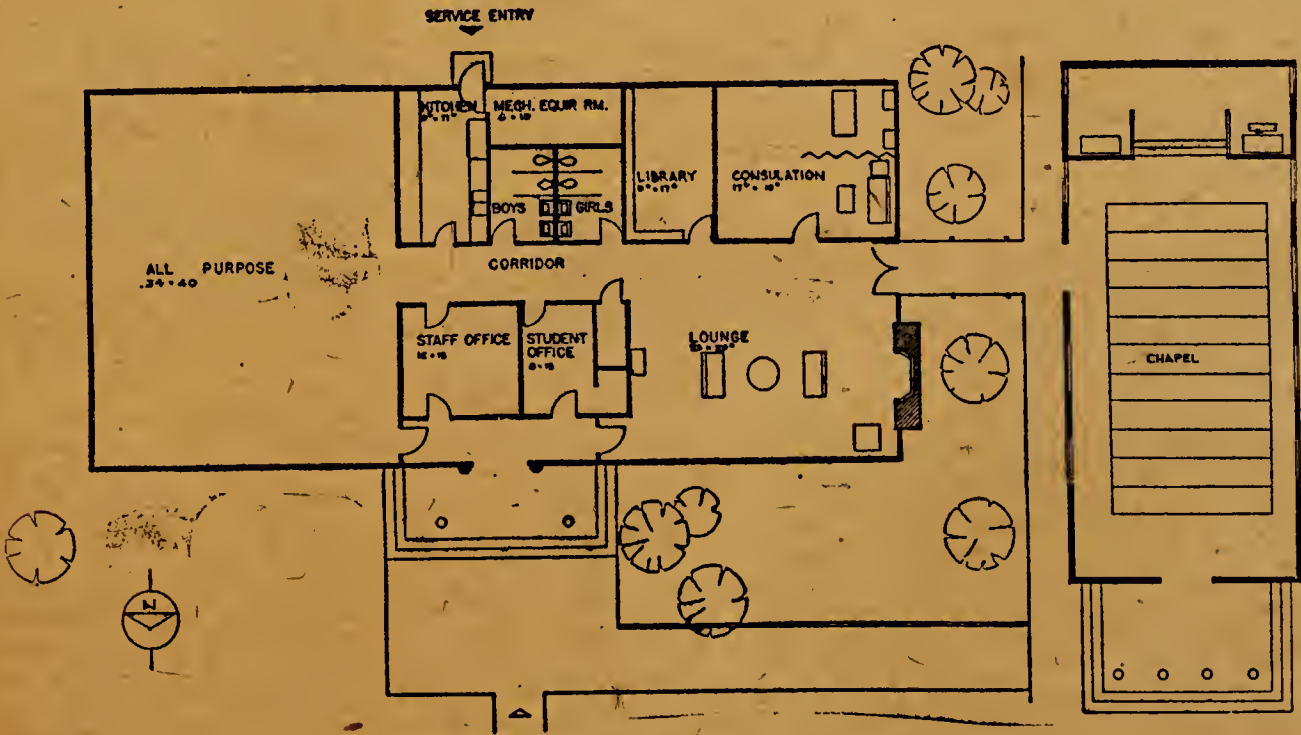
Asked if church youth groups are concerned about juvenile delinquency and discuss it as a problem, Bosley replied:

"Our organization has not addressed itself directly to juvenile delinquency because, I think, we have misunderstood the problem by relating it primarily to the so-called youth gangs in big cities."

He added, however, that his own recent studies of the subject had convinced him that the church generally, and youth and student groups, should devote more attention to "preventive and corrective" projects. "This growing problem is a distinct challenge to the church," he said.

He agreed with the committee that boys and girls who attend Sunday School and church are less likely to become delinquents, provided, he said, "the local church has a well organized youth program oriented to the needs and interests of its young people."

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Floor Plan For The Proposed Structure

Louisiana Conference Appointments For 1957

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

District Superintendent—A. W. Townsend, Jr. 4
 Alexandria, First Church—Guy M. Hicks 1
 Associate—Robert Lynn Potter 2
 Horseshoe Drive—Roy Lee Garrett 1
 Trinity—Otis W. Spinks 4
 Wesley—Clyde T. Shaw 4
 Ball-Clear Creek—Cecil Ruffin
 Belah-Eden—(Champ Breeden) 2
 Boyce—Claude O. Hall 1
 Bunkie, Haas Memorial Methodist—J. J. Caraway 2
 Colfax—S. S. Holladay 1
 Cooley-New Hope—(Grafton Shaw) 1
 Dodson-Davis Springs—(Henry Pinkard) 1
 Effie-Bethel—(John Sayes) 2
 Elizabeth—John F. Kellogg 2
 Evergreen—(Carl Lipe) 3
 Glennora—(D. R. Deen) 2
 Grace-Pleasant Grove—(Ed Pickens) 1
 Hollins Chapel—(A. E. Wingfield) 1
 Jena—W. O. Lynch 4
 Jonesville—L. Gray Wilson 3
 Lecompte—C. H. Giessen 3
 Marksville—(Carl Lipe) 1
 Marthaville—T.B.S. 1
 Melder—(Otis Sharpe) 1
 Montgomery—J. C. Skinner 2
 Mt. Zion Charge—(Dell S. Durand) 2
 Natchitoches, First Church—George F. Pearce, Jr. 2
 Faith Church—(Odell Simmons) 1
 Oakdale—Clark W. Bell 1
 Oak Grove—(W. R. Akin) 1
 Olla—A. D. St. Amant, Jr. 1
 Palestine—E. W. Sandel 2
 Pineville—John F. Kilpatrick 2
 Pollock—Marvin Hockenhull 1
 Trout—(D. B. Boddie) 1
 Urania—W. T. Hall 2
 Weaver—Walter Hillis
 Ville Platte Charge—(Mrs. Lelia Hickman) 1
 Winnfield—Luther L. Booth 5
 Chaplain, Charity Hospital, Pineville—John F. Kilpatrick
 Chaplain, U. S. Army—L. R. Nease, Jr.
 Director, Louisiana Methodist—J. J. Caraway
 Director of Camping—Luther L. Booth
 Director of Stewardship—Clark W. Bell
 Director of Visual Education—J. C. Skinner
 Director, Wesley Foundation, N.S.C.—Miss Ann Adams
 Missionary Secretary—C. H. Giessen
 Secretary of Evangelism—John F. Kilpatrick
 Student, Iliff School of Theology—(Robert L. Tatum)
 Student, Perkins School of Theology—Robert Townsend, Charles Scott, and Harry W. Cannon.
 Secretary of Temperance—O. W. Spinks

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

District Superintendent—D. W. Poole 1
 Amite—James E. Christie 3
 Angie-Varnado—(Stanley Baker) 1
 Baker—John H. Sewell 1
 Baton Rouge, First Church—Dana Dawson, Jr. 3
 Associate—Hugh Baker 3
 Associate—James W. Ailor 1
 Broadmoor—J. P. Woodland 3
 Ingleside—W. R. Irving 5
 Istrouma—Jerome Cain 5
 North Baton Rouge—James L. Stovall 7
 University—William E. Trice 17
 Winbourne—A. A. Collins 6
 Bethel—T. J. Smith 2
 Blackwater—A. G. Taylor 6
 Bluff Creek—J. N. Lambert 3
 Bogalusa, E. S. M.—Robert B. Crichtlow 1
 Carpenter's Chapel—Meadows Chapel—(David Moore) 1
 Clinton-Clear Creek—V. M. Culpepper 1
 Deerford—George M. Horne 3
 Denham Springs—Ned Stout 1
 Fisher—C. J. T. Cotten 2
 Franklinton—M. Dave Felder 1
 Genzales Ct.—(J. M. Wilkes) 1
 Greensburg—James A. Knight 2
 Hammond—Edward R. Thomas 3
 Jackson—J. B. Shearer 5
 Kentwood—Karl D. Wood 1
 Livingston Ct.—(John C. Bonds) 1
 Live Oak—J. Henry Bowdon, Jr. 4
 Loranger-Cooper's Chapel—T.B.S.
 Lottie-Rosedale—L. W. Taylor 3
 Magnolia—Wayne Perrott 2
 New Roads—(T. D. Lipscomb) 2
 Pine Grove—S. E. Sterrett 2
 Plaquemine—W. P. Fraser 2
 Ponchatoula—J. W. Matthews, Jr. 1
 Port Allen-Grand River—(John Keller) 1
 St. Francisville—E. E. Sylvest 2
 St. Helena—T.B.S.
 Slaughter—G. H. Corry 2
 Springfield—T.B.S.
 Tangipahoa—Angus L. Carruth 6
 Tickfaw-Independence—(Paul Carroll) 3
 Walker—(P. W. Sibley) 3
 Wesley Chapel—(Carey Martin) 1
 Zachary—Robert Ed Taylor 1
 District Director Louisiana Methodist—Ned Stout
 Student, Perkins School of Theology—Henry Warren Blakeman, Jr.
 Student, Perkins School of Theology—Lonnie M. Sibley
 Student, Perkins School of Theology—Donald M. Learner
 Student, Perkins School of Theology—Thomas M. Babington, III
 Board of Missions (Missionary)—J. W. Spitzkeit
 Wesley Foundation Director, L. S. U.—Raymond K. DeHainaut
 Chaplain Greenwell Springs—T. J. Smith
 District Director of Stewardship—J. Henry Bowdon, Jr.
 District Secretary of Evangelism—James Stovall
 District Secretary of Temperance—J. B. Shearer

Director, Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation—W. Earl Hotalen
 District Missionary Secretary—James Ailor
 Chaplain, U. S. Air Force—Oakley Edwards
 District Director of Camping—Hugh Baker
 Professor, Lindsey-Wilson College—James R. Woodward
 Librarian, National College for Christian Workers—T. H. Milby, Jr.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

District Superintendent—R. R. Branton 4
 Abbeville—R. M. Bentley 2
 Berwick—Kirby Vining 1
 Church Point—Joe H. Robinson 1
 Crowley, 1st Church—Louis Hoffpauir 5
 1st Church, Associate—(F. J. McCoy) 7
 Wesley—Raymond Pleron 4
 Donaldsonville—G. A. LaGrange 3
 Ebenezer—Stephen Wendt 2
 Franklin—A. S. Hurley 2
 Golden Meadow—(Travis Campbell) 2
 Grand Isle—(Travis Campbell) 1
 Houma, 1st Church—B. A. Galloway 2
 Houma Heights—Ira W. Robinson 1
 Iota-Maxie—T.B.S.
 Indian Bayou—(M. L. Davis) 5
 Jeanerette—A. M. Martin 7
 Krotz Springs—(C. J. Thibodaux) 1
 Lafayette, Asbury—Bryl Moreland, Jr. 2
 Davidson—Woodrow Hearn 2
 1st Church—Fred S. Flurry 3
 1st Church, Associate—Stone Caraway 1
 Lockport—Robert Collier 2
 Melville—O. L. Golson 2
 Morgan City—Robert W. Bengtson 5
 New Iberia—W. R. Wendt 5
 Opelousas—R. E. Walton 6
 Patterson—Harlan Guillot 1
 Pecan Island—T.B.S.
 Raceland—Robert Collier 1
 Rayne—Douglas T. Williams 6
 Thibodeaux—Robert R. Miller 6
 Chaplain Charity Hospital, Lafayette—Woodrow Hearn
 Director Louisiana Methodist—Kirby Vining
 Director of Camping—R. E. Walton
 Director of Stewardship—W. R. Wendt
 Director of Visual Education—R. R. Miller
 Missionary Secretary—Benedict Galloway
 Secretary of Evangelism—Raymond Pleron
 Secretary of Temperance—R. M. Bentley
 Student Perkins School of Theology—Eddie Morgan
 Student Iliff School Theology—Dan Tohline
 Chaplain, U. S. Army—Howard Ellzey
 Chaplain, Hospital Houma—Ira Robinson

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

District Superintendent—Sam Nader 2
 Bell City—E. W. Day 2
 Cameron-Grand Chenier—Taylor Wall 1
 DeQuincy—A. A. McKnight 3
 DeRidder, First—R. H. Jamieson 1
 Elton—(Donald Hall) 1
 Eunice—Wilson Watson 1
 Gueydan—George W. Harkins 1
 Hackberry—W. F. Howell 2
 Hornbeck—T.B.S.
 Iowa—E. W. Day 2
 Jennings—Kenneth G. McDowell 1
 Kinder—Raymond Crofoot 3
 Lake Arthur—Jack Winegeart 4
 Lake Charles, First—Carl Lueg 7
 Associate—Louis Copping 2
 Fairview—Garland C. Dean, Jr. 1
 Northside-Moss Bluff—A. P. Smith 1
 Oak Park—H. A. Gibbs 3
 St. Luke's—L. Ray Branton 1
 Simpson—Cleburne W. Quaid 3
 University—Earl B. Emmerich 4
 West Lake—Rex Squyres 2
 Leesville—Oakley Lee 4
 Maplewood—Lloyd Williams 5
 Merryville—(Lamont Rouse) 1
 Oberlin—T.B.S.
 Raymond—C. B. Krumnow 19
 Sulphur—E. R. Haug 2
 Sweet Lake—Garland C. Dean, Jr. 1
 Vinton—W. F. Howell 2
 Welsh—Jack Cooke 6
 Wesley-DeRidder—Frank Stage 1
 Chaplain, U. S. Army—William J. Reid
 Director of Louisiana Methodist—Jack Cooke
 Director of Camping—E. R. Haug
 Director of McNeese Wesley Foundation—Jack Winegeart
 Director of Visual Education—R. H. Jamieson
 Director of Stewardship—Wilson Watson
 District Missionary Secretary—Cleburne W. Quaid
 Secretary of Evangelism—Lloyd Williams
 Secretary of Temperance—H. A. Gibbs
 Student, Perkins School of Theology—Cecil Benoit
 Student, Perkins School of Theology—Richard Hoffpauir
 Student, Perkins School of Theology—Warren Livingston
 Student, Pacific School of Religion—John Riggins
 Student, Yale Divinity School—Ted R. Weber

MONROE DISTRICT

District Superintendent—James T. Harris 5
 Bastrop-Beekman—R. H. Staples 5
 Memorial—B. D. Forman 2
 Bonita Circuit—G. L. Cagle 2
 Collinston Circuit—S. B. Dampier 1
 Columbia—W. C. Barham 3
 Crowley—(E. H. House, Jr.) 1
 Delhi—Ira A. Love 1
 Epps-Floyd—(J. B. McCann) 5
 Fairbanks—(David Corley) 3
 Ferriday—J. P. McKeithen 2
 Gilbert—J. W. Boyd 6
 Grayson—C. Ed Henkle 1
 Harrisonburg-Clayton—(F. P. Corie) 1
 Holly Ridge—(L. W. Strong) 1
 Kilbourne Circuit—(John B. Bell) 2
 Lake Providence—C. R. McCammon 2
 Lapine—T.B.S.

Mangham—(J. C. Wallace) 1
 Little Creek-Union—(E. W. Corley) 1
 Mer Rouge—Lael S. Jones 3
 Monroe, First Church—G. W. Pomeroy 3
 Associate—William Earl Nolan 1
 Gordon Avenue—T. A. Brown 4
 Memorial—W. R. Cain 8
 St. Paul's—B. R. Oliphint 6
 Southside—Lea Joyner 6
 Stone Avenue—J. J. Davis 1
 Newellton—J. M. Poole 1
 Oak Grove—E. L. Tatum 5
 Oak Ridge—N. F. Simmons 1
 Pioneer Circuit—(Cecil Mims) 3
 Rayville—W. D. Boddie 2
 St. Joseph-Wesley—T.B.S.
 Sicily Island—Fred Mead 1
 Sterlington—W. M. Allen 2
 Tallulah—W. F. Mayo 4
 Vidalia—H. R. Hine 3
 Waterproof—J. G. Gieck 11
 West Monroe, First Church—W. D. Milton 5
 Brownville—B. P. Durbin 3
 Claiborne—D. F. Anders 2
 McGuire—Don Wineinger 1
 Winnsboro—W. H. Bengtson 9
 Wisner—A. W. Coody 1
 Crew Lake—T.B.S.
 Associate Secretary, General Board of Missions—H. L. Johns
 Director of Louisiana Methodist—Lael S. Jones
 Chaplain, U. S. Air Force—Maurice D. Fulkerson
 Chaplain, U. S. Air Force—Lucien E. Larche
 Chaplain, Conway Memorial Hospital—Lea Joyner
 Chaplain, St. Francis Hospital—W. M. Allen
 Missionary to Argentina—J. M. Norris
 Director Wesley Foundation, N. L. S. C.—W. Ralph Cain
 Student, Perkins School of Theology—J. Marvin Cook
 Student, Perkins School of Theology—Robert Holaday
 Student, Iliff School of Theology—Robert C. Wilbanks
 Director of Stewardship—G. W. Pomeroy
 Director of Camping—B. R. Oliphint
 Missionary Secretary—R. H. Staples
 Secretary of Evangelism—W. D. Milton
 Secretary of Temperance—J. P. McKeithen
 Director of Visual Education—E. L. Tatum
 Student, Candler School of Theology—James O. Evans

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

District Superintendent—Virgil D. Morris 6
 Luther-Reserve—(Frank C. Lankford) 1
 New Orleans:
 Algiers—John T. Redmon 1
 Carrollton Avenue—J. Henry Bowdon 1
 Associate—W. K. Jacobs 1
 Castle Manor—S. P. Emanuel 2
 Elysian Fields—G. R. Messer 4
 Felicity—M. S. Robertson 1
 First Church—N. H. Melbert 17
 Associate—A. M. Baker 1
 Gentilly—E. P. Drake 2
 Gretna—A. B. Cavanaugh 4
 Jefferson—T. T. Howes 3
 John Wesley—(J. C. Rousseaux, Sr.) 3
 Kenner—Marvin H. Corley 1
 Lake Vista—C. C. Frazier, Jr. 7
 Lesseigne—C. D. Pinkard 1
 Luling—T. O. Crosby, Jr. 1
 Metairie—John Winn, Jr. 2
 Munholland—Edward W. Harris 1
 Associate—Robert Parrott 2
 Napoleon—Don W. Alverson 2
 Parker—E. J. Barksdale 3
 Rayne—A. M. Serex 6
 Associate—Allen O. Jernigan 2
 Emeritus—(W. L. Duren) 4
 Redeemer—(H. G. Ensenat) 5
 St. Bernard—R. L. Clayton 3
 St. Claude Heights—Robert Galatas 1
 St. James—M. S. Robertson 1
 St. John—C. D. Pinkard 1
 St. Luke's—W. Spencer Wren 7
 St. Mark's—T. O. Carlstrom 3
 St. Matthew's—C. Ebb Munden, III 1
 St. Paul's—Harvey G. Williamson 1
 Second—S. P. Emanuel 1
 Plaquemines Parish:
 Point-a-la-Hache—(F. W. Campbell) 4
 Trinity—C. W. Bennett 1
 Venice—C. W. Bennett 1
 St. Tammany Parish:
 Covington—R. C. Carter 8
 Lacombe-St. Tammany—(W. B. Hollingsworth) 1
 Pearl River—K. K. Carithers 1
 Slidell—W. H. Giles 1
 Sun-Bush—(Mrs. Rose Carithers) 1
 HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS:
 Foundation—C. Ebb Munden, III
 Charity—C. H. Snelling, Jr.
 Fink Home—(W. D. Kleinschmidt)
 Director, Wesley Foundation-Tulane—C. H. Snelling, Jr.
 Instructor Religion S. M. U.—B. A. Petty
 Chaplain U. S. Navy—James E. Reaves
 Student, Perkins School of Theology—J. W. Donaldson
 Student, University of Strassburg—George W. Poole, III
 DEACONESSES:
 St. Tammany Parish Rural Work—Shiela Nuttall
 St. Mark's Community Center—Fae Daves
 Sabbatical Leave—Carolyn Grisham
 Methodist Home Hospital—Everlyn Murphee
 District Director Evangelism—Don W. Alverson
 District Director Visual Education—K. K. Carithers
 District Secretary Missions—E. J. Barksdale
 District Director Louisiana Methodist—A. B. Cavanaugh

District Director Temperance—Marvin Corley
 District Director Camping—T. T. Howes
 District Director Student Work—C. H. Snelling, Jr.
 District Director Stewardship—G. Harvey Williamson

RUSTON DISTRICT

District Superintendent—Luman Douglas 1
 Alabama-Summerfield—(H. B. Crammer) 5
 Arcadia-Mt. Moriah—R. L. Peyton 2
 Athens-Bethel Circuit—(Price Allen) 1
 Bernice—W. H. Carroll 2
 Bienville—(J. E. Constable) 1
 Calhoun-Beulah—(Abe Conerly) 4
 Carlton-Wilite—R. H. Hearne 2
 Center Point—J. T. Garrett 1
 Chatham—(Leon Marsalls) 1
 Choudrant-Douglas—(George P. Goodwin) 3
 Clay-Ansley—(V. L. Westbrook) 5
 Concord-Mt. Pleasant—(C. K. Brooks) 5
 Cotton Valley—William B. Shaw 4
 Downsview—Isaac A. Patton 4
 Doyline-McIntyre—L. J. Futch 2
 Dubach—(Byron Crosby) 1
 Eros-Antioch—T.B.S.
 Evergreen—(Paul Durbin) 1
 Farmerville—Rupert Coles 1
 Gibsland—J. A. Jones 1
 Grand Bayou-Rocky-Castor—(Charles Wilder) 2
 Harmony Chapel—Terral T. Lowe 5
 Haynesville—Jack H. Midyett 5
 Heflin—(R. E. Carter) 2
 Hodge—G. A. Morgan 7
 Homer—Don Risinger 3
 Jonesboro—G. W. Dameron 4
 Lisbon-Arizona—R. K. Friedrich 2
 Marion—F. C. Collins 2
 Minden, First—Dan Robinson 4
 Lakeview—George D. York 3
 Pine Grove-Pleasant Valley—(Joe L. McClain) 2
 Quitman—Troy Garrett 1
 Ringgold—(Roy Grant) 2
 Ruston-Grace—Henry C. Blount 3
 Trinity—Jolly B. Harper 4
 Salem-Hilly—(Byrd L. Terry) 4
 Shongaloo-Whitehall—(Paul Cassels) 12
 Sibley-Evergreen—(James J. Pyles) 1
 Simsboro-Antioch—L. M. Sawyer 2
 Springhill—Frank C. Tucker, Jr. 5
 Conference Treasurer—J. E. Hearn
 Supt. Methodist Children's Home—C. B. White
 Supt. Emeritus Children's Home—R. W. Vaughan
 Director Wesley Foundation Louisiana Tech—Pearlye Maye Kelley
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 Student Perkins School of Theology—James R. Henry
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 Student, Yale Divinity School—Kernon Moody
 Director Louisiana Methodist—Henry C. Blount, Jr.
 Director of Camping—Dan R. Robinson
 Director Stewardship—Robert L. Peyton
 District Missionary Secretary—Jolly B. Harper
 District Secretary Evangelism—Jack Midyett
 District Secretary Temperance—George Dameron
 District Secretary W. S. C. S.—Mrs. Robert S. Wynn

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

District Superintendent—B. C. Taylor 6
 Barksdale—Fred Shirley 2
 Belcher-Gilliam—James L. Beasley 6
 Benton—L. A. Carrington 7
 Bethany-Keithville—(W. F. Pledger) 2
 Bethel—(Ray Holt) 2
 Blanchard—James Jones 2
 Bossier City, First Church—Alfred M. Brown 5
 Associate—Conrad Edwards 1
 Curtis Park—W. V. Sirman 1
 Converse—(H. T. Isgitt) 5
 Coushatta—Fred W. Schwendemann 1
 Ellerbe Road—Webb D. Pomeroy 4
 Grand Cane-Stonewall—E. L. McKay 1
 Greenwood—A. T. Law 3
 Hall Summit—Floyd M. Durham 3
 Haughton—Edgar C. Dufresne 4
 Ida-Hosston—E. A. Keasler 5
 Keatchie—R. Leonard Cooke 3
 Logansport—James B. Grambling 5
 Longstreet-Shiloh—Harold McClung 3
 Many—John B. Koelemay 3
 Mansfield—Merlin W. Merrill 5
 Mooringsport—M. C. Cady 1
 Oil City—Robert DeBusk, Jr. 2
 Pelican—(H. M. Law) 2
 Plain Dealing—Reuel H. Allen 4
 Pleasant Hill—Bob L. Lawton 1
 Rodessa—William A. Blakely 1
 Shreveport, Broadmoor—George W. Harbuck 5
 Associate—Lars Lamar Broadus 1
 Caddo Heights—George W. Ross 3
 Cedar Grove—Roy E. Mouser 6
 First Church—D. L. Dykes, Jr. 3
 Associate—Barry Bailey 2
 Mangum Memorial—Ira W. Flowers 4
 Associate—Benjamin Youngblood 3
 Morningside—Eldred Blakely 2
 Noel Memorial—John J. Rasmussen 7
 Associate—Lawrence L. Gilbert 3
 Minister of Education—Estill Allen 1
 North Highlands—Beverly E. Bond 3
 Park Avenue—Douglas L. McGuire 4
 Summer Grove—T. M. Lancaster 2
 Trinity—Tracy R. Arnold 3
 Wesley—(John Lee) 1
 Wynn Memorial—Kenneth G. Rorie 5
 Vivian—James C. Whitaker 1
 Zwolle—Alton Hancock 1
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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE CONCLUDES ANNUAL SESSION

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Mayor, James Gardner.

The retirement of five ministers whose combined service totaled 165 years; T. L. Yeager of Monroe, 23 years of service; T. O. Rorie, 36 years; J. T. Garrett, Chatham, Grand Cane, 43 years; Sidney Seegers, Gueydon, 35 years; and Falcon L. Hearne, Bossier City, 28 years.

The annual presentation of the Outstanding Layman's Award to J. C. Love, Ruston business man, who has been active in the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, the Ruston District, The Louisiana Annual Conference, and Jurisdictional activities for a number of years.

The delivering of the prize winning essay speech by Miss Anna Clark Whitaker, daughter of Rev. James T. Whitaker, new pastor at Vivian. Miss Whitaker's speech entitled "Is Moderation The Answer To The Alcohol Problem," was delivered at the time of the Board of Temperance report at the Thursday morning session.

An address by Bishop Sante Uberto Barbiere, head of Methodist work in Argentina, Uruguay, and Bolivia, who addressed the conference Tuesday morning on "Methodist Missions in South America."

A tea honoring Mrs. Paul E. Martin, attended by minister's wives and wives of lay members of the conference, held at the home of Mrs. J. J. Mickle.

The presentation by Rev. D. B. Boddie, New Orleans, of a check for \$230 to Centenary College. This amount represented a gift to him by an anonymous friend while he was a student at Centenary, 1910-1912, to help pay his room and board. The check was accepted by Rev. Leonard Cooke, Centenary vice-president in behalf of the school.

The Amendments Voting

Of much interest was the consideration by the conference of three proposed constitutional amendments instituted by the 1956 General Conference. Amendment No. 9 providing for the voluntary transfer of local churches and/or annual conferences from one Jurisdiction to another, thereby setting up means of abolishing the church's Central Jurisdiction, received a vote of 273 for the amendment and 118 against. This conference vote will be added to the total vote of other annual conferences for a final determination of the passage of the amendment.

Amendment No. 10 providing for an additional lay member from local churches having more than one minister, drew 304 votes for the amendment, and with 13 against.

Amendment No. 11, providing for an increase in the maximum number of General Conference members received 316 affirmative votes.

Actions Taken

Included among the actions taken by the conference were:

Adoption of a resolution calling for the organization of an Inter-Board Council for the purpose of coordinating and promoting Methodist program in the state. The council, to be organized at an early date, will be composed of the presiding bishop, district superintendents, and chairman of all boards together with their executives, the conference lay leader, and the pres-



Pictured above are five ministers whose combined service to Methodism totals 165 years who retired at the 1957 session of the Louisiana Conference. They are, L to R: Rev. J. T. Garrett,

Chatham, 23 years of service; Rev. T. L. Yeager, Monroe, 36 years; Rev. Sidney Seegers, Gueydon, 35 years; Rev. Falcon Hearne, Bossier, 28 years; and T. O. Rorie, Grand Cane, 43 years.

ident of the Conference Woman's Society.

Adoption of the report by the conference Board of Evangelism which calls for an evangelistic emphasis, "Tell Louisiana About Christ." This program plans for a stepped-up emphasis on evangelism early next year.

Adoption of a resolution calling for Congress to act on pending legislation which would ban interstate transportation of alcoholic beverage advertising materials.

Voting to accept the invitation of Centenary College to return for the 1958 annual conference session.

Services of Commemoration

The annual Service of Commemoration for those ministers and their wives or widows who have died during the past year was held on Tuesday afternoon, under the direction of Rev. G. W. Pomeroy, Monroe. Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Ruston, delivered the memorial address.

Those commemorated included: Rev. W. T. Gray, Waco, Texas; Rev. Charles M. Morris, Ville Platte; Rev. H. C. Norsworthy, Bossier City; Rev. H. D. Fisher, Ville Platte; Mrs. J. C. Hearn, Baton Rouge; Mrs. Newton L. Sayer, New Orleans.

Connection Interest Represented

The following persons represent various connectional interests of the church: Dr. N. G. Golding, Columbus, Miss., member of the General Board of Pensions; Dr. C. W. Lokey, San Antonio, Texas, staff member of General Board of Missions; Dr. H. L. Johns, Philadelphia, staff member, General Board of Missions; Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Fayetteville, Board of Trustees Member of Mt. Sequoyah; Dr. Douglas Jackson, Dallas, Texas, professor at Perkins School of Theology; Dr. C. B. White, Ruston, Superintendent Methodist Children's Home; Rev. Karl Tooke, Shreveport, Conference Director of Stewardship; Dr. Bentley Sloane, Shreveport, executive secretary, Conference Board of Education; Miss Jeanne Mason, Little Rock, Director of Arkansas-Louisiana Area Methodist Information; and Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, Editor of

The Louisiana Methodist.

Changes In Ministerial Status

The following changes in ministerial relations were made during the conference session:

Retired: I. L. Yeager, J. T. Garrett, T. O. Rorie, Sidney A. Seegers, and Falcon A. Hearne.

Discontinued: John C. Riggins.

Located: Preston Holly.

Received on Trial: Lonnie Melvin Sibley, Thomas Macaulay Babington, III, Daniel Wesley Tohline, Cecil Benoit, Charles Richard Hoffpauir, James Marvin Cook, Edison Elwin Morgan, Jr., William Irvin Eubanks, Alton Odell Hancock, and Billy Garland Vines.

Admitted Into Full Connection:

Robert Franklin DeBusk, Jr., Laddell Jefferson Futch, Robert Ingram Galatas, Roy Lee Garrett, Lawrence Lawry Gilbert, Robert Earl Parrott, and Norman Francis Simmons.

Ordained Deacon: William Charles Blakely, Fred William Campbell, James Marvin Cook, Troy Garrett, Alton Odell Hancock, Cecil Cade Mims, Carl William Mitchell, Edison Elwin Morgan, Byron Lee Roberts, John Sayes, Lonnie Melvin Sibley, and Billy Garland Vines.

Ordained Elder: Robert Franklin DeBusk, Jr., Laddell Jefferson Futch, Robert Ingram Galatas, Roy Lee Garrett, Lawrence Lawry Gilbert, Robert Earl Parrott, Elias Wesley Sandel, Norman Francis Simmons, and Karl David Wood.

Statistics

Rev. J. E. Hearn, Ruston, conference treasurer and statistician reported the following items of interest, reflecting the year's work in Louisiana Conference churches. Total full membership 115,968, a gain of 1,694 over last year.

Received 3,817 persons on profession of faith and 1,738 baptisms were reported.

Preparatory membership now totals 11,591.

Church school enrollment at a record high of 78,843, increase of 2,620 over last year.

Average attendance reported for church school was 40,959. 346 Woman's Society in the conference report of membership of 15,766, a

gain of 735 of members of last year.

130 Methodist Men's organization reported of membership 5,378 was contributed by churches to the support of Centenary College.

Total valuation of Methodist property in Louisiana is reported at in the \$36½ million, with a total indebtedness of \$3,959,879.

A total of more than \$1,568,000 spent for church and other building improvements during the past year.

The total amount Methodists raised for all purposes during the last year by Louisiana Methodist churches was \$6,714,122.

APPOINTMENTS

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Chaplain, Confederate Memorial Hospital—P. M. Caraway 2
Chaplain, The Pines Sanatorium—F. M. Freeman 2
Deaconess, Director of Christian Education, Broadmoor—Miss Elizabeth Thompson
Director, Louisiana Methodist—Ira Flowers
Director of Camping—Roy E. Mouser
Director, La. Moral & Civic Foundation—A. T. Law
Director, Student Work, Centenary College—James A. McLean
Director, Religious Life, Arlington State College, Arlington, Texas—L. E. Philbrook
Director, Visual Education—James B. Grambling
Director, Stewardship—George W. Harbuck
District Missionary Secretary—Kenneth G. Rorie
Conference Missionary Secretary—Douglas E. McGuire
Secretary of Rural Work—Floyd M. Durham
Secretary of Evangelism—William V. Sirman
Secretary of Temperance—A. T. Law
Students—Perkins School of Theology: Donald Learner
Don Guynes
Bob Shirley
Harold McClung
Carl Mitchell
William Eubanks
William C. Blakely
Students—Candler School of Theology: Briscoe Soderman
Joe Murphy
Joe Hanberry
Student—Duke School of Theology—Jerry Means
Student—Yale Divinity School—Walter Lee Baker
Executive Secretary, Board of Education—Bentley Sloane
Vice President, Centenary College—R. Leonard Cooke
Professor of Bible, Centenary College—Webb D. Pomeroy
Chaplain, U. S. Navy—Roland Faulk
Conference Director of Stewardship—Karl Tooke
Professor, Centenary College—W. F. Pledger
Professor, Southern Methodist University—Douglas Jackson

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS



MISS PATTI DYER

Clay Bumper

The Clay Bumper Sub-district met May 18 at the First Methodist Church in Helena, Ark., to elect and install the following officers: president, Patti Dyer, Helena (pictured above); vice president, Barbara Godwin, Elaine; secretary, Margaret Partridge, West Helena; treasurer, Nancy Newkirk, Helena; and reporter, Susan Hampton, Helena.

These officers will make up the counsel of the Sub-district and will meet once every other month at the First Methodist Church in Helena. After the election everyone enjoyed recreation and refreshment in Fellowship Hall, and the Rev. Irl Bridenthal, Helena pastor, installed the new officers.

The next meeting will be held on the second Monday in July in West Helena.

The Sub-district is looking forward to a profitable year under the able leadership of its new officers, the reporter said.

Keener

The Keener Sub-district MYF officers were installed in a ceremony at the Portland, Ark., Methodist Church, with the Rev. Edward Hollenbeck, district director, acting as the installing officer.

The following young people will serve the Sub-district for 1957-58: president, Steve Nason, Crossett; vice president, Rager Hughes, Wilmot; secretary, Elizabeth Norris, Lake Village; and treasurer, Holly Hartwick, Hamburg.

Area chairmen are: faith, Linetta Mazanti, Portland; witness, Janet Bennett, Lake Village; outreach, Betsy Pylate, Wilmot; fellowship, Judy Tillery, Parkdale; and citizenship, Jeff Foote, Hamburg.

Reporter is Buddy Johnson, Crossett; and counsellors are Rev. and Mrs. Charles Ashcraft, Lake Village.

Grace-Curtis

The Grace-Curtis Sub-district met Monday night, May 13, at Griffin Memorial Church in Paragould, Arkansas.

The candlelight installation of the officers for the year was held. New officers are: president, Martha Dollins, Paragould; vice-president, Charles Crow, Rector; secretary-treasurer, Sally Villines, Piggott; and publicity chairman, Donna

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES REPORTED BY MARIANNA MYF

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Marianna Methodist Church has been very busy lately, according to a report from youth director, Miss Bettye Taylor. On Easter Sunday they gave an Easter Sunrise Service followed by a breakfast served in the Fellowship Hall. Those taking part in the service were Maria Jones, Pamela Sharp, Mary Ann Brooks, Bill Whitten, Carolyn Kerr, Barbara Kerr and Temple Branan. The MYF served breakfast to approximately 100 people. The proceeds from the breakfast went into a fund to buy recreational equipment for the fellowship hall. Two ping-pong tables and shuffle board equipment have been purchased to date. Mrs. Ted Zeigler was chairman of the breakfast.

To climax Family Week, a Family Night program was given at the MYF meeting on Sunday night, May 12th, by Mr. and Mrs. Troy Harrison and their three children. Others participating were: Emmett Marlowe, Maria Jones, Janet McCutchen and Becky Bowden. The theme was, "Families who work, worship, and play together — stay together." It was an inspiring service to the 50 parents of the MYFers who attended as well as to the youth. This program was under the direction of Mrs. Leo Payne, Advisor for the Intermediate group.

"We have a wonderful Intermediate and Senior Group and we are also proud of our Junior organization for those from 9-12 years of age," Miss Taylor said. Miss Joyce Thomas is counselor for this group which has been organized about a year and has about 20 members on roll. The Juniors sing in the youth choir at the evening worship service every Sunday night along with the Intermediates and Seniors.

"A variety of activities are planned for this summer," the youth leader said. "We have had an excellent year in our MYF and hope we can continue to grow, not only in number, but in spirit," she concluded.

Kirk, Paragould. Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Crozier, Paragould, are counselors.

The president and counselors for the past year were presented gifts by the Sub-district. Rev. Jim Beal of Imboden was the speaker.

Wesley

The Wesley Youth Sub-district met in the Montgomery, La., Methodist Church, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. with sixty-nine present.

Roger Williams of First Church Natchitoches, succeeded John King of Montgomery, as president for the coming year. The other officers who were elected are as follows: vice-president, Toni Whittington; secretary, Janice Davis; treasurer, Sally Lee; reporter, Glenelle Pearce. Chairmen for the areas are: Christian Faith, Linda Cochran; Christian Witness, Joy Howell; Christian Outreach, Sandra Hughes; Christian Citizenship, Jim Kirkland; Christian Fellowship, Jeanette Hilton. Mrs. Otis Wilkerson is the adult counselor. The officers were installed by Rev. J. C.

Graduates Honored With Banquet At Carr Memorial Church, Pine Bluff

Seven members of the 1957 graduating class of Pine Bluff High School were honored with a banquet by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Carr Memorial Methodist Church, Sixth and Dakota, Pine Bluff, Wednesday evening, May 15, 6:30 p.m., in the educational building.

The honorees were as follows: Barbara Chalfant, Gene Raymond Cutrell, Mary Ann Hestand, Nancy Holden, Judy King, Jerry Ridgway, and Rommie Torrence. Some 32 persons were present, including the parents of the graduates, and the adult workers with youth in the church.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

HOW LIFE GROWS

Physical growth can be readily seen in a child or youth, and mental growth can be easily measured. Sometimes however, emotional and spiritual growth are more difficult to determine. Each individual must find those experiences which make growth possible. Dr. Harry Overstreet once told a group of church leaders that there are seven basic needs which must be met if the individual is to mature in normal fashion. They are well worth noticing here among youthful readers still in the growing stage of life.

1. Life grows by **outreach**. This is the first step beyond self as one becomes aware of others in his world. If taken in a favorable environment, it can be a good solid step in the direction of maturity.

2. Life grows by **individuation**. An individual needs to have a chance to become what he has it in himself to become. Each person is unique and distinctive, and wise parents and teachers recognize individual differences. Each person has a right to be himself as he might be.

3. Life grows by **participation**. Few people can enjoy the game as much on the sidelines as those who are involved in the activities on

Skinner.

The Flora MYF won the banner with one hundred and eighty points. The Montgomery MYF presented the program, "Four Familiar Hymn Stories." Following the benediction, refreshments were served by the host church.

Poinsett County

The Poinsett County Sub-district meeting of the MYF met at Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, Ark., Thursday night, at 7:45 p.m. The Fisher group presented the program which was based on religious songs. After the program, Wade Wharton, vice-president, presided. All new officers were introduced and an installation ceremony was led by Rev. J. W. Glass and Rev. W. R. Burrow.

The new officers are: president, Jimmy Block; vice-president, Rodney Pulley; secretary, Barbara Good; treasurer, Margaret Dale; reporter, Imogene McCleskey; and counselor, Walter Hodges.

Some 82 were present and the group decided to send an officer to Youth Assembly at Conway, June 4-8.

Also, they decided if a church has an officer it would be requested to send him. The meeting was adjourned with recreation and refreshments served by the Fisher group. The next meeting will be at Hickory Ridge.

The building was attractively decorated, carrying out a red and white color scheme. A large container of red and white lilies was placed in the center of the U-shaped tables. Red and white streamers attached to the ceiling gave the room a festive appearance. Places were marked for the guests on white napkins which were rolled like diplomas and tied with red ribbon. Program booklets had red and white covers. At one end of the room was a miniature football field.

The invocation was given by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Cagle E. Fair, after which the meal was served by representatives of the five circles of the hostess organization. Mrs. Waple Langston, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, welcomed the guests. Introductions of the graduates.

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the field. Home, for example, should offer the individual a place where he participates in the give and take of shared hope and effort. One doesn't grow very much by being "included out!"

4. Life grows by **appreciation**. One aspect of growing up is that of learning what is important and admirable. We need standards of discernment and of value. Home and church have an obligation to set the standards of appreciation high enough so that a youth's response to his environment will be wholesome and healthy.

5. Life grows by **creation**. Every new person who comes into the world is potentially a bringer of the new. Those of us who are adults are often uninterested in that new if it involves changes for us who are set in our ways! But our attitude should be "let there be—something better than was there before."

6. Life grows by **adjustment to limitations**. All of us have to learn to live understandingly with that which may not have been chosen or wanted, but which has come to pass. We did not choose our parents or the place of our birth and residence. We must live within the limitations of our environment until we can effect their necessary change. If that is not possible, then maturity comes only with learning to live healthily within their pattern.

7. Life grows by **upreach**. Bishop Schuyler Garth used to speak of "the tug of the infinite" on the life of youth. To deny the reality of a Power greater than ourselves is to put a low ceiling on maturity. To open life to God as revealed in Jesus is to assure life of continuing growth in these areas of human experience.

Keep that list around and check it now and then to see how you are doing as a youth growing up, or as a parent with growing children, or as a pastor or church school worker with responsibility for the spiritual growth of youngsters.



ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA

Carr Women Have Annual Meeting

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Carr Memorial Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark., held their annual dinner meeting in the educational building of the church, Monday, May 13, 6:30 p.m. Approximately 60 persons were present.

The invocation was given by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Cagle E. Fair. Following the dinner, Mrs. Waple Langston, president of the Woman's Society, conducted a brief business session. Roll call was by Mrs. Reta Chalfant, secretary. Mrs. M. B. Thompson, treasurer, gave the annual treasurer's report.

Mrs. Ross Helvie, Conference Secretary of Promotion for the Woman's Society, reported on the meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mrs. Waple Langston reported on the Conference meeting of the Woman's Society.

Mrs. Lawrence Piper, vice president and program chairman of the local organization, explained the overall purpose of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. J. E. Wooley told of the work in Japan; and Mrs. Bill Doherty, the work in Alaska. Circle leaders placed pledges for the new year on the altar, after which Mrs. R. B. Hutson lead in a dedicatory

Monticello District Meeting

The Annual District Conference of the Monticello District met April 18 in Hamburg with 20 societies represented and 138 present. All district officers were present for officers training.

Mrs. R. A. Adcock, president, presided and introduced the following speakers — Rev. R. O. Beck, Mrs. George Meyer and Mrs. M. E. Scott.

A memorial service and pledge service were held in the afternoon as well as the installation of district officers.

Dumas and Wilmot won scholarships to the Conference School of Missions for having the greatest number of local officers present excluding Hamburg who refused the honor as host church.

prayer.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of Adult Life Membership pins and certificates to four women of the church in recognition of their service to the total program of the church. Mrs. J. E. Wooley, Mrs. Elbert Yaney, and Mrs. Dewey Freeman received the Woman's Society pins; and Mrs. R. A. Wilson, the Wesleyan Service Guild pin. The presentations were made by Mrs. W. M. Eighme and Mrs. John A. Pope.

The meeting was closed with the singing of the fellowship hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Centerton Guild Named For Mrs. W. A. Lindsey

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Centerton Methodist Church met at the parsonage Thursday evening with Mrs. Lindsey as hostess.

The installation service for the new officers was conducted by Rev. W. A. Lindsey in a very beautiful and impressive candlelight ceremony.

The lesson on "We Give Because We Love" was led by Mrs. Ogden with Mrs. Sherrou, Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Sersberger assisting.

During the business session conducted by the president, Mrs. Hazel Sullivan, the Guild was given the name "Minnie Lindsey" in honor of Mrs. W. A. Lindsey, who has been a great inspiration to this group. The Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Lindsey have been serving churches for 53 years and in their two years at the Centerton Church, Mrs. Lindsey has been very faithful to the Guild, never missing a meeting. She has been a wonderful leader, always bringing out good spiritual and inspiring thoughts and so very devoted to the work and growth of the Guild. Although they are retiring and moving to Siloam Springs, she will be greatly missed but always remembered.

Shreveport District Honors Mrs. Taylor

Mrs. James Arnold was hostess at a lovely tea in her home on Fairfield, Shreveport, Wednesday May 8. The honoree for this occasion was Mrs. B. C. Taylor, wife of the District Superintendent of the Methodist Church. Guests calling between the appointed hours of two till five were the wives of the Methodist ministers of this district and the presidents of the Woman's Societies of Christian Service.

Greeting the guests at the door were Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Gilmer. As guests signed the guest book, small favors of soap in the shape of folded hands were given each.

Refreshments were served in the beautifully appointed dining room. The table was laid with a handsome lace cloth. In the center was a lovely bouquet of spring flowers. Alternating at the punch bowl were Mrs. D. L. Dykes, Mrs. Karl Tooke, Mrs. Tracey Arnold, Mrs. Ruby Cochran and Mrs. Bentley Sloane. A lovely gift of a silver goblet in the honoree's chosen pattern was presented her by the ministers' wives.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Woman's Society of Christian Service—Receipts and Disbursements—Year Ended May 31, 1957

Bank balance May 31, 1956	\$12,828.49
RECEIPTS:	
Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$45,471.36
W.S.G.	12,661.89
Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	4,430.00
W.S.G.	1,240.00
Result Study:	
W.S.C.S.	670.20
W.S.G.	80.23
Remembrance:	
W.S.C.S.	266.75
W.S.G.	10.00
Treasure Chest:	
W.S.C.S.	83.43
W.S.G.	24.17
Children: W.S.C.S.	57.56
Supplies—Home:	
W.S.C.S.	4,294.42
W.S.G.	957.70
Supplies—Foreign:	
W.S.C.S.	3,017.60
W.S.G.	805.11
Week of Prayer:	
W.S.C.S.	3,037.88
W.S.G.	946.29
Narcotic Education:	
W.S.C.S.	874.75
W.S.G.	200.05
Supplementary:	
W.S.C.S.	347.61
Pins:	
W.S.C.S.	28.00
W.S.G.	10.25
Exchange: W.S.C.S.	7.00
Total—W.S.C.S.	\$63,486.56
Total—W.S.G.	\$16,935.69
Total received from	
8 District Treasurers	\$80,422.25
OTHER RECEIPTS:	
MYF	\$ 2,193.73
Refunds	446.73
Membership & Pin	26.50
Children	30.94
W.S.G. Conf. Offering	112.55
W.S.C.S. Conf. Offering	169.01
W.S.C.S. Memorial	
Offering	645.25
Pins	9.10
Sale of Car	375.00
	\$ 4,008.81
Total Other Receipts	\$ 4,008.81
TOTAL to be accounted for	\$97,259.55
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Disbursements to Division—	

Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$36,702.34
W.S.G.	12,661.72
Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	4,525.00
W.S.G.	1,170.00
Remembrance:	
W.S.C.S.	136.50
W.S.G.	10.00
M.Y.F.: W.S.C.S.	2,193.73
Children	88.50
Missionary Projects:	
W.S.C.S.	399.61
W.S.G.	5.00
Treasure Chest:	
W.S.C.S.	83.43
W.S.G.	24.17
Total—W.S.C.S.	\$44,129.11
Total—W.S.G.	\$13,870.89
Total on Appropriations	\$58,000.00
Week of Prayer	\$ 4,884.17
Supplies—Home	5,314.12
Supplies—Foreign	3,822.71
Supplementary	347.61
Pins	22.50
Division Cultivation	37.35
Total sent to Division	\$14,428.46
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS:	
COOPERATIVE	
Booneville Project	\$ 399.96
Sunshine Fund	100.00
Car Expense	1,410.91
Scholarship—	
Dora Hoover	350.00
CSR & LCA	25.00
Narcotic Education	1,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE	
District Cultivation	3,344.48
Conference Cultivation	3,183.85
Jurisdiction Cultivation	448.23
Executive Comm. Meals	50.00
Jurisdiction School	
Missions	92.75
Conference School	
Missions	194.64
MISCELLANEOUS	
Louise Nichols Travel	\$ 55.45
Conference MYF	100.00
Workers Insurance	36.00
Printing	695.19
Audit	50.00
Cards	100.00
Equipment Insurance	20.00
Miscellaneous	248.14
Total Other Disbursements	\$11,904.60

Total Disbursements	84,333.06
Total to be accounted for	
less disbursements	12,926.49
Bank balance May 31, 1957	\$ 12,926.49
MRS. WILLIAM HALL,	
Conference Treasurer	

Special Memberships

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. Wilma Cavenar, W.S.G.; Mrs. Ollie Hill, Mrs. Walter McSpadden, Mrs. John R. Edwards, Mrs. Joan Paige, Mrs. Charles Shaver, Baby: Ronald Deane Melton, W.S.G.; Jay Harder Harder, Russell Hunter Wood, Richard M. Stone Jr., Valeria Ann Murphy.

CONWAY DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. R. J. Goss, Mrs. J. R. Berry, Mrs. Rife Hughey, Mrs. R. L. Alewine, Miss Emma Jain McCullum, W.S.G.; Mrs. Ted Clark, Mrs. H. B. James, Mrs. Mary Louise Davis, W.S.G.; Mrs. Roy Burns, Mrs. O. J. Carpenter, Mrs. A. J. Caisson, Youth: Ann McCracken, Beth Laws, Baby: Constance Ann Poynter.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. Jerome McRoy, Mrs. Marie Young, Mrs. Ola Engels, Mrs. Norma Faye Wilson, Miss Virginia Darby, Mrs. Margaret Crittenden, Mrs. Mary McCain, Mrs. W. J. Lemke, Mrs. H. A. Brockway, Mrs. M. W. Fields, Mrs. Mearl McKinney, Mrs. Sue Stumbo, Mrs. Boyd Johnson, Mrs. Christel Thompson, Mrs. D. N. McCormick, Miss Virginia West, Mrs. Anna Mae Harrison, Mrs. Leona Hamilton, Mrs. Carrie Baylor, Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, Mrs. Dorothy A. Brown, Mrs. Laura Etta Robertson, Miss Bertha Crosley, Mrs. Ray Hartonft, Mrs. Nellie Page, Mrs. Holland King, Mrs. Carrie Wohlford, Baby: Kathleen Marion King, William Karle Greenhaw, Margaret Ruth Trice, Patricia Ruth White, Angela Leigh Wasson, Sharon Burt, Deborah Jo Ryan, Mary Jo Yarbough, Deborah Yarbough, Nancy Elizabeth Womack, Rebecca Lee Jefferson, Cindy Lou Dean, Jeffery Earl Rylee, Karen Lynne Burtner, Frances Gabron Morris, Robin Lee Butler, Ralph Thomas Butler, Janis Ann Jilg.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. Era Phipps, Mrs. J. R. Pugh, Mrs. Bessie Fletcher, Mrs. L. E. Burch Sr., Mrs. M. E. Newborn, Anne Davidson, Miss Yvonne Fugitt, Mrs. R. I. McKee, Baby: John Murphy Williams, Jackie Elaine Wike, William David Fogleman, Mary Jo Fiveash.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. Henry Weese, Mrs. Iva Clark, Mrs. Lula Grissette, Mrs. Charles Spencer, Mrs. Walt Gosman, Miss Haroldeen Looper, Mrs. Erma Darden, Mrs. Erma Lee Wagner, Mrs. Paul Congour Sr., Mrs. Robert Rice, Mrs. H. V. Lewis, Mrs. Charles Beasley,

Mrs. William Pendleton, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. C. W. Jameson, Mrs. Carl Hudson, Mrs. Francis W. Dyke, Mrs. Galen Gossett, Mrs. Halter Davidson Jr., Mrs. Gene Harwood, Mrs. A. S. Teed Sr., Mrs. Amy Stewart, Mrs. Harold Harger, Mrs. W. C. Godt, Mrs. Ida Altman, Mrs. Esta Degen, Mrs. Virginia Oliver, Mrs. Garland C. Wells, Mrs. Eugene Warren, Mrs. Guy Carr, Mrs. W. D. Rogers, Mrs. Ester Elders, Mrs. Perry Bush, Mrs. Tom Mathews, Mrs. Gene Jackman, Mrs. John Gentry, Mrs. Lee Maestri, Mrs. Cora Hile, Mrs. Jack Lewis, Mrs. Boyd Formby, Mrs. W. M. Wear, Mrs. Gus Crossno, Baby: Laura Beth Sessions, Terry Rae Sessions, Paul McConnell Bumpers, Jo Lynn Townley, Ralph Rawlings Jr., Christopher Cole Fisher, Cynthia Louise Swofford, John Wesley Moreland, Michael Glenn Gately, James Steven Gist, Karen Hutcheson, Martha Virginia Orsburn, Diana Elizabeth Robertson, Thomas Earl Cheyne, Steven Miles Lockhart, Cheryl Lynn Carlile, John Houston Hunter, Louis Ray Gramlich Jr., Joy Kay Aubrey, Frank Hawkins Shipley, John Robert Williams Jr., Marion Michelle Fillyan, David Wayne Smith.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. W. J. Pollard, Mrs. W. R. Campbell, Mrs. Arthur A. Hale, Mrs. Elma Armstrong, Mrs. A. H. Boyd, Mrs. George Wiggs, Mrs. O. J. Rogers, Mrs. Charlie Stinson, Mrs. M. M. Griffen, Mrs. Irl Meredith, Mrs. R. E. Franks, Mrs. Ray Worthington, Mrs. O. P. Sisler, Mrs. Hazel Halton, Mrs. C. V. McKinney, Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. Sallie Haslett, Mrs. Gertrude Sharpe, Mrs. Sam Thompson, Mrs. Ed. Chisenhall, Mrs. Frank Edrington, Mrs. W. O. Frazier, Mrs. A. B. Bradley, Mrs. Robert C. Nichols, Mrs. Holly Wilson, Mrs. S. D. Mooring, Baby: Janice Louise Bruner, Edward Marshall Regenold, Elizabeth Brent Crigger, Joe Allen Mills, Darlene Way, Jean Elaine Burns, Sarah Lee Burns, Laura Helen Nelson, Pamela Karen Spence, Phareta Ann Wilson, Alice Carolyn Rhodes, James Crain Bolton.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. W. Earl Polk, Mrs. T. G. Bridges, Mrs. Allene Crutchfield, Mrs. James Beal, Mrs. W. A. McBride, Mrs. Edith McDaniel, Mrs. Mary Evelyn Blackburn, Youth: Sally Ruth Villines, Nicky Ann Parrish, Baby: Sarah Lee Gregory.

SEARCY DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. D. W. Sloan, Mrs. Joe Belew, Mrs. D. B. Brown, Miss Drew Hawes, Mrs. Henry Ladd, Mrs. Clemmie Lewis, Mrs. J. C. Alexander, Mrs. Sid B. Walker, Mrs. Bob Black, Mrs. R. O. Collier, Mrs. Fannie Daily, Mrs. Jessie Turnage, Mrs. Porter R. Rodgers, Mrs. C. E. Lammers, Baby: John Olon Brandon.

North Arkansas Conference Treasurer's Report

FOR PERIOD JUNE 14, 1956 to MAY 18, 1957

Church and Charge	World Svc. & Conf. Benev.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	District Supts.	General, Jurisdictional, etc.	Minimum Salary	Golden Cross	Advance, Incl. Hungarian Relief	Week of Dedication	Hospital Building	Thousand Club
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(Continued from last week)

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Waldron Ct.: Bird View	36.00	7.00	52.00	33.00	8.00	5.00				4.00	
Cauthron	34.00	4.00	30.00	19.00	8.00	3.00				14.00	
Mount Pleasant	36.00	6.00	65.00	28.00	5.00	25.00				14.00	
Parks	43.00	6.00	56.00	35.00	5.00	2.00					
Square Rock	36.00	7.00	59.50	35.00	10.00	3.00					
TOTAL	277.22	190.32	170.20	173.28	227.09	361.06	318.25	689.19	868.49	369.19	1836.42

METHODIST YOUTH: Sub-District 40.25, Mt. Olive 9.00, Ft. Smith First 99.99, Goddard Mem. 10.00, Grand Ave. 10.00, Midland Heights 64.38, Hackett 15.00, Mulberry 5.00, Ozark 80.00, Paris 25.00, Van Buren First 86.74, St. Johns 50.00.

RACE RELATIONS: Altus 3.00, Gar Creek 5.00, Grenades Chapel 10.31, Washburn 3.25, Branch 3.00, Clarksville 15.00, Ft. Smith First 150.00, Goddard Mem. 150.00, St. Paul 25.00, Hartford 10.00, Hartman 10.00, Hayes Chapel 5.00, Mt. Zion 3.00, Spadra 3.00, Huntington 10.00, Hackett 3.50, Lavaca 15.00, Central 2.00, Mansfield 7.31, Mulberry 5.00, Ozark 25.00, Paris 40.00, New Blaine 2.00, Pioneer Mem. 2.00, Van Buren First 25.00, St. John 15.00, Waldron 5.00, Parks 2.00.

STUDENT DAY: Ft. Smith First 150.00, Spadra 3.00, Mulberry 3.00, Scranton 5.00, Van Buren First 25.00.

JONESBORO DISTRICT

Bay	\$ 200.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 50.00	
Black Oak	200.00	30.00	255.00	150.00	20.00	30.00	15.00	14.00	5.00	100.00	20.00
Macey	200.00	30.00	270.00	150.00	20.00	45.00	15.00	39.75	10.00	100.00	20.00
Blytheville, First	535.00	150.00	1316.36	750.00	200.00	266.36	110.00	383.70	100.00	300.00	65.00
Lake Street	600.00	66.00	610.50	330.00	35.00	104.00	3.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Wesley Mem.	14.50	6.00	25.80	35.00	20.00			3.70	2.00	15.00	10.00
Promised Land	200.00		232.00	136.00	10.00	4.50					10.00
Bono	100.00	12.00	102.00	60.00	20.00	9.00	10.00	18.00	2.50	100.00	10.00
Shady Grove	100.00	12.00	102.00	60.00	20.00	9.00	10.00	26.40	5.00	40.00	10.00
Trinity	60.00	6.00	51.00	30.00	10.00	4.50	5.00	16.85		37.50	10.00
Brookland	62.50	15.40	79.30	38.50	15.00	21.55	5.00	5.00		10.00	10.00
New Haven	10.00	1.00	7.65	5.00	5.00	3.00	36.00	17.30	10.00	50.00	10.00
Pleasant Grove	100.00	11.40	96.90	57.00	10.00	8.55				10.00	10.00
Caraway	100.00	40.00	180.00	200.00	30.00	40.00				50.00	10.00
Dell	600.00	68.00	578.00	340.00	20.00					80.00	5.00
Dyess	135.00	18.00	142.80	84.00	20.00	12.80		10.00	7.50	70.00	5.00
Whitton	50.00	12.00	62.00	60.00	10.00	9.00		8.00	10.00	35.00	
Harrisburg	1200.00	80.00	680.00	400.00	50.00	100.00		87.70	26.55	60.00	10.00
Pleasant Valley	100.00	10.00	85.00	50.00	15.00	7.50		63.25		150.00	20.00
Hickory Ridge	150.00	25.00	255.00	150.00	30.00	22.50		10.00	10.00	100.00	10.00
Fisher	200.00	30.00	290.00	150.00	30.00	74.50	10.00	20.00	3.00	10.00	10.00
Tilton	50.00	10.00	80.00	50.00	10.00	7.50	10.00	60.24	10.00	10.00	10.00
Joiner	350.00	38.00	324.00	180.00	25.00	32.00	20.00	34.50	34.50	2200.00	70.00
Jonesboro, First	5325.00	132.00	1230.00	660.00	183.48	342.00	200.00	3584.16	64.40	60.00	110.00
Fisher Street	250.00	28.00	256.00	160.00	17.50	32.00	50.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	10.00
Huntington Ave.	1200.00	84.00	776.50	420.00	45.00	31.00	50.00	7.50	11.30	10.00	10.00
St. Paul's	25.00	6.00	51.00	30.00	10.00	4.50	7.50	11.30	20.00	60.00	10.00
Lunsford	40.00	4.50	38.24	22.50	10.00	3.00	5.00	13.52	5.00	10.00	10.00
Pleasant Valley #2	60.00	8.00	68.00	40.00	10.00	6.00	5.00	13.52	5.00	10.00	10.00
Pine Log	4.00	4.00	8.50	5.00	3.00	3.00		20.00		150.00	20.00
Keiser	300.00	48.00	51.00	30.00	25.00	48.00		40.00		50.00	10.00
Riverside	37.50	6.00	51.00	30.00	5.00	4.50		30.15	10.00	50.00	10.00
Lake City	100.00	11.00	93.50	55.00	10.00	8.25		32.82	29.00	50.00	60.00
Lake View	100.00	10.00	85.00	50.00	10.00	7.50		42.64	25.00	675.00	80.00
Leachville	270.00	65.00	552.50	325.00	50.00	130.00	80.00	8.00	5.00	65.25	10.00
Lepanto	700.00	74.00	629.00	370.00	65.00	92.50	30.00	91.00	20.00	100.00	10.00
Garden Point	112.50	20.00	85.00	50.00	5.00	30.00	5.00	157.02	25.00	300.00	80.00
Luxora	600.00	60.00	540.00	300.00	50.00	75.00	10.00	122.26	5.00	15.00	10.00
Manila	9.78	84.00	77.00	420.00	50.00	210.00	50.00	37.00	5.00	15.00	10.00
Marked Tree	2100.00	108.00	999.00	540.00	100.00	67.50	25.00	1050.00		50.00	20.00
Monette	526.00	54.00	459.00	270.00	37.50	27.50	10.00	1050.00		50.00	20.00
Mount Carmel	300.00	10.00	50.00	240.00	10.00	24.00	10.00	37.00	5.00	15.00	10.00
Nettleton	400.00		959.00	540.00	150.00	270.00	100.00	530.00	120.09	1500.00	10.00
Osceola	3000.00	108.00	168.00	85.00	20.00	37.00	5.00	15.00	5.00	50.00	10.00
St. John	90.00	17.00	107.00	50.00	20.00	37.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	25.00	10.00
Delfore	50.00	10.00	85.00	50.00	20.00	7.50	3.00	17.75	3.00	25.00	10.00
Sunnyland	50.00	7.00	59.00	35.00	10.00	4.50		32.00	20.00	525.00	100.00
Turnann	470.00	50.00	400.00	235.00	50.00	66.00	80.00	148.25	5.00	75.00	20.00
Tyronza	1000.00	80.00	720.00	400.00	50.00	160.00	25.00	71.74	5.00	59.00	50.00
Weiner	300.00	33.00	264.00	165.00	20.00	41.25	10.00	12.00		40.00	20.00
Weona	150.00	18.00	162.00	90.00	20.00	22.00	5.00	110.00		50.00	20.00
Centerview	150.00	18.00	162.00	90.00	20.00	13.00	5.00	110.00		50.00	20.00
Wilson	800.00	72.00	612.00	360.00	50.00	144.00	50.00	110.00		50.00	20.00
Yarbrough	200.00	24.00	204.00	120.00	15.00	24.00	5.00	10.45		50.00	20.00
TOTAL	28,932.78	1925.30	16761.35	9913.00	1663.48	3268.06	934.73	6184.35	753.12	12241.75	1440.00

RECAPITULATION—For Period June 14, 1956 to May 18, 1957

	World Service & Conference Benevolence	Bishops	Conference Claimants	District Superintendents	General, Jurisdictional, etc.	Minimum Salary	Golden Cross
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(87.2% of askings)

Committee to Seek President For Alaska Methodist University

According to Mr. Ward, the study will include "the place. The Methodist Church has had in the growth of social awareness and its

Appointed as the committee were Dr. W. Vernon Middleton, Philadelphia, general secretary of the Methodist Division of National Missions; Dr. Myron Wicke, Nashville, Tenn., director of the Department of Secondary and Higher Education of the Methodist Board of Education, and Don Dafoe, commissioner of education of Alaska.

"We believe," he said, "that this story properly told will give Methodists and Protestants in America a case history of how much or how little the church influences the nature and direction of society."

In other actions, the trustees appointed a special committee on buildings, grounds and development, asked the executive committee to negotiate with the city of Anchorage for property adjacent to the present university site, and tentatively approved the by-laws. They also discussed ways of intensifying the drive for funds in the States.

Approximately 1500 delegates are to be named to the urban life convocation, and some 4,000 to the evangelism conference.

METHODIST YOUTH: Blytheville First 55.37, Brookland 12.85, Pleasant Grove 25.00, Caraway 12.15, Dell 20.00, Harrisburg 25.00, Fisher 10.00, Tilton 5.00, Jonesboro First 188.19, Huntington Ave. 4.00, Riverside 5.30, Lepanto 60.00, Manilla 102.10, Marked Tree 15.00, Monette 5.00, Mt. Carmel 5.00, Osceola 36.00, Trumann 12.50, Tyronza 25.00, Wilson 10.00.													
RACE RELATIONS: Sub-District 10.00, Black Oak 5.00, Macey 5.00, Blytheville First 100.00, Lake Street 2.00, Wesley Mem. 2.00, Half Moon 2.00, Bono 5.00, Shady Grove 5.00, Trinity 5.00, Brookland 5.00, Caraway 9.00, Hickory Ridge 10.00, Fisher 10.00, Tilton 3.00, Jonesboro First 206.00, Huntington Ave. 25.00, St. Paul's 2.50, Pleasant Valley No. 2 5.00, Lepanto 25.00, Marked Tree 75.00, Monette 10.00, Osceola 40.00, St. John 5.00, Delfore 4.00, Trumann 10.00, Weiner 5.00, Wilson 10.00.													
STUDENT DAY: Black Oak 5.00, Macey 5.00, Blytheville First 25.00, Wesley Mem. 2.00, Shady Grove 5.00, Hickory Ridge 10.00, Fisher 10.00, Tilton 5.00, St. Paul's 5.00, Lunsford 5.00, Marked Tree 25.00, Monette 10.00, Osceola 25.00, Tyronza 23.25, Weiner 5.00, Wilson 10.00.													
PARAGOULD DISTRICT													
District	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Beech Grove	16.00	136.00	80.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gainesville	49.00	8.00	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knobel	125.00	15.00	122.00	75.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Peach Orchard	125.00	8.00	68.00	40.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Biggers	101.25	18.00	204.00	90.00	18.75	13.50	18.75	13.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reyno	25.00	11.00	89.00	52.00	7.00	8.00	7.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Black Rock	32.00	32.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lynn	30.00	4.50	51.00	45.00	15.00	6.75	15.00	6.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Portia	35.00	9.00	.....	45.00	3.50	.....	3.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boysville	75.00	6.50	55.25	32.50	15.00	4.88	15.00	4.88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catche Lake	30.00	4.00	28.00	16.00	8.00	3.00	8.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
French Grove	40.00	6.50	25.00	32.50	7.00	4.88	7.00	4.88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rock Springs	75.00	6.50	55.25	32.50	15.00	4.88	15.00	4.88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corning	895.00	60.00	544.00	300.00	80.00	182.00	80.00	182.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Home	59.00	4.00	50.00	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hardy	125.00	23.00	220.50	115.00	20.00	48.00	20.00	48.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Willford	.....	.....	38.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hoxie	400.00	30.00	440.00	200.00	27.00	90.00	27.00	90.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clover Bend	108.00	8.40	75.60	42.00	20.00	8.40	20.00	8.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hurricane	.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harvey's Chapel	22.50	10.00	27.50	50.00	7.50	13.00	7.50	13.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Imboden	87.50	8.00	97.50	40.00	7.50	6.00	7.50	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smithville	75.00	8.00	68.00	40.00	7.50	6.00	7.50	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eli Lindsey Mem.	35.00	6.00	32.00	30.00	6.25	4.50	6.25	4.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia	87.50	12.00	102.00	60.00	12.50	9.00	12.50	9.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Five Oaks	75.00	14.00	99.50	55.00	18.00	10.50	18.00	10.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Simmons' Chapel	32.50	6.00	51.00	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	35.00	6.00	57.00	30.00	9.00	12.00	9.00	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope	40.00	3.00	11.00	10.00	4.50	2.25	4.50	2.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh	20.00	3.00	25.50	15.00	4.50	2.25	4.50	2.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Grove	40.00	6.00	51.00	30.00	9.00	12.00	9.00	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mammoth Spring	112.50	21.00	200.50	105.00	17.50	21.00	17.50	21.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Camp	10.00	.....	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marmaduke	150.00	20.00	110.00	100.00	18.00	25.00	18.00	25.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maynard	35.00	2.00	40.00	20.00	6.00	3.00	6.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middle Brook	70.00	4.00	34.00	20.00	6.00	3.00	6.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove	35.00	4.00	34.00	20.00	6.00	3.00	6.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Paragould, First	3656.60	110.00	1009.25	550.00	152.50	264.00	152.50	264.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Griffin Mem.	850.00	65.00	601.20	325.00	79.20	130.80	79.20	130.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh	65.00	9.50	80.75	47.50	7.50	7.13	7.50	7.13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pruett's Chapel	75.00	9.50	76.00	47.50	8.00	7.13	8.00	7.13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woods Chapel	32.50	4.75	38.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bard	25.00	9.00	34.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morning Star	75.00	9.00	76.50	45.00	12.00	6.75	12.00	6.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Liberty	75.00	9.00	76.50	45.00	12.00	6.75	12.00	6.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Schugtown	77.50	9.00	76.50	45.00	12.00	6.75	12.00	6.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piggott	1825.00	90.00	832.56	450.00	110.00	225.00	110.00	225.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pocahontas	750.00	51.00	408.00	255.00	55.00	76.50	55.00	76.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ravenden	35.00	7.15	60.78	35.75	7.50	5.37	7.50	5.37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ravenden Springs	25.00	4.00	34.00	20.00	6.50	3.00	6.50	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rector, First	1350.00	84.00	777.00	420.00	110.00	210.00	110.00	210.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fourth Street	165.00	23.75	234.00	123.60	20.00	28.53	20.00	28.53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cummin's Chapel	65.00	6.70	57.00	33.50	15.00	5.03	15.00	5.03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mars Hill	38.75	3.00	25.50	15.00	7.50	5.00	7.50	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer	75.00	7.00	69.50	35.00	9.00	12.25	9.00	12.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove	70.00	3.00	50.00	35.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty Hill	35.75	29.75	17.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ramer's Chapel	75.00	7.00	59.50	35.00	9.00	5.25	9.00	5.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Scatter Creek	20.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sedgwick	55.00	7.00	59.50	35.00	10.00	5.20	10.00	5.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Egypt	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Francis	182.00	19.76	167.84	98.72	24.00	14.80	24.00	14.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Langley's Chapel	70.00	7.00	51.00	30.00	15.00	7.00	15.00	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wright's Chapel	82.00	12.75	108.38	63.75	10.00	13.00	10.00	13.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stanford	82.50	10.00	107.50	50.00	12.50	30.00	12.50	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Camp Ground	50.00	6.50	55.25	32.50	7.50	3.00	7.50	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warren's Chapel	25.00	3.00	25.50	15.00	7.50	3.00	7.50	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Ridge	912.50	48.00	408.00	240.00	125.00	72.00	125.00	72.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Old Walnut Ridge	50.00	7.00	46.00	35.00	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL	14219.85	1037.76	9048.86	5157.82	1245.33	1702.71	256.71	902.92	483.55	2742.44	1055.00	.....	.....
METHODIST YOUTH: Hardy 10.00, Imboden 10.00, Paragould First 40.00, Griffin Mem. 20.00, Ravenden 10.00, Rector First 21.65, Stanford 20.67.													
RACE RELATIONS: Biggers 5.00, Rock Springs 5.00, Corning 10.00, Hoxie 13.10, Smithville 12.50, Macedonia 5.00, Five Oaks 3.00, Mammoth Spring 5.00, Paragould First 58.42, Pruett's Chapel 10.00, Piggott 50.00, Ravenden Springs 6.50, Rector First 20.00, Cummins Chapel 2.00, Stanford 6.40.													
STUDENT DAY: Griffin Mem. 10.00, Morning Star 5.00, Piggott 25.00, Rector First 10.00.													

	Advance, Incl. Hungarian Relief	Week of Dedication	Hospital Building	Thousand Club	Methodist Youth	Race Relations	Student Day
BATESVILLE DISTRICT.....	\$ 861.50	\$ 438.93	\$3,648.08	\$ 486.00	\$ 233.08	\$ 358.12	\$ 15.00
CONWAY DISTRICT.....	3,013.22	779.54	4,637.88	2,531.00	463.05	983.54	341.53
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.....	2,597.88	431.73	2,183.49	1,505.00	214.15	665.45	35.50
FORREST CITY DISTRICT.....	2,669.50	519.60	5,871.50	1,255.00	1,156.89	944.32	66.12
FORT SMITH DISTRICT.....	6,691.90	866.49	3,691.96	1,836.42	494.37	689.37	186.00
JONESBORO DISTRICT.....	6,184.35	753.12	12,241.75	1,440.00	633.46	600.50	175.20
PARAGOULD DISTRICT.....	902.92	483.55	2,742.44	1,055.00	132.32	211.92	50.00
SEARCY DISTRICT.....	1,225.27	427.96	2,093.66	1,063.53	458.29	404.00	119.50
TOTAL.....	24,146.54	4,700.92	37,108.76	11,171.95	3,785.61	4,857.22	988.00

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Korean Service Center Reports Five-Pronged Ministry

By Dean L. Schowengerdt
Taejon, Korea

A fifth finger has been added to your hand extended here in cooperative Christian service—the Salvation Army Boys' Home. This is a department of work that was planned from the inception of the Union Christian Service Center in Taejon, Korea, and is now finally complete. It is already in full progress with 40 boys who are well cared for by the director, Mrs. Wang. The boys vary in age from 5 to 14. Twenty-six are already in the nearby primary school, and as they grow older they will advance to vocational training.

A grant from UN KRA assistance to voluntary agencies built the building. The Salvation Army which is one of the founding members of the Union Christian Service Center, has the full responsibility of the home. We are proud to say that since it is now the fifth department of service of the Center, one of your hands extended here through Christian love is now complete.

Baby Fold

The littlest ones of the family at the Center now number twenty-nine—3 boys and 26 girls. The staff has been increased to twelve, making the home operating at full capacity only one year after opening. The biggest event recently was the first adoption of one of the children into a Korean home. One felt that this one, at least, would have a normal home with a mother and father. The two rooms of older children that have grown from skin and bones to alert faces and plump bodies is another reward of this work. If they are not adopted by the time they are three years old, they will go to regular orphanages, thus making room for more mal-nourished baby orphans to come to this home.

Amputee Vocational Rehabilitation

Three new buildings have been added to the facilities for amputee rehabilitation—a weaving shop, mainly for women, to house ten looms; for men, a machine and metal work shop with power equipment, and a badly needed warehouse. This program seems to be going at a steady to increasing pace even after most of the war casualty amputees have been helped. Now they come from train, car, and other accidents; frostbite and diseases; and still some from left-over land mines. The Center is filled to capacity with about 100 amputees, from children to grandfathers. As soon as those who finish their training are dismissed, others replace them. Most of them come as non-Christians, and it is a great joy to hear them sing the hymns every morning for chapel. Recently four were baptized.

The vocational training of this department is now being extended beyond the amputee. Four young people from the colony for families of the blind were given training in weaving, and three in basket making. Six older orphan boys from a nearby orphanage have been receiving carpentry and bamboo shop training. Thus the amputee vocational rehabilitation finger of your hand of service shows even more possibilities for larger service.

Tuberculosis Rest Camp

The tuberculosis rest camp continues at full capacity service of about twelve men and ten women patients. No patient has been kept

longer than six months, but treatment is continued through the outpatient clinic. This year there has been on the average four new patients admitted each month. Always there are several pastors and Bible women in the camp as well as on the waiting list. Another good indication of the thanks and need for this finger of your hand of service is that the patients pay for over half of the expenses.

Rural Service Department

The 20th of November was a big day at the Union Christian Service Center. It was the day of the thanksgiving and graduating service of the first summer farm institute students. They had studied in the mornings and worked in the afternoons during eight months—enough to support themselves and take home some tree seedlings, improved seeds, tools, and some livestock. The extension program of agriculture and rural life institutes in their villages was for December and January. In this way and with follow-up through the Center's "Farmer's Life Magazine," and future leadership training, it is hoped to help these students get started in real village development work in their church districts.

Activities of the rural service department are numerous. Last June considerable effort was put into assisting Korea Church World Service and Ohio Council of Churches to import 200 pigs for refugee areas and Christian institutions. Our summer farm instructors have each fed one of these pigs since spring and will take it home to farrow next spring. Last July, for the first time, a ten-day rural institute for graduating seminary students was held in cooperation with the rural committee of the Presbyterian Church. About thirty attended. Trees on the hills of the Center land have especially grown well this year, making marked progress in the program of green mountain.

Plans for the future include a conference with the top Christian rural leaders of all Korea to meet together, share ideas, become better informed, and make recommendations for Christian rural work in the future. The expenses of this conference will be paid by Agricultural Missions, Inc., in New York. Two leadership training institutes will be held here at the Center—one for women and one for men. It is hoped that representatives from each of the 60 some church districts will attend.

Thus, one hand is complete with five fingers of service. Each one is reaching out to a particular group of people needing the love of Christ, yet all are a part of one hand—your hand across the sea—the Union Christian Service Center.

Leader Reports On West Pakistan

How should a handful of Christians in a predominantly Moslem village go about organizing a church? "That question was asked in more than 70 villages I visited in West Pakistan," Dr. Richard O. Comfort declared on his recent return from six months of consultations in that country. Dr. Comfort is director of the Town and Country Department of the National Council of Churches.

At the invitation of the West Pakistan Christian Council, he helped draw up a series of achievement goals from programs of evangelism and Christian education to church-sponsored cleanup campaigns and village improvement projects.

"Although there are 350,000 Protestants and 100,000 Roman Catholics in this ten-year-old democracy," Dr. Comfort said, "they make up only 1.3 per cent of the populations. But everywhere I went, I found respect and appreciation for Christian contributions to health, education and rural development projects in their country." Dr. Comfort added that he also noted an increasing interest in the work of the church on the part of the laymen.

Color Films On Old Testament To Be Produced

A joint statement by *Family Films* and *Concordia Films* announces that final preparations have been completed with the Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Missouri, for the production of fourteen films to cover the main incidents in the Old Testament, from Abraham to Elijah. This new series, photographed in color, is designed for instructional and teaching purposes in Sunday Schools

Methodists Plan New "Wesley Village" For Hong Kong

Methodists in Hong Kong are planning to build a second housing project for refugees from communist China, similar to Wesley Village which now furnishes decent homes for about 500 persons.

The new "Wesley Village," to be known by another name, will be another effort to help relieve living conditions among 500,000 refugees now squatting in shacks of packing boxes and tin. New housing projects have been built by the Hong Kong government and various religious groups.

Methodism's new project is being planned by a Central Planning Committee, composed of Chinese, British and American Methodists. It is to be constructed on Hong Kong's mainland section of Kowloon. The present Wesley Village is in the hills of Victoria, the island on which lies the main city of Hong Kong. The committee is studying available sites with reference to water supply, bus lines and nearness to the working population of Kowloon. After formal plans have been drawn up, they are to be submitted to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR) in New York. MCOR gave money to help establish the first Wesley Village.

and churches. The "Old Testament Series" will be produced in Hollywood by Family Films, Inc.

The films begin with the Call of Abraham and includes such major personalities as Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, Gideon, Ruth, David, Solomon and Elijah. Each episode is fifteen minutes in length and is complete in itself. Production of this Concordia Old Testament Series is scheduled for early fall.

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"Mass Evangelism" Movement Converts Thousands In Belgian Congo

Reports on a continuing evangelistic revival in a Methodist area of the Belgian Congo indicate that thousands of Africans are being converted to Christianity in a "people" or "mass movement," a technique of evangelism being urged for worldwide usage by various missionary leaders.

As late as last December, the Rev. Donald McGavran, a Disciples of Christ missionary, urged at a conference of foreign mission executives the adoption of techniques of mass or people movement evangelism, saying that "with millions of people seeking new ideas, they are ripe for the Gospel message. It was in this way—conversion of entire families and communities—that some nine million people in India have become Christian and wholesale conversion also has taken place in Formosa, the Philippines and in parts of Africa. It is the secret of Christian evangelism."

Reports from the Lomela-Lodja area of the central Congo, where Methodism is at work among the large Batetela tribe, affirm that the two-year-old revival has been following the lines of a people movement, with whole families and villages turning to Christianity. The revival among the Batetela and the possibilities of large-scale accessions to Christianity were among the reasons the Methodist Church chose the Congo as one of its "Lands of Decision" for evangelistic emphasis in the 1956-60 quadrennium.

The latest information on the continuing revival has come from the Rev. Louis Johnson of Kentucky, an evangelistic missionary to Congo. In a report on the revival, he wrote:

"Since the beginning of the people movement in the Lodja district starting in August, 1955, and continuing to the present with vitality, 73 lay preachers have been added to our rolls. These men are totally self-supporting; the congregation builds their church and parsonage and pays all of their salaries.

"Several thousand have been converted and the movement is just beginning and going strong, spilling over one boundary to the next, and many more calls are coming in for revivals and preachers in new villages. It is evangelistic, calm, determined and powerful.

"Powerful moral and ethical changes are taking place in the lives of these people as they turn from idols, fetishes, charms, adultery, stealing, lying—sins of the flesh and sins of the disposition—to Christ.

"Recently during a visitation evangelism campaign, what was said to be the most wicked village in the territory was turned upside down in repentance and conversion. The state officials had said, 'Go win all of the people in this village to Christ. We're for you, we've tried everything, nothing else will work.' What happened was truly a people's Christward movement, with the chief and the village elders and several hundred of the people looking to Christ for forgiveness and seeking the Christian life.

"Another experience: Recently a new village was opened by one of our lay preachers and a still larger movement into Christianity took place. In one evening, I saw 400 people at an altar of prayer in a great brush arbor. They were praying individual prayers, for I listened to many of them as they prayed. We left before the meetings were closed, but the preachers reported at that place one of the largest numbers of accessions

yet to the Christian faith."

The revival movement was begun by Mr. Johnson, the African superintendent, the Rev. Moses Ngandjolo, and their co-workers beginning in July, 1955.

Guatemala Observes 75th Anniversary of Protestantism

Guatemala City—(RNS)—An estimated 5,000 persons from over the country gathered here recently for week-long celebrations marking the 5th anniversary of the introduction of Protestantism into Guatemala.

The celebrations were organized by the Presbyterian Church's mission in Guatemala to commemorate the invitation issued in 1882 by President Justo Rufino Barrios to the Presbyterian Church in New York to send missionaries to his country.

About 100 foreign visitors attended the celebrations. Among them were Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton (N. J.) Theological Seminary; Dr. W. Stanley Rycroft of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in New York; and Dr. Alfonso Rodriguez, president of the Theological Seminary of Matanzas, Cuba.

Events held during the week included lectures and discussions among representatives of the Protestant bodies in Guatemala, nightly open-air religious services and a parade on the closing day of the celebration.

METHODIST YOUTH LEADER URGES GOVERNMENT STUDY

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He emphasized that young people today "are all sorely tried by the question, 'Who am I?' and are in search for something with which

GRADUATES HONORED WITH BANQUET

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uates, their parents, and other special guests were made by Mrs. Cagle E. Fair, teacher of the Senior-Older Youth Sunday School Class. Special music on the marimba was provided by Jo Ann Akemhead, accompanied by Kay Freeman at the piano.

Mrs. Lawrence Piper, Senior MYF Counselor, presented gift Testaments to the graduates on behalf of the Woman's Society. Prayer books were presented to each by Mrs. Waple Langston.

Miss Nancy Holden was awarded the Honorary Youth Membership pin and certificate by the W.S.C.S. in recognition of outstanding service to the total program of the

they can identify themselves."

A senior at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, young Bosley is the son of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Harold A. Bosley of Evanston, Ill.

church. Mrs. Lawrence Piper made the presentation.

The guest speaker for the evening was the Rev. Robert Moore, Jr., pastor of Altheimer Methodist Church and a former graduate of Pine Bluff High School.

The affair closed with group singing of the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

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LESSON FOR JUNE 16, 1957

FACING FAMILY TENSION

READ 37th CHAPTER OF GENESIS.

MEMORY SELECTION: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as Christ forgave you. —Ephesians 4:43 (RSV)



We study today the third lesson in Unit VII which has for its general subject, "Severing and Restoring Human Relations." Our lesson today, "Facing Family Tensions," is the first of three lessons in this series which are devoted to the study of the life of Joseph.

Since Last Sunday's Lesson

Soon after Jacob's reconciliation with his brother Esau, after their twenty-year separation, they parted again and apparently saw very little, if anything of each other until the death of Isaac their father at Hebron.

With the appearance of Esau at the burial of his father the record of the life of Esau closes. He returned to Edom where he became the father of the Edomites. Jacob remained in Canaan and as Israel, the new name he received from the angel, became the father of the Israelites. At the time of our lesson he was living in Hebron in the southern part of Palestine. Ten of his sons, at the time of our lesson, were attending his flocks about fifty miles to the north near Dothan and Shechem where pasture lands seemed to be better.

Like Father, Like Son

After being one of the victims of the terrible blunder of paternal favoritism, as practiced in the home of Isaac and Rebekah, one would think that Jacob would have learned through experience something of the dangers to family life of such a course. We remember that in a recent lesson we studied the fact, as related in Genesis 25:28, that "Isaac loved Esau . . . but Rebekah loved Jacob." Despite the home shattering tragedy of such a course, our lesson today opens with the statement, "Now Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than all his children." How two families in succession could make this tragic mistake of showing favoritism in relation to the children of the home is a little difficult to understand.

It is not difficult to discover the reason for this favoritism but it is not easy to understand why Jacob, after the experiences of his childhood home, would have made the same unfortunate blunder which he must have known worked such havoc in the home of his parents.

The reason "Jacob loved Joseph more than all his children" had its basis in the fact that Joseph was the "Son of his old age" and more especially because he was the son of the one wife that he really loved. While these may have been the reasons for the feeling in the heart of Jacob, they in no sense justify the glaring favoritism so evident to the brothers of Joseph.

Evidences of Favoritism

The brothers of Joseph would have been blind indeed if they had not recognized the many evidences of favoritism on the part of Jacob for their brother Joseph.

(1) One evidence of favoritism was the fact that Jacob kept Joseph at home with him while the other sons were charged with the care of the flocks. Joseph was younger than they but he was seventeen years old and able to take long journeys alone to determine, for the father, just how the other brothers were getting along. These brothers felt that their father was shielding Joseph from the more arduous tasks such as had been assigned to them.

(2) Although Joseph was younger than any of the ten brothers he was reporting on, it appeared that Jacob had made him a kind of inspector of his brothers' work with the responsibility of reporting on them to their father.

(3) There was evidence that the father, Jacob, was somewhat in sympathy with the grandiose dreams of superiority which Joseph was having and relating. While the brothers were infuriated by the telling of the dreams, we are told that Jacob rebuked him after he had told of the second dream but we are also told that Jacob "observed the saying." This statement is akin to that made about Mary, the mother of Jesus, when the shepherds visited the place of Christ's birth and told of all the wonderful things they had heard and seen that night. Luke says, "Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."

(4) The most glaring evidence of favoritism and partiality was in the special manner in which Jacob dressed this, his favorite son. Our lesson text tells us that Jacob "made him a coat of many colors." The Revised Standard Version says that "he made him a long robe with sleeves." We are told that there was no reference to color in the original translations. The distinctive thing about this special garment Jacob had made for Joseph was that it had long, flowing sleeves which reached to his palms and in length it reached to his feet.

The garments of the rest of the brothers were about knee-length and had short sleeves. This was necessary for them in order that their dress would not be in their way as they worked. For Joseph, however, Jacob provided a robe such as would be worn by a prince and gave evidence to the brothers that their father expected Joseph to be head of the house and chieftain of the tribe. It was this robe

which, in their anger, the brothers stripped from Joseph and, having stained it with blood, showed it to Jacob as evidence that a wild beast had killed him.

The Results of Favoritism

The envy, jealousy and finally the spirit of murder that was found in the home of Isaac and Rebekah, as a result of their pronounced favoritism in relation to their two sons, is in evidence in Jacob's home as hatred, envy and finally a desire to kill filled the hearts of the brothers of Joseph because their father, Jacob, had repeated the mistake of his father. In his effort to be especially kind and considerate of Joseph, Jacob committed about the worst sin possible against Joseph in his relation to his brothers.

Under such circumstances Joseph did not have a chance for a normal relationship with his brothers or his home. The father was much more responsible for the situation than the son. It is very important for parents to strive to live practical, normal, impartial lives before their children since it is so easy to pass on to our children the abnormalities that may exist in our lives.

Joseph The Dreamer

Tolstoi, the great story writer, said that the story of Joseph is the greatest masterpiece ever written. The life and character of Joseph, in this story, is more clearly revealed than that of any other Old Testament character, with the possible exception of David. Aside from Jesus, Joseph is the most nearly perfect character in the Bible. There was nothing especially bad about the life of Joseph in his earlier years. However, there was little really attractive about his early life. He was the favored, pampered, petted son of an aging father. His brothers looked on him as a tale-bearer. He was self-opinionated if not somewhat egotistical.

For all of this his father was really to blame. It may have been this preferential treatment by his father which led him to have the dreams in which he was the self-exalted hero, and in which he thought of himself as greater than all of them.

But for the atmosphere in which he had been reared, we could hardly imagine Joseph, in a serious mood, telling these dreams to the family. The first dream, as related in our lesson text, tells of how they were all binding sheaves in a field. Joseph said his sheaf stood upright and the sheaves of the others made obeisance to his sheaf. In another dream the sun, moon and eleven stars made obeisance to Joseph. Instead of being impressed, our lesson text tells us that his brothers "hated him yet the more for his dreams."

It was the presumption of Joseph pitched against the uneasy patience of his brethren. In such a conflict it is not difficult to forecast the outcome. So far as we can determine, the Bible does not tell of one deliberate sin in the life of Joseph. He did make some mistakes and the telling of his dreams was one of his most grievous mistakes.

The Cause of Family Tensions

Some one has said, "Home is the place we love best and where we grumble most." The familiar, hum-drum, run-of-the-mill type of

experiences and relationships in the home give opportunity for the development of tensions as do few other places. We feel that, out in the world, we more or less must be on our good behavior. At home we have a tendency to relax and "be ourselves." Sometimes this does not make "ourselves" look too good.

There are fewer opportunities for the development of tensions in a normal home than in homes where abnormalities exist. In the home of Jacob there were abnormalities that made tensions almost inevitable. The twelve sons of Jacob were born of four different women. Only two of them were his wives, and one of the wives Jacob did not really love. The other two women were but concubines. It is easy to see how, in such a home there was little chance for a happy, normal home life. In such an explosive situation the favoritism of Jacob and the conceit of Joseph were like lighted matches in a powder house. No home can be happy where selfishness, temperamentalism, egotism, lack of self-restraint, favoritism or jealousy exists.

Sin Multiplies By Its Own Planting

The brothers of Joseph may have felt that the hatred they had for him was justifiable under the circumstances. The difficulty is that wilful sin has a tendency to multiply. In the minds of the brothers of Joseph hatred results in a willingness to commit murder and leads by compromise to the selling of Joseph into a bondage which they probably thought was worse than death. This action led also to lying and deceit in order to account to Jacob for the absence of his best loved son. It led to the living lie they must perpetuate in the home across many years until they all were finally brought in the presence of Joseph in Egypt.

We sometimes talk about a "little sin." We should remember that even a "little sin" is sin and usually sin multiplies in our lives until it possesses us but for the forgiving, saving power of God.

"Whatsoever A Man Soweth"

Jacob wilfully deceived his blind father and received from him a blessing which Isaac was reserving for Esau. When Jacob became old he, in turn, was deceived by his sons who thought that they had done worse to Joseph than Jacob did to Esau. In this instance, like begat like; Jacob received deceit for deceit.

We do not always reap so directly in kind as the result of our sins. However, sin unrepented begets sin and finally we must reap, in our own lives, the results of our misdoings.

Joseph Grew Up At The Bottom Of The Pit

Joseph was never the same after this rude awakening at the hands of his brethren. He must have done some clear thinking and radical adjusting there at the bottom of the pit. Pride, conceit and self-centered ambition was gone. Joseph came to feel that he was an instrument in the hands of God to be used in His service. Although a bondservant and slave, and at times a prisoner in a heathen land where nobody cared what he did, Joseph held faith in God and felt that God through him was working out His plans for world redemption.

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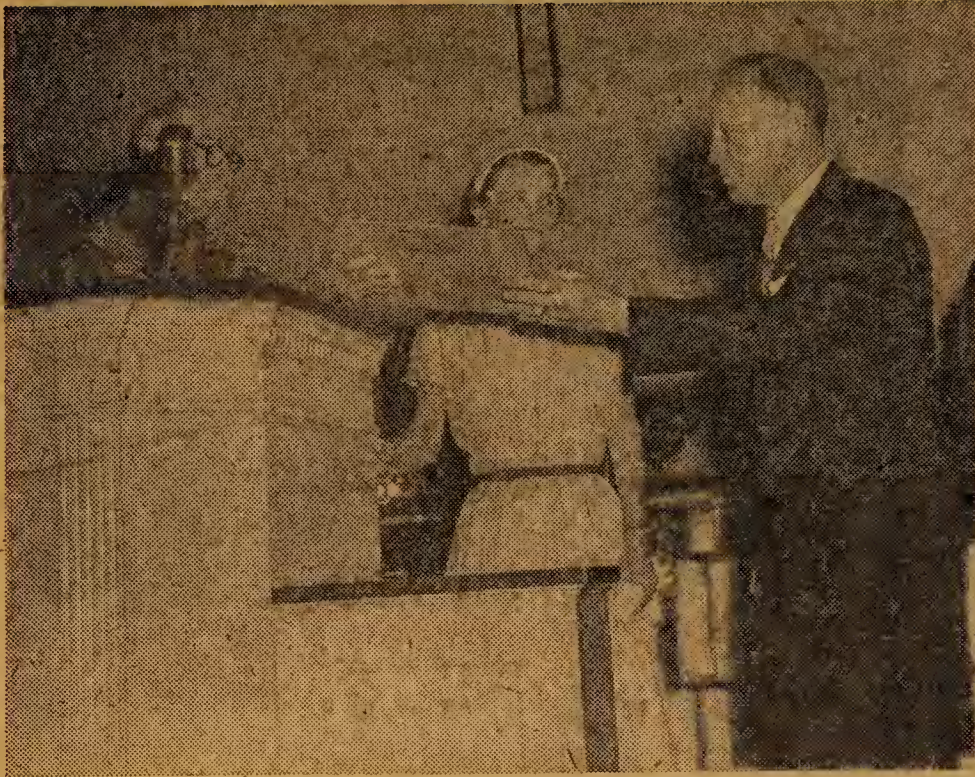
Centenary College Recipient of \$25,000 Gift

Mrs. A. J. Peavy of Shreveport, the first woman ever elected to membership on the Centenary College board of trustees, left the college a gift of \$25,000 under terms of her will.

The sum was left without restrictions as to its use, Dr. Joe J. Mickle, Centenary president, said. The board will decide how the sum shall be used.

Mrs. Peavy died on Oct. 23, 1956. She was the widow of the late A. J. Peavy, prominent lumberman. Nominated by the board of trustees, she was elected to membership by the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in 1943 and had served continuously from that time until the day of her death. Dr. Pierce Cline was president of Centenary at the time she joined the board.

For almost half a century, Mrs. Peavy had served in the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church, and she was for many years an active member of the Business Women's Bible Class of the First Methodist Church in Shreveport. She also was instrumental in the establishment of the Business Girl's Inn in Shreveport and had been a member of its board of directors. Her name was linked with virtually every worthy civic and religious effort in the city.



Pictured above is Mr. C. O. Holland, Minden Methodist Layman presenting J. C. Love, Jr., with the outstanding Methodist Layman of the year award at the recent session of the Louisiana Conference. Mrs. Love is shown with Mr. Love at the moment of presentation.

Love Named Outstanding Layman of Year

J. C. Love, Ruston business man and member of the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, is the outstanding Methodist Layman of the year.

The award is made annually at the Louisiana Conference Session by the Conference Board of Lay Activities.

Mr. Love, who has a perfect Sunday School attendance record for 35 years, and who has been superintendent of the church school of the Trinity Methodist Church, since 1938, has been active in Louisiana Conference activities for a number of years. He is member of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance; and is on the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Home Hospital, New Orleans; is chairman of the Louisiana Conference on Higher Education; and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation. Mr. Love is also chairman of the Joint Radio Committee of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdiction, and is a member of the Television Ministry Committee of the Television, Radio, and Film Commission.

Mr. Love, secretary of the T. L. James and Co., Inc., of Ruston, has been active in Ruston civic affairs.

LR Conference Holds Annual Session

Staff Article

Twenty-five per cent of the churches in the Little Rock Conference will have new pastors in their pulpits next Sunday morning as a result of the announcement by Bishop Paul E. Martin of the ministerial appointments at the conclusion of the 1957 session of the Little Rock Conference.

The five-day conference was

held in the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, with Rev. E. D. Galloway, First Church pastor, and Rev. T. T. McNeal, Arkadelphia District Superintendent, as hosts. No changes were made in the district superintendency, or among ministers having connectional responsibility.

Bishop Martin pointed out at the time of the announcement of the appointments that there were fewer Little Rock Conference pastors being changed this year than at any session of the Little Rock Conference since he has supervised the Arkansas-Louisiana Area.

Bishop Martin also noted that most all of the changes were being made among churches having smaller memberships.

The session of the Little Rock Conference is the second of the Area's three annual conferences to meet. The third conference, the North Arkansas, is holding its annual session this week in the Central Methodist Church, Rogers.

That conference is scheduled to be concluded next Sunday at which time Bishop Martin will announce the appointments for the new conference year.

Among those transferred out of the Little Rock Conference last Sunday was Rev. George G. Meyer who was transferred to the North Arkansas Conference where he will receive his appointment next Sunday.

Among those transferred in was Rev. Irl Bridenthal who was appointed to the Oak Forest Methodist Church in Little Rock, succeeding Rev. Mr. Meyer. Another North

Arkansas Conference member, Rev. George Wayne Martin, was also received by transfer and appointed as an associate pastor at the First Methodist Church in Little Rock.

Highlights

Highlights of the conference session included:

Address by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt on Methodist Basis for Social Morality.

Leading of congregational singing by Dr. Glen Johnson, Dallas, Texas.

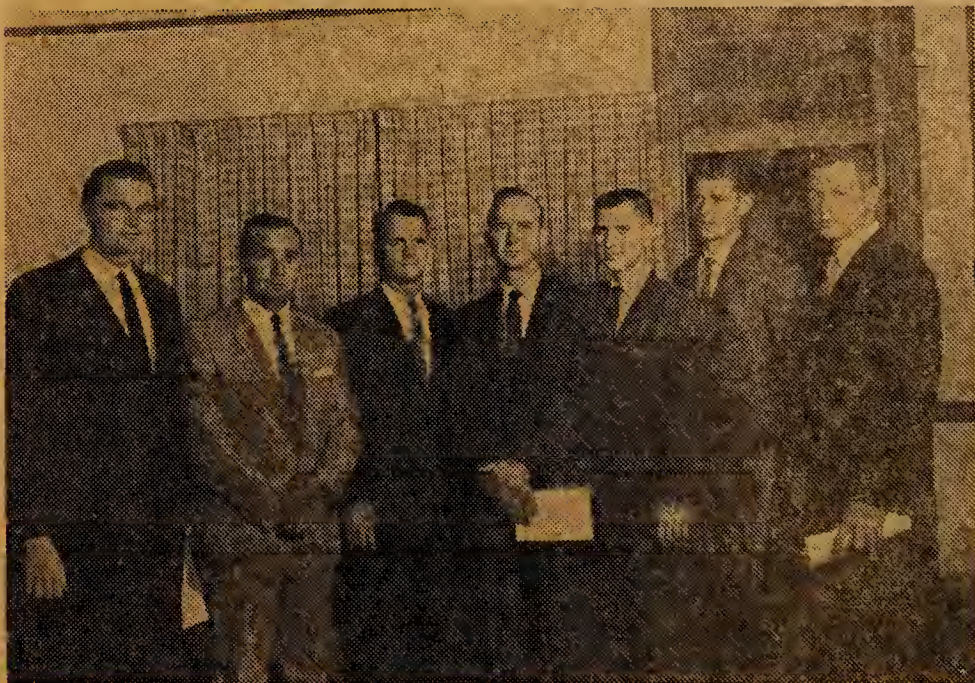
Preaching by Dr. Charles Allen, Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta. Dr. Allen preached on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The sermon on Friday afternoon was delivered by Rev. James Robert Scott, Primrose; and the ordination sermon on Friday evening was delivered by Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, Fort Smith.

The Saturday night service at which time doctrinal sermons on the Incarnation, Crucifixion, and the Resurrection were delivered by Rev. Edward Hollenbeck, Portland, Rev. Charles E. Ramsey, Mabelvale, and Rev. Joe Phillips, Jr., Benton, respectively.

The Love Feast, conducted by Rev. Robert H. Cannon, Pine Bluff, on Sunday morning at 9:30.

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Seven Ministers Received Into Full Connection



Seven Ministers were received into Full Connection at the recent session of the Louisiana Conference in Shreveport. These included the following, shown in the above picture, L to R, Robert Earl Parrott, New Orleans; Robert Franklin DeBusk, Jr., Oil City; Norman Francis Simmons, Grayson; Roy Lee Garrett, Dubach; Lawrence Lawry Gilbert, Shreveport; Ladell Jefferson Futch, Doyline; and Robert Engram Galatas, New Orleans.

Sockman Testifies To U.S. Opportunity For Leadership

Washington, D. C. (MI) — The United States has an opportunity today to "combine goodwill and self-interest to lead nations to higher economic, social, and political levels, and so turn the atomic age into a peaceful era," the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of the Methodist Church told a Congressional committee May 28.

Dr. Sockman, pastor of New York's Christ Church and president of the Methodist Board of World Peace, was the first of a series of religious leaders testifying at the House Foreign Affairs Committee's hearings on the government's Mutual Security Program. He also represented the National Council of Churches.

The concern of churches for adequate economic aid programs and appropriations "grows out of our concern over the present international situation and the plight of large areas of the world," Dr. Sockman told the 32-member committee. Rep. Thomas S. Gordon of Illinois is chairman.

The United States is the only nation "competent to aid these underdeveloped areas both with respect to higher standards of living and to full recognition of their march toward freedom, justice and self-government, and thus contribute to world security and peace," Dr. Sockman said.

"America alone of the great powers can give in this world crisis spiritual confidence to the underdeveloped nations," Dr. Sockman said.

He warned that unless the United States "awakens a fresh world expectancy, creates new hope, and offers programs of partnerships with adequate long-range economic aid, others may try to do so."

Calling for "courageous action on the part of our government," Dr. Sockman said "the time is at hand for the recognition of the interdependence of all nations. . . this is an age when the incomparable spirit and achievements of America must be applied to the task of creating the economic, social and political conditions of a genuine world peace, resting on freedom and justice."

He emphasized that American churches have been active in programs of overseas aid for more than 100 years, and in mission work "they pioneered in technical assistance and



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Methodist Layman Receives Presidential Trophy

Washington, D. C. (MI)—Hugo Deffner, Methodist layman of Oklahoma City, receives from President Eisenhower the President's Trophy as "Handicapped Man of the Year" in recognition of his one-man campaign for street-level entrances to public buildings. Deffner, a successful insurance agent, was stricken with polio when he was 20 and further crippled 10 years ago when he fell on a flight of steps. The presentation was made May 23 at the annual meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

Methodist Layman Wins Faith and Freedom Award

Washington, D. C. (MI)—A Methodist layman of Washington, D. C., Glenn D. Everett, is the recipient of the second annual Faith and Freedom Award.

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economic aid in programs of education, literacy, literature, medicine and public health, agriculture, industry, mass communications, and training of leadership in many fields."

Urges Interim Agreement On Bomb Tests

An interim agreement "to limit, register and inspect" experimental tests of nuclear weapons was called for this past week by a prominent churchman. Until a "firm commitment" to discontinue such tests can be secured through international agreement, Dr. O. Frederick Nolde told 160 American church leaders, the risk of an inadequate agreement must be run.

Addressing the U.S. Conference of the World Council of Churches in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Dr. Nolde said: "There is common agreement that radioactive fallout from nuclear explosions can adversely affect the health." He added that the main disagreement among scientists is whether the danger exists at the present level of experimental tests or whether the potential danger will become real only if tests are continued.

As director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, Dr. Nolde also urged U.S. ratification of the UN "atoms for peace" statute proposed by President Eisenhower at the United Nations in 1953. "A program of technical and economic assistance on a long-term basis should utilize the advantages of multilateral administration through the UN," he said. He warned, however, that dangers to health from the peaceful uses of atomic energy must also be studied.

The CCIA is a joint agency of the World Council and the International Missionary Council.

Florida Leads New Church Extension Plan

New York (BM)—Money which Florida Methodists are giving to a college endowment fund is being put to work in two ways—to pay faculty salaries and other expenses at a Methodist college, and to help build badly needed new Methodist churches in growing Florida communities.

The plan by which the money is being made to do a double duty for Christian causes represents a new resource for obtaining funds for church extension. And it is a plan which is believed to be applicable in almost any annual conference of Methodism.

Worked out by Florida Southern College at Lakeland, the Florida Annual Conference, and the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions, the financing plan is essentially this:

Florida Methodists have pledged \$1,000,000 for an endowment fund for Florida Southern. Of that amount, \$500,000 is to be used as a loan fund to purchase sites for new Methodist churches in Florida and to help build those churches.

Made on the recommendation of a joint college-conference committee, the loans are administered by the Division of National Missions just as the Division administers loans it makes directly to churches throughout the United States. As far as possible, loans are to be made to new congregations and no loan is to exceed \$25,000. They are to be repaid at 4½ per cent interest over 10 years.

The interest is to go to Florida Southern just as would the interest from any invested endowment fund, giving a maximum potential of \$22,500 a year in interest. It will be used for faculty salaries and other operational expenses.

The repaid principal will be plowed back into other loans. Thus the principal becomes a revolving church extension loan fund. The National Division is charging nothing for processing and administering the loans.

Already about \$200,000 has been paid on pledges and most has either been loaned or allocated for loans. Among the churches that have received the loans are: The North Methodist Church of Sarasota, a church which has grown from 75 members to 125 since last June and which is now worshipping in a two-bedroom house. Recipients of a \$25,000 loan, they have pledged \$20,000 themselves on top of a regular budget of \$10,000. The Forest Hills church outside of Tampa has received a \$25,000 loan. The 318 members have pledged \$50,000 for a new building and have an operating budget of \$10,500.

The Rev. Dr. B. P. Murphy, Philadelphia, executive secretary of church extension of the National Division, sees the Florida Southern plan as one that might help to alleviate the nation-wide problem of money for church-building. It was he who helped work out the plan with the college and the conference.

"Methodists have literally millions of dollars in capital funds across the country," Dr. Murphy said. "Most of it is in the hands of boards, hospitals, colleges and other agencies. Income from much of this money is tied up in ways that could

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New Wesley Book Due This Month

A new book, *Charles Wesley and His Colleagues*, coinciding with celebrations of the 250th anniversary of the birth of the famous hymn writer, is due off the press in June.

The author, appropriately, is Methodist Bishop Charles Wesley Flint, retired, of Washington, D. C. The publisher is Public Affairs Press, Washington.

Long interested in the Wesleys and their times, Bishop Flint is known for his scholarly research in the lives and thinking of the early leaders of Methodism. He feels that Charles Wesley has been too long neglected and overshadowed by his more famous brother, John.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam calls the book "a superlative biography, a study that is rigorously realistic . . . it corrects many misapprehensions concerning early and later Methodism."

Bishop Gerald Kennedy, who read the manuscript without knowing the author's identity, wrote: "I regard it without any reservation as one of the most interesting and important studies in the field of Methodism's beginnings. As an amateur investigator in the field, I can appreciate the fine scholarship and research which has gone into the writing."

Find New Yorkers Talking About Religion

New York (RNS)—New Yorkers are talking about religion "with a freedom they have not felt for many a year" as the result of Billy Graham's evangelistic crusade here, the president of the Protestant Council of the City of New York said. The council is sponsoring Mr. Graham's rallies in Madison Square Garden.

Dr. Phillips P. Elliott added that "Billy Graham has become the symbol of a re-thinking of one's convictions, a rededication of one's life." The appraisal was made in the council's first evaluation report

of the Garden meetings as Mr. Graham entered the third week of his crusade here.

Religious hunger and a desire of New Yorkers to "hear and heed the Master's call," Dr. Elliott said, "are evidence of the effectiveness of the crusade."

Paying tribute to Mr. Graham's personality and his presentation of the Christian message, Mr. Elliott called on the council's 1,700 churches to be "adequate to the opportunity of carrying on the spiritual impetus that is now being provided."

Simultaneously, he announced the appointment of Dr. Louis F. Suedmeyer as the Council's first full-time executive director in the field of evangelism.

Dr. Suedmeyer, who assumes office on June 1, will coordinate the work of the clergy and laity in the over-all program of visitation, evangelism following the crusade. He will work closely with the Billy Graham team to develop a program of evangelism that will "capitalize on the enthusiasm that is being developed through the crusade for the strengthening of the churches." Dr. Suedmeyer had a similar assignment with the Kansas Council of Churches before coming here.

Meanwhile, crusade officials announced that a total of 224,800 persons had attended the first 15 rallies in the campaign and that the total number of "decisions" was 8,264. They said both figures were a record for a two-week period of any Billy Graham campaign anywhere.

In his evaluation report Dr. Elliott also called attention to the effectiveness of the crusade on other fronts. He cited the weekly work-

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West German Churches Need Help for Refugees

Eastbourne, England (RNS) — West Germany must be prepared to accommodate 385,000 refugees during 1957 and churches will need assistance to share in this work, Elisabeth Urbig, representative of the Home Mission and Hilfswerk of the Evangelical Church in Germany said here.

She spoke at the annual consultation of the World Council of Churches' Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees. Some 150 delegates from 35 countries attended the meeting. The sessions are usually held in Switzerland, but took place in England this year at the invitation of the British Council of Churches.

"The West German churches do not ask for money for their own housing or church construction programs," Miss Urbig said, "but we do require material aid for these refugees."

She reported that at the end of February 235,000 refugees were living at residential camps in West Germany.

Urges New Seminaries To Train Laymen

Philadelphia (RNS) — Establishment of a "great many" seminaries to train the "lay forces of Christianity" was urged here by a prominent Quaker educator.

Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, professor of philosophy at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., told the annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention that the "phenomenal growth of the lay ministry" was the "great new fact of our time." He said this development had occurred since World War II.

This "great new burst of lay responsibility," Dr. Trueblood said, is accompanied by the task of providing "adequate lay education." He added that a "far greater Christianity" may emerge from the "universal instead of a restricted ministry."

Expansion of the ministry to "include all committed Christians," he said, entails the creation of new theological education facilities because "the present facilities are by no means adequate for the purpose."

"Is it not an amazing fact that in a country predominantly Protestant upholding for years the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer, there should be scores of theological seminaries for professional clergy, but not one primarily for lay men and women?" he asked.

Dr. Trueblood suggested that since some seminaries are partly

empty "one or two well placed" institutions could be turned into the "kind of which we are now dreaming." Others must be "started anew," he said, and while this will be expensive "nearly every great extension of the kingdom has been so."

Conference Makes Wide Proposal To Aid Refugees

Geneva (RNS) — Measures by Israel and the Arab States to solve the problem of over 900,000 Arab refugees from Palestine were suggested in a series of statements approved here by the Conference on Refugee Problems. The sessions were attended by Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish representatives of 72 international agencies.

The statements also recommended steps to assist long-term European refugees in Communist China, Chinese refugees in Hong Kong, and the many thousands of refugees, mostly Jewish, recently forced to leave Egypt.

The conference explained that it had decided to issue statements rather than to risk a division among the delegates by offering resolutions which would not be acceptable to all the participating agencies.

In a statement on Arab refugees in the Middle East, the conference stressed that these people are "en-

Million Scriptures Distributed in Germany Last Year

Stade, Germany (RNS) — More than 1,000,000 Bibles and Scripture portions were distributed in Germany during 1956 by German Evangelical Bible societies. Over 200,000 were produced by societies in the Soviet Zone. This was made possible largely by newsprint shipments from foreign Churches.

The report was issued by the Association of Evangelical Bible Societies in Germany which met here. There are 32 Bible societies in Germany. Largest of them is the Priligierte Wuertembergische Bibelanstalt which has circulated more than 37 million Bibles and portions since its founding in 1812.

Pastor Samuel Mueller, secretary general of the association, said the most important event last year was the completion of a revised version of Luther's translation of the New Testament. Written in more modern language the new version takes into account recent findings of theological research.

Work on the translation, which will soon go into print, was launched about 30 years ago. The revision was approved by a special commission of the Evangelical Church in Germany and the Association of Evangelical Bible Societies.

The version currently in use was issued more than 60 years ago with only minor changes made since then.

Jewish Group Challenges Government's "Narrow" Definition of Religion

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — The American Jewish Committee filed a brief in the U. S. Court of Appeals here challenging the government's right to deprive religious groups of tax exemption by using a "narrow" definition of religion.

The amicus curiae brief supported the Washington Ethical Society which appealed a decision of the District of Columbia Tax Court

that its local real estate is not tax-exempt.

The tax court held that the society is not a "religious body" because it does not teach belief in a personal Supreme Being or have prayers as part of its Sunday meetings and other rites. It said the society would have to pay a two-year real estate tax bill of \$671.74 on its \$30,000 edifice.

In its brief, the Jewish group asserted that the government does not have the constitutional right to "pick and choose" among bona fide religious bodies in order "to determine which are and which are not entitled to tax exemption."

The committee charged the tax court with violating the First Amendment by its decision that a religious group must accept "belief in relation to a Supreme Being" as an essential element of its doctrine.

If the state can prescribe that a group must believe in a deity to be called "religious," the committee said, then the danger exists "that at some future time the state may dictate the nature of the Supreme Being in which religious groups must believe."

Asserting that authorities differ on the meaning of the word "religion," the committee declared that "religious freedom guaranteed by the Constitution will be meaningless without a hospitality to all religious groups and to diversity of religious beliefs and observances."

Rep. Hays Elected Southern Baptist President

Chicago (RNS) — Rep. Brooks Hays (D.-Ark.) was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting here.

One of the few laymen ever chosen to head the 112-year-old body, he succeeds Dr. Casper C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., who held the post for two one-year terms.

Mr. Hays, a former assistant Attorney General of Arkansas, lives at Little Rock. He previously served as the Convention's second vice-president. The Congressman also is a member of the denomination's Christian Life Committee.

The late Gov. Pat Neff of Texas was the last layman to head the Convention. He was president from 1944 through 1946.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, Miss., was elected first vice-president; Dr. Noel Taylor of Carbondale, Ill., executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Convention, was named second vice-president.

The messengers (delegates) also elected Evangelist Billy Graham to his first official position in the Convention. He was named Texas representative on the Foreign Missions Board. Although the evangelist is a resident of Montreat, N. C., he is a member of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

There Is Nothing Like It

A METHODIST annual conference beggars description. Even to attempt to convey to the uninformed something of the essential spirit of conference sessions is to undertake the impossible. However, because of their uniqueness and fundamental importance in the life of Methodism, we believe such an attempt to be worthwhile.

To say that an annual conference session is anything but a preachers' meeting would be incorrect. Preachers dominate the sessions for two reasons: first, there are more of them in attendance than laymen. If every conference member, ministerial and lay, attended there would still be more ministers present. Since there is one lay member from every charge and since there are more ministerial members than there are pastoral charges, ministers outnumber lay members. Many charges are not represented by lay members, since for one reason or another many laymen are not able to attend. If they do, they rarely find it possible to be present for all sessions. Second, preachers are more familiar with what is going on, and therefore inject themselves more in the deliberations.

On the other hand, to say that an annual conference session is of interest only to preachers would be equally incorrect. We have made it a point to inquire directly of laymen attending annual conference sessions if they find the experience helpful and of interest, and invariably their answer is an encouraging yes. We do not believe they were simply being polite.

What makes this annual gathering of Methodist saints and would be saints so unique? For one thing, Methodists are not immune to curiosity. Information in large quantities is available at an annual conference session, both on and off the conference floor. Obviously, information served up on the conference floor is usually more reliable than that of a hearsay nature oftentimes heard off the floor, but on the whole both kinds are worth listening to.

Again, high hours of inspiration an annual conference session affords are seldom equalled or excelled elsewhere. The morning devotionals, sermons of the conference preacher, the age-old ritual of ordination, testimonies of the love-feast, the conference sermon, the remembrance of the sacred memory of those who have answered the Higher Calling, the witness of those whose age or health force retirement, all these and other high moments blend together to inspire greater commitment.

And finally, nothing compares to the fellowship which an annual conference provides. When attendance at the business sessions becomes light, we can never believe it is because the brethren find sessions uninteresting. The call for fellowship and the further cultivation of the tie that binds are so strong that it is no wonder that, at times, there are almost as many members "conducting business" off the conference floor as on. This is the situation, unexcusable but somehow explainable.

If Dr. Elton Trueblood is right in his statement about the great new fact in the world of religion today, and we believe that he is, then annual conferences of the future will be even greater. Dr. Trueblood in his Raney Lectures this spring pointed out that the prominence and participation of laymen in the religious life of America is the great new fact of our time. Annual conferences may now be largely preachers' business, but tomorrow lay members may be giving preachers a run for their place on the conference floor.

It would be a great forward step if somehow more laymen and lay women could be in annual conference sessions. They would understand as they never have before why their preacher or the new pastor comes from the conference session all fired up to spend himself another year for the Kingdom. Annual conference has been his annual experience of transfiguration on the mountain top of Methodism, and he eagerly returns to his valley of labor because of the information, inspiration and fellowship he has accumulated and experienced during the week.

There is nothing like a Methodist annual conference. Would that more of our Methodist laymen knew each year the joy of experiencing one.

Thanks For 16 Happy Years

WITH this issue of the Arkansas and The Louisiana Methodist the senior Editor will have come to the end of his official relationship as co-editor and business manager of our publications.

For the first five years of our work in this relationship, we were responsible for editing and publishing the Arkansas Methodist. For the past eleven years it has been our happy privilege to share the responsibility of editing and publishing the Arkansas Methodist, and for the last six years The Louisiana Methodist, with our son, Ewing T. Wayland, who will now have full responsibility for editing and publishing both of our papers. This personal relationship has been a very happy and satisfying experience.

We would like, at this time, to express our sincere love and appreciation to the leadership of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area for the wonderful opportunities for special service that came to us through these sixteen years, and for the unqualified support they have given the work with which we have been associated. The wise leadership of the Joint Commission, the enthusiastic support of Bishop Charles C. Selecman and Bishop Martin, and the constant cooperation of District Superintendents, pastors and lay workers have been the undergirding force in the unusual success which has come to our publications.

More than we can express in words, we appreciate also the thousands of people who, in ever increasing numbers, each year have subscribed or renewed subscriptions to our papers, and thereby made their continuous growth possible.

We feel sure that our readers will have no uneasiness about the future of our publications under the leadership of the present editor. He has given himself tirelessly to the development of these papers for the past eleven years. We have had occasion to know that he has refused several unusually flattering offers from outside our Area in order to continue his relationship with our publications. Being familiar with these attractive offers, it is our feeling that only a sincere love and devotion for his present work would have caused him to continue in his present relation. We know that our people throughout the Area will continue to support our papers, under his leadership, with an ever-increasing devotion in the future as they have been doing for the past sixteen years.

Throughout these sixteen happy years we have spent in our present relationship, editorially and otherwise, we have tried to face realities as they developed year by year and week by week. Some of these developments have been temporarily discouraging; others have brought indescribable joy. We believe, however, that throughout our Episcopal Area the past sixteen years have brought wonderful progress in kingdom building. Nevertheless, wonderful as the progress across this period has been, we sincerely and firmly believe that the church is on the march in our Area and "The best is yet to be." May we say also, after forty-five years in the active ministry, that we believe more sincerely and firmly than ever before that the Christian church is the one real, redeeming, saving element in the world's life, and offers us the one and only opportunity for the investment of life where that investment will be eternally worthwhile.

For practically all of the years of our relationship with our papers, Mrs. Wayland has also given a full devotion of services in their development. We shall both try to take it a little easier in the days that are before us. However, we shall both ever be interested in the continued growth in circulation and usefulness of the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist, together with every other interest of the work of the Master. For the countless opportunities that have come to us through our relationship with our publications, for an extended service, for the enlarged opportunities for association with the leadership of our Area, and for the privilege of having a part in stabilizing and enlarging one of the great institutions of Methodism in our Area, we are everlastingly grateful. Hence, we say again, "Thanks For 16 Happy Years."

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. T. O. TISDALE of Springhill, retired member of the Louisiana Conference, filled the pulpit of the Norphlet, Arkansas, Methodist Church Sunday morning, May 19, where Rev. Frank C. Tucker is pastor.

DR. GUY M. HICKS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, was guest preacher at the Trinity Methodist Church, Sunday morning, June 2, where Rev. Jolly B. Harper is pastor.

REV. JOHN F. KILPATRICK, pastor of the Pineville Methodist Church, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Pineville High School at the Baptist Church in Pineville Sunday afternoon, May 26.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was held at the Mangham Methodist Church June 3-7. Theme for the school was "Sailing With Christ." Mrs. Ethel Murray served as director of the school. Rev. J. C. Wallace is pastor of the church.

BISHOP WILLIS J. KING of the New Orleans Area, Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, and Mrs. King left Thursday, May 30, for Rome, Italy, via New York. They will visit Methodist work in Europe at the request of the Council of Bishops.

REV. NED L. STOUT, pastor of the Denham Springs Methodist Church, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Eunice High School Sunday morning, May 19. Rev. Mr. Stout was at that time pastor of the Eunice Methodist Church.

NEWLY ELECTED officers of the East Baton Rouge Ministerial Association are: Rev. Jefferson K. Aiken, president; Rev. W. R. Irving, pastor of the Ingleside Methodist Church, vice president; Rev. Charles E. Blackmon, secretary, and Rev. T. E. Miller, treasurer.

REV. A. B. CAVANAUGH, pastor of the Gretna Methodist Church, will be the Director of the Older Adult Camp at the Seashore Assembly Grounds in Biloxi, Mississippi, June 11-14. The camp is for those persons over sixty years of age.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the Rayne Methodist Church made plans at a recent meeting to pay the expenses of delegates to attend the National Conference of Methodist Men to be held at Purdue University from July 19-21. This action was taken at the May meeting of the Club. Rev. Douglas T. Williams is pastor of the church.

REV. J. A. PALACHEK, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, was guest speaker at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, Sunday morning, May 26, and Rev. Bruce Shepherd, rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, delivered the sermon at the evening service.

REV. T. O. TISDALE of Springhill, retired Methodist minister, who has a weekly radio program known as, "Uncle Bill's Builders of a City and Nation, Radio Program" is taking several weeks vacation on the advice of his physicians. The special radio program originates in the studios of Radio Station KBSF Springhill.

DR. A. M. SEREX, pastor of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, installed the following officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service: president, Mrs. Paul Treen; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Joseph Henderson; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. E. P. Ford; recording secretary, Mrs. Gus Wormuth, and treasurer, Mrs. W. E. McFarland.

REV. WILLIAM F. MAYO, pastor of the Tallulah Methodist Church, has announced that the Rev. Oscar Cloyd will be director of the youth activities this summer and assist in the general work of the church. As soon as the Rev. Mr. Cloyd finishes some six hours work in Centenary College he plans to enter S.M.U. in Dallas to complete his ministerial training.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of Lake Charles held its annual congregational picnic Saturday, May 25, at the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation park. Children and young people who joined the church during the Easter season were special guests for the occasion. Activities included games and varied recreation for all age levels. Dr. Carl F. Lueg is pastor of the church.

REV. T. O. RORIE, JR., was presented a gift of \$150.00 as a farewell present by the Grand Cane and Stonewall Methodist Churches following his sermon Sunday, June 2. The Rev. Mr. Rorie retired at the Annual Conference. H. C. Hervey presented the gift with James Griffith of Grand Cane and Mrs. Wirtley Gilmer of Stonewall assisting.

THE MONTHLY MEETING of the Men's Club of the Covington Methodist Church, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Mayfield, Covington. Odis Bryan of Slidell was guest speaker. Plans for the new year were discussed. Following the meeting a chicken barbecue supper was served by the host and his wife. Rev. Robert C. Carter is pastor of the church.

COL. W. C. HORNSEY, commander of the U.S. Air Force Base, is the newly elected chairman of the Official Board of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. Mr. Hornsey previously served as president of the Men's Club and vice chairman of the Official Board. R. H. Mouton was elected vice chairman; and Julian Darden was elected secretary. Rev. J. P. Woodland is pastor of the church.

TWO DIRECTORS were in charge of the planning for the annual Vacation Church School held each morning at the North Highlands Methodist Church in Shreveport, June 3-1. The sessions were conducted by Mrs. Euland Efurd and Mrs. Jim Anderson. A crafts class was under the direction of Mrs. George Parish. Mrs. O. W. Byrd was in charge of the family picnic at the close of the school. Rev. Beverly E. Bond is pastor of the church.

DR. R. E. CHANDLER, director of music at the Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, composed the music used at the morning worship service highlighting the second anniversary of the church Sunday, May 19. Rev. Byrl Moreland, pastor, related that the congregation has grown from the original 47 to 285 members. A building has been constructed and is being used as a sanctuary, a temporary educational building, and a parsonage. Plans call for a permanent education building in the near future.

THE SENIOR Methodist Youth Fellowship of the University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, elected Miss Jerry Baten president at a recent meeting. Other officers chosen by the group are: Miss Lynda Kemble, vice-president; Miss Judy Swaim, secretary; Miss Annette Hallmark, treasurer; and Miss George Ann Morrow, parliamentarian. Miss Lynda Kemble was chosen as delegate to represent the group at the conference held at Centenary College, June 3-7. Rev. James E. Christie is pastor of the church.

MISS OUIDA FAE MORRIS, Shreveport, is one of 10 young persons, primarily college students, who will participate in a Methodist Community service project at San Marcos, Texas, this summer. A student at Centenary College, she will meet with the group in San Marcos June 19 to begin six weeks volunteer social and religious education work with the Southside Community Center, which is aided financially by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church.

MRS. DON MOORE was general superintendent of the Vacation Church School at the Homer Methodist Church May 27-June 2. Theme of the school was "Meet Your Neighbor." Department superintendents are: Junior, Mrs. W. D. Rhea; Primary, Mrs. R. H. Andrews; and Beginners, Mrs. P. C. Simpson. Edward Seeliger showed films to the children each morning. A picnic was held Saturday, June 1. The closing

program for the entire school was held Sunday evening, June 2. Rev. Don Risinger is pastor of the church.

THE SECOND National Conference of Methodist Men will be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, July 19-21. The attendance goal is to have one official quartet from each of the 37 episcopal areas in the United States present, and prepared to participate in a hymn singing contest. "My Anchor Holds" is a required number. The purpose of the conference is to help all Methodist Men to grow through faith, vision, and action, into better informed, more effective and wholly dedicated Christian stewards.

THE NEW SANCTUARY of the First Methodist Church of Plain Dealing was formally opened and the cornerstone unveiled Sunday, May 19, at special services. Dr. B. C. Taylor, superintendent of the Shreveport District, preached at the morning service, and presided in the unveiling ceremony. The new structure provides seating capacity for at least 150 in the sanctuary, a pastor's study, a kitchen and some additional class rooms. The building committee was composed of Clude Lusk, Mrs. Sidney Caldwell, A. B. Turnley and J. C. Allums. Rev. Reuel Allen is pastor of the church.

DR. JOHN R. WILLINGHAM, Dr. Orin Wilkins and Dr. W. F. Pledger have been elected divisional heads at Centenary College for the 1957-58 year. Dr. Willingham, professor of English, succeeds Joe Gifford, head of the speech and drama department, as chairman of the humanities division. Dr. Wilkins, associate professor of biology, succeeds Dr. Donald W. Emerich, professor of chemistry, as chairman of the natural sciences division. Dr. Pledger, professor of sociology and Bible, will serve as chairman of the social sciences division, succeeding Dr. W. D. Overdyke, professor of history and government.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the Jefferson Methodist Church, New Orleans, met at the home of C. George Ratzlaff Thursday evening, May 16. Rev. Ted T. Howes, pastor, and Numa Coco were credited with firing and tending the grills, and turning out a delicious barbecued chicken supper to some 25 members, who enjoyed the meal and the fellowship. After the supper the Club's president, Lloyd Flick presided at a short business session in which the Club completed plans for the purchase of a slide projector, screen and film for the church. In closing the meeting three new members were recognized and welcomed into the club by the president.

THE CLASS being promoted from the Kindergarten Department of the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, were treated to a train ride Friday, May 24. All 23 members boarded the Illinois Central passenger train at Ruston Friday morning and rode to Arcadia, and as a climax, went to the Arcadia park where they enjoyed a picnic lunch before returning home. Assisting Mrs. E. M. Wilder, teacher, on the ride were Mrs. Paul Williamson and Mrs. Don Piatt, Jr. Meeting the train at Arcadia to help escort the children to the park were Mrs. Morgan Peoples, Mrs. Karl Fulton, Mrs. E. D. Perkins, and Mrs. Don Piatt, Sr. Rev. Jolly B. Harper is pastor of the church.

CENTENARY COLLEGE'S new dormitory for women students will bear the name of the late John A. Hardin. The structure, now nearing completion on the campus, will be known as the "John A. Hardin Hall" in tribute to the nationally known educator, who was the dean emeritus of Centenary at the time of his death on August 6, 1955. Formal dedication ceremonies will be held in the fall, Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of the college, said. The new dormitory is to be occupied with the start of the fall semester in September. The name for the dormitory was suggested by a special committee of the Centenary College board of trustees. Dr. B. C. Taylor, superintendent of the Shreveport District and board member, was chairman of the committee.

GETTING OUT OF OUR OWN WAY

When a man stands in his own way, he so often blames others for blocking his path. He may say that he never had a fair chance, that his family doesn't understand him or that he is caught in a bad system. There may be some validity in some of his alibis, but basically his trouble is with himself and his biggest task is to get out of his own way.



For one thing, when a person stands in his own way, he blocks the way to his own understanding of himself. We are not always our real selves. We frequently admit this in our daily conversation. We sometimes say, "I am not myself today," or "He was not really himself when he did that." We establish a character and personality by which we are recognized. And sometimes we do not conform to that character.

In the story of the Prodigal Son, the record is that when the wayward boy in the far country of sin "came to himself," he said, "I will arise and go to my father." The lad had so spent himself in sensual living that he was not himself.

We may cease to be our real selves through sinful indulgence, through impulsive anger, through the pretenses which we put on, like actor's make-up for "this world's a stage and all we are players." Sometimes we fail to see our real selves because we live too much within ourselves.

And now what helps to get us out of our own way so we can see ourselves for what we are? For one thing, God would have us get off and take a good look at ourselves. When we are straining to look out for ourselves, our gaze is focused on the externals around us rather than on the resources within us. Hence a person needs occasionally to be an outsider to himself.

A hardy old sea captain once said that the most nerve-stirring experience he knew was to go off in some solitary place and call out his own name loudly three times. Try it some time and see for yourself. To stand in solitary darkness and shout one's own name, perhaps hear the echo—

there's an eerie effect to it. It gives a sense of one's isolation in the surrounding vastness.

Yes, if we would see ourselves, we must get off frequently and look at ourselves. But we must also consider the light in which we look at ourselves. It is not enough to study ourselves in the light of our social group, for that is like looking at ourselves under the artificial stage light which reveals us as we want to look to others.

Nor is it enough to see ourselves in the light of the market place, for then we judge ourselves by the price marks others put on our worth. No, we must try to see ourselves as God sees us, under the light of the eternal.

But even to look at ourselves under the eye of God is not enough. If we would really see ourselves, we must look away from ourselves. That is the divine paradox Jesus drove home so repeatedly. "He that loseth himself for my sake shall find himself."

On my desk is the picture of a little 2-year-old girl. She did not know her picture was being taken. That is what helps to make it such a good picture. She was looking at the photographer, utterly unconscious of herself. And so her real self shines through her eyes.

This is commencement season. Thousands of high school and college graduates are having their pictures taken. Will they have the childlike self-forgetfulness which makes a good picture—yes, and a good personality?

We all want to have what we call "personality." Dr. Henry C. Link, the late great psychologist, said: "I define personality as the extent to which the individual has habits and skills which interest and serve other people. . . Its emphasis is on doing things with and for other persons. Its essence is self-sacrifice, not self-gratification."

A few months ago I helped to celebrate the 100th birthday of a friend, Dr. Arthur J. Brown. He has been a distinguished Presbyterian minister, and has received many honors. At his birthday dinner he modestly said: "A man once told me that if you wish to see how long you will be remembered after death, just stick your finger into a pool of water and see how much of a hole it leaves when you pull it out."

Yes, if your goal is just to make a name for yourself, your name will be written in water. But if you get out of your own way and live for others, you live on in the lives of those you served.

The Layman's Column

By Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



A HEALTHY SIGN

When you read these lines the North Arkansas Conference (my home Conference) will be in session. My official report will be delivered at the proper time to the Conference, since every Conference Lay Leader in Methodism is under this obligation to his Conference. Our reports will list the progress which has been made during the year just closed, and the plans for the new year. Some reports will be delivered on a silver platter while some will come from a muffin pan. But underneath whatever words may appear will be facts which the whole Church should recognize with pride. Let me explain.

From my experiences of having visited within the past year in a number of other Conferences, several finds become apparent. Probably the most significant one is that men across the entire Church in this country are becoming sensitive to God's call on their lives. More and more men are anxious to learn about the "ins and outs" of serving well on the Official Board. The word "Stewardship" appears more and more in their public and private utterances. Tithing, while it still is a word that some men shie at, is being faced squarely by many others while they seek to bring their minds to the conception of their true debt to God. The desire of many men to witness publicly as Lay Speakers is a heartening thought. Looking back for a decade everyone can see that laymen have grown greatly in the grace of God as they have tried to do God's will more and more.

I can remember the days of my boyhood when we had to hog-tie most men to bring them into the sphere of work and effectiveness of the Church. Of course they attended and most of them "chipped in" on the expenses of a small and narrow budget. But beyond that many a man bragged that, "I carry my religion in my wife's name." We can all be proud to say that those days are largely past. And we can well thank God for it. Certainly God needs the strongest personalities of any community to work in His Church. God will see to it that His Church will continue to carry on, but how much greater work we all can do when we laymen acknowledge our debt to Him who made us and who

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

I HEARD BILLY GRAHAM PREACH

I heard the Rev. Billy Graham preach at Madison Square Garden, New York, the other night. Just 40 years earlier, I had heard the Rev. Billy Sunday in his great tent only a few miles from the present Garden site. Compared to the latter, Dr. Graham seems a mild, reasonable, Gospel-expounding, and unexcited—even unexciting—preacher; he impresses one as an evangelist "of the old tradition" tailored in the quieter pattern of modern preaching.

It was when Dr. Graham gave the "call" for those who wanted special prayer and counselling, and special help in being brought to the attention of some local church, that the surprise came—at least to me. Hundreds of people left their seats and moved toward the platform and the evangelist. "He must have made a greater impression that I thought," said a veteran New York minister who sat beside me. And I agree: there was not much in the message (either in content or in delivery) that would have moved me personally to seek further assistance in a smaller group.

But he seemed to be "reaching" people who might not have responded to the more "scholarly" preaching from many of our pulpits. I noted, incidentally, that most of the people in the section in which I sat were "church-broken" or "church-habituated" people: almost all of them joined in singing the gospel songs, though our section was without songbooks. Few went forward from our section: perhaps those who did go down the aisles from other sections were non-church people.

And there came to me afresh a realization that different people are reached—by the Holy Spirit, to Christian action, or to decision—by quite different avenues: some may need even Billy Sunday's old "rousements," and some may respond only to the intellectual approach. And it behooves each group not to look askance at

guides us every day. And what a blessing the Church can receive from consecrated men who continue to put a higher and higher priority on the call of God in their lives.

the other. Long ago I realized that the abstract hymns "of a spiritual nature" (Whittier's, and Palmer's, and Matheson's) that appeal to me would not at all do if I were trying to reach the hidden good in a group of derelicts on the Bowery: the earthly-pictured gospel songs might awaken some response in them. Nor, among a primitive people in (say) Africa, where thought patterns are concrete and not abstract, can one reach either mind or spirit except in vivid images of the known: fire, devil, grave, blood, night, rock, foe, slain. As we "grow in learning," our language, our thought life, our hymns, our sermons change. And different impulses and concerns move us to action. Someone has suggested that the greatest change in our hymnody in the last half century has been the elimination of "blood" and the substitution of "the Holy Spirit." Perhaps we really need both in today's world.

I believe that we need to uphold the hands of Dr. Graham or of any other evangelist or preacher who can reach and gather into our churches those who have no concern for spiritual matters, and those on the periphery of the church upon whom it has little or no influence. But I have real concern for what happens—or does not happen—to these "new converts" when they become attached to (or "integrated into") our local churches. They will not be "saved," nor will the world be "saved" by their simply joining our status quo. Mingling with us, will their spiritual lives be enriched, and strengthened, and grow? Or will they take the easy road of dues-paying, occasional-attending, stunted membership?

I am inclined to agree with Elton Trueblood that the revival we now need is not for the churches to reach out for more and more members but to assimilate and make to grow those we already have. The new missionary frontier is *within* the church, he says. Indeed, if there were a true "revival" of Christian living and serving in the minds, and hearts, and spirits of even a tithe of the present professing Christian household, that witness will draw all peoples to our faith.

What the world awaits—and awaits with real longing—is a demonstration of Christianity in action—even within the church. Numbers of names on rolls, or even on cathedral windows, is not an answer to man's search for God, is not an answer to man's quest and prayer: a goodly number living the faith they profess would be the answer.

"The necessary evangelism is an evangelism in which the lives of alleged church members are changed," says Prof. Trueblood.

Bishop Martin Leaves Next Week For Africa

Mrs. Martin To Accompany Bishop On Extended Trip

Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin will leave Little Rock on Tuesday, June 18 for New York on the first leg of a trip to Africa where the Bishop will make an official episcopal visitation of Methodist Missionary work in Africa during the next three months.

Elsewhere on this page is publication of the complete schedule of Bishop and Mrs. Martin's itinerary, including mailing dates and addresses.

Bishop and Mrs. Martin will leave New York at noon June 21 on the SS Nieuw Amsterdam for London, England. Bishop Martin will attend the executive committee meeting of the World Methodist Council in London, July 2, 3, and 4. He is president of the American Section of the Council. While in London, the Bishop and Mrs. Martin will stay at the Hotel Westbury.

The Bishop said they plan to visit Epworth, birthplace of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, before leaving England.

Departing from London July 6, they will fly to Africa to attend the annual conference of the Congo Missions, and to tour missions in the Belgian Congo, Southern Rhodesia, Angola, and Monrovia.

The first stop will be Brussels. Arriving on July 6, Bishop and Mrs. Martin plan to remain there until the 9th, when they will leave for Stanleyville to be joined by Bishop and Mrs. Glen R. Phillips of Denver, Colorado.

The next leg of the journey will include the annual conference of the Congo Mission at Lodja, where they will stay until July 17, the Bishop said.

They will visit missions in Old Umtali, Angola, Monrovia, and Lisbon.

Bishop and Mrs. Martin expect to return in early October. The Bishop's trip last quadrennium included visiting missions in South America and the Far East.

The Methodist work in the Belgian Congo is of particular significance during the present quadrennium. The area has been designated as one of the special locations of emphasis for evangelism during the next few months.

In addition to the Belgian Congo, other "Lands of Decision," where the Methodist World Mission program is endeavoring to meet urgent evangelistic challenges during the present quadrennium, are Korea, Sarawak (Borneo), and Bolivia.

According to a description given in the information booklet presented at the recent District Superintendents Conference, Bishop and Mrs. Martin will be viewing in the Belgian Congo, a land "where Methodists are the sole church working among the Batatela people, and where the time is ripe for a full scale advance to deliver a whole population from the bondage of ignorance, disease, fear, and superstition."



Mailing Addresses for Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin for Episcopal Visitation 1957

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ADDRESS

Thru June 16—

c/o S. S. NIEUW AMSTERDAM,
Holland-America Line, Sailing June 21
Fifth Street Pier
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June 21-30—

Westbury Hotel
Bond Street
London, England

July 1-9—

c/o Mission Methodiste
Lodja, Belgian Congo, Africa

July 9-12—

c/o Mission Methodiste
Wembo Nyama via Lusambo,
Belgian Congo, Africa

July 13-25—

c/o The Rev. Henry Wheeler
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Mission Methodiste
Kindu, Belgian Congo, Africa

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July 27-Aug. 1—

c/o Bishop Newell S. Booth
Boite Postale 522
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August 2-7—

c/o The Rev. E. L. Sells
Methodist Church Center
Mrewa, Southern Rhodesia, Africa

August 8-12—

Hotel Carleton
Johannesburg, Transvaal,
Union of South Africa

August 13-30—

c/o The Rev. E. R. J. Cooper
Caixa Postal 68
Luanda, Angola, Africa

September 1-4—

c/o Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr.
The Methodist Church
Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa

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 Bismarck—(Marvin Wilkins) 3
 Dalark—(W. A. Lea) 1
 Delight—(P. D. Alston) 2
 Friendship Ct.—(W. M. Crow) 1
 Glenwood—J. W. Rushing 1
 Gurdon—James A. Simpson 3
 Hot Springs Ct.—(David Cavnor) 1
 Hot Springs Churches:
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 Grand Avenue—Alfred I. Doss 2
 Oaklawn—Clyde Parsons 2
 Pullman Heights—Winslow E. Brown 1
 Tigert Memorial—(John Walker) 1
 Malvern Churches:
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 Keith Memorial—(Zane Williams) 1
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 Morning Star—(Kenneth Lindsey) 1
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 Murfreesboro—Omma Daniels 3
 Okolona—(W. H. Watson) 2
 Oma-Point Cedar—(James Batts) 1
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 Shorewood Hills—Gerald K. Hilton 1
 Sparkman—Macedonia—W. Braska Savage 1

Special Appointments

Chaplain U. S. Army—Howard Cox (without annuity)
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 District Director of Evangelism—Harold K. Davis
 District Director of Temperance—Winslow E. Brown
 District Director of TRAFCO—E. D. Galloway
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District Superintendent, W. Neill Hart 3
 Bearden—Gerald K. Fincher 2
 Bradley—(Dewey L. McCauley) 1
 Buckner Ct.—(Joe Arnold) 3
 Calion-Quinn—(Wendell Barbaree) 2
 Camden Churches:
 First Church—Francis A. Buddin 2
 Fairview—M. W. Miller 3
 Timothy-Westside—Winston Hudnall 2
 Chidester Ct.—Howard B. Childs 1
 Columbia Ct.—(Joe Hundley) 1
 Dumas-Lisbon—(Oscar L. Haire) 4
 El Dorado Churches:
 Centennial-Bethel—(John T. Bolding) 3
 First Church—Cecil R. Culver 3
 Associate—Virgil Bell 3
 St. Luke's—(W. S. Cazort) 4
 Vantrease—M. E. Scott 4
 Emerson Ct.—(C. B. Harris) 8
 Harmony Grove—(Ernest E. Hays) 1
 Holly Springs Ct.—Claude R. Roy 1
 Huttig-Bolding—Myron C. Pearce 2
 Junction City—Wendell Hoover 1
 Lewisville—David M. Hankins 2
 Louann Ct.—Doyle E. Graham 2
 Magnolia Ct.—(Elbert Marlar) 3
 Magnolia Churches:
 First Church—C. Ray Hozendorf 5
 Jackson Street—John W. Lindsay 2
 Marysville-Fredonia—(C. E. Lawrence) 3
 Norphlet—Giles B. Pixley 2
 Parker's Chapel-Pleasant Grove—Noel Cross 1
 Smackover—Harold D. Sadler 3
 Stamps—Charles W. Baughman 4
 Stephens—Bryan Stephens 3
 Strong-Wesley—(Charles Ogden) 1
 Taylor Ct.—(James Ford) 1
 Union-Rhodes Chapel—(Ralph S. Mann) 6
 Village Ct.—E. T. McAfee 3
 Waldo-Willisville—Rayford L. Diffie 3

Special Appointments

Student—Perkins School of Theology—Eugene Rushing
 District Director of Arkansas Methodist—M. W. Miller
 District Director of Evangelism—C. Ray Hozendorf
 District Director of TRAFCO—Francis A. Buddin
 District Director of Stewardship—Cecil R. Culver
 District Director of Temperance—Charles W. Baughman
 District Missionary Secretary—John W. Lindsay
 Commissioner of Arkansas Methodist Children's Home—R. Burney Wilson

HOPE DISTRICT

District Superintendent, Robert B. Moore 2
 Ashdown—Harry R. Weed 2
 Bingen Ct.—(Robert H. Jackson) 1
 Blevins Ct.—(Bruce Bean) 2
 Boyd-Fouke—(Bun Gantz) 3
 Center Point Ct.—(W. C. Lewis) 2
 DeQueen—Fred L. Arnold 2
 Dierks-Green Chapel—(W. P. Walker) 3
 Doddridge Ct.—(Dewitt Harberson) 2
 Emmet Ct.—Clyde Swift 1
 Foreman—Fred H. Arnold 1
 Garland-Pleasant Hill—(James W. Riley) 2
 Hatfield Ct.—(W. R. Johnson) 2
 Hope—V. D. Keeley 7
 Horatio Ct.—(Charles E. Messer) 1
 Lockesburg—Eugene Gilliam 2

Lockesburg Ct.—Eugene Gilliam 2
 Mena—W. D. Golden 2
 Mena Ct.—To be supplied
 Mineral Springs—Harold Wright 2
 Mt. View-Shady Grove—(Hollis Simpson) 3
 Nashville—J. E. Dunlap 5
 Prescott—Alfred DeBlack 2
 Prescott Ct.—L. O. Lee 5
 Richmond Ct.—To be supplied
 Rondo Ct.—To be supplied
 Spring Hill Ct.—(James Shaddox) 1
 Texarkana Churches:
 College Hill—Howard Williams 6
 Fairview—Herman Ginther 4
 Few Memorial—To be supplied
 First Church—William E. Brown 4
 Washington Ct.—To be supplied
 Winthrop Ct.—To be supplied
 Student—Perkins School of Theology—John O. Austin, William Dean Elliott
 District Director of Stewardship—W. E. Brown
 District Director of Arkansas Methodist—W. D. Golden
 District Director of Evangelism—Howard Williams
 District Director of Temperance—J. E. Dunlap
 District Director of TRAFCO—Herman Ginther
 District Missionary Secretary—Fred L. Arnold
 District Commissioner Methodist Children's Home—John Wilson

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

District Superintendent, Arthur Terry 2
 Austin Ct.—(Albert Elder) 1
 Bauxite—C. W. Good 4
 Benton Churches:
 First Church—J. Ralph Clayton 3
 New Hope—(Cecil Gill) 2
 Park View—J. R. Phillips, Jr. 4
 Bethlehem Ct.—(J. R. Martin) 3
 Bryant-Mt. Carmel—Kenneth M. Goode 2
 Carlisle—O. E. Holmes 3
 Des Arc-New Bethel—(J. R. Callicott) 2
 De Vall's Bluff—To be supplied
 Douglassville—John B. Hays 2
 Geyer Springs—Robert W. Trieschmann 3
 Hamilton—To be supplied
 Hazen—Doyle T. Rowe 3
 Hickory Plains Ct.—(C. C. Van Zant) 2
 Little Rock Churches:
 Asbury—J. C. English 4
 Associate—Maurice C. Webb 2
 Capitol View—Orrie L. Thompson 2
 First Church—Aubrey G. Walton 14
 Associate—George E. Stewart 2
 Associate—George Wayne Martin 1
 Henderson—Hurstion R. Holland 5
 Highland—H. O. Bolin 3
 Hunter—Everett M. Vinson 2
 Oak Forest—Irl Bridenthal 1
 Pulaski Heights—J. Kenneth Shamblin 10
 Associate—Woodrow W. Smith 2
 St. Luke—Elbert B. Jean 2
 St. Mark—(Billy B. Barger) 5
 St. Paul—Charles W. Richards 7
 Twenty-Eighth Street—George Kerr 1
 Winfield—Fred R. Harrison 4
 Associate—Ben R. Russell 1
 Loneoke—W. R. Burks 6
 Mabelvale—Charles E. Ramsey 4
 Markham-Mt. Pleasant—F. Wesley Reutz 1
 Mt. View-Pride Valley—(John Ross) 1
 Primrose—James R. Scott 4
 Roland-Martindale—(S. T. Hollowell) 3
 Salem-Congo—W. Roy Jordan 2
 Sardis-Bethel—Robert L. Riggin 1
 Traskwood-Ebenezer—(Wm. Carroll Chenaulet) 1

Special Appointments with Annuity Claims

Executive Secretary Conference Board of Education—Roy E. Fawcett
 Executive Secretary Town and Country Commission—James E. Major
 Superintendent of Methodist Children's Home—Connor Morehead
 Conference Director of Youth Work—John W. Hassler
 Conference Treasurer and Statistician—Louis W. Averitt
 Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU—Edmund B. Dean
 Student, Yale Divinity School—John Cammel English, Jr.
 Student, College of the Bible—Louis M. Mulkey
 Student, Northwestern University—Ernest Nipper

Special Appointments without Annuity Claims

Editor, Adult Church School Publications, Editorial Division Board of Education—Harold L. Fair
 Chaplain, U. S. Air Force—Jeff E. Davis
 Chaplain, U. S. Air Force—Ralph Van Landingham
 Chaplain, U. S. Army—Gerry C. Dean
 Director of Development, SMU—J. Edwin Keith
 Missionary to Japan—Wm. M. Elder
 District Director of Stewardship—J. Cammel English
 District Director of Evangelism—H. O. Bolin
 District Director of Temperance—Hurstion R. Holland
 District Director of TRAFCO—John B. Hays
 District Director of Arkansas Methodist—J. Ralph Clayton
 District Missionary Secretary—Charles W. Richards
 District Commissioner Methodist Children's Home—Ed E. Ashbaugh

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

District Superintendent, Kenneth L. Spore 3
 Bradley Ct.—(W. E. West) 4

Crossett—John B. Hefley 4
 Crossett Ct.—(Arthur C. White) 1
 Dermott—A. C. Carraway 4
 Drew Ct.—(Richard Poss) 2
 Dumas—Harold Scott 2
 Eudora—John P. Miles 1
 Fordyce—A. J. Christie 2
 Fountain Hill Ct.—Robert L. Long 4
 Hamburg—Robert O. Beck 3
 Hampton Ct.—D. James McCommon 3
 Hermitage—(E. Guy Wilson) 3
 Kingsland Ct.—(James W. Beck) 2
 Lake Village—Charles G. Ashcraft 2
 McGehee-Arkansas City—D. Mouzon Mann 7
 Wesley—(Sammy Farrell) 2
 Monticello—Roland E. Darrow 12
 Martin's Chapel—(W. C. Onstead) 3
 Portland-Montrose—Edward B. Hollenbeck 2
 Star City—Osborne White 3
 Thornton Ct.—(H. R. Nabors) 2
 Tillar Ct.—(Irl Lancaster) 2
 Warren—Guy C. Ames 3
 Watson-Kelso—George C. Bailey 1
 Wilmar Ct.—W. W. Barron 3
 Wilmot-Parkdale—J. Ralph Sewell 1
 Chaplain, U. S. Navy—Hal Sessions
 Student, Duke University—Robert A. Regnier, Jr., George A. Tanner
 Student, Vanderbilt University—Edgar Outlaw, Jr.
 District Director of Stewardship—Roland E. Darrow
 District Director of Temperance—John P. Miles
 District Director of TRAFCO—A. C. Carraway
 District Director of Arkansas Methodist—Osborne White
 District Director of Evangelism—Harold Scott
 District Missionary Secretary—Guy C. Ames
 District Director of Methodist Children's Home—R. B. Mewcombe
 Conference Director of Evangelism—D. Mouzon Mann

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

District Superintendent, E. Clifton Rule 2
 Almyra—John L. Tucker 2
 Altheimer-Wabbaseka—Robert B. Moore, Jr. 2
 Bayou Meto-Lodges Corner—(Claude Clark) 1
 Carthage Ct.—H. A. F. Ault 1
 DeWitt—Curtis Williams 3
 England—Kirvin A. Hale 2
 Gillett—C. Everett Patton 4
 Glendale-Redfield—(Clem N. Baker) 1
 Grady-Gould—George W. Warren 3
 Humphrey—(Hursel Richert) 2
 Keo-Humnote—(John L. Hoover) 2
 Leola Ct.—C. R. Andrews 4
 Little Prairie Ct.—(Ira M. Mitchell) 1
 Pine Bluff Churches:
 Carr Memorial—Cagle E. Fair 4
 First Church—Wm. O. Byrd 3
 Good Faith—W. H. Sanders 1
 Hawley—George E. Reutz 2
 Lakeside—John M. McCormack 5
 St. Luke—Carlos E. Martin 1
 Wesley—Clint Burleson 1
 Sulphur Springs—(A. C. Rogers) 1
 Whitehall—(Curtis Monroe) 6
 Rison—Allan E. Hillard 2
 Roe Ct.—W. Darrell Bone 2
 Rowell Ct.—(Elam Turner) 4
 St. Charles—(Robert Kirkwood) 1
 Sheridan—Horace M. Grogan 1
 Sherrill-Tucker—W. T. Bone 3
 Stuttgart Churches:

First Church—C. M. Atchley 4
 Grand Avenue—Vernon E. Chalfant 2
 Chaplain, U. S. Navy (without annuity claims)—Withers M. Moore
 Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU—Fred M. Holt, Jr., Carr Dee Racop, Jr.
 Student, Chandler School of Theology, Emory—Palmer Garner
 District Director of Stewardship—Paul Jones
 District Director of Evangelism—Robert B. Moore, Jr.
 District Director of Temperance—Cagle E. Fair
 District Director of TRAFCO—Wm. O. Byrd
 District Director of Arkansas Methodist—Kirvin A. Hale
 District Missionary Secretary—Vernon E. Chalfant
 District Commissioner Methodist Children's Home—J. M. Spicer

Transferred In

Eugene Rushing, On Trial, from the North Texas Conference
 George Wayne Martin, Elder, from the North Arkansas Conference

Transferred Out

John Robert Ewbank, Jr., On Trial, to the Illinois Conference
 John Griggs Greening, On Trial, to the Texas Conference
 Donald Smith, On Trial, to Texas Conference
 Charles Wm. Cook, On Trial, to North Texas Conference
 George G. Meyer, Elder, to the North Arkansas Conference

Methodist Film On Rural Church To Be Premiered

Nashville, Tenn. (TRAFCO)—The world premiere of a motion picture will be held at 8 p.m., Sunday, June 23, in the auditorium of Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg, Mo.

The film, a production of The Methodist Church, deals with the rural church and was filmed in Johnson County, of which Warrensburg is the county seat.

Entitled "None Goes His Way Alone," the half-hour color film tells a story of rural Methodist churches of Johnson County. It shows how the churches, faced with problems created by changing times, made progress by working with one another and with the county seat church.

Roles were played by the rural church people, themselves, their pastors, a Methodist district superintendent, and a rural worker for the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Local arrangements for the showing are being made by the Rev. Robert N. Arbauth, pastor of First Methodist Church, Warrensburg, Dr. Irving Peters, dean of the college, and Howard Baltz of the college audio-visual department.

The film was produced by the Television, Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church, using its own technical production staff. It was produced for the Methodist General Boards of Missions, Education and Evangelism, and the Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Rev. John Clayton of the TRAFCO staff served as producer, and Nicholas Read of Washington, D. C., was employed as writer and director.

Consultants on content for the agencies were: Dr. Glenn Sanford and Rev. William F. Fore, Board of Missions; Miss Cornelia Russell and Miss Elizabeth Marchant, Woman's Division of Christian Service; Rev. Glenn S. Gothard and Dr. B. F. Jackson, Board of Education; and Rev. Leslie J. Ross, Board of Evangelism.

Military Chaplains Account For 5,000 New Church Members

Washington, D. C. (MI)—Military chaplains accounted for more than 5,000 new members of the Methodist Church in the last two years, records of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains reveal.

Monthly reports of some 600 Methodist chaplains show that during 1955 and 1956 the group baptized 8,970 persons and received 5,597 into church membership at military bases around the world.

Chaplains assigned to hospitals and prisons accounted for an additional 271 accessions.

The baptisms include children of servicemen, but in the Methodist Church baptized infants and children are not counted as members until they join of their own accord. Also, a great many newly-baptized servicemen are transferred to other bases before chaplains can complete their instruction as preparatory members.

Most of the converts are in the 18-23 age group, described by many clergymen as the group least interested in joining a church.

LR CONFERENCE HOLDS ANNUAL SESSION

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The receiving of the first report of the newly organized conference Commission on Higher Education of which Louis Edrington, Warren, is chairman. The address by Judge DuVall L. Purkins, Warren, was heard with appreciation by the conference. This address will be published in an early issue of this publication.

The annual conference-wide youth rally on Tuesday evening attended by more than 1200 young people and their leaders. Dr. Allen delivered the message to the large congregation. Another highlight of the evening was the delivering of the winning Essay-Speech by Miss Mary Rust Price, Dumas. Her entry was entitled "Does Beer Belong?" Rita Lynn Taylor, Little Rock, was the second place winner, and Ethel Lou Teague, Arkadelphia, was third. This contest was sponsored by the Conference Board of Temperance.

The adoption by the conference of a state-wide program, "Tell Arkansas About Christ," and address by Rev. D. Mouzon Mann, McGehee, laying the spiritual basis for the program.

A tea honoring Mrs. Paul E. Martin, wife of Bishop Martin, held at the parsonage of the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, on Friday afternoon, attended by the wives of ministers and lay members attending the conference.

Devotionals conducted Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings by Bishop Martin at the beginning of the daily business session.

The presentation by the Conference Board of Missions, and Rev. Rufus M. Sorrels, Malvern, of four Methodist leaders of the Indian Mission Conference in Oklahoma who related their experiences in connection with Methodist work with Indians. These included Rev. Robert Pinezaddleley, Ponca City; Rev. and Mrs. Spencer Ahperton, Hobart, Oklahoma; and Miss Theodosia Roberson, Witchita, Kansas. The Indian Mission work is one of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference's emphases during the period 1956-60.

The report by the district superintendents of the Little Rock Conference which outlined significant accomplishments of the churches during the past year. The report was delivered for the cabinet by Dr. Arthur Terry, Little Rock District Superintendent.

The report of the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service delivered by Mrs. M. E. Scott, El Dorado, president of the conference organization.

The report of the Little Rock Town and Country Commission, which reflected considerable program development during the one year operation under the leadership of its executive secretary, Rev. James E. Major, Little Rock. Featured in connection with the report was the report on the Every Member Canvass campaign, of which Rev. Mr. Major has served as the conference director. Two churches, Crossett and Willisville, reported on successful programs through their pastors, Rev. John B. Hefley and Rev. Rayford Diffie, respectively.

The report of the newly organized State Council of Churches by its president, Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin.

The presentation by the Little Rock Conference Television, Radio and Film Commission to the Chevrolet Motor Division of the General Motors Corporation of a plaque commending the company for sponsoring the outstanding television series, "Crossroads," which series was recently voted the outstanding commercial sponsored religious program on television. C. R. Fike, Memphis, Chevrolet Zone Manager accepted the plaque for the company. The commission also presented a citation to television station KATV, Pine Bluff and Little Rock, for its assistance in the state television workshop, for its scheduling of the National Council's series, "The Way" and for providing a generous amount of its public service time for religious programs. Bill Hadley, news director of KATV, accepted the citation for the station.

The annual Ministers' Wives Luncheon held in the Willow Room of the Phillips Drive Inn Restaurant.

The Voting On The Amendments

A vote of 175 for and 14 against was recorded at the conclusion of the conference's consideration of the proposed constitutional amendment No. 9. This amendment provides the procedure for the abolition of the church's Central Jurisdiction. This would be accomplished by permitting the transfer of churches and/or annual conferences from one jurisdiction to another, where a 2/3 majority vote of all parties concerned approve these transfers.

Amendment No. 10 which provided for additional representation from churches having more than one minister was approved by a vote of 185 for and 6 against.

Amendment No. 11 which would increase the maximum number of members of the quadrennial General Conference was approved by a vote of 181 for and none against.

The consideration of these amendments was under the direction of Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, Little Rock, Dr. E. Clifton Rule, Pine Bluff, and Roland M. Shelton, Little Rock, all members of the Little Rock Conference delegation to the 1956 General Conference which initiated the amendments.

Actions Taken

Included among actions taken by the Conference were:

Adoption of \$1 per member for Hendrix and 30c per member for Wesley Foundation.

Made plans for greater cooperation between churches and the college. The Conference asked Bishop Martin to designate two persons to work with a committee of representatives from the North Arkansas Conference and other interested denominations to study and report on the need and feasibility of establishing one interdenominational foundation on social issues in Arkansas.

Voted to unite the Conference Board of World Peace, Temperance, and Social and Economic Relations, the new board being named Board of Social Relations. The new board will be formally organized at a later date.

Voted to organize an Inter-Board Council in the Little Rock Conference composed of the Bishop, district superintendents, and one representative together with any employed executives from each conference board, commission or

committee, to join with a like Inter-Board Council from the North Arkansas Conference in the formation of a Methodist State Council for the purpose of promoting and publicizing more efficiently and effectively the program of the Methodist Church in Arkansas. This matter will be considered by the North Arkansas Conference meeting this week in Rogers and if approved there, the state council will be organized in the near future.

Increased the minimum salary of married ministers from \$2100 to \$2400. The minimum salary for single ministers remains at \$1800. The Committee on Minimum Salary reported that \$19,336 was paid this past year as salary supplementation.

Reelected Roland M. Shelton, Little Rock, as Conference Lay-leader.

Adoption by the conference of a proposed Board of Evangelism program for the new conference year, "Tell Arkansas About Christ." This program if approved by the North Arkansas Conference this week, will be conducted on a state-wide basis and involves several weeks of intensive cultivation and promotion work during the period January, February, and March 1957.

Voted to return to the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, for its 1958 session.

Voted to recommend to Bishop Martin that next year's conference session be so scheduled that it may be begun and concluded between Sundays.

Services of Commemoration

Services of Commemoration was held Wednesday morning under the direction of Rev. J. C. Montgomery, Bradley, with Rev. Roland E. Darrow, Monticello delivering the commemoration sermon. The following ministers, their wives or widows who had died during the past year were commemorated: Forney Hutchinson of Tulsa, Rev. J. L. Leonard of Little Rock, Rev. W. W. Fincher of Stamps, Rev. J. W. Thomas of Portland, Rev. J. R. Diffie of Warren, Rev. J. M. Workman of Conway, Rev. Fletcher C. Cannon of Penny Farms, Fla., Mrs. W. W. Christie of Magnolia, Mrs. Cleve Gilliam of Hot Springs, Mrs. C. P. Talley of Malvern and Mrs. J. N. Stephenson of Wilmar.

Connectional Interest Represented

The following persons represented connectional interest of the church: Dr. J. Wilson Crichlow, Chicago, General Board of Pensions; Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Conway, Hendrix College President; Dr. M. Lafayette Harris, Little Rock, Philander Smith College President; Dr. Roy E. Fawcett, Little Rock, Executive Secretary, Conference Board of Education; Rev. J. Edwin Kenith, Dallas, Texas, Southern Methodist University Staff Member; Rev. Bates Sturdy, Booneville, Methodist Chaplain, State Sanatorium; Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Fayetteville, Member of Western Methodist Assembly Board of Trustees; Rev. James E. Major, Little Rock, Conference Executive Secretary of Town and Country Commission; Miss Jeanne Mason, Little Rock, Director of Area Methodist Information; Dr. Connor Morehead, Little Rock, Superintendent of Methodist Children's Home; Dr. E. T. Wayland and Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, Little Rock, Editors of Arkansas Methodist.

Changes In Ministerial Status

RETIRED: R. M. Crain, Holly Springs, 29 years; C. D. Cade, Chidester, 36 years; W. R. Boyd, Eudora, 35 years; and R. A. Teeter, Hot Springs, 38 years.

RECEIVED ON TRIAL: Lewis Martin Mulkey, Little Rock; Kenneth Mitz Goode, Bryant; John Griggs Greening, San Antonio, Tex. (readmitted on trial.)

ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION: Gerald Kenneth Hilton, Hot Springs; Howard Bryant Childs, El Dorado.

ORDAINED DEACON: Edmund Babler Deane, Little Rock, John John Overton Alston, Mena; Robert Edwin Langley, Arkadelphia; John Cammel English, Little Rock, William Darrell Bone, Roe; and Etienne Brovillette, Abbeville, Louisiana.

ORDAINED ELDER: Gerald Kenneth Hilton, Hot Springs and Howard Bryant Childs, El Dorado.

Statistics

Rev. Lewis W. Averitt, Little Rock, conference treasurer and statistician, reported the following items of interest reflecting the year's work in Little Rock Conference Churches.

Received 2190 persons on profession of faith and 1,332 baptisms were reported. Total membership is now 84,802.

Preparatory membership now totals 3,890.

Church school enrollment is reported 59,628, increase of 92 over last year.

Average attendance reported for church school was 31,418. 239 Woman's Societies in the conference report a membership of 12,076.

Total valuation of Methodist property in the Little Rock Conference is reported at \$17,266,094, with a total indebtedness of \$950,469.

The total amount Methodists raised for all purposes during the past year in Little Rock Conference Methodist Churches was \$3,708,000.

Bishop Lord Elected Chairman Of New Commission

Washington, D. C. (MI)—Bishop John Wesley Lord of Boston was elected chairman of the Methodist Church's Interboard Commission on Christian Social Relations at its organizational meeting here recently.

Other officers, also elected to four-year terms, are Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of St. Louis, vice chairman, and Mrs. James Oldshue, Chicago, secretary.

The 18-member commission acts as co-ordinator of the policies and activities of three general Methodist agencies—the Board of Temperance, Washington, and the Board of World Peace and the Board of Social and Economic Relations, both of Chicago.

Discussion of a proposal that the two Chicago boards move their headquarters to Washington was deferred pending further study by the boards.

It was pointed out that a possible merger of the three boards is to be discussed November 25-26 by the denomination's Co-ordinating Council. The 1956 General Conference of the church instructed the Council to study the matter and present a plan for uniting the agencies at the 1960 session.

Meanwhile, the three agencies are already co-ordinating their efforts in the general field of social projects, Bishop Lord said.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert
TRIBUTE TO TEACHERS

As the commencement season passes all over the country and as we finish paying honor to the Class of 1957, let us not fail to take note of the folks who stood in the shadows behind these smiling senior faces. I speak of the faculty, the teachers who put up with these graduating characters, some for four years, some for five, and some for a dozen or more!

Perhaps I am more sensitized to this aspect of the season because recently I participated (in absentia) in a ceremony honoring Mrs. Nellie McMorris of Strong City, Kansas, who in April of this year completed a half-century of music instruction in the art of piano playing. Imagine that—fifty years of listening to the do-re-me-fa-so's of budding young Horowitzes and an Eddy Duchin or two! She used to come to our parsonage home each week and give three lessons in a row. I was the second victim each time. That went on for two years circa 1927-1929, and she was about ready to give up on me. The main problem being that I would try to hasten the process by playing assigned numbers by ear in the only key I can play them by ear. She was often so frustrated that she was about ready to look elsewhere for her pupils—but she was patient and kind and firm, and what very little I know about plunking the ivories today is due her long-suffering charity. So I was happy to include my personal tribute in writing to this veteran teacher whose weekly arrival at our home I dreaded because of my lack of preparation, but whose ministry of music I recall with gratitude and affection a score of years later.

Then, I ran across a paragraph called, "A Tribute To A Master Teacher." It speaks so eloquently, the regard students have for dedicated teachers, that I share it with you and invite you to make it your remembered gratitude for your teachers along the educational path. The words were written in tribute to the late Dr. Forbes Wiley, formerly Professor of Mathematics at Denison University.

"He was a Christian scholar and a Christian teacher. He never preached in class, yet every student

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Sub-District MYF Organized In St. Tammany Parish



From left to right are Duncan Hodges, Pearl River, vice-president; L. R. McGinty, Slidell, treasurer; Rev. R. C. Carter of Covington; Frances Barker, Fitzgerald Methodist Church, president; Rev. John T. Redmond of Slidell; Lillian Leatherbury, Lacombe, secretary; Rep. F. C. Langford of Pearl River; Connie Kohnke, Covington, publicity chairman; Mrs. Lloyd Strain, Slidell, adult counselor.

Sixty-five young people and fifteen counselors and pastors from seven Methodist Churches attended the official organizational meeting of the St. Tammany Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The officers elected are as follows: Frances Barker, of the Fitzgerald Methodist Church, president; Duncan Hodges, Pearl River, vice-president; Lillian Leatherbury, Lacombe, secretary; L. R. McGinty, Slidell, treasurer; Connie Kohnke, Covington, publicity chairman.

These officers were installed at the New Orleans District meeting May 14, at Carrollton Methodist Church in New Orleans. Mrs. Lloyd Strain was also installed as the adult counselor for the group. Mrs. Strain is a resident of Slidell.

OTHER SUB-DISTRICT NEWS

Polk County

The officers of the Polk County Sub-district were installed at Mt. View Methodist Church, Mena, May 6 with the Rev. W. D. Golden, pastor of the Mena First Methodist Church, in charge of the service.

The following were installed: president, Joyce Deramus, Cherry Hill; vice president, Jerry Rodgers, First Church, Mena; secretary, Cathy

Taylor, Hatfield; and treasurer, Micky Lutich, Cove. Sheila Schloh, Wickes, was named the representative for Power and Concern; Ann Lance, Shady Grove, was named chairman of the areas of faith and witness; Wayne Lance, Shady Grove, chairman of the areas of citizenship and outreach; and Jeanie Goodrich, Mt. View, chairman of the fellowship area.

Grand Prairie

The Carlisle, Ark., Methodist Church was host to the Grand Prairie Sub-district on Monday evening, May 27.

One hundred sixteen members representing the Hamilton, DeValls Bluff, Des Arc, Lonoke, Hazen and Carlisle churches were present. The Des Arc MYF was awarded the attendance banner for having the most members present at this meeting.

The Rev. Holmes, Carlisle pastor, installed the following officers to serve the coming year: president, Nettie Sue Miller, Hazen; vice-president, Ronnie Baldwin, Des Arc; secretary-treasurer, Susie Sontag, DeValls Bluff; reporter, Larry Larkan, Hazen. Mr. J. B. Ketchum of Lonoke, is adult counselor.

Following the business meeting and the MYF Benediction, refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held at Lonoke on June 24.

Conway-Perry County

Some 52 members attended the monthly meeting of the Conway-Perry County MYF Sub-district at the Houston Methodist Church, June 3, at 7:30 p.m.

After a program under the direction of Larry Larvin, the Rev. Davis Billberry, pastor of the Perryville-Houston Charge, installed the newly elected officers for the coming year.

The officers include: president, Barbara Patterson, Perryville; vice president, Kay Pettingill, Plummerville; secretary, Joyce Brandon, Oppelo; treasurer, Jean Blair, Morrilton; reporter, David Moose, Morrilton; and youth counselor, Mrs. Leon Thompson, Oppelo.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 1, at 7:30 p.m., at the First Methodist Church, Morrilton.

Two Louisiana Youth To Attend Work Camps

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—A total of 26 Methodist youth of high school age will work at physical labor without pay for a month this summer on Methodist projects in Indiana and New Mexico.

Thirteen of the youth will work at Camp Merry Ledges, near Corydon, Ind., from June 20 to July 18. The other 13 will work at the Navajo Methodist Mission School, Farmington, N. M., from June 25 to July 23.

Miss Anna Clark Whitaker, 205 North Pine, DeRidder, La., will participate in the work camp at Farmington; and Walter Davie Glass, 1329 Carter Ave., Baton Rouge, La., will participate in the work camp near Corydon.

The work groups are sponsored annually by the Youth Department of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, and the Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service, which has its headquarters in New York City. They are called National Methodist Senior High Work Camps.

Camp Merry Ledges is the new camp site of Wesley Community House, Louisville, Ky. The youth will help clear the land and erect cottages there. In New Mexico, the young workers will help repair and improve buildings and facilities of the Navajo school.

The youth who will participate are 16 years of age or older. Not only will they work without salary, but they will pay their own transportation expenses to and from the camps.

Adult advisers for the Camp Merry Ledges project will be Mr. and Mrs. Max West, Dawson, Ga. Adult advisers for the New Mexico project will be Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson, Oak Park, Ill.

"The work camps will be experiences in voluntary Christian service and Christian group living," said the Rev. Joseph W. Bell, Nashville. A staff member of the Methodist Board of Education's Youth Department, he directs the work camp program.

Arkansas Valley

The Arkansas Valley Sub-district met May 13 at Grenades Chapel with 50 present.

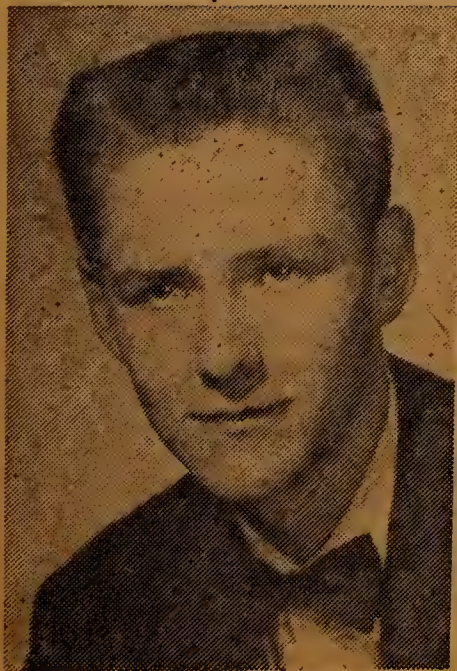
The meeting opened with a devotional which was followed by a short talk on "Youth Activities Week." Belinda Laneer Hartman, received the third place award in the state-wide WCTU essay contest. The speaker for the evening was the Rev. Bob Sessions, Booneville, who spoke on "Is Religion Sissy?"

Mary Ann Krohn presided over the business meeting. New officers elected are: president, Lionel Jewell, Clarksville; vice president, Charles Warner, Ozark; secretary, Billy Sue Chastian, Mulberry; treasurer, Mary Ellen Hicks, Grenades Chapel; and publicity chairman, Mary Ann Krohn, Clarksville. Mrs. R. A. Black, Mulberry, was named counselor; and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Stokes, Ozark, assistant counselors.

The meeting was closed with the MYF benediction. The group was then served refreshments in the church dining room.

The next meeting will be at Hartman, June 10. The topic for discussion will be camps, and the new officers will be installed.

Hope District MYF Elects Officers



JERRY RODGERS

Jerry Rodgers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Rodgers, Mena, Arkansas, was elected president of the Hope District MYF at a meeting held recently at Mineral Springs. He is 16 years old, a junior in high school, vice president of the Polk County Sub-district, and is active in his local MYF.

Other officers elected for the Hope District group include: vice president, Marilyn Clay, Locksburg; secretary, Tish Tabler, Ben Lomond; treasurer, Alice Ann Henderson, Ashdown; and the following area chairmen: faith, Zolline Bennett, Texarkana; outreach, Robert Norwood, DeQueen; witness, Jackie Bennett, Nashville; and fellowship, Anita Erb, Texarkana.



Contributors to Mt. Sequoyah "Better Beds" Project

APRIL 15-JUNE 1, 1957

Mrs. Neill Hart, Camden, Arkansas, Little Rock Conference Chairman
Total received and paid to Dr. E. H. Hook—\$232.00

Arkadelphia District

W.S.G., Arkadelphia
W.S.C.S., Glenwood
W.S.G., First Church, Hot Springs
Mrs. Ora Fohrell, Sparkman
W.S.G., Malvern, First Church
W.S.C.S., Oaklawn, Hot Springs

Camden District

W.S.C.S., First Church, Camden
W.S.C.S., Parkers Chapel
W.S.C.S., Smackover
W.S.G., First Church, El Dorado
W.S.G., First Church, Camden
W.S.C.S., Stephens
W.S.G., Smackover
W.S.C.S., Vantrease, El Dorado
W.S.C.S., First Church, Magnolia
Mrs. Neill Hart, Camden

Hope District

W.S.C.S., Ashdown
Mrs. Hubert Shull, Texarkana
W.S.G., DeQueen

Little Rock District

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Little Rock
Mrs. Arthur Terry, Little Rock
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Nell Fartharee W.S.G., First
Church, Little Rock
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W.S.G., Highland, Little Rock
Marion Dallas W.S.G., St. Paul's,
Little Rock
W.S.G., Capitol View, Little Rock

Monticello District

W.S.C.S., Dermott
W.S.C.S., Monticello

Pine Bluff District

W.S.C.S., First Church, Stuttgart
W.S.C.S., Lakeside, Pine Bluff
W.S.C.S., Good Faith, Pine Bluff
W.S.C.S., Lodges Corner
W.S.C.S., Carr Memorial, Pine
Bluff
W.S.C.S., Sherrill
W.S.C.S., Wesley Church, Pine
Bluff

Jonesboro District Executive Committee Meets



Top row, left to right: Mesdames: T. F. Seay, Leroy Brownlee, N. H. Brown, Ben F. Jordan, H. H. Oats, Gene Little;
Middle row: Miss Mildred Osment, Mrs. Robert Holt, Mrs. E. H. Hull, Mrs. Otis Grant;
Bottom row: Mesdame Olin Shockley, James Blankenship, E. L. Shaineyfelt, and E. J. Holifield.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Caddo Heights Woman's Society, Shreveport, made the following progress report: Membership increased from 51 to 75 in one year, \$301.00 to foreign mission, \$278 for local work and \$300 in carpet fund for church. The following life-time memberships were given: Mrs. Clyde Brosette, Mrs. Jimmy Jones, Mrs. Norman Parker, Mrs. Pauline Straughn, Mrs. Ben Rust, Mrs. George Ross, Mrs. Esther Higgins, Mary Johnny Cockrell, and one baby membership.

At the April meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Houma, Louisiana, four life membership pins were presented by the Society to the following women for their outstanding work to the W.S.C.S.:

Mrs. J. Bolton, Mrs. M. Huston, Mrs. I. Duplantis, Mrs. R. Wright, and Miss Nettie Brunette gave a baby membership to Baby Jane Bolton.

The John Wesley Sub-district Woman's Society of Christian Service Arkadelphia District, met May 15 at Bethlehem for an all day meeting with Mrs. W. F. Amis presiding. Polly Lassiter showed a film "Our Failures as Church Workers." Rev. Robbins, pastor of the Dalark Charge, gave the devotional, and Mrs. R. E. Harris, introduced by Mrs. Alvin Stone, gave the Goals for the next four years.

After lunch plans were discussed for the coming year. There were twenty-three present. The next meeting will be at Rock Springs Church on the Dalark Charge, August 12.

Rev. C. E. Messer, pastor of Few Memorial, Texarkana, installed the following officers of the Woman's

Society of Christian Service prior to the morning service May 26: president, Mrs. Raymond Miller; vice-president, Mrs. Buddy Perkins; secretary, Mrs. Guy Sanders; treasurer, Mrs. Richard Smith. The society also has chairman for all lines of work.

The Woman's Society of Parker Memorial Church in New Orleans enjoyed a luncheon preceding the final session of their study, *Youth in a Responsible Society—A Christian Concern*. Twenty-six members of the class were present at tables decorated to indicate the ties that exist between the Church and Christian youth.

Mrs. D. W. Poole taught the class, which was planned for Jurisdictional Recognition credit.

As an outgrowth of their study, the women presented a pageant, *Youth in a Responsible Society*, at the Sunday night service on May 19. Taking part were Mrs. E. J. Barksdale, Mrs. Ollie Oswald, Mrs. J. H. Goeddert, Mrs. George Christoffel, Mrs. John Lincks, Mrs. Smith Moffatt, Mrs. Lee Schoen, Mrs. John Pearce, Miss Ruth Blessey, Mrs. Edna Myer, Mrs. Leland Brown, Miss Ira Stanley, Miss Glenna Schoen, Mrs. Anabel Magendie, Mrs. Mildred Jeter, Mrs. Alice May Campbell, and Mrs. Frances McCain.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

About 1,800,000 women across the United States, members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, are being asked to write their Senators and Representatives urging that economic aid and technical assistance to foreign countries be continued in the 1957-58 federal budget. The request for a letter-writing campaign was made in a communication to

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Jonesboro District met on Thursday, May 16, 1957, in the home of Mrs. E. H. Hall in Dell at 10:00 A.M. for a luncheon meeting, with Mrs. James Blankenship as co-hostess.

Members present were: Mesdames James Blankenship, Eugene Shaneyfelt, E. Hall, Gene Little, H. L. Oates, Robert Holt, N. H. Brown, Otis Grant, T. I. Seay, Ben Jordan, Olin Shockley, Leroy Brownlee, and Miss Mildred Osment. Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Holifield were special guests.

Mrs. James Blankenship, District president, called the meeting to order and presided over the business.

Miss Mildred Osment gave the de-

votional, using as her topic the story of the Fishermen, comparing it to the work of our Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Jonesboro District.

Plans were discussed for the "Tour of Missions" which the young people of Jonesboro District will take June 19th.

After a delicious barbecue chicken dinner, prepared by Brother Hall, plans were discussed and made for our "in Training Day" on June 5th at Harrisburg. The Theme to be "Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord" and our own missionary, Dr. Pearl McCain is to be the inspirational speaker.

Mrs. Robert Holt dismissed the group with prayer.

Searcy District Meeting Held

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Searcy District met at First Church, Searcy, June 3. Registration indicated 112 women present. After a prelude by Mrs. Billy Rogers, the devotional was given by Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, District Superintendent. Mrs. Burl Benton, new president of the Searcy Society, welcomed the group. With the president, Mrs. Nelle Jimmerson, presiding, roll was called and Miss Mildred Osment, Confer-

ence vice-president, was introduced. Miss Osment brought a challenging message, illustrating very vividly that the WSCS, like the disciples, are called upon to "leave all and follow Him."

District officers conducted clinics, training and consultation with their respective local officers.

After lunch at the Rendezvous, the group reassembled in the sanctuary. After the singing of a hymn, Rev. Alvin Murray, pastor-host, led in prayer. Reports were then given from the clinics and Mrs. J. H. Johnston, Secretary of Promotion, spoke briefly. Highlight of the day was an address by Dr. Pearle McCain.

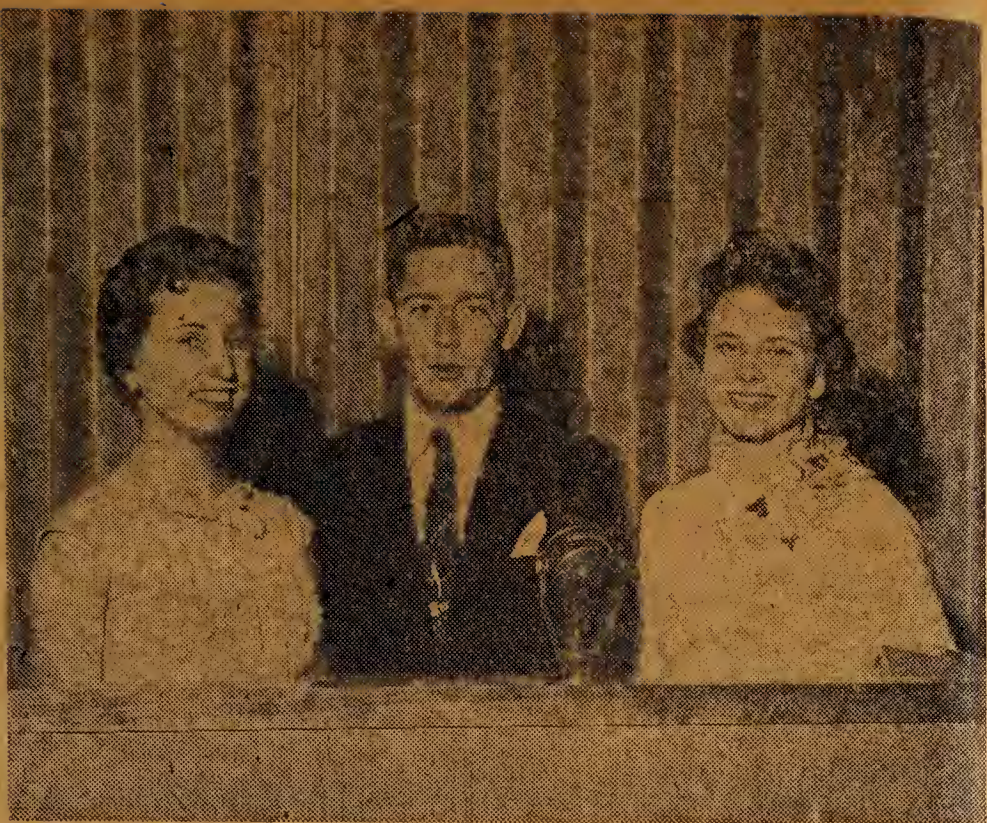
Following the offering, the meeting was closed with a pledge service conducted by Mrs. James H. Garrett, assisted by Mrs. Roy Lonsinger, according to the report by Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, district recording secretary.

Is Moderation

The Answer?

By Anna Clark Whitaker

EDITOR'S NOTE: Miss Anna Clark Whitaker, DeRidder, Louisiana, is the author of the accompanying article which won first place in the Louisiana Conference Essay-Speech contest. Miss Whitaker delivered her winning Essay-Speech at the recent session of the Louisiana Conference. This publication is happy to present this article.



The three top winners in the Louisiana Conference Essay-Speech contest, sponsored jointly by the Conference Board of Temperance and Conference Board of Education, are pictured above, L to R, Miss Anna Clark Whitaker, DeRidder, first place; Earl Taylor, Palmetto, second place; and Miss Gwen Norgess, Wason, third place.

YOU and drinking, do you mix? Are you one of the 65 million Americans who say to the alcohol industries, "We're the men and women you talk about in your ads; we're the social drinkers of dignity; we're the moderate drinkers of America." Actually, it seems that a great portion of the American public is being fooled when they think they drink moderately. It is observed that last year ten billion dollars were spent for beverage alcohol. Is such spending and such drinking moderation in any form?

Moderation is not the answer to the alcohol problem. It is its beginning. Why do so many take part in moderate drinking? You, Mr. Social Drinker, have the answer to this question. But you, Mr. Total Abstainer, what are your reasons for your position? Why do you oppose moderate drinking? Is it because God has given you a duty of stewardship that distinctly says "don't drink?" Is it because moderate drinking could easily lead you to become an alcoholic? Is it because of your influence on the children and youth? Is it because of the harmful effects of alcohol on the body and brain? Is it because all drinking of alcoholic beverages is a hazard to our homes, society and country? Is it because the Methodist Church believes that it is wrong to drink? Wait a minute, Mr. Total Abstainer, since we don't hear your views as often as we hear those of Mr. Social Drinker, let's discuss your reasons. Let me speak now as Miss Total Abstainer.

I am not a drinker because God has given me a stewardship of my body, talent and money. I have a duty to serve God and humanity. Drinking and serving God do not mix. Think how much service to humanity could be done with the money spent by these millions of American drinkers. Think of how much physical injury is brought to those who indulge. Every time a person takes a drink his talent and body die a little. These millions of people are daily practicing this self-destruction with scarcely a thought of what they are doing to their minds and bodies—which St. Paul called, the Temple of God.

It is because moderate drinking is dangerous and could easily lead me to become an alcoholic. Persons become alcoholics by first being moderate drinkers. Alcoholism is described as a disease. This fact, within itself, is enough to say to the drinker, "Beware of even drinking moderately." Moderate drinking has caused five and one-half million people today to become alcoholics. Moderation is the act of keeping within bounds. Bounds of what?—our friends, homes,

and society. At what point does moderation step out of bounds? You see, I the total abstainer, am always sure that I am within my bounds. The moderate drinker, on the other hand, has no protection from the growing desire to drink.

I am a total abstainer because of the influence alcohol has upon children and youth. If parents think their drinking habits have no influence on their children, they are mistaken. A child coming from a social drinker's family, nine times out of ten, will be a social drinker himself. A drinking father in one of our big cities, a superintendent of public schools, kept the high school youth of that city from hearing lectures about alcohol because he was afraid his son might come home and say, "Daddy, your drinking is wrong. I'll show you why it's wrong." This man loved his drink more than he loved his child. Yes, this is one man, but many others would have taken the same attitude and said, "I'll teach my children what they need to know about drinking, at home." And there we go, thousands more ignorant of the truth about alcohol! There goes a part of tomorrow!

I do not drink because of the harmful effects moderate drinking has upon the body and brain. Beverage alcohol when consumed dulls and deteriorates the mind. It is the direct cause of disease. It shortens human life. Alcohol is a habit forming drug which should be grouped with the narcotics. What are the physical and mental effects of consumption when you get right down to ounces and quarts? When a person has consumed two or three ounces he is in a happy state. His judgment is limited. Upon consumption of six ounces he is the life of the party. His dexterity and coordination are reduced, but his confidence isn't. Eight ounces as shown in blood tests prove that the person is legally intoxicated. A person after having drunk ten ounces has difficulty in walking and is easily moved to crying. After a pint he becomes out of this world, though conscious. He doesn't know what is going on, much less does he care. A pint and a half brings on a black out. A quart may result in death. In the article in *Pageant Magazine* entitled, "The Big Lie About Moderate Drinking," the editors themselves confessed to be users of alcohol to a certain extent, but they concluded their preface with the words, "We hope you will think more deeply in the future when you lift your glass and say, 'to your health'."

I will not drink because moderate drinking is a hazard to our homes, society and country. Today, alcohol has become the reason for many social gatherings. It has also become the reason

for crime, juvenile delinquency, divorce and death. Yes, even death is the price some must pay in order that others might drink. It is a fact that over one fourth of the fatal traffic accidents is the result of drinking drivers.

What is our greatest national problem? Is it war or communism? No! Our greatest national problem is the alcohol problem. Because of the magnitude of this problem it cannot be left up to the government, but must be the concern of each individual. Our battle fronts must be the bars, night clubs, cocktail parties, homes, cafes and all places where beverage alcohol is sold or served. Can we drink even moderately when we realize that because of drinking scientists the communists in New York and Moscow, were given the hydrogen bomb? Yes, when our freedom is involved we cannot approve an alcoholized America.

I will not drink because the Methodist Church teaches that it is definitely wrong to drink. To be a Methodist Christian places certain demands upon my life. A young woman who had done some social drinking joined the Methodist Church. When she learned of its teaching concerning alcohol, she determined that she would abstain. She wanted to be the best Methodist possible. This was one way, among many others, to adhere closely to her faith. If the Muslim and the Mormon—to mention only two religious faiths—live in complete sobriety, I as a Methodist can do no less. My church, my God, my faith, all mean too much to sell them for moderate drinking.

A few years ago some of us saw the movie, "I'll Cry Tomorrow." This picture well illustrates the attitude taken by many who drink. Their philosophy is: I'll drink today and cry tomorrow. But I won't wait until tomorrow. I'll cry today "See the harmful affects of alcohol, see the crime, the filth, the frustration caused by it. I'll cry today in hopes that someone might heed my warning and save his own soul, mind, and body from destruction. I'll cry today, saying, 'look what beverage alcohol is doing to the freedoms we as American are enjoying.'" I'll cry today for those who cannot cry because they are the defeated victims of alcoholism. I'll cry today in order that we may laugh and love and live tomorrow.

The neon sign flashes before us—The Drink of Dignity. I turn from it to a more enduring Light, the glare of Truth. Moderation is not the answer. Total abstinence is the only answer to the alcohol problem.

Highland Group, Little Rock, Has Annual Banquet

The Alice Jones Bible Class of Highland Methodist Church, Little Rock, closed the year with the annual banquet in Fellowship Hall, May 24. Mrs. John Beath, toast-mistress, presided.

The program included the class song, invocation by Rev. H. O. Bolin, pastor, and a reading was given by Mrs. L. A. Allen. The guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Paul Stewart.

A review of the past year's work by Miss Alice Jones, told of sending \$100 to India to be used for hospital supplies. A Talent Project by the class was profitable. Some \$300 was reported made and this sum is to be given to the new Educational Building Fund.

Mrs. Arval Grubbs presented gifts to the teachers and retiring president, Mrs. G. L. Boyce.

New officers for the coming year were introduced. They are: Mrs. Betty Farabee, teacher; Mrs. J. R. Simmons, assistant teacher; Mrs. J. O. Beavers, president; Mrs. J. A. Dudley, vice-president; Mrs. J. W. McNeill, secretary; Mrs. C. R. Elrod, assistant secretary; Mrs. Ella Burge, treasurer; Mrs. W. L. Elliott, reporter; Miss Alice Jones, historian; and pianists, Mrs. E. E. McIntyre and Mrs. Ben Rankin.

The meeting was reported by Mrs. Frank Stephens.

Calico Rock Laymen Organize

At a meeting Wednesday night, May 22, at Calico Rock, Ark., a Methodist Men's group was organized. Charles Stuck, Conference Lay Leader, was the inspirational speaker, and A. B. Whitfield conducted the meeting. The following officers were elected: Jim Atkins, president; Austin Harris, vice-president; Doyle Peck, secretary-treasurer; Rayvon Cantrell, reporter; and Thurman Mason, program

Monticello Dist. Laymen Attend Banquet



Charles Stuck, Jonesboro, Arkansas, spoke to the Methodist laymen of the Monticello District at the annual District Laymen's Banquet held in Monticello, May 20. The banquet was held in the educational building of the First Methodist Church.

Pictured above are, L-R: Rev. R. E. Darrow, host pastor, and Mrs. R. E. Darrow; Dr. N. M. Wadsworth, Monticello District Lay Leader, and Mrs. Wadsworth, and Stuck. Others at the head table not shown in the picture were: Mrs. Stuck, Dr. Kenneth Spore, District Superintendent of the Monticello District, and Mrs. Spore.

Stuck is lay leader of the North Arkansas Conference, and he spoke on the requirements of a good Methodist layman. The banquet was attended by laymen and ministers from throughout the District.

New Orleans First Church Men's Club Meets



William J. Michon, president of the New Orleans First Methodist Church Men's Club, at left, presents a gift to the Rev. D. B. Boddie who retired at the recent session of the Louisiana Annual Conference and who served as the First Church associate pastor. At right is Al F. Hanson, vice president of the men's group, who presented the Rev. Mr. Boddie a life membership card.

Rev. D. B. Boddie Honored At Session

The First Methodist Church Men's Club, New Orleans, held its regular monthly meeting May 17.

One of the latest projects of the Men's Club is the furnishing of a fresh white lapel flower for each usher for every service.

The associate pastor, Rev. D. B. Boddie, who retired at annual conference was given an electric coffee well. The presentation was made by the club president, William J. Michon. Also, a life membership card was presented by vice president, Al F. Hanson.

President Michon welcomed and introduced two new members. They are John Milland and Bill Garrison, both of whom joined the stewards, Clyde Shaw, H. L. Brockman, Asa Chandler, Wm. Cook, Sky Hegeomo, Jack Laird, Harry Miller, Robert McCreary, Robert Ruano, Walter Vamprine and Ed Williams in serving a roast beef supper.

Two visitors, friends of Bros. Shaw and Michon, were introduced. They were John Lindblom and A. T. Tichner.

The guest speaker for the evening was Milton H. VanManen, Vice-President of the Protestant Laymen Organization of New Orleans.

The group's project is a basket picnic planned for the entire church and friends, on Pontchartrain Lake Shore, Saturday, June 22. Fred E. Selby is Publicity Chairman.

Silver Circle Group Meets

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bannerman, of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, honored their mothers, Mrs. Dessye Bannerman and Mrs. Amanda Gilcrease, with an "out-of-doors" party recently. Both of the honorees, according to a report from a church leader, are valuable and useful members of the Silver Circle, a group of older adults at the church, and both are over 80 years old.

Tables were decorated with flowers and a large birthday cake, and supper was enjoyed by more than 50 members of the older adult group of First Church.

At the regular business session which followed, reports were made regarding the Circle's project which is visiting private homes for the aged and distributing Bibles which have extra large print.

Spontaneous tributes were paid Mr. and Mrs. Brannerman for their hospitality, and "ever readiness to serve the church in any possible way." Also, appreciation was expressed to the two especially honored members, who "have lived long lives of sacrificial service in their homes, in their churches, and in their community."

Dr. D. L. Dykes is the pastor of the First Methodist Church.

gomery. A colonial lectern, presented by Dr. L. A. Simpson as a memorial to his wife, also was dedicated.

Mrs. Max Williams, of Arkadelphia, and Dr. Simpson made the formal presentation, which was accepted for the church by lay leader H. L. Jeter.

The pastor, Rev. Phil E. Pierce, preached on storing up treasure in Heaven.

HOME - HOSPITAL BOARD MEETS

The Board of Directors of the Methodist Home Hospital, New Orleans, met in annual session May 16, at the chapel of the Hospital with Rev. N. H. Melbert, chairman, presiding. Rev. Dana Dawson, Jr., was secretary. The

chairman.

The men's organization is to be a Charge-wide group, and members from all of the Charge's five churches will be represented. The group will work jointly in sponsoring religious activities where all can participate.

Junior Speak presented the \$5 for the charter which will be presented on Wednesday night, June 19th. There will also be a pot luck dinner and a charter night speaker.

following members were present: Bishop Marvin Franklin, Mrs. J. D. Wroten, Sr., Revs. George Williams, Roy Grisham, R. P. Bailey, Sr., J. T. McCafferty, Jr., Ben A. Lawrence, Fred Thompson, J. L. Neill, Roy A. Kleiser, G. E. Jones, J. Henry Bowden, Karl B. Tooke, Jolly B. Harper, James T. Harris, G. W. Pomeroy, and Virgil Morris, Messrs. Ben S. Giles, J. C. Love, Jr., Henry Walther, Jr.

Rev. George Williams led the devotions.

The work of the institution was reviewed in the Superintendent's report. It was revealed that the building debt had been paid in full, building completely air-conditioned and paid for. The operating fund is in good condition. The hospital has a good staff of competent workers.

The adoption agency has a long list of good applicants but is not burdensome. The budget for 1957-1958 was approved.

The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: N. H. Melbert, Chairman; George Williams, Vice-Chairman; Dana Dawson, Jr., Secretary; and B. S. Giles, Treasurer.

Rev. L. D. Haughton was re-elected Superintendent for the fifth year.

Special Dedication Service Held At Norman

Mrs. Minerva Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Montgomery were honored in a service dedicating the chancel furniture at The Methodist Church in Norman, Arkansas, Sunday, May 27.

Two of the honorees, Mrs. Betty Montgomery, of Arkadelphia, and Mrs. L. A. Simpson, of Mt. Ida, were present for the occasion.

A colonial style altar and a five-foot, white cross were dedicated as a memorial to J. D. Montgomery, provided by his family. A walk-in, colonial pulpit, also provided by the family, is a memorial to Mrs. Betty (J. D.) Mont-

William L. Yarbrough

1898 - 1956

By Judge J. G. Moore

Rev. William L. Yarbrough was born at Ada Valley, Conway County, Arkansas, on November 8, 1898. He grew to manhood in the community where he was born. He entered the service of his country and served in World War I.

After the close of World War I he attended college in Jonesboro, and later graduated from Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas. After finishing at Tyler he taught there for several years.

On November 17, 1933, he was married to Miss Myrtle Stovall. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. John A. Newell, a Methodist minister. Both the bride and groom were from a long line of Methodist families.

Early in life Bro. Yarbrough was converted and united with the Methodist church in his home community of Ada Valley. For many years he was an active layman in his local church. In 1951 he was licensed as a local preacher, after giving several years as lay preacher.

About five years of his active ministry was devoted to churches surrounding his home community. Thus, as pastor he served people who had known him all of his life. In March, 1956, he was assigned to Mountain Home Parish.

On July 27, 1956, he was killed in a car accident in company with four other Methodist preachers all of whom were returning home from Southern Methodist University where they had been attending school.

Bro. Yarbrough is survived by his widow, a son, Bobby Larry Yarbrough, now in the military service of his country and a daughter, Julia Ann, at home with her mother.

Bro. Yarbrough gave himself to his family and to his fellow men. This writer has for many years been close to the Yarbrough family. I have known of his devotion to his church for many years. My close association with the family gave me knowledge of an incident in his home life that I shall relate here. He was asked about some work in the garden. He replied that the garden would have to wait. He then used a statement that could hardly come from anyone but a man of God. He said, "You see, the garden is only secondary, the work of the Kingdom comes first." This statement reflects a philosophy of life that reveals the high plane upon which Bro. Yarbrough lived.

Church Agencies Distribute Surplus Foods

Overseas relief agencies of the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish, faiths are distributing the major share of all U. S. surplus foods made available by the government. Figures supplied by the U. S. Department of Agriculture show that in the nine months ended March 31, 1957, religious agencies sent 91.3 per cent of all foods distributed to the needy around the world.



REV. WILLIAM L. YARBROUGH

OBITUARY

BOAZ—Mrs. Lillian Boaz, daughter of William and Elizabeth Power Adkins, was born at Magnet Cove, Arkansas, on August 23, 1874. Early in life she put her trust in the Lord and became a member of the Methodist Church. She grew to young womanhood in Magnet Cove and was married to the late William Scott Boaz, a building contractor in Hot Springs. To this union were born five children: Mrs. M. W. Marshall, Harrison; Mrs. Julia Dalton, Hot Springs; John Boaz, Little Rock; Lt. Col. Ralph Boaz, U. S. Army in Korea; and William S. Boaz, Pine Bluff.

She lived a devoted Christian life and worked in the church wherever she made her home—in Hot Springs, Little Rock, Lake Village, and Shorewood Hills. Her truthful and sympathetic nature caused her to be loved by everyone who knew her—her immediate family, a host of friends, and her brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews. Any of them who were ever in trouble knew that they could go to her for wise counsel, love, and comfort, or any material aid that she was able to give. She was the truest friend many of us ever had, and to one family of us who lost our mother several years ago, she was indeed a second mother.

She became ill while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Marshall, in Harrison, and was taken to the hospital there on Wednesday before she passed away on Friday, May 10, 1957.

Besides her immediate family, she is survived by a brother, Ed Adkins of Magnet Cove, and two sisters, Mrs. Kate Rutherford of Memphis, and Mrs. Mart Canaday of Nashville, Tenn., 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, May 12, in Hot Springs by her pastor, the Rev. Alfred Doss, of Grand Avenue Methodist Church. The Rev. J. D. Baker, who had been her pastor at Shorewood Hills, paid her a beautiful tribute at the close of the

Church School Classes To Help Prepare For Family Life Conference

The General Committee on Family Life is seeking the help of 1,000 adult church school classes to assist it in preparing for the Third National Conference on Family Life.

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, chairman of the committee, has announced that the conference will be held at the Conrad-Hilton Hotel, Chicago, October 17-19, 1958. An attendance of 3000 is expected.

The adult classes are asked to discuss a list of questions prepared by the committee. The answers to the questions will be used to prepare the pre-conference study materials. Some special studies made by annual conference committees on family life will also be used in the materials.

The questions are listed under four heads: (1) The Family in the Home; (2) The Family in Church and Community; (3) The Family and the World; (4) The Program of the National Conference on Family Life for 1958.

The 1956 General Conference made provision for the continuation of the General Committee on Family Life that sponsored the two preceding conferences. Members of the committee include three other bishops besides Bishop Werner. They are W. Earl Ladden, Gerald H. Kennedy, and Eugene M. Frank. The membership also includes Dr. Leon M. Adkins, general secretary of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, Dr. Henry M. Bullock, general secretary of the Editorial Division, and 27 other persons representing related boards and agencies.

Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of the Department of the Christian Family, General Board of Education, is secretary of the committee and is in charge of promoting the Third National Conference.

It is anticipated that the answers to the questions received from the 1000 adult classes will aid greatly in preparing the program for the conference, Dr. Staples said.

Future Pastors Being Trained In Buenos Aires

Future pastors for Protestant churches in Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Paraguay, Bolivia, and Peru are now being trained in the famous union Theological Seminary in the heart of Buenos Aires. Several leading Protestant denominations are cooperating with the Methodist Church (the founders) in maintaining this institution, which has been received as an affiliated member in the American Association of Theological Schools.

"Rapid growth of evangelical churches in neighboring countries to the south is producing a tremendous demand for trained leaders," says Methodist missionary administrator, Dr. James E. Ellis. "Nowhere in the world has Protestantism grown more rapidly in the last generation than in these countries. The churches could employ at least twice as many theological graduates as are available each year."

service. Burial was in the Magnet Cove Cemetery.

She has gone from us, but her influence will long be felt, and her comforting presence missed by us who loved her. — Written by her niece, Mrs. Clara Adkins Golden.

Musicians Schedule Third National Meeting

Dr. Bliss Wiant, director of Music for the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, is urging attendance of the chairmen of the committees on music of the conference boards of education at the Third National Conference of Methodist Musicians at Williams Bay, Wisconsin, July 7-12.

"At this nation-wide meeting of NA FOMM, invaluable assistance will be given to the work of these music committees," Dr. Wiant said. "We are urging the attendance of the chairman (or some other member) at this conference."

Dr. Wiant pointed out that the last General Conference made Disciplinary provision (Par. 1451) for the committee on music of the conference board of education. The committee has two responsibilities: (1) To assist the board in developing a continuing program to improve music in the churches; (2) To help the board meet its new responsibilities for certifying ministers of music.

Registration blanks have been sent from Dr. Wiant's office to the conference executive secretaries, who are co-operating in promoting the conference.

Ecumenical Institute Held At Lake Junaluska

An Ecumenical Institute was held at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, June 2-7.

Sponsored by the Southern office of the National Council of Churches, the institute was for all who are interested in the ecumenical movement, according to the Rev. J. Edward Lantz, executive director of the Southern office. Mr. Lantz was formerly on the staff of the Editorial Division, General Board of Education.

Purpose of the institute was "to manifest oneness in Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Savior; to strengthen the understanding and promote cooperation among denominations; to provide inspiration, fellowship and ecumenical education."

Among Methodist leaders in the field of Christian Education in the local church who helped plan the institute and who took part in the proceedings, are: Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta Area; Dr. James W. Sells and Dr. George E. Clary, executive secretaries of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council; Rev. Robert M. Cox, of the Local Church Division staff, General Board of Education; and Dr. R. L. Hunt of the National Council staff.

METHODIST LAYMAN WINS FAITH AND FREEDOM AWARD

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dom Award in American journal-
ism.

He received the award at the annual Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen, an event which brings to the nation's capital leaders of all religious faiths to study the spiritual foundations of American liberty.

Everett was cited for "journalistic excellence" and a series of articles stressing the religious faith of America's founding fathers.

A native of Sandusky, Ohio, Everett is the Washington correspondent for Religious News Service and several newspapers in Ohio and North Carolina, and a frequent contributor to Methodist and other religious publications. He is a member of Calvary Methodist Church and is active in several interdenominational groups.

The "Clergyman of the Year" award was presented to the Rev. Dr. Louis C. Evans, director of evangelism for the Presbyterian Church (USA). Cecil B. DeMille received a special citation for his motion picture, "The Ten Commandments."

FLORIDA LEADS NEW CHURCH EXTENSION PLAN

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not legally be changed, such as being designated for certain purposes. But other millions now invested in various ways could conceivably be made available for loans to new churches. I would be willing to guess that if 5 per cent of all unrestricted capital funds could be made available for loans, the church extension needs of Methodism could be met."

Dr. Murphy said the National Division, interested in finding new sources of loans in a tight-money period, will be happy to talk with conferences and institutions about the possibilities of investing capital funds in church extension loans.

FIND NEW YORKERS TALKING ABOUT RELIGION

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shops for ministers and the daily follow-up by clergymen with "inquirers" who seek church affiliation.

The Protestant Council official said the thousands of volunteers giving their services during the crusade "represent the desire of

PLAN ALL-AFRICA CHURCH CONFERENCE

Lagos, Nigeria (RNS)—Plans for an All-Africa Church Conference in Ibadan, Nigeria, Jan. 10-18, 1958, were made at a meeting here convened by the Nigerian Christian Council.

Sir Francis Ibiham, president of the Christian Council, presided. Among those present was Dr. George W. Carpenter of New York, Africa secretary of the International Missionary Council.

The conference will have as its theme: "The Church in Changing Africa."

the Christian people of this area to make this effort one of lasting influence on our common life."

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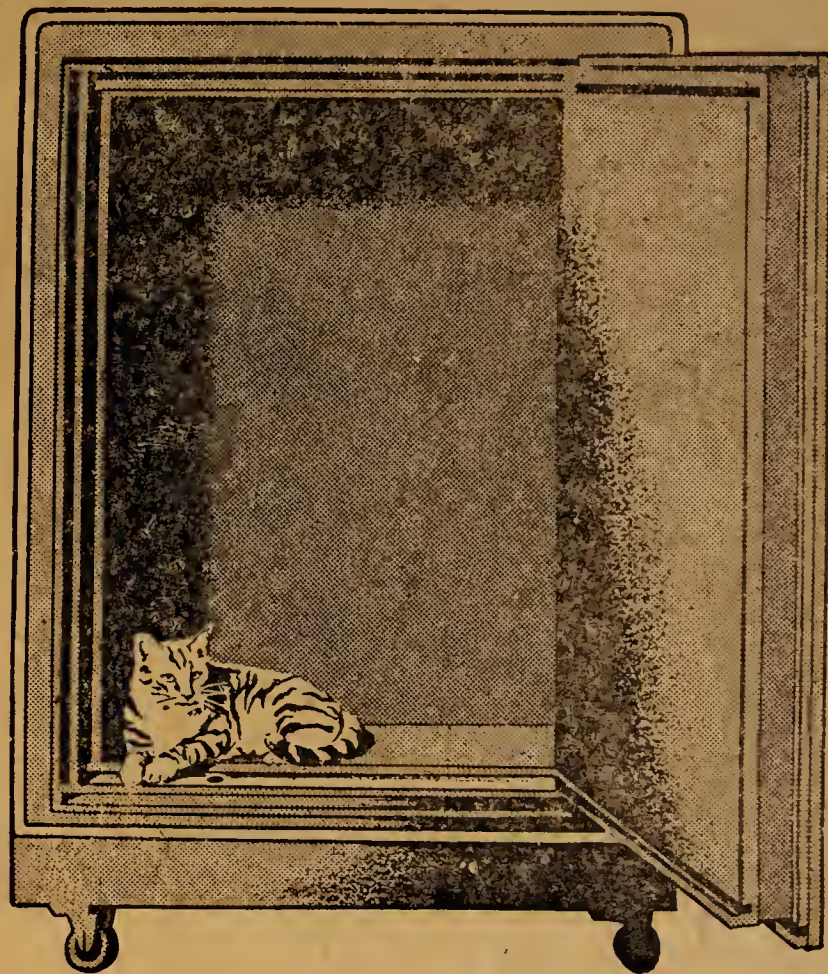
THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

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knew that he had a Christian faith that was directing his own life. He shunned the false objectivity by which so many teachers deny for themselves the distinction of being master teachers. He was a thorough and wise scholar in his own discipline but he freely acknowledged that much truth, for which his science searched, as a truth of a higher order. He lived his Christian faith completely in his relationships

with his fellowmen as well as in his relationship with his God—He was completely selfless in everything he did. He never sought personal advantages of preferment, but was sensitive to injustice to—or need of—others."

There is not a reader young or old who cannot immediately think of one or more teachers who also deserve these words of praise or similar ones. Why not tell them about it in verbal or written gratitude?



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LESSON FOR JUNE 23, 1957

RECOGNIZING GOD'S PROVIDENCE

READ CHAPTERS 39 THROUGH 41 OF GENESIS FOR COMPLETE STORY.

MEMORY SELECTION: *The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear him.* —Psalms 103:17 (RSV)

Last Sunday we had our first of three lessons on the life of Joseph. We saw him, in that lesson, as the favorite, pampered son in a large family of children. The tensions thus created between Joseph and his ten older brothers mounted to such a degree that envy and jealousy grew into a spirit of hatred and finally a will to murder.

Joseph, on an errand for his father, visited his brothers who were tending sheep at Dothan, about fifty miles from their home. When they saw him coming the idea struck them that this would be a good time to kill Joseph and be rid of him. They later compromised with this plan to murder by selling him into slavery to a band of traders on their way to Egypt. The brothers stripped Joseph of the special coat his father had given him. They stained the coat with blood of a kid and showed it to Jacob, and led him to believe that a wild beast had killed Joseph.

Joseph Carried Into Egypt

The Midianites carried Joseph into Egypt and there sold him as a slave to Potiphar, a captain of the guard in Pharaoh's army. Potiphar soon discovered that Joseph was a very unusual personality. He made him a servant in his own home. Everything Joseph did there seemed to turn out exactly right. Potiphar seeing his ability to direct affairs in his home, "made him overseer in his house," and "left all that he had in Joseph's hands."

There, as overseer in his master's house, Joseph was subjected to a severe temptation by the wife of Potiphar. This temptation extended over a period of days as Potiphar's wife "spoke to Joseph day by day." Joseph refused all of her advances. This finally enraged the captain's wife. Joseph experienced what the poet, Congreve, later stated so forcefully: "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." She falsely reported to her husband that Joseph had insulted her. Apparently accepting this report with some misgivings, Potiphar had Joseph thrown into prison instead of executing him as would commonly have been done immediately.

Joseph Imprisoned and Liberated

As a result of the false accusations of Potiphar's wife Joseph was imprisoned and remained in prison for the greater part of thirteen years. There again, because of his unusual ability, he was soon made a "trustee" and the jailor made him responsible for looking after the jail and the other prisoners of the jail. Our lesson text says: "The keeper of the prison looked not after anything that was under him." He seemed to trust everything to Joseph, but so far as the story

goes, Joseph was a "lifer" with little hope that he would ever be free again.

Joseph had as fellow prisoners the king's chief butler and baker. They had some dreams that bothered them. Joseph, with the Lord's help, interpreted their dreams. He told the butler that, according to his dream, within three days he would be restored to the king's favor and to the place of honor he formerly held. Joseph also told the butler his own story of false imprisonment and asked that he bring his case to the attention of the king when he was again by his side.

Being released from prison as Joseph had predicted, the Bible says, "Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph but forgot him." After two years Pharaoh the king, had some strange dreams that troubled him. He called all of his wise men and magicians in Egypt and asked them to interpret his dreams and they could not. It was only then that the butler remembered Joseph and how he had correctly interpreted his dream while he was in prison. Having told his experience to the king, Pharaoh ordered Joseph released from prison and brought before him to interpret his dreams. There, with the help of the Lord, Joseph did give Pharaoh an interpretation of the dreams he had. He told the king that there were to be seven years of abundant harvests in Egypt that would be followed by seven years of famine. Joseph advised the king to appoint an officer to store one-fifth of the harvest through the years of abundance in order to have food for the years of famine.

The king was so pleased that he gave to Joseph the position and full responsibility in the very important work of saving Egypt when the years of famine came. This is a running account of the life of Joseph from the time his brothers sold him into slavery up through the period covered by today's lesson. There are some lessons in this striking story that should be helpful to us today.

Joseph Overcame Tremendous Difficulties

There is possibly no other character that rose from such depths to such heights who had to overcome more serious difficulties than did Joseph.

(1) While he was a shielded, pampered son of an aged, doting father, he was suddenly, while still in his teens, torn away from his home and thrown out into the world where he was responsible himself for any progress he made.

(2) At this early age he was sold into slavery and carried into a foreign country where, for the time,

the only value he had to anyone there was the work he was able to do as a slave.

(3) At this early age Joseph, in Egypt, must live where nobody cared the slightest about his life morally or spiritually. There were absolutely no restraints on him morally except those he imposed on himself. Many are guilty of conduct away from home that they would not engage in while at home or in their home town. Some willfully lose themselves to the church when they move from one town or locality to a new situation, especially if their new place of residence is a town or city of size. This of course means that basically they are not as sound religiously or as strong in character as they should be. Joseph stood the test that any good man may face away from home.

(4) Joseph faced flattering, seductive temptations as a servant in his master's house when the wife of Potiphar made repeated, improper proposals to him. Joseph must have known that he was risking much when he refused these advances but he seemed to prize dependability, integrity and character so much that he was willing to risk any danger that might threaten him.

(5) As a result of his refusing the suggestions of Potiphar's wife, he is falsely accused and thrown into prison for an indefinite time.

(6) There in prison, for doing what in his heart he thought was right, Joseph faced the inevitable question we often ask, "WHY?" Lesser souls and weaker characters would have quickly thrown overboard the feeling that righteousness has value and become a run-of-the-mill, imprisoned slave. Not so with Joseph. Despite everything that happened to him, Joseph still held his faith in the God of his fathers and believed that, somehow, out of it all there would be worked out through him the purposes of God.

"The Lord Was With Joseph"

These are the opening words of the second verse of our lesson text. Three times in our lesson text, the achievements of Joseph are credited to the help received from the Lord. Joseph seemed to rest in a truth stated by the Apostle Paul hundreds of years later, "All things work together for good to them that love God." Joseph seemed to believe, as did the Psalmist, that God could make even "the wrath of men" to praise Him. Joseph had the ability and the spirit to meet every situation, whether good or bad, with the consciousness that he was an instrument in the hands of God through which He was working out His purpose.

From Pit To Palace In Thirteen Years

Was there ever in fact or fiction a record of such an amazing transformation of life as came to Joseph in thirteen years? The fanciful story of Cinderella or any other similar story of "Rags to Riches" must play a poor second to this story about Joseph.

As a boy of seventeen he finds himself at the bottom of a pit where he had apparently been thrown to die. He is finally pulled out of the pit and sold as a common slave to traders who resold him into slavery in Egypt. For the larger part of the next thirteen years he is a prisoner in an Egyptian jail.

It is only a miracle, wrought by the power and sustaining grace of God, that lets us find Joseph, thirteen years after he was pulled out of the pit, as he is elevated to a place of power second only to Pharaoh in the strongest nation of earth, at the time. In his new position he is entrusted with a work on which depended the very survival of Egypt itself.

Practicing Practical Economics

As simple and matter of fact as the record reads about the accomplishments of Joseph in his new position, it is a fact that he accomplished one of the most amazing feats, economically, of which we have a record.

No statesman has ever been assigned to a more difficult or unpopular job than to be asked, in times of prosperity, to prepare for possible hardships ahead. We have a striking example of that fact in our national life today. America has willingly accepted privations, hardships, limitations and regulations without number in times of depression or war. Nevertheless, in times of prosperity, we look on suggestions for governmental economy almost as if they were words of treason.

America is not only the most prosperous nation in the world today, but it is the most prosperous nation of any day. Nevertheless, despite this unprecedented prosperity we "live it up" and habitually beat down any suggestion that, in this time of prosperity, we should make some kind of a payment on a national debt that exceeds the unimaginable figure of more than two hundred seventy-five billion dollars. Joseph was able, in times of peace and prosperity, to prepare for possible difficult times ahead. America could learn a very helpful lesson from the life of Joseph.

Signs of Moral Victory

Joseph married in Egypt and two sons were born to him. One he named Manasseh, which meant "Making to forget." The second son he named Ephraim which meant "To be fruitful." These names given to Joseph's sons give evidence of the sense of moral victory which seemed to have settled on the life of Joseph. Like the Apostle Paul, in later years, Joseph could say, "Forgetting the things that are behind, I press toward the mark." The shadows that hung over his younger life did not becloud his outlook in later years. In the naming of his second son he is declaring that God had made him fruitful and prosperous "in the land of my affliction." These names given his children are signs of a moral victory in the life of Joseph.

Joseph Outlives Pharaohs of Egypt

No group of people ever tried harder to perpetuate their memory than did the Pharaohs of Egypt. For monuments in the cemetery of Egyptian kings, the Pharaohs built the pyramids. The largest of these pyramids covered thirteen acres and was almost 500 feet high. Despite this super effort to perpetuate their memories even the names of some of the kings of Egypt are unknown and the mass of people of today know little or nothing about those whose names are known. Across the Christian world today we are studying the life of Joseph. His name and the influence of his life will live as long as the world stands. He immortalized himself by his faith in God and the service he rendered.

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World Service Receipts For May Set Record

Largest In History of Methodism

Chicago (MI)—World Service receipts during May were the largest of any single month in Methodist history.

The \$2,750,822.13 received during the final month brought World Service receipts for the fiscal year (June 1, 1956-May 31, 1957) up to \$11,511,920.06, according to a report issued June 6 by the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Chicago, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance.

While the year's total fell nearly \$700,000 short of the increased annual apportionment of \$12,200,000 for the current quadrennium, it was a healthy 16.55 percent above last-year's giving of \$9,877,537.21.

May receipts are traditionally larger than other months, but only once since Methodist Unification in 1939 did World Service giving for a single month exceed the two-million dollar mark. In 1953 the May receipts amounted to \$2,105,484.

All other benevolence and administrative funds showed gains with the exception of the Methodist TV Ministry and the Fellowship of Suffering and Service.

Receipts for this fiscal year and the comparison with last year follow:

World Service —\$11,511,920.06 —
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Louisiana Conference MYF Holds Annual Meeting At Centenary College

Sally Murry of New Orleans, a student at Louisiana State University, was re-elected president of the Louisiana Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship at the closing session of its annual meeting on the campus of Centenary College.

The five-day event got under way June 3 and was concluded at noon June 7, with a luncheon in the college cafeteria. Approximately 200 MYF members from Methodist congregations throughout the state attended the various events of the convention.

Miss Jean Stephens of Baton Rouge was chosen vice president of the group, and Miss Mary Nan Stanley of Oakdale is the new secretary. The treasurer, Charles Souter of Maplewood, was re-elected for another year. Jimmy Godfrey of Monroe was chosen publicity chairman.

Rev. Tracy Arnold, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church of Shreveport, was dean of the convention, and the Conference speaker was Dr. D. L. Dykes, pastor of

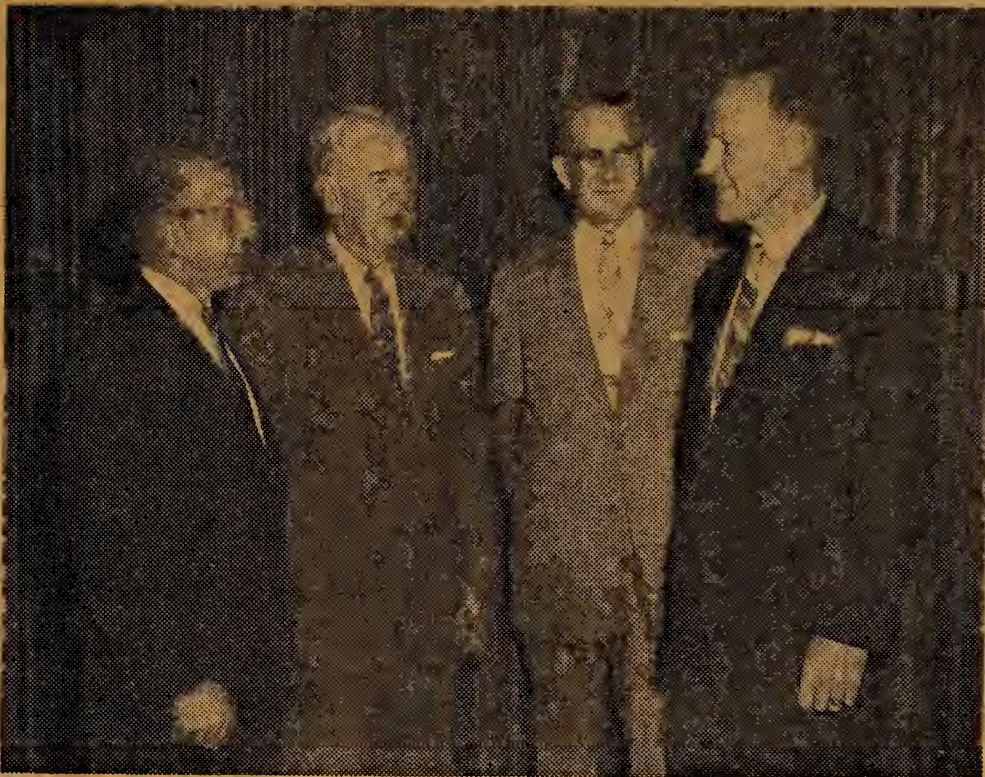
Shreveport's First Methodist Church. Rev. Lewis E. Durham of the youth department staff, general board of education of the Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., was the general board representative at the five-day session.

Assisting in the arrangements for the meeting were Dr. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Education, Shreveport, and Miss Louise Sharp, conference director of youth work, Shreveport. Dr. Webb D. Pomeroy, acting head of the Bible department at Centenary, and the Rev. James A. McLean, director of religious activities on the campus, also assisted in the program.

Each day's program opened with a worship service, followed by business sessions and discussion groups. Topics of the discussions and leaders were the following: "Finding One's Life Work," Dr. Sloane and Miss Sharp; "How To Use the Bible," Rev. Mr. McLean; "The Christian Ideal For My Com-

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Contributions To TV Ministry Increased



Louisiana Conference officials rejoice over the Methodist Television Fund action of the conference session, adopting \$10,000 a year as a conference benevolence for the remainder of the quadrennium.

L. to R.: Dr. W. E. Trice, World Service and Finance Commission chairman; Bishop Paul E. Martin; Dr. B. C. Taylor, Conference Television, Radio and Film Commission Chairman; and Mr. J. C. Love, Jr., at-large member of the general TRAFCO and member of its Executive and Television Ministry Committees.

Good news for the Methodist Television Ministry comes from the North Texas and Louisiana Conferences.

The Louisiana Conference, with Bishop Paul E. Martin presiding, voted to increase its annual contribution to the TV Ministry from \$3,200 to \$10,000, making \$30,000 for the remainder of the quadrennium, in addition to the \$3,200 already contributed this year. Dr. B. C. Taylor, conference TRAFCO Chairman and Mr. J. C. Love, Jr. at-large member of the general TRAFCO and T. V. Ministry Committee member, sent in the good news.

The North Texas Conference, with Bishop William C. Martin presiding, adopted \$32,000 for the quadrennium, according to Rev. Walter L. Underwood, Conference Television, Radio and Film Commission Chairman. They will pay in \$15,000 immediately to help in program production, and will contribute the remainder as a conference benevolence item, it was indicated by Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., Dallas.

It will be a conference benevolence item, with each church paying its share.

"We hope other conferences will follow our example," Mr. Love said.

Word reaching the general TRAFCO indicates that many other conferences are going to follow this plan, so that the TV Fund will be assured sufficient money to produce additional programs and provide the training so vitally needed in the conference and local communities.

Also, Monroe, La., has been selected as one of seven U. S. Cities for an experiment in further development of the Methodist Television Ministry. See story on page 2 for details.

NA Conference Concludes 122nd Session

Bishop Paul E. Martin announced appointments which included changes for one-third of the churches of the North Arkansas Conference at the conclusion of the 122nd session held last week in the Central Methodist Church, Rogers.

Included in the changes was the naming of one new district superintendent. Dr. Paul M. Bumpers, pastor at Clarksville since 1952, was appointed district superintendent of the Batesville district, succeeding Rev. R. E. Connell, who retired.

Rev. David Conyers, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Morrilton, since 1954, succeeds Mr. Bumpers at the Clarksville church. Rev. Floyd G. Villines, pastor First Methodist Church, Piggott, since 1954, is the new Morrilton pastor.

Rev. Harold O. Spence, pastor for the past two years at Manila, succeeds Rev. Mr. Villines. Rev. Clyde Crozier, pastor of the Griffin Memorial Church, Paragould, succeeds Rev. Mr. Spence at Manila, and Rev. H. L. Robison is the new Griffin Memorial pastor. Rev. Mr. Robison has been pastor at Hoxie since 1954.

Rev. George Meyer, received by transfer from the Little Rock Conference, was named to the First Methodist Church, Russellville, succeeding Rev. Alfred A. Eason, pastor since 1954.

Rev. Mr. Eason was appointed to the First Methodist Church, Helena, succeeding Rev. Irl Bridenthal who has been pastor of the Helena congregation since June, 1955. Rev. Mr. Bridenthal was transferred to the Little Rock Conference and was appointed by Bishop Martin to the Oak Forest Church, Little Rock, to succeed Rev. Mr. Meyer.

Highlights

Highlights of the conference session included:

The formal opening of the Paul and Mildred Martin Educational Building at Mt. Sequoyah, Western Methodist Assembly. The program was under the general direction of Bishop Martin and was participated in by Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, president of the Methodist Council of Bishops, who delivered the principal address; Bishop Eugene Frank, St. Louis; Bishop W. C. Martin, Dallas; Bishop A. Frank Smith, Houston; Rev. Elmer H. Hook, superintendent of the Assembly; and Rev. H. V. Campbell, Lexington, Mo., secretary of the Assembly Board of Trustees. The building, a \$125,000 structure, honors Bishop and Mrs. Martin and was constructed with

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Monroe Chosen For TRAFCO Experiment

Program Set For July 7
On Station KNOE-TV

Monroe, La., has been chosen as one of seven U. S. cities for an experiment in further development of the Methodist Television Ministry.

Other cities where the experiment is being conducted are Nashville, Dallas, Indianapolis, Baltimore, Denver, and Greensboro, N. C.

Sunday, July 7, from 1:00 to 1:30 PM, station KNOE-TV, Channel 8, will telecast the program TALK BACK.

It has been designed to test a new format for community participation and response.

A short drama, with professional cast, will present a universal need or problem, and a panel will discuss the application of the Christian faith and teaching to the particular area.

PRESSURE is the title and problem area of this particular program. It deals with the business and family pressures faced by a family of today.

The program has been produced by the general Television, Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church (TRAFCO, for short).

Local arrangements have been made by J. C. Love, Jr., Ruston layman, who is an at-large member of the general TRAFCO and a member of its Executive and Television Ministry Committees.

Dr. B. C. Taylor, Shreveport district superintendent, is chairman of the Louisiana Conference TRAFCO.

Alabama Methodist Writes Material For Laymen's Day

Chicago (MI)—Dr. Clarence M. Dannelly of Montgomery, Ala., a distinguished leader for more than three decades in Methodist lay activities, has written the material to be used by those sharing in The Methodist Church's observance of Laymen's Day, Oct. 20.

This year's theme is "My Father's Business" (Luke 2:49) which will be the common subject for some 30 member denominations of the National Council of Churches as they join in the simultaneous observance of Laymen's Day.

Material developing this theme has been written for Methodists by Dr. Dannelly at the request of the church's General Board of Lay Activities, 740 Rush Street, Chicago. It is being published in booklet form as usual for wide distribution by the board. It will be mailed to all Methodist pastors and lay leaders whose names and addresses are in their files.

Dr. Dannelly is superintendent of Montgomery city and county school system, which has been the subject of widespread study by other educational authorities because of its uniquely successful administrative combination of the often separate city and county systems.

For many years, Dr. Dannelly was lay leader of the Alabama Conference. He is a former member of the General Board of Lay Activities and has served on other general agencies of the church. He has been a member of many General Conferences before and after Methodist Unification.



Wherever they go—wherever they are—this fall and winter, Americans will see this scene. This theme and illustrations for the ninth annual Religion In American Life Program will appear on outdoor posters, on car cards in buses, in newspapers, magazines, and on television. The theme will be repeated over and over in radio spot announcements. Virtually every American home will be reached in the advertising and publicity campaign, which will be concentrated in November, RIAL Month, and extend into the following months. More than \$7,500,000 worth of advertising time and

space will be contributed by American business and the advertising industry through The Advertising Council. At the same time, hundreds of communities in all 48 states will hold local RIAL programs. Urging all Americans to attend worship regularly, the program is sponsored by a laymen's committee composed of members of the major faiths, and is supported by 24 national religious bodies, including The Methodist Church.

Robert T. Stevens, president of J. P. Stevens and Co., textile firm, and former Secretary of the Army, is chairman of the program.

5,000 Expected to Attend National Conference of Methodist Men

Lafayette, Ind. (MI)—Five thousand men from throughout the nation are expected to attend the second National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University here July 19-21. The meeting is sponsored by the Methodist General Board of Lay Activities, with headquarters in Chicago.

Principal speakers at the assembly will include Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Los Angeles Area; Dr. Roy L. Smith, noted author and lecturer and former editor of the *Christian Advocate*, who now lives in San Diego, Calif.; Kinsey N. Merritt of Elizabeth, N. J., prominent Methodist layman and vice president of the Railway Express Agency; Dr. Marshall T. Steel, minister of Methodism's largest church — Highland Park in Dallas, Texas—and speaker on the national radio program, "The Methodist Men's Hour"; and Dr. E. Harold Mohn of Chicago, general secretary of the church's Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, who has just returned from a visitation of Methodist work around the world.

The conference will open with registration on Friday, July 19, from 1 to 3:45 p.m. It will adjourn Sunday, July 21, at 11:15 a.m. following the morning worship and sermon by Bishop Kennedy.

Laymen prominently identified with the church will preside at the various sessions and will share in leading discussion groups on a variety of topics dealing with down-to-earth application of Christian principles.

Thirty-seven male quartets, winners of contests in their respective episcopal areas, are expected to share in the musical program and to sing informally on the campus throughout the week-end conference.

Walter R. Jenkins, well-known choral director of First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, will lead the singing, as he did at the first National Conference of Methodist Men in 1954.

A special Saturday night feature will bring to the platform the famous ball player, Jackie Robinson, and Dr. George W. Crane, nationally known columnist and lecturer who teaches Bible classes each week in Chicago churches. In addition, other persons will share in a thrilling testimony service about God's pres-

Methodists Lead In 16 States

In one-third of the states of the Union The Methodist Church is the predominating Protestant denomination. This is true, also, of the District of Columbia.

In more than a third (21) of the other states The Methodist Church is in second place. It is among the first four denominations in all states, even in Utah where it takes about 200 persons to turn up a Methodist. Southern Baptists lead in fifteen states.

Top Methodists honors go to Delaware where more than twelve persons in every hundred are Methodist Church members. A census of West Virginia, Kansas, Virginia, Iowa, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Oklahoma would show in each case more than ten per cent of the population on Methodist church rolls.

These figures were developed in research on church extension strategy by the Division of National Missions of The Methodist Church.

The tally showed Protestant church membership surpassing Roman Catholic figures in 34 states, including the District of Columbia, and Roman Catholic leading Protestant in 15 states.

ence in their life and work.

Harold E. Burns of New Wilmington, Pa., lay leader of the Erie Conference, will preside at an orientation service Friday at 4 p.m. J. P. Stafford, Cary, Miss., lay leader and general chairman of the conference, will give a statement to set the

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13th Institute of Higher Education Scheduled

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The thirteenth Institute of Higher Education, one of the nation's most significant workshops for college and university administrative officials, will be held July 29-31 in Nashville.

About 300 educators from church-related and privately sponsored American institutions of higher education are expected to attend the annual meeting, said Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville.

Dr. Gross is program chairman for the institute and general secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

"The leaders will come here to discuss the major problems in Christian higher education in our day," said Dr. Gross.

Headquarters for the institute will be the Methodist Board of Education building. Sessions also will be held at West End Methodist Church, Scarritt College, and Upper Room Chapel in the Methodist Board of Evangelism building.

The institute is sponsored by the Methodist Board of Education, Scarritt College, and other denominational agencies, including the National Council of Churches.

President Honored By American Univ.

Washington, D. C. (MI)—President Eisenhower received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree June 9 at the 43rd commencement of American University, a Methodist institution.

The President was presented for the degree by Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, and the award was made by Dr. Hurst R. Anderson, president of the University.

President Eisenhower also participated in the groundbreaking of the University's new School of International Service. The school, chiefly financed by a \$1,000,000

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Disciples Demand Apology For Attacks On Methodists

Pasadena, Calif. (RNS) — Pastors from 150 Southern California Disciples of Christ churches adopted a resolution here demanding an apology from the Marine Corps for "irresponsible" statements "concerning some of our great religious leaders" made during the recent court martial of a marine private

100,000 Children March In S. School Parade

Brooklyn, N. Y. (RNS) — More than 100,000 Protestant children and their teachers marched in the 128th Anniversary Day parade here marking the founding of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union in 1816.

They represented 450 Sunday Schools in 2 communities of Brooklyn. A smaller parade was held in the neighboring borough of Queens. Public elementary schools in the two boroughs were closed for the day.

Theme of this year's observance was "Christ, The Prince of Peace." It was inscribed on paper shoulder bands worn by the youngsters and also appeared on many of the colorful floats that accompanied the marchers.

Evangelist Billy Graham was the chief reviewing official. Among the other notables who viewed the marchers were Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York City and Borough President John Cashmore.

The marchers included many mothers pushing baby carriages and holding very young children by the hand. They lifted the youngsters for a look at Mr. Graham who took time from his New York Crusade to join in the anniversary celebration. Shouts of "God bless you, Billy" accompanied the evangelist throughout his appearance on the parade grounds.

In Prospect Park where the parade originated a hymn sing was held with the Salvation Army Officers Training College Band assisting. The Post Office Band of Brooklyn presented a concert.

Southern Methodist Conferences Approve Integration Amendment

Atlanta, Ga., (RNS)—Methodist Conferences in Georgia and Tennessee approved a proposed amendment to the Church's constitution which would permit Negro churches to transfer to white jurisdictions.

The South Georgia Conference, meeting in Columbus, endorsed the amendment by a vote of 232 to 132. The Holston Conference, in session at Knoxville, Tenn., approved it unanimously.

The amendment would set up a procedure for the gradual dissolution of the All-Negro Central Jurisdiction and the integration of its churches, on a voluntary basis, into the five existing white jurisdictions. The proposal must be adopted by two-thirds of the 102 Methodist Conferences, with a two-thirds vote of approval in each.

Before the amendment was pre-

at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Private Peter H. Green, 18, a Methodist from Evanston, Ill., was convicted of disobeying an order. He had refused to accept a rifle after he decided he was a conscientious objector.

Several Methodist clergymen, including Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of Los Angeles, testified in Green's defense. During the trial Bishop Kennedy was called a "creep" by one member of the court martial who was subsequently ousted for his off-duty comment. Another clergyman, the Rev. Eugene Wood of Oceanside, Calif., was forced to answer prosecution questions seeking to link Methodist agencies with Communism.

The resolution here was introduced by the Rev. John O. Hedwall, director of evangelistic men's work for Disciples Churches in California. He said copies would be sent to the commandant of the Marine Corps in Washington and to the commanding general at Camp Pendleton.

In addition to censuring Marine Corps officers for making "untrue statements," the resolution affirmed the right of individuals to claim conscientious objection "whether in service or not." It said the Disciples of Christ stand "at all times" for freedom of religion and conscience.

The resolution expressed "disapproval and reproof to those officers of the U. S. Marine Corps who in court vilified the faith, integrity and character" of Bishop Kennedy, Mr. Wood, Dr. Harold A. Bosley of Evanston, Ill., (Green's former pastor), and The Methodist Church itself.

Graham New York Crusade To Be Extended

New York (RNS) — The Billy Graham New York Crusade, scheduled to close June 30, will be extended for at least an extra three weeks, the crusade's executive committee announced here.

The nightly rallies, held in Madison Square Garden, began May 15. Total attendance at the first 20 rallies was a record 375,000, accord-

ing to the committee. The total number of "dedications for Christ" was 12,148, another record.

In announcing its decision to continue the crusade at least through July 21, the committee noted the continuing drawing power of the Garden rallies, Mr. Graham's apparent ability to "keep up the pace," and the financial status of the campaign.

The crusade committee has an option on Madison Square Garden for the month of August. However, the decision on whether to continue the rallies beyond July 21 will be made at a later date.

Meanwhile, Mr. Graham announced that there was a possibility he would preach at two gigantic outdoor services, one on June 30 at the Polo Grounds, which seats 52,000 and another on July 21 at the Yankee Stadium, which seats 67,000. Madison Square Garden has a seating capacity of 18,500.

At a press conference in Philadelphia where he addressed the annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention, Mr. Graham said he doubted that the crusade "could be sustained through August" because of vacations of counsellors and choir members. He said Hollywood wanted to do a "major film around the crusade," but the offer had not been accepted. A documentary film of the crusade is being made, the evangelist said.

Commission New Oratorio For Wesley Anniversary

Nashville, Tenn. (RNS) — A new oratorio commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley, famed hymn writer, has been jointly commissioned by the Methodist Student Movement and the National Council of Churches' Department of Worship and the Arts.

Cecil Effinger, professor of music at the University of Colorado, Boulder, is the composer. The words are being written by Tom Driver, an instructor in drama at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

The major work for soloists, chorus and full orchestra will deal with the life and works of John and Charles Wesley. John was the founder of Methodism. Charles, a preacher and scholar like his brother John, has been called "the great hymn writer of all ages."

Charles Wesley was born Dec. 18, 1707, and lived in England. He wrote about 6,500 hymns, many of which are sung today. The celebration honoring him this year is expected to be observed by Methodists and others around the world.

The premiere for the oratorio will be on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 1957, at a national Methodist student conference at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

Says Catholics Must Work With Those of Other Faiths

Cincinnati, O., (RNS)—Roman Catholics are "obliged to work generously with those of other faiths" in today's world or their work in certain public areas will be "ineffective," a noted Jesuit ed-

itor said here.

The Rev. John LaFarge, S. J., of New York gave the principal address at the 119th annual commencement exercises of Xavier University at which he received an honorary doctor of laws degree. He is associate editor of America, national Catholic weekly.

"We as Catholics cannot save the world, even though the Church as a worldwide body," he said. "We cannot by ourselves of our own efforts, single or combined, wipe out crime, extinguish juvenile delinquency, establish the conditions necessary for good government, municipal or national, or for a Christian home life."

"We of ourselves cannot create peace and security. We can and should contribute to all these good causes but of ourselves we cannot assume full responsibility. In such a task we cooperate with people of goodwill who share with us at least a part of our fundamental philosophy."

Father LaFarge said that the meaning of such cooperation by Catholics with non-Catholics was expressed by Pope Pius XII in an address on April 27 to the Pax Romana society meeting in Rome.

Church Construction Sets New Record

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Church construction in May, totaling \$68,000,000, set a new record for the month, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported. The figure was \$12,000,000 more than May of last year.

In the first five months of this year \$327,000,000 in new church construction has been undertaken, the government agencies estimated. This compared with \$275,000,000 in the same period of 1956.

Communist Youth Dedication Ceremonies A Failure

Berlin (RNS) — East German Communist leaders have voiced disappointment over attendance at youth dedication ceremonies held this spring in towns and villages throughout the Soviet Zone. They have urged party functionaries and Communist youth leaders to step up their propaganda efforts to secure a better showing at next year's rites.

The ceremonies are an atheistic counterpart of Christian Confirmation and Communion devised decades ago by German freethinkers and revived by the Communists inducements and threats.

German Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders have forbidden their followers to participate in or encourage the ceremonies.

Neues Deutschland, official organ of the Socialist Unity (Communist) Party, said that more rigid measures will be taken in the future against clergymen who in a "shameless way agitate against the youth dedications."

The Trinity Of Appointments

METHODISTS throughout Arkansas and Louisiana would do well to consider three of the meanings of the word "appointment" as it applies to the Methodist itineracy.

This word comes to have special significance during the annual conference season which has just closed as as pastors, district superintendents, and ministers in connectional responsibility begin a new year's work, either in new or old fields of labor.

First, appointment, according to Webster, refers to the naming or selecting of a person for a specific task. In Methodist terms, this means that the minister assigned or appointed is, in the judgment of those having appointing responsibility, the best available and qualified person for the church, district, or connectional responsibility.

A second meaning still applicable refers to the person himself thus chosen. He or she is the "appointment." A third meaning refers to the church or position itself thus filled.

It doesn't really seem to make good sense to say "The appointment of an appointment to an appointment," but actually, according to Webster, it is correct. But however it may be said, it takes understanding and appreciation on the part of the congregation to make the system work. The congregation must believe that those who have the appointing power have, with Divine guidance, brought these three meanings of appointments together in the selection of its spiritual leader.

Bon Voyage

ALMOST immediately following the holding of the Area's three annual conferences, Bishop Martin, accompanied by Mrs. Martin, left early this week for New York by train where they will sail on Friday, June 21, for England, the first stop on a trip which includes official visitation of Methodist missionary work in Africa.

This is the fifth trip beyond the borders of this country that Bishop and Mrs. Martin have taken during the bishop's 13 years in the Episcopacy. Earlier trips have been made to Alaska, Europe, the Far East, and South America. The visit to Africa together with other earlier trips will have given Bishop and Mrs. Martin the opportunity to visit every major section of the world open to travelers.

We are confident that we express the sentiments of more than 300,000 Methodists in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area when we wish for them a safe and profitable trip. We know that both of them have a rich ministry to give to those to whom they go, and that upon their return they will bring to us a greater understanding of the world-wide mission of the Cause to which we have all committed ourselves.

A great honor was given Bishop and Mrs. Martin last week at the formal opening and consecration of the Paul and Mildred Martin Building at the Western Methodist Assembly, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, in the naming of such a beautiful new structure in their honor, a tribute both equally deserving and fitting. An even greater tribute was spoken in their behalf by Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, president of Methodism's Council of Bishops, when he said "No two people in Methodism today have loved more people or have been loved by more people than Bishop and Mrs. Martin."

The esteem with which they are held by all of us will accompany them on their trip, and we shall all look forward with great expectation to their return to the Area to continue their work among us. We will continue to hold them in our thinking and in our prayers, that these who have led in the advancement of the Kingdom among us shall also be a great blessing to others.

*With
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One Of The Editors Retires

THIS is the last issue of the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist that will bear the name of E. T. Wayland, editor and business manager. Dr. Wayland took the retired relation with the North Arkansas Conference last week, bringing to a close 45 years of active service to the Kingdom and Methodism, 16½ as an editor of the Arkansas Methodist and 5½ years of The Louisiana Methodist.

There is reproduced above the inscription copy on a mounted copper plaque presented Dr. Wayland earlier this year when the Joint Commission having the responsibility for the publications met in its annual meeting. As suitable as these and other expressions of appreciation may be, the writer as his son and successor cherishes this opportunity to add this final public word.

Since 1946 it has been our joy and privilege to work side by side with Dr. Wayland in this common task of publishing. A man of deep religious faith, keen insight, rare judgment, and open mind, we have never once known Dr. Wayland to waver in his determination to do what he believe to be the right. We have always believed him to be a living example of what God can do with a person who will yield himself to God's direction and will.

We covet your prayerful support and continued cooperation as the responsibility of editorship passes from two editors to one. Never has the opportunity for the printed word been as great nor the challenge as strong as today. We pledge our continued devotion through these pages to uphold the great principles of Christian righteousness, to serve as a medium of religious news, and to promote the Methodist program as has been the policy of this publication heretofore.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN has announced the appointment of Rev. S. L. Lantrip to the Hornbeck Charge, and Rev. Fred S. Summers to the Oberlin Charge. Both Charges are in the Lake Charles District.

DR. D. L. DYKES, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest speaker at the Louisiana Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship at Centenary College, June 3-7. Rev. Tracy Arnold, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Shreveport, was dean of the conference.

AN ENROLLMENT of 410 students was recorded for the annual summer session at Centenary College, and Dean Leroy Vogel said the total is expected to be increased considerably by late registrations. The total is larger than that of the previous two summers.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL was held June 3-14 at the First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, with Mrs. T. L. Miller as director. Classes were held for the Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Intermediate Departments. Rev. George F. Pearce, Jr., is pastor of the church.

REV. AND MRS. ROBERT H. JAMIESON were honored with a reception at the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, Wednesday evening, June 12, by the members of the Official Board and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Rev. Mr. Jamieson is now serving the church as pastor.

DAN DONALD was elected president of the Men's Club of the Jennings Methodist Church. He succeeded Bill Kiesel who held the post for the past year. Others named were: Lowell Moore, vice-president; and Eugene Sawyer, secretary-treasurer. Rev. Kenneth G. McDowell is pastor of the church.

DAN MORSE, whose home is at Tallulah, will be working with the youth of the Rayville Methodist Church this summer. Dan is a senior at Centenary College, Shreveport, and was recently elected the president of the student body for the next school year. Rev. W. D. Boddie is pastor of the church.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the official board of the Gretna Methodist Church are as follows: Donald L. Aswell, chairman and church lay leader; Arnold Ferguson, vice-chairman; Chester Lewis, secretary; and Donald A. Gross, treasurer. Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh is pastor of the church.

DR. DANA DAWSON, JR., flew to Cuba where he delivered the Commencement address at the Collegio Wesley, of which the Rev. Carl Shafer is president. While in Cuba, Dr. Dawson preached at several of Mr. Shafer's churches and returned home on June 19. Dr. Dawson is pastor of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

FRED BEDELLE, JR., now completing requirements for the Master of Science degree at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, has been appointed instructor in physical education at Centenary College, effective next September. He is a graduate of Lincoln University in Harrogate, Tenn.

REV. JAMES DOUGLASS, Episcopal minister and a native of DeQuincy, was the guest speaker at the DeQuincy Methodist Church Sunday evening, June 2. The Rev. Mr. Douglass plans to enter foreign missionary work in the near future. Rev. A. A. McKnight is pastor of the church.

REV. STONE CARAWAY has been appointed by the Louisiana Annual Conference to serve as assistant pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette. He received his B.D. degree from Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U. on Monday, June 3, and arrived in Lafayette with Mrs. Stone on June 4th to begin his duties. Rev. Fred Flurry is pastor of the church.

DAVIS SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH, near Campti, will be dedicated on Sunday, June

23, at which time a Home-Coming Day will also be observed. Rev. A. W. Townsend, superintendent of the Alexandria District, will preach at the morning worship hour, and lunch will be served on the lawn of the church following the service. All former pastors, former members, and friends of the church are invited to attend the dedicatory services.

REV. R. LEONARD COOKE, vice president of Centenary College, was in the Alexandria area the week of June 3 and visited prominent industrial and business leaders to seek support for the Louisiana Foundation of Privately Supported Colleges and Universities. Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, and F. H. Delaney, director of the Centenary Development Fund program, were in Baton Rouge, where they did similar work.

PAUL R. ARNOLD, Shreveport, a student at Georgia Tech, attended a Methodist leadership training conference at Lake Junaluska, N. C. About 300 college students from nine southeastern states attended the eight-day regional meeting June 6-13. The meeting was sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement, an official organization of the Methodist Church having responsibility for religious work.

ROBERT P. LAY, Louisiana Conference Lay Leader was the speaker for the Forrest City District Annual Retreat for the Ethan Dodgen Youth Camp, Bear Creek Lake, Marianna, Arkansas. Program theme for the retreat was "Lay Speaking." Mr. Lay spoke Saturday night about, "Loyal Laymen in the Methodist Church." Sunday morning his message was, "Laymen Who Are Concerned."

REV. AND MRS. ROBERT B. CRICHLAW and family were honored with a reception in the Educational Building of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, Sunday afternoon, June 9, from 3 to 5. General committee in charge of arrangements were: Mrs. G. S. Adams, Mrs. E. J. LaCroix, and Mrs. N. H. Seirsdale. The Rev. Mr. Crichlow is now serving the church as pastor.

YOUNG PEOPLE of the Eunice Methodist Church, who were members of the MYF and high school graduates, were presented pocket-size gift testaments at the Sunday morning service May 26. Rev. N. L. Stout made the presentations, and addressed the graduates. The young people were Martha Hayes, Geraldine Goldman, Leland Wade, Kenneth Bult, Randy Simmons, Mark Jenkins II, Ronald Cole, and Billy Haristy.

REV. CONRAD EDWARDS, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Edwards, Shreveport, has been appointed by the Louisiana Annual Conference as youth worker, religious education director and associate minister of the First Methodist Church, Bossier City. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, and has held various pastorates while attending Centenary College and SMU. The Rev. Mr. Edwards conducted the morning service at the church Sunday, June 9. Rev. Alfred M. Brown is pastor.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, were host at a reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. J. Henry Bowdon Wednesday, June 5. Also honored were members of 89 families who have been received into the church during the past year. The congregation and their friends were received in the church annex by Dr. and Mrs. Bowdon, Nungent Hill, president of the Men's Club, and Mrs. Hill, J. H. Kitchens, superintendent of the Sunday school, and Mrs. Kitchens, and A. F. Lanier, chairman of the official board, and Mrs. Lahier. Mrs. Robert L. Potter, wife of the associate pastor, officiated at the serving table.

THE DAILY VACATION Church School of the Lake Providence Methodist Church was held under the general direction of Mrs. C. R. Brown. Department Superintendents were: juniors, Mrs. C. R. McCammon with Betty Lou Bentley of Shreveport as assistant; primary, Mrs. John Hester, with W. C. Richardson, Jr., assistant; be-

METHODIST MEN'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Louisiana has at this time twenty laymen registered for the NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF METHODIST MEN to be held July 19-20-21 at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Those laymen wishing to attend are urged to contact Bob Lay, Gilliam, Louisiana, at the earliest possible time. At this time it looks like Louisiana will have at least two plane loads for this most important Conference.

ginners, Mrs. L. L. Kilgore, Jr., assisted by Mrs. Wayne Baker. Each department had a group of girls as assistant workers. The refreshment committee was Mrs. W. H. Maben, Mrs. J. E. Peeler and Mrs. W. F. Bonner. Rev. C. Robert McCammon is pastor of the church.

DEDICATION CEREMONIES for the Elysian Fields Methodist Church, New Orleans, were conducted Sunday, June 9. The new building, constructed to accommodate 300 persons was the scene of the opening service at 11 a.m. Speakers included Dr. Virgil D. Morris, superintendent of the New Orleans District; Rev. Glendon R. Messer, pastor, and Roger Corbeiller, lay leader who accepted the building on behalf of the congregation. Open house was held from 2:30 to 5 p.m., and a service for the 1957 high school graduates who are members of the church, and their friends, was held at 7:30 p.m. A feature of the new church is a planting strip nine feet wide on each side of the sanctuary which will include plants mentioned in the Old and New Testaments.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the Opelousas Methodist Church, at their May 31st meeting, went on record as opposing the holding of the Louisiana Yambilee on a Sunday. The Yambilee executive committee had agreed to recommend to the board of directors that the 1957 sweet potato festival be staged in Opelousas on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5-6. The Men's Club adopted a resolution saying that it did not feel that Sunday was a suitable day to have the celebration because that is the Sabbath and further, any kind of celebration would interfere with religious worship. Rev. R. E. Walton is pastor of the Opelousas Methodist Church.

AIR CONDITIONING of the T. L. James Memorial Dormitory for women at Centenary College has been completed, and the cooling system will be in full operation when the fall semester begins in September. T. L. James and Co. of Ruston, who presented the \$511,000 dormitory to Centenary as a gift, also financed the air conditioning at a cost of about \$25,000. The ducts were installed at the time the building was erected. The John A. Hardin Hall, now nearing completion on the campus, also is equipped with air conditioning, making all housing for women on the campus completely comfortable regardless of the temperatures.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL was held at the Triumph Methodist Church June 3-14 under an arbor in the church yard erected by Wilbur Edgecombe of the church. The staff of teachers for the school were as follows: Mrs. Johnny Graham, storyhour; Mrs. Philip Simmons and Mrs. George Graham, beginners; Mrs. John A. Edgecombe and Mrs. John I. Edgecombe, primary, Mrs. J. C. Anderson, J. Q. Lee and Mrs. Jack Pattilo, junior; Mrs. Leonard Edgecombe, teenagers; Mrs. R. B. Swindell and Mrs. Fred Stroope, music; Miss Helena Edgecombe, Miss Barbara Edgecombe and Mrs. J. B. Puch, assistants. Rev. C. W. Bennett is pastor of the church.

MISS GWEN ALICE MEIER, daughter of the late Rev. C. H. Meier of the North Dakota Conference, and Louis Ray Branton, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Branton, Lafayette, were married in Perkins Chapel, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, at 8:30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 4. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Branton, father of the groom. On Monday, June 3, Louis Ray Branton received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology, and Gwen Alice received the Masters degree in Religious Education. At the recent session of the Louisiana Annual Conference Louis Ray Branton was appointed to St. Luke's Methodist Church in the Lake Charles District.

CHALLENGING FEAR

There was nothing which Jesus felt called upon to challenge more frequently than fear. He saw its devastating effects. In "Macbeth," Lady Macduff declared: "Our fears do make us traitors." How frequently we see men betray themselves and others through fear.



When we get scared, we lose our heads and do things out of character. We do foolish things which heighten the danger. Fear may loosen our tongue and make us talk too much, giving ourselves away. Fear may drive us into panic, transforming us from men into beasts.

Fear in the form of personal anxiety and petty worries is our daily devil. A cartoon, which appeared some time ago, pictured a woman visiting her psychiatrist to talk out her troubles. She was shown as saying: "All of a sudden I stopped worrying; it worries me."

It is pretty extreme when we worry because we have stopped worrying. It might be a good test to ask ourselves how many of our anxieties are about our personal concerns and how many are about the larger welfare of society.

I do not happen to know of any case of nervous breakdown due to fear of atomic warfare. It is our personal worries, not our public dangers, which give us the jitters. This shows how far self-concern is the source of anxiety.

Our religious faith should give us a healthy-mindedness which dispels many of our petty fears. It should help us to see that "if hopes be dupes, fears may be liars." We can be deceived by imagining dangers that do not exist. God helps to cure of wasteful anxiety as well as of wishful thinking.

Also it is a significant fact that although we are the strongest nation in the world, fear is more rife here than in smaller countries like England, France, Switzerland and Sweden. There is something worth thinking about in the fact that the two most powerful nations on earth, the United States and the Soviet Union, are the ones most given to fear at this time.

When I was sent to Russia in 1946, our Ambassador there, Gen. Bedell Smith, said the Kremlin had drawn the iron curtain out of fear and pride.

She was afraid to have her people see how other nations lived and she was too proud to have other peoples come in to see her poverty.

Are we to take our cue from the Kremlin and try to hide facts? Or are we to take our cue from the Christ who said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Do we trust the truth? Do we believe the great principles which have produced our North American way of life can stand the light of exposure? I believe they can.

Let's have the courage to be ourselves in the great American tradition, yes, in the great Biblical tradition of our faith: the courage to speak the truth, however propagandists may rattle on around us: the courage to stand for principles so consistently that the world will know where we stand: the courage to keep our heads though others be losing theirs and blaming it on us.

Saint Paul said: "God gave us not the spirit of timidity but of power." God meant us to have a trustful attitude toward life. The normal, healthy child reaches out its arms to life. It goes toward the good and the bad, toward the fire and the poison as well as toward the food.

It has to learn what is good and what is bad, but in the learning the child is not to be made timid. It should be taught not mere fear of fire but how to use it, not mere fear of water but how to swim.

God meant us to have a positive not a negative attitude toward life. He gives a spirit of power which is more than a conceited self-assurance. It is a sense of strength which comes from the feeling of strong backing, like that of the young American girl in Maxwell Anderson's wartime play, "Candle in the Wind."

This young woman was trying to effect the liberation of her French fiancé. She was pitted against the ruthless Nazi rulers of occupied Paris. She was just one lone American girl, only a candle in the wind, but she was sustained by the feeling that behind her was the great American nation and the cause of justice.

When we feel our cause is just and therefore the forces of God's universe are behind us, we have a surge of strength and confidence which overcomes the spirit of fear and timidity.

We can have Whittier's confidence in God:

"I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care."

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



GOOD MORNING!

In this day of chrome-plated cars and tranquilizer pills many of us are living too close to the hub of life to realize the beautiful implications of this cheery morning greeting. If the sun is shining . . . but not too hot . . . if there has been neither too much rain nor too much dry spell; if nothing has happened since sunrise to upset our spiritual applecart, then you and I can exchange greetings in a sort of Pollyanna style and say that everything is just right to keep our little pink silk souls happy for a few hours at least. On the other hand, if the wife burns the toast, or if the husband grabs the morning paper first, or if Junior yells for Mamma to tie his shoes right when she has the eggs on the fire, then a few hours later when someone greets us with a friendly "Good morning," we often reply with a gloomy, "What's so good about it?"

I recently heard Dr. Melvin E. Wheatley of Los Angeles tell a simple story of a morning event in the life of one of his parish families. The children and parents took turns at saying the grace at the breakfast table. One morning when the 8 year-old was responsible for the prayer of thanks, he prayed, "We thank you God for this beautiful day and for our food." Since it was one of those gloomy, foggy California days when they could not see the sun, the mother presumed that the boy had said the prayer out of habit. She asked him what he meant by thanking God for a beautiful day when the weather was anything but beautiful. With a spiritual grasp that astounded his parents, he answered, "Mother, never judge a day by its weather."

Judging God's love by the clouds in the sky, or by the way our arthritis is acting, or by the treatment we receive from someone, is to fall far short of realizing all the precious promises and opportunities that God gives us with

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

"PROGRESS"

My friend looks at the eight-story multiple apartment houses rising—and being occupied—only a few blocks from my house, and he remarks, "Progress! Progress!" And I have been led to understand that no whim or fancy of mine, no personal consideration or grievance, no sentiment for the past or attachment to the established must be allowed to get in the way of "progress." "Sentiment may be all right for the French, but not for us Americans." "Progress," as we label and apply it, has come to be one of our holy words.

Perhaps I shouldn't remind myself that my friend is primarily concerned with the sale of real estate—and this kind of "progress" makes him a profit. Perhaps I shouldn't remind myself of the earlier decades of this century when I tramped through the woods—all the way to the shore—and picked wild flowers and heard and saw owls, and night herons, and woodpeckers, and a score of warblers—yes, and found white violets, and watercress, and ferns—where these cliff-dwellers' apartments now loom. Do you blame me if I say "progress" with an inflection more rising than my friend says it? . . .

And now comes the *Statistical Yearbook 1956*, from the presses of the United Nations, to tell me of "progress" being made around the world—or at least where it can be recorded outside the curtained lands. The most amazing

each new day. For if we keep our spiritual eyes open, we may have a chance to speak a kind and encouraging word to someone who is carrying a well-nigh intolerable spiritual burden. We may walk right into an opportunity to make a witness for Christ which may seem ever so small to us, but which to someone else may be an example for a lifetime. We may give a word of encouragement to a young person which will cause him to make a great decision for God in his life. No, we must "never judge a day by its weather."

statistic is undoubtedly the rapidly-growing population of our tiny planet:

in 1920 —	1,810,000,000
in 1930 —	2,013,000,000
in 1940 —	2,246,000,000
in 1950 —	2,691,000,000

And the end of increase (or "progress") is not in sight. This population trend—even in, or in some ways due to, periods of war—would confound any Malthus. Some of Europe's current problems we can readily trace in part to her population of 83 per square kilometre—as opposed to 55 for the same area in Asia, and only nine in the Americas.

Then the volume goes on with some glowing accounts of "progress" almost everywhere. For the year reported (1955), factories and mines produced twice as much as in any pre-war year. Railways hauled twice as much freight, ships 66% more cargo, and there were twice as many motor vehicles on the road as in 1938. From 1937 to 1955, world exports increased in volume by 60%, and in value by 250%. And it may surprise city cousins, who see animals only in the zoo, to know that men own 855,000,000 head of cattle, 884,000,000 sheep; that the pig population (there are 87,920,000 in China alone) is growing, while gasoline is encroaching upon the horse's domain everywhere. Crops of corn, rice, and wheat are on the increase wherever these grains are the staple food and there is no warfare.

The statistics show "in general" that the increase in animals and grains for food is just about keeping pace with the population growth. In other words, the "average man" of the world has about the same amount of food he had 20 and 30 years ago, but he has less elbowroom than ever before, and he has just as much hunger and need as at anytime this century. So that industrialization, increases in animal husbandry and agriculture, deeper delving into the earth's mineral deposits, increased "standards of living" in many lands, while bettering men in many areas, seem to leave proportionately as many who are hungry, in poverty, in ignorance—the have-nots of the earth.

Before the tides of earth's turmoil can be stilled, men have great social-engineering decisions to make—and live by. Some curb (other than mass destruction) must be placed upon population growth; and life-sustaining wealths upon and beneath the earth's surface must be made available to all men, everywhere, on the same basis, and conserved for the generations to come. That will be true "progress."

250 Anniversary Of Charles Wesley's Birth

By GEORGE H. JONES*

THROUGHOUT Methodism, not only in the United States but in the whole world, there will be observed this year the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley. Nor will this observance be limited to the people called Methodists, because musicians and lovers of Christian hymnody in all denominations and faiths owe much to Charles Wesley, and they want to give of themselves and their talent in doing him homage and in making his great hymns better known and appreciated.

Background

No reading Methodist has need to be told such things as that Charles Wesley was a younger brother of John Wesley, the organizer of Methodism; that it was Charles and not John who actually founded the Holy Club whose members—by their methodical ways of study, observance of holy habits, Christian service, social service, etc.—won for themselves the nickname "Methodists"; that it was Charles more than John who put the message of Methodism—with its emphasis on Christian experience, the new birth, perfect love, the witness of the Spirit, etc.—into hymn poems and caused Methodism to sing its way and its message into the hearts of the masses; that it was Charles, more than any other person, upon whom John Wesley leaned, looked to for advice, and trusted with the care of the societies; and that without Charles Wesley—the Christian poet, singer, preacher, statesman, and brother beloved—Methodism could not have been the blessing to the world that it was, and could not have received the start that it did, if indeed it could have started at all.

The Observance

So it is appropriate that Methodists and others throughout the world use the remainder of this year 1957 (Charles Wesley was born December 18, 1707) in recapturing the message and genius of "the sweet singer of Methodism" at every possible opportunity.

Since Charles Wesley is now a world figure and belongs to the immortal ages, it is fitting that this observance should have been initiated by the World Methodist Council and the World Methodist Conference (in session at Lake Junaluska last September). The General Board of Evangelism will spearhead the observance throughout The Methodist Church, at the request of the American Section of the World Council.

All Agencies Cooperating

All boards and agencies of The Methodist Church are requested to promote this observance through their own channels, in cooperation with a central committee, and most of them are already making definite plans to do so. Likewise, pastors, ministers of music, and worship leaders are urged to make creative use of the many opportunities of the observance.

Eighteen different boards and agencies in the Church were represented at the meeting of the central committee with Bishop W. Earl Ledden as chairman, Bishop Roy H. Short as vice chairman, and George H. Jones as secretary.

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Others on the executive committee are: George A. Fallon of Lakewood, Ohio; Leon M. Adkins and Walter N. Towner, of the Board of Education staff; Robert G. Mayfield of the Board of Lay Activities; Mrs. E. U. Robinson, representing the Board of Missions; and J. Manning Potts and Harry L. Williamson, of the Board of Evangelism staff.

On behalf of the General Board of Evangelism and the central committee, Harry L. Williams (1908 Grand Ave., Nashville) will be the executive director of the observance for The Methodist Church.

Time Table

"The following time tables will be used in the observance," said Bishop Ledden, chairman, in summing up the plans and procedures made by the committee: "Annual Conference sessions, Pastors' Schools, Youth Groups, Summer Assemblies and other large gatherings that meet on District, Conference, Area, Jurisdictional, or Church-wide level, will feature Charles Wesley's message and hymns in a special way when they meet in the Spring or Summer."

"Local churches will observe the anniversary in the Fall, in their own way, September through December," continued Bishop Ledden. "It is hoped that every church will sing Christian faith and Christian experience, based on the Charles Wesley hymns, into its membership, constituency, and whole community."

In keeping with this procedure, bishops, cabinets, and program committees of many Annual Conferences are arranging special "Charles Wesley Services," while in other Conferences there are boards and agencies—especially boards of evangelism, education, and lay activities—which are arranging to include a Charles Wesley feature in their Annual Conference anniversary programs.

The General Board of Education is preparing to include Charles Wesley observances in Pastors' Schools, Youth Assemblies, Leadership Schools, and in many other types of gatherings that it sponsors.

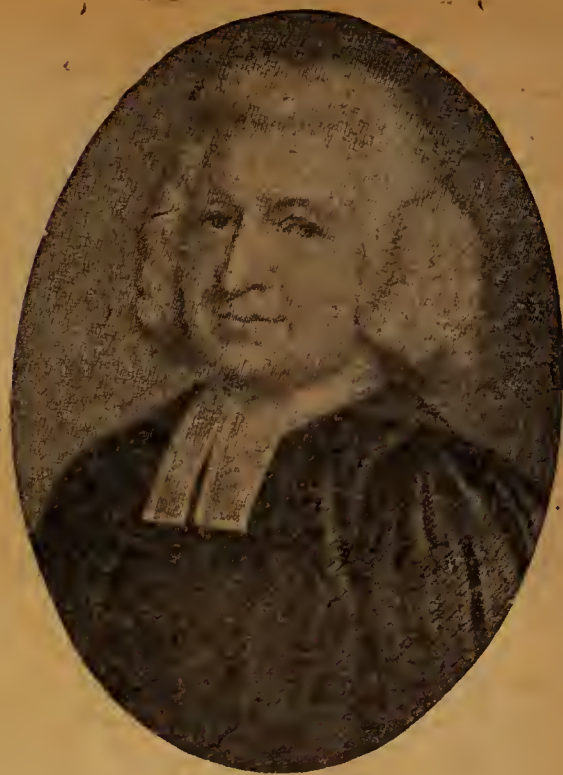
The General Board of Lay Activities, in its great Church-wide meeting of Methodist Men at Purdue University, in July, will have a special Charles Wesley observance, and will likewise include a Charles Wesley program in its national radio program series.

Guidebook To Be Published

The Council of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians, an adjunct of the Board of Education, is planning to prepare a guidebook for musicians and pastors containing suggestions and helps in using the Wesley hymns—and great tunes with them, including good anthem settings. (This will not be available until early Fall.)

The Board of Missions through its Woman's Division will have articles in *The Methodist Woman* in line with the observance, and the Jurisdictional School of Missions and the Annual Conference Schools of Missions will cooperate thoroughly.

The *New Christian Advocate*, *Together*, church school periodicals, and Annual Conference and state organs and *Advocates* will have special articles from time to time on Charles Wesley.



Charles Wesley

In fact, nearly every board and agency will do something of its own, in its own way, and through its own channels.

Other Materials

Tidings, the evangelistic literature department of the General Board of Evangelism, has ready now a booklet, *My Great Redeemer's Praise*, by Bishop Roy H. Short, which is a delightful discussion of Methodism's message as illustrated in Charles Wesley's hymns. Pastors, song leaders, ministers of music, and all reading laymen will profit by this booklet.

Furthermore, a booklet containing several "Services of Worship" based on Charles Wesley's hymns is being issued by Tidings, so that every church may have special guided "hymn sings" or services as a part of its observance. These services of worship were prepared by Glen Johnson, Gladys Gray, Austin C. Lovelace, and James R. Houghton, all of whom are noted worship leaders and authorities. The service by Dr. Lovelace will be issued separately at nominal cost, for quantity distribution, that every worshiper may have a copy.

For non-denominational and interdenominational use, The Upper Room is publishing a booklet on Charles Wesley entitled, *The Singer of the Evangelical Revival*, by Elmer T. Clark. It should have wide circulation with its biographical background and human interest information on Charles Wesley.

The Hymn Society of America has issued a service of worship which likewise will be extensively used. The Hymn Society, which is interdenominational and has headquarters at 297 Fourth Avenue, New York, will cooperate fully in promoting the observance through its channels.

All Should Participate

It is a rich privilege that is in store for the people called Methodists this year, if they will take advantage of what is offered them and use their own creative imagination and abilities in sermon and song as they plan the observance in their churches in their own way. At present two suggestions are made for the immediate use of pastors, ministers of music, and worship leaders in Sunday School, youth organizations, and women's organizations:

1. Read all that you find about Charles Wesley in church periodicals and in your libraries.

2. Familiarize yourself and your congregations and groups with the 55 Charles Wesley hymns that are in THE METHODIST HYMNAL. Without any special fanfare or announced purpose, try to use one Charles Wesley hymn at nearly every service or every Sunday, so that when the local church emphasis comes in the Fall you and your church will be ready. The more you put into a thing the more you get out of it.

North Arkansas Conference Appointments For 1957

TRANSFERRED IN:

George G. Meyer, an elder, from the Little Rock Conference

TRANSFERRED OUT:

Alfred A. Knox, an elder, to the Northeast Ohio Conference
James T. Parker, on-trial, to the Tennessee Conference
V. Earle Copes, an elder, to the North Iowa Conference
Irl Bridenthal, an elder, to the Little Rock Conference
George Wayne Martin, an elder, to the Little Rock Conference
Theron McKisson, an elder, to the Louisiana Conference

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

Paul M. Bumpers, District Superintendent 1
Batesville, First—Lloyd M. Conyers 4
Batesville, Asbury—Cyril Wilson 3
Batesville, Central Avenue—J. M. Barnett 4
Bethesda-Cushman—(Harold Brent) 1
Calico Rock—(Otha Strayhorn) 1
Cave City—(Ray Moncrief) 2
Cave City Ct.—(Ivan R. Wilson) 5
Concord-Wolf Bayou—To be supplied
Cotter-Bull Shoals—Gerald Hammett 1
Desha-Salado—(John Sandage) 2
Associate—(Everne Hunter) 2
Evening Shade Ct.—(A. S. Aist) 2
Melbourne—Robert Johnson 2
Melbourne Ct.—To be supplied
Moorefield—(Richard E. Connell) 1
Mountain Home—Robert B. Howerton 1
Mt. Home Parish—(Harry Jowett) 1
Mountain View—(Ray Edwards) 1
Newark-Oil Trough—B. W. Stallcup 1
Newport, First—John Bayliss 2
Newport, Umsted—Pryor R. Cruce 3
Pleasant Plains—(Burnell Stephens) 5
Salem—H. W. Jinske 5
Swifton-Alicia—E. C. Hance 1
Tuckerman—W. M. Womack 1
Viola Ct.—(W. G. Conner) 2
Yellville—M. L. Kaylor 1
Oak Grove Extension—(J. B. Stewart) 3
District Director TRAFCO—J. M. Barnett
District Director Golden Cross—E. C. Hance
District Director Arkansas Methodist—B. W. Stallcup
District Director Evangelism—R. B. Howerton
District Director of Temperance—Ray Edwards
District Commissioner Children's Home—Quimby Smith
District Missionary Secretary—Gerald Hammett
Maurice Lanier—Student, Garrett Biblical Institute
Mark Wimmer—Student, Emory University
Director Town and Country Department, General Board of Missions—Glenn F. Sanford

CONWAY DISTRICT

Henry Rickey, District Superintendent 4
Atkins—Thomas J. Nations 1
Belleville Ct.—(Rev. and Mrs. Fred Thompson) 4
Bethel-Cato—(Maurice Burroughs) 1
Conway, First—Joel Cooper 7
Conway, Salem—(Ralph Evans) 1
Conway, Wesley—Harold Wilson 4
Danville—Paul Lanier 4
Dardanelle—O. D. Peters 2
Dover, London—(M. H. Peters) 1
Greenbrier Ct.—(Cecil Harrison) 2
Mayflower—To be supplied
Morrilton, First—Floyd G. Villines, Jr. 1
Morrilton Ct.—(W. E. Harris) 1
Naylor Ct.—(Weldon Gillian) 1
North Little Rock, First—W. Henry Goodloe 2
(Edward T. Wayland) Pastor Emeritus 1
North Little Rock, Amboy-Beacon—Bobby S. Edwards 1
North Little Rock, Gardner Memorial—E. B. Williams 3
North Little Rock, Lakewood—Worth Gibson 2
North Little Rock, Levy—S. O. Patty 4
North Little Rock, Rose City—Joseph E. Taylor 1
North Little Rock, Sylvan Hills—Norris Steele 3
North Little Rock, Washington Ave.—Archie N. Boyd 2
Ola Area—Frank Weatherford 1
Oppelo Ct.—(David Jones) 3
Perryville Ct.—(Davis Bilberry) 2
Plainview Larger Parish—Woodrow Wood 1
Plummerville Ct.—To be supplied
Pope County Ct.—(Carlos Westerman) 1
Pottsville—(Ellsworth Watson) 3
Russellville, First—George G. Meyer 1
Russellville, Wesley—(Vernon Anderson) 2
Vilonia Ct.—To be supplied
Waltreak—To be supplied
District Director TRAFCO—Floyd G. Villines, Jr.
District Director Golden Cross—Joel Cooper
District Director Arkansas Methodist—W. Henry Goodloe
District Director Evangelism—Norris Steele
District Director Temperance—S. O. Patty
District Commissioner Children's Home—Ken Estes
District Missionary Secretary—Archie N. Boyd
James M. Gatlin, student, Perkins School of Theology
Dois Kennedy, student, Perkins School of Theology
Ira A. Brumley, executive secretary, Board of Education
A. N. Storey, executive secretary Town and Country Commission

James S. Upton, Professor of Religion, Hendrix College
James T. Clemons, field representative, Hendrix College
Ewing T. Wayland, editor, Arkansas Methodist
Gilbert F. Hyde, chaplain, Veterans Administration
Robert A. Simpson, chaplain, Veterans Administration

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Roy I. Bagley, District Superintendent 4
Bentonville—Martin Bierbaum 3
Bentonville Circuit—E. C. Sooter 1
Berryville—Pharis J. Holfield 1
Brightwater—(W. C. Hutton) 2
Centerton—(Felix Holland) 1
Decatur—(Harold Bailey) 1
Elm Springs—Harmon—Marvest Lawson 1
Eureka Springs—Frank Jones 1
Farmington-Morrow—(Eugene Miser) 3
Fayetteville, Central—Robert E. L. Beard-en 4
Fayetteville, Wiggins—Raymond Dorman 2
Gentry—Joe Black 2
Goshen Circuit—(Cleve Yarbrough) 1
Gravette—Lloyd L. Turner 3
Green Forest Area—W. Leonard Byers 2
Lincoln-Summers—T. C. Chambliss 1
Madison County Area—J. E. Linam 1
Pea Ridge—Aubrey O. Hays 2
Prairie Grove—Verlia F. Harris 2
Rogers—Harold D. Womack 3
Siloam Springs—Edwin B. Dodson 2
Springdale, First—George F. Ivey 4
Associate—John Flynn 3
Springdale, Wesley—Roy Moyer 2
Springtown-Highfill—To be supplied
Sulphur Springs—T. C. Chambliss 2
Viney Grove Circuit—To be supplied
Winslow—Wendell Dorman 1
Madison County Area—Mary Chaffin, deaconess
District Director TRAFCO—Raymond Dorman
District Director Golden Cross—Martin Bierbaum
District Director Arkansas Methodist—Pharis J. Holfield
District Director Evangelism—George F. Ivey
District Director Temperance—Frank Jones
District Commissioner Children's Home—Dr. W. H. Mock
District Missionary Secretary—Harold D. Womack
J. Hillman Byrum, student, Perkins School of Theology
Virgil M. Hainsey, student, Ohio Wesleyan University
Elmer H. Hook, superintendent, Western Methodist Assembly
A. W. Martin, Sr., Minister Methodist Student Movement, University of Arkansas
Allan R. Brockway, Minister Methodist Student Movement, State College, Canyon, Texas
Thomas E. Richardson, chaplain, U. S. Air Force
Willie Lilburn Walker, chaplain, U. S. Air Force
J. Rudolph Woodruff, chaplain, U. S. Air Force
Albert W. Martin, Jr., George O. Robinson School, Puerto Rico

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Ethan W. Dodgen, District Superintendent 2
Alix Circuit—(Lester Nance) 2
Alma—Willis H. Harl 2
Altus Circuit—To be supplied
Barling—(M. C. Bevins) 1
Booneville—Robert Paul Sessions 2
Branch Circuit—(E. F. Flower) 1
Charleston—W. J. Spicer 2
Clarksville—David Conyers 1
Clarksville Circuit—To be supplied
Fort Smith, First—Fred Roebuck 14
Fifth Street—(Bennie G. Ruth) 2
Glover Memorial—(Roy E. Poynor) 6
Goddard Memorial—Elmo Thomason 2
Grand Avenue—Frank Clemmons 1
Massard—Earl Hughes 5
Midland Heights—W. A. Downum 14
St. Luke's—Paul Kelly 5
St. Paul's—J. H. Hoggard 4
Greenwood—Brady Cook 2
Hartford-Midland—Eugene Shoemaker 1
Hartman Circuit—Kenneth Renfro 2
Huntington Circuit—George J. Kleeb 2
Kibler Circuit—(Lindsey Roland) 1
Lamar—(Raymond Hawkins) 1
Lavaca—(H. Lynn Wade) 2
Magazine Circuit—To be supplied
Mansfield—Fern Cook 2
Milltown-Washburn—(E. C. Dempsey) 1
Mulberry—Uriah Smith 1
New Hope-Mountain View—(W. T. Watson) 4
Ozark—Charles P. McDonald, Jr. 6
Paris—G. B. Ames 4
Prairie View-Scranton—(Dave Smitherman) 2
Van Buren, First—Jesse Johnson 4
Van Buren, City Heights—(Olin R. Findley) 1
Van Buren, St. John's—William Wilder 2
Waldron—Oscar J. Evanson 6
Waldron Circuit—To be supplied
Chaplain, State Sanatorium—Bates Study
District Director TRAFCO—William Wilder
District Director Golden Cross—W. J. Spicer
District Director Arkansas Methodist—G. B. Ames
District Director Evangelism—Elmo Thomason
District Director Temperance—George Kleeb
District Commissioner Children's Home—Leslie Bryant

District Missionary Secretary—Oscar Evanson
Troy Clinesmith, student, Candler School of Theology
Aaron F. Barling, student, Perkins School of Theology
James Perry Parker, student, Vanderbilt School of Religion
Robert Lee Ritter, student, Perkins School of Theology
Jon Guthrie, student, Edinborough, Scotland

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

Otto W. Teague, District Superintendent 5
Aubrey-Lexa—Vann Hooker 3
Brinkley—Clarence Wilcox 6
Cherry Valley—John R. Chapman 2
Clarendon—Louis F. LeFevers 4
Colt Circuit—To be supplied
Cotton Plant—A. W. Harris 3
Crawfordsville-Blackfish—Luther K. Wilson 3
Earle—Gaither A. McKelvey 6
Elaine Circuit—Charles Casteel 1
Forrest City-Haynes—S. B. Wilford 2
Helena—Alf A. Eason 1
Holly Grove—George McGhehey 2
Hughes—Elmus C. Brown 4
Hunter-Whitehall—(Gaston Matthews) 1
Hulbert—To be supplied
Marianna—Garland C. Taylor 4
Marion—I. L. Claud 4
Marvell—M. L. Edginton 2
Parkin—Charles Lewis 4
Turrell-Gilmore—W. Frank Shell 2
Vandale Circuit—M. J. Pollard 2
West Helena—Glen Bruner 3
West Memphis, First—Raymond L. Franks 2
West Memphis, Rosewood—Vernon Paysinger 3
Wheatley-Moro—Gail Anderson 3
Widener-Round Pond—James N. Meadors 2
Wynne—Hubert E. Pearce 3
District Director TRAFCO, Hubert E. Pearce
District Director Golden Cross, Elmus C. Brown
District Director Arkansas Methodist, Alf A. Eason
District Director Evangelism, J. Clarence Wilcox
District Director Temperance, Luther K. Wilson
District Commissioner Children's Home, Carl Conner
District Missionary Secretary, Raymond L. Franks
Samuel B. Teague, student, Iliff School of Theology

JONESBORO DISTRICT

E. J. Holfield, District Superintendent 5
Bay—B. Vernon Dennis 3
Black Oak-Macey—James Fleming 2
Blytheville, First—Harold Eggenberger 4
Blytheville, Lake Street—J. J. Clark 1
Blytheville, Wesley Parish—Laymon Bounds 3
Bono Ct.—(B. J. Van Cleve) 2
Brookland Charge—(W. W. Peterson) 2
Caraway—W. L. Douglas 1
Dell—Eugene Hall 10
Dyess-Whitten—(Carl Strayhorn) 1
Harrisburg-Pleasant Valley—J. T. Byrd 10
Hickory Ridge Ct.—Jack Glass 3
Joiner—J. Harmon Holt 1
Jonesboro, First—J. William Watson 2
Jonesboro, First, Associate—Fletcher Dodson 1
Jonesboro, Fisher St.—H. M. Sanford 1
Jonesboro, Huntington Ave.—Ben F. Jordan 2
Jonesboro, St. Paul—Lamar Davis 2
Jonesboro Ct.—(J. D. Lawrence) 1
Keiser-Riverside—To be supplied
Lake City-Lake View—(Leon Wilson) 3
Leachville—W. T. Lingo 1
Lepanto-Garden Point—C. Houston Farmer 3
Luxora—Carl Burton 3
Manila—Clyde Crozier 1
Marked Tree—H. J. Couchman 3
Monette—E. E. Stevenson 1
Mt. Carmel—Elvis Wright 1
Nettleton—Earl Carter 4
Osceola—W. O. Scroggin, Jr. 4
St. John Ct.—(Willis Legrand) 4
Trumann—Arvil Brannon 3
Tyronza—Thurston Masters 8
Weiner—Ray Burrows 2
Weona-Centerview—James Weatherford 4
Wilson—Earle Cravens 2
Yarbro—Harvey Hazlewood 3
District Director TRAFCO—Harold Eggenberger
District Director Golden Cross—C. Houston Farmer
District Director Arkansas Methodist—W. O. Scroggin, Jr.
District Director Evangelism—J. T. Byrd
District Director Temperance—H. J. Couchman
District Commissioner Children's Home—J. C. Portis
District Missionary Secretary—Ben F. Jordan
Travis Williams, student, Perkins School of Theology
Leroy Henry, chaplain, U. S. Air Force
Paul Dean Davis, chaplain, U. S. Air Force
Lyman Barber, chaplain, U. S. Air Force
Ray D. Seals, chaplain, U. S. Army

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

J. Albert Gatlin, District Superintendent 4
Beech Grove—(Charles P. Reed) 1
Biggers—(Paul Bittick) 2
Black Rock—(Kern Johnson) 3
Boydsville—(Charles E. Reed) 1

Corning—Byron McSpadden 8
Hardy—Lee Anderson 2
Mrs. Lee Anderson, Associate 2
Hoxie—William C. Hightower 1
Hurricane-Harvey's Chapel—(Ray Mc-Lester) 1
Imboden—James Beal 4
Lafe—(W. C. Smith) 1
Leonard Ct.—Alfred Blair 2
Lorado Ct.—(J. T. Holland) 3
Mammoth Springs—Arvest Lawson 2
Marmaduke—John Barrett 3
Maynard—(L. L. Langston) 1
Paragould, First—J. Ralph Hillis 2
Paragould, Griffin Memorial—H. L. Robison 1
Paragould West Parish—(Marvin Thompson) 1
Paragould East Parish—(Y. D. Whitehurst) 1
Piggott—Harold Spence 1
Pocahontas—Van W. Harrell 2
Ravenden—Ravenden Springs—(Maurice Kemp) 2
Rector, First—James R. Chandler 4
Rector, Fourth St.—(J. W. Moore) 1
Rector Ct.—(Charles Crossno) 1
Sedgwick-Egypt—(John Richardson) 3
St. Francis—(James G. Smith) 1
Stanford—(E. W. Bruner) 3
Walnut Ridge—W. A. Stewart, Jr. 2
Spring River Group Ministry—Iris Bell, deaconess
District Director Golden Cross—Byron McSpadden
District Director Arkansas Methodist—W. A. Stewart, Jr.
District Director Evangelism—J. Ralph Hillis
District Director Temperance—James R. Chandler
District Commissioner Children's Home—Julian Beakley
District Missionary Secretary—Harold Spence
District Director TRAFCO—H. L. Robison

SEARCY DISTRICT

E. G. Kaetzell, District Superintendent 4
Antioch-Stony Point—(Leon Gillian) 1
Augusta—Sam Auslam 2
Bald Knob—Dewey Dark, Jr. 2
Beebe-Ward—James W. Workman 2
Bellefonte-Bergman—(Oliver Logan) 1
Bradford-Russell—(Joe Linam) 1
Cabot—John Workman 3
Clinton—William P. Connell 3
Damascus-Fairbanks—(Ronald D. Bagley) 1
Floyd—(Graham Sellers) 1
Griffithville Ct.—(W. B. Yount) 2
Harrison—H. M. Lewis 2
Heber Springs—Arnold Simpson 2
Jacksonville—N. Lee Cate 3
Judsonia—J. A. Newell 1
Kensett—(M. B. Short) 1
Leslie—J. W. McKinney 1
Marshall—To be supplied
McCrory—Golder Lawrence 2
McCrae Ct.—(W. M. Stegall) 2
Morganon Ct.—(Ramsey Woodall) 2
Newton Co.—Charles Wages 1
Pangburn Ct.—(Walter Abee) 1
Patterson Ct.—(Arvil Stahl) 1
Quitman Ct.—(John Jump) 2
Rosebud Ct.—(Tom Cowan) 2
Scotland Ct.—(Jack Blume) 1
Searcy, First Church—Alvin C. Murray 4
Searcy, Grace Church—Porter Weaver 1
Valley Springs Ct.—(Robert Wingo) 1
Leota Kruger, deaconess, First Church, Searcy
District Director TRAFCO—William P. Connell
District Director Golden Cross—Golder Lawrence
District Director Arkansas Methodist—Sam Auslam
District Director Evangelism—N. Lee Cate
District Director Temperance—Dewey Dark, Jr.
District Commissioner Children's Home—Vance Thompson
District Missionary Secretary—John S. Workman
Wayne Olmstead, student, Duke Divinity School
Calvin Roetzell, Jr., chaplain, United States Navy

NA CONFERENCE CONCLUDES 122nd SESSION

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funds raised in the South Central Jurisdiction, which owns the assembly.

An address on evangelism by Dr. G. Ernest Thomas.

The preaching of Dr. Paul G. Galloway, pastor of the Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings and Thursday afternoon. Dr. Galloway is a former member of the North Arkansas Conference. His sermon on Friday evening was the ordination sermon.

The Love Feast conducted by Rev. Benjamin C. Few, Mt. Home, on Sunday morning.

The devotionals by Bishop Mar-

tin on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings at the beginning of the business session. The conference adopted a resolution requesting that the devotionals be published.

The presentation of the report of the Methodist State Commission on Higher Education by Rev. Alvin C. Murray, Searcy, vice-chairman of the commission. Richard T. Steel, Conway, member of the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College addressed the conference in connection with this report.

The retirement of nine ministerial members of the conference whose combined service years to the Methodist ministry totals 360 years.

The annual conference-wide youth rally on Saturday evening which attracted several hundred young people and their adult leaders. The program included a dramatic presentation of the Methodist Youth Fellowship program in the local church. Harold Wells, Conway, president of the conference organization, presided. Special music was furnished by the youth choir of the Central Methodist Church, Rogers. Rev. Pryor Cruce, Newport, is the conference director of youth.

The Morning Coffee Hour on Saturday honoring Mrs. Paul E. Martin, wife of Bishop Martin.

The adoption of a program of Evangelism "Tell Arkansas About Christ," which will be promoted during the conference year.

The Consecration of Miss Iris Bell, Imboden, rural worker, a deaconess, by Bishop Martin following the Friday morning devotional services.

The presentation of the annual report of the Woman's Society of Christian Service by Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, Bentonville, president of the conference organization.

The welcoming address delivered by Dr. C. A. Pearce, Rogers layman.

The consecration and naming of the new Educational Building at Rogers on Wednesday afternoon. The new building has been named Graham Hall.

A luncheon for wives of ministers attending the conference, held at the First Methodist Church, Bentonville, Saturday noon.

The Voting On The Amendments

A vote of 175 for and 10 against was recorded at the conclusion of the conference's consideration of the proposed constitutional amendment No. 9. This amendment provides the procedure for the abolition of the church's Central Jurisdiction. This would be accomplished by permitting the transfer of churches and/or annual conferences from one jurisdiction to another, where a 2/3 majority vote of all parties concerned approve these transfers.

Amendment No. 10 which provided for additional representation from churches having more than one minister was approved by a vote of 199 for and none against.

Amendment No. 11 which would increase the maximum number of members of the quadrennial General Conference was approved by a vote of 192 for and none against.

The consideration of these amendments was under the direction of Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, Ft. Smith, Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, Fayetteville, and Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Conway.

way, all members of the North Arkansas Conference delegation to the 1956 General Conference which initiated the amendments.

Actions Taken

Among the actions taken by the North Arkansas Conference were:

The granting of the right of voting privileges to approved supply pastors, ordained elders, in the annual conference sessions on all matters except those pertaining to ministerial relations. (See Parg. 622 Methodist discipline, 1956.)

The adoption of a hospitalization insurance program for those serving under the appointment of the Bishop. This program went into effect Saturday, June 15, and the contract was made with the Mutual of New York Life Insurance Company. Approximately 190 ministers signed applications and those not signing have until July 15 to complete their applications in order to be included in the group policy without medical examination.

The decision to recommend to Bishop Martin that next year's conference session be so scheduled that it may be begun and concluded between Sundays.

Adoption of a goal of \$1.00 per member for Higher Education (Hendrix College) per year with an additional 30c per member for the support of Wesley Foundation programs on other college campuses than Hendrix.

The decision to effect greater cooperation and understanding between the churches and Hendrix College, with certain laymen in each district designated to promote the interest of Hendrix College in their respective districts.

The vote to ask Bishop Martin to appoint two conference members to work with two Little Rock Conference members and representatives of other interested denominations groups to study and report on the need and desire of setting up an Inter-denominational Foundation for Social Action.

The decision to join the Little Rock Conference in the organization of a Methodist State Council for the purpose of promoting and publicizing the program of the Methodist Church in Arkansas. The proposal calls for the formation of an Inter-Board Council in the North Arkansas Conference composed of the Bishop, District Superintendents, and one representative of each of the conferences boards, commissions, and agencies. This Inter-board Council is being organized and will meet with a similar group from the Little Rock Conference to effect the state organization.

The adoption of an Evangelistic program, "Tell Arkansas About Christ," which will be promoted jointly with the Little Rock Conference. This program was approved recently by the Little Rock Conference and involves several weeks of intensive cultivation and promotion work during the period January, February, March, 1958.

The acceptance of the invitation of the First Methodist Church, Searcy, to hold the 1958 annual conference session in Searcy. This invitation was extended to the conference by Rev. Alvin Murray, Searcy pastor, and H. H. Fulbright, Searcy, lay member of the conference.

The requesting of the various conference boards to hold pre-conference meetings at which time

conference members may make suggestions to the various boards as to their programs and recommendations.

The re-election of Charles Stuck, Jonesboro, as conference lay leader.

Services of Commemoration

Commemoration services were held on Wednesday morning of the conference session honoring those ministers, their wives or widows who had died during the past year. The service was under the general direction of Rev. J. M. Barnett, Batesville, and Rev. B. Vernon Dennis, Bay, members of the Committee on Memoirs. Rev. E. B. Williams, North Little Rock, delivered the commemoration sermon on the subject "Seeing and Following The Invisible."

The following persons were honored by the service: Rev. C. H. Bumpers, Pampa, Texas; Rev. J. M. Hughes, Newark; Rev. William Yarbrough, Mt. Home; Rev. J. J. Decker, West Helena; Rev. Hascle O. West, Mt. Home; Rev. Charles B. Wyatt, Ft. Smith; Rev. J. A. Reynolds, Conway; Rev. B. L. Wilford, Jonesboro; Rev. E. K. Means, Monroe, Louisiana.

Mrs. W. E. Hall, Dell; Mrs. J. B. Stewart, Newark; Mrs. J. M. Harrison, Caraway; Mrs. Y. D. Whitehurst, Dyess; Mrs. J. B. Evans, Hot Springs.

Connectional Interest Reported

The following persons represented the connectional interest of the conference and of the church: Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, Nashville, Tennessee, Secretary of Department of Spiritual Life, General Board of Evangelism; Dr. J. Wilson Crichtlow, Chicago, staff member, General Board of Pensions; Ralph W. Hawkins, Kansas City, Methodist Publishing House; Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim, Dallas, Texas, dean of the Perkins School of Theology; Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, executive secretary of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference; Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Conway, executive secretary of the conference Board of Education; Rev. A. N. Storey, Conway, executive secretary of the conference Town and Country Commission; Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Conway, Hendrix College president; Dr. Lud Estes, Memphis, and Chaplain William O'Donnell, both of Memphis, representing the Memphis Methodist Hospital; Dr. Connor Morehead, Little Rock, superintendent of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home; Clyde C. Coulter, Little Rock, director of the Temperance League of Arkansas; Dr. M. Lafayette Harris, Little Rock, president of Philander Smith; Rev. E. H. Hook, Fayetteville, superintendent of the Western Methodist Assembly; Dr. E. T. Wayland, North Little Rock, and Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, Little Rock, editors of the Arkansas Methodist.

Changes In Ministerial Status

Retired: Benjamin C. Few, Mt. Home, 47 years; O. L. Cole, Goshen, 43 years; Sam Watson, Elaine, 46 years; J. C. Richey Hunter, 21 years; Jason W. Moore, Leslie, 47 years; H. F. McDonal, Eureka Springs, 35 years; J. L. Pruitt, North Little Rock, 38 years; Richard E. Connell, Batesville, 39 years; Edward T. Wayland, North Little Rock, 45 years.

Received On Trial: Wendell Ray Dorman, Fayetteville; Jon Dickcy Guthrie, Fort Smith; Edward Garner Matthews, Calico Rock; Robert Lee Ritter, Fort Smith.

Admitted Into Full Connection: John Huston Barrett, Lake City; Joe Glenn Black, Dallas; Allan Reitz Brockway, Dallas; Dewey Dark, Jr., Bald Knob; Willard Lee Douglas, Dallas; Bobby Shields Edwards, Dallas; Frank Alfred Jones, Fayetteville.

Elected And Ordained Deacons: Aaron Floyd Barling, Belview, Texas; Troy Clenard Clinesmith,* Emory University, Georgia; Wendell Ray Dorman, Fayetteville; James Marion Gatlin, Dallas; Robert Lee Ritter, Ft. Smith; Joseph Elmer Taylor, Atkins; Samuel Berris Teague,* Forrest City; Arthur Stewart Aist, Evening Shade; Jack Hubert Blume, Heber Springs; Elbert Wiley Bruner, Paragould; Thomas Jefferson Cowan, Rosebud; Everne Hunter, Desha; Willie Albert LeGrand, Manila; Bennie Gene Ruth, Fort Smith. (* Elected to be ordained elsewhere.)

Elected And Ordained Elders: Joe Glenn Black, Dallas; Allan Reitz Brockway, Dallas; Dewey Dark, Jr., Bald Knob; Willard Lee Douglas, Dallas; Frank Alfred Jones, Fayetteville; William Roy Moyers, Springdale; Thomas Jackson Nation, Lamar; Alvin Eddie McIlveene, Waltham; Eugene Howard Miser, Farmington; Roy Eugene Poynor, Fort Smith; Mrs. Ina Mildred Scott, Bonanza.

Statistics

Rev. Harold D. Womack, conference statistician, reported at Saturday morning session the following statistical items taken from the report of the churches for the past conference year:

2,553 persons received on profession of faith.

2,564 received by transfer of membership from other Methodist churches, and 600 members received from other denominations.

Present total membership in the North Arkansas Conference is now 96,071.

There were 1,609 persons receiving baptism, including 946 baptisms of infants.

There is now a total membership of 67,964 in Methodist local church schools, including 5,906 officers and teachers, 2,134 nursery and home members, 16,913 enrolled in the children's division, 12,184 enrolled in the youth division, and 30,831 enrolled in the adult division. The average attendance in Sunday School last year was 35,705.

There are 505 local church schools in the conference.

Two hundred and eighty-seven Woman's Societies in the conference report now a membership of 14,092, including the Wesleyan Service Guild. The Woman's Society reported \$126,985 raised for local work.

Sixty-one chartered Methodist Men groups reported a membership of 3,239.

There are 538 organized churches having property valued at more than 19 million dollars. On an apportionment of \$202,584 for World Service and Conference Benevolences, and an acceptance of \$198,642, North Arkansas Conference Churches paid \$197,515. This report is an increase of more than \$47,500 over the amount paid last year. Churches paid \$15,672 for General Advance Specials including the Alaskan College.

Rev. Mr. Womack reported that the grand total raised by North Arkansas Conference Churches for all purposes was \$3,589,344, which is \$158,873 more than reported last year.

Baton Rouge Youth Honor Graduates With Banquet

The Baton Rouge University Methodist Church MYF, senior department, recently held its Senior Appreciation Banquet. The graduating seniors and their parents were guests of the juniors and sophomores.

Don Mickey served as master of ceremonies for the occasion. Humorous small gifts were given to each senior. Dr. W. E. Trice, pastor, spoke to the group and presented each senior with a personally inscribed copy of Bishop Ralph Cushman's "Pocket Book of Prayer."

Seniors who were honored are Sarah Bennett, Iris George, Margorie Reynard, Jennie Martin, Judy Perrine, Ray Shokes, George Daniels, Shelby McKenzie, Teke Holmes, James Rockhold, Charles Wilkins, Tommy Hampton, David French, and Don Parker.

Those in charge of arrangements for the banquet included: Mrs. William Ogelsby, Willadene Ogelsby, Melinda Harrison, and Don Mickey.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Stuttgart

The intermediate Sub-district meeting was held at the Second Avenue Church in Stuttgart recently. The theme for the program was "Willing Hands." Jerry Hoskyn opened the program with the call to worship. The group sang "He Lifted Me." After the hymn, Roland Curtis gave the scripture reading. Judy Kinton talked about "Hands." Glenn Duke Rodnett sang a solo, "The Touch of His Hand on Mine," and Thomas Bocmann gave the meditation. Following another song, Becky Harris gave the prayer. After the program, a film, "Ages," was shown. At the business meeting, the minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given. The next meeting was scheduled for First Church, Stuttgart, and it will include a swimming party. Recreation and refreshments followed the business meeting.

The new officers of the intermediate Sub-district group are: president, Jerry Hoskyn; vice president, Bobby Wilbanks; secretary, Rany Doyle; treasurer, Catheline Love; northern reporter, Pat Curtis; and southern reporter, Sandy Henderson.

St. Tammany

Sixty-four members of the St. Tammany Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship attended the New Orleans District meeting May 14, at the Carrollton Methodist Church in New Orleans when about 200 young people and counselors from the district met.

The group participated in a worship service. In the business meeting that followed, L. V. McGinty of Slidell, was elected to represent the New Orleans District MYF at the conference held at Centenary College, Shreveport, June 3-5.

Following the business meeting, officers from each Sub-district were installed. Officers of the St. Tammany Sub-district include: Frances Barker, Fitzgerald Methodist Church, president; Duncan Hodges, Pearl River, vice-president; Lillian Leatherbury, Lacombe, secretary; L. V. McGinty, Slidell, treasurer;

Douglassville MYF Has "Work Day"



The senior MYF of the Douglassville, Arkansas, Church are pictured during one of their work days held recently. The group has observed three this year. Part of the money raised in this manner was to pay the current pledge on the MY Fund and the balance is now in a special fund for the painting of the sanctuary of the church. The Rev. John B. Hays is pastor.

and Connie Kohnke, Covington, publicity chairman.

McGehee

May 29-31, Mary Ruth Price, Mary Wheeler Prewitt, Susie Bickham, Sue Sievers, and Maribeth Prewitt were the representatives of the McGehee Sub-district at Conference Camp held at Camp Tanako. While there Mary Wheeler Prewitt, secretary of the Sub-district, was elected Little Rock Conference secretary for 1957-1958 and Mary Ruth Price, Sub-district president, was elected Conference publicity chairman.

Monday night, June 3, the McGehee Sub-district met at the Methodist Church in Tillar. The program was conducted by the Tillar MYF. An impressive talk, "Soul Conservation," was given by Robert Williams. The business meeting was presided over by vice-president Annette Crockett in the absence of president Mary Ruth Price. Tillar won the attendance banner with an attendance of 90 per cent of its membership. Refreshments were served by ladies of Tillar.

Tuesday night, June 4, several members of McGehee Sub-district attended the Conference Youth Rally in Hot Springs. Two Sub-district officers, Mary Ruth Price and Mary Wheeler Prewitt, were installed as Conference officers. Mary Ruth read her essay that won the Temperance Essay Contest. Maribeth Prewitt is reporter.

Capitol

The installation of the newly elected officers of the Capitol Sub-district was recently held at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

The service was opened with a prayer by the out-going president, Ray Shokes. A report of the meetings and programs of the past year was given by the secretary, Willadene Ogelsby. The list of newly elected officers was read and they proceeded to the altar rail. They were led by Ray Shokes.

The new officers are: president, Catherine Bonham; vice president, Walter Glass; secretary-treasurer, Gwen Norgress; district representative, Jean Stephens; Christian faith chairman, Jean Netterville; Chris-

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

ON FEEDING PIGEONS

A friend of mine is a pigeon fancier and as a hobby keeps ten pigeons in special quarters in his back yard. It takes about 100 pounds of Colorado white peas to feed the pigeons for a year. A few weeks ago Ed Verbeke, my friend, who lives in Junction City, Kansas, where he operates the job department of the local newspaper, looked out his office window to see a big truck. "Where do you want this stuff," came the inquiry from the driver to Ed. And there on the truck were one-hundred 100-pound bags of Colorado white peas. That figures out at 10,000 pounds of the stuff, enough to founder Ed's pigeons for a full century! Someone had made a mistake in receiving the order! Last I heard there were 99 bags of white peas in a Junction City warehouse.

My friend recalls that a few years ago a rural subscriber called in to place an advertisement which he expected to read "For Sale—three sows and pigs." Picture his dismay when that evening he read his ad, "For Sale—three-thousand pigs."

Hardly a reader of these words but who can recall some typographical error or some similar mistake in giving or taking an order. But that is not my point in relating this instance here. My point is that here is a picture of the prodigal way in which God provides for the needs of his children. It doesn't take a mistake in order to secure provisions far beyond our needs and ability to use. There is

Christian witness chairman, Nelda Sue Smith; Christian outreach chairman, Don Mickey; Christian citizenship chairman, Pam Oldham; Christian fellowship chairman, Lota Wagner; and reporter, Sandra Wratten.

The service was closed with the MYF benediction led by the new president.

Youth Caravans To Serve 225 Churches

Nashville, Tenn. (M.I.)—At least 225 Methodist churches in the United States and Cuba will be served by Methodist Youth Caravans this summer.

A total of 140 college students and 33 adult counselors will work as members of the caravan teams, said the Rev. Harold W. Ewing, Nashville. He is chairman of the caravan committee for the Methodist Board of Education, which sponsors the annual caravan project.

In the caravan program, selected churches will be visited for one week each by a team consisting usually of four youth and an adult counselor. The teams will try to help revitalize and strengthen the ministry to youth in these churches.

Groups of caravanners will be trained in five centers as follows:

June 11-21, Scarritt College, Nashville, and Southwestern College, Winfield, Kan.; June 1-28, Westminster College, Salt Lake City; June 25 to July 5, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, W. Va.; and June 27 to July 7, the Methodist camp, Manicaragua, L. V., Cuba.

Now in its nineteenth year, the Methodist caravan program has reached more than a million people in over 1,600 churches in the United States and overseas, said the Rev. Joseph W. Bell, Nashville, staff member of the Methodist Board of Education.

Monticello District MYF Elects Officers

The Monticello District MYF met Monday, May 27, at the Wilmar Methodist Church. Some 40 youth attended the session.

Installation of new officers was held and included: president, Carolyn Tucker, Star City; vice president, Wiley Barron, Wilmar; secretary, Era Dean Chambliss, Mt. Home; publicity chairman, Charlene Chambliss, Mt. Home; representatives, Don Ross, Monticello, and Catherine McKeown, Rock Springs; and counselor, Harvey Thomason.

Refreshments were served by the Wilmar Church. The next meeting was scheduled for June 24, at the Monticello First Methodist Church.

food enough and to spare for all God's children.

But part of our problem is that some of God's children have a hundred year's supply tucked away in a storehouse, and there are others who go to bed hungry because in their part of God's world there is not enough to go around among the hungry mouths. Now I don't propose that we should gather up all the grain in the world then dole it out bushel by bushel with a "one for you and one for me" type of procedure. But I am saying that the hunger of neighbors on the other side of the world must be the concern of every young Christian. Sharing our surplus with hungry nations should not be a process merely of political consideration which feeds those in the nations we need to cultivate as friends. Jesus did not

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Woman's Society of the Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, has elected officers for the coming year and they were installed Sunday night, June 2.

Those elected include: president, Mrs. C. E. Dillard, Jr., vice president, Mrs. Wayne Pruitt, recording secretary, Mrs. Troy Ellies, treasurer, Mrs. H. G. Schottle.

The group had the pledge service and Officers Training Day.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Huntington Avenue Methodist Church of Jonesboro held an officers training course at the home of Mrs. C. V. McKinney Friday, June 7. Mrs. McKinney conducted the course, which was well attended.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Society of Gentilly was held on June 4th and the following officers were installed by Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, Dist. President; Mrs. Robert Collins, Pres., Mrs. Neil DeRosa, Vice Pres., Mrs. R. M. Buckles, Treas., and Mrs. R. H. Daspit, Rec. Sec'y. Luncheon was served after the meeting.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Gentilly Methodist Church met on June 4th and installed officers for the coming year. The following were installed: Miss Margaret McGowan, president, Mrs. G. C. Albright, vice president, Mrs. Leo Rose, Sr., secretary and Mrs. E. N. Carlin, treasurer. A social gathering followed a well attended meeting.

As a special part of a regular Sunday Church Service at Gentilly Methodist Church on May 26th, Mrs. Brian L. Eggerton was presented with a Life Membership. Mrs. Eggerton, long time member of Gentilly Church has always been very active in the Woman's Society and other church work. She is also well known in New Orleans for her outstanding work for charity and civic organizations.

Between September and January the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Washington Avenue Methodist Church completed the following studies: Mission Field, U.S.A., Paul's Letters to Local Churches, The Church in Southeast Asia, and Youth In A Responsible Society, A Christian's Concern. These studies resulted in offerings to the Alaska fund, the Sibiu, Sarawak Medical and Social Center, appointments for a worship center for the youth of the local church, and an offering to apply on the purchase of china for the local church. At the four studies the Guild was 90 per cent in attendance.

New officers installed at the evening service June 2 were: Mrs. Mildred Turnbow, president; Mrs. Almagene Tarkington, vice president; Mrs. Norma Jean Woodsmall, secretary; and Mrs. Ann Tmaff, treasurer.

The Elton Woman's Society of Service entertained the seniors with a wiener roast May 14 at the

church annex. Official hostess was Mrs. Walter Tietje, Jr., assisted by Mesdames Ruth Brachhaus, Wallace Stroud, O. B. Allen, Dick Daggett, Robert Brower, W. W. Thompson, and Miss Betty Faulk.

Rev. C. W. Quaid, pastor of the Simpson Methodist Church in Lake Charles, was the speaker May 15 at the Sulphur Woman's Society study on Missions, U.S.A. Mrs. Carl Singletary was the leader of the study in which twenty members were enrolled.

Mrs. R. O. Harris conducted the pledge service for the Eunice Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Rev. Ned Stout conducted the installation service in which Mrs. Walter Miller was installed as president for the second term. Music was given by Mrs. Sam Cox.

The Nora Hillis Guild of the Atkins Methodist church met the last week in May for the installation of officers.

Miss Emma Jain McCollum was in charge of the meeting and presented Mrs. John Barkemeyer, a past president of the Woman's Society as the installing officer. After the impressive installation, Miss McCollum conducted the candlelight pledge service, in which each member made a commitment for the new year. Mrs. Tony Fengler then presented a Life Membership pin to Miss McCollum in recognition of her work in the Guild.

The new officers are Mrs. Dewey Martin, president; Mrs. Joe Montgomery, vice president; Mrs. Elmo Bizzell, secretary; Mrs. Gibson Griffin, treasurer; and Mrs. Stanley Haney, corresponding secretary. Mrs. John-Berkemeyer is the co-ordinator.

Miss McCollum as retiring president thanked the members for the cooperation given her the past year and turned the meeting over to the new president who appointed her committees for the year.

Mrs. D. D. Dowdell and Mrs. Sam Cheek served delightful refreshments to the 16 members and two guests.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

Methodist women (and other leaders of the Church) are being asked to write their national senators and representatives in Congress urging that economic aid and technical assistance to foreign countries be continued in the federal budget of 1957-58. The plea was made in a letter to Woman's Society of Christian Service leaders across the nation, written by Miss Thelma Stevens (Department of Christian Social Relations) and adopted by the executive committee of the Woman's Division, Board of Missions. The letter asked the church women to urge the continuance of aid directly from the U.S.A. and through the United Nations—and the divorce of economic aid and technical assistance from military agreements or aid. Said

Workshops To Study Techniques

More than 450 Methodist women leaders will study this fall how they can make their organization, the Women's Society of Christian Service, a more effective group in local Methodist churches. The leaders will represent almost two million members of 31,000 Woman's Societies.

They will consider the techniques of group dynamics and leadership development in ten regional workshops across the country, beginning with a specialized training workshop September 4 to 8 in Kansas City, Mo. The techniques will be applied to the work and program of the Woman's Society as an organization for spiritual growth, service, and missionary education and support in the local church.

The promotion workshops, as they are termed, have been planned by a special committee of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, the national body of the Woman's Societies. The committee, headed by Mrs. Walter Eichinger, Seattle, Wash., has set five goals for the workshops:

"To refresh leaders of the Woman's Society in the work and purpose of the organization, to further understanding of human relations problems in the program of the Society, to develop insight into the potentialities and problems of leadership in the Society, to provide an opportunity to practice some skills of working with others, and to provide opportunity for using these learnings in the local church."

The schedule of workshops:

September 9-12: Kansas City, Mo.

October 1-3: Minneapolis, Minn.; Albany, N. Y.; Burlingame, Cal.

October 8-10: Boise, Idaho; Washington, D. C.; Cincinnati, Ohio.

October 15-17: Atlanta, Ga.; and Dallas, Texas.

October 22-24: Little Rock, Ark.

The specialized training work-

shop at Kansas City's National College for Christian Workers will bring together 30 women who will provide the core leadership for the succeeding workshops. They will include the presidents of the Woman's Societies of Methodism's six jurisdictions, and six secretaries of promotion of the jurisdiction Societies and 18 other selected women.

For three days, these women will learn the techniques of group dynamics, group action and leadership development and how these techniques can be applied to the Woman's Society. On succeeding days, the women will be told how they can teach the techniques to others.

At all workshops, the attendance will be delegated, and no workshop will have more than 75 persons present. The delegates will include these officers of the Woman's Societies in each of Methodism's 100 annual conferences: president, vice-president, secretary of promotion and secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. (The Guild is the branch of the Woman's Society for employed women.) In addition, to each workshop have been invited district superintendents and some executive secretaries of conference boards of education.

The national planning committee has said it is expected that conference officers will hold similar promotion workshops on the district level and that finally workshops will be held on the sub-district level, which would train the officers of every local Woman's Society.

Over-all plans for the workshops are being supervised by Miss Dorcas Hall, New York, executive secretary for education and cultivation of the Woman's Division. Detailed arrangements for the workshops are being made by the jurisdiction secretaries of promotion.

Miss Stevens, "Because of the grave emergency that is rapidly developing in Congress calling for elimination or major cuts in foreign aid, Methodist women should make it a first priority to write their representatives in Congress, expressing the hope that the foreign aid program will be continued." The letter urged, also, continued support of the U.N. and its technical assistance programs.

"When we think of the role of women in society, and we look at the area of the church, we see often a conspicuous absence of women in top positions of leadership," says Dean James A. Pike, of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City. "The church is supposed to be the ground in inspiration of what is important in life. And as women are sometimes anxious about their status, are not sure of themselves, as they are a little uneasy about relationships in commercial life, in professional life, the church ought to be the first institution which creates the incu-

bator, if you wish, in which there can be the right atmosphere of the developing of one natural good relationship in which people can be fully themselves."

Korean-born Mrs. Harold Voelkel, missionary in Seoul, was presented with a citation and a painting by Justice Minister Ho Lee recently for her voluntary service in teaching Christianity to former communists in Seoul National Prison. Mrs. Voelkel, whose parents were missionaries in Korea, has served in that country for 29 years. A teacher in Pierson Memorial Bible Institute, she has since June 1954 taught the Bible for six hours a week to women inmates of the prison, besides leading a monthly church service for prisoners. Her work has resulted in the conversion to Christianity of 109 convicts, and the renunciation of communism by 60. Mrs. Voelkel was thanked for her donations of medicine and clothing, for caring for four babies of women convicts, and for sending ex-convicts to school.

Does Beer Belong?

By Miss Mary Ruth Price

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is the winning speech-essay entry in the annual essay-speech contest in the Little Rock Conference, sponsored by the Conference Board of Temperance.

Miss Mary Ruth Price, Dumas, won first place with her delivery of this essay at the conference-wide contest in which winners of six districts contest were entered. The contest was held Tuesday afternoon, June 4, at the Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, under the direction of Rev. John P. Miles, Eudora.

Other winners included Miss Rita Lynn Taylor, Little Rock, second place; and Miss Ethel Lee Teague, Arkadelphia, third place.

The first place winner received a check for \$100, the second place winner \$50, and the third place award was \$25.

Other district winners included Miss Helen Parker, Stamps; Larry Nickleson, Pine Bluff; and Tish Tabler, Ben Lomond.



Pictured above are, left to right: Miss Mary Ruth Price, Dumas, first place winner in the essay-speech contest; Miss Lynn Taylor, Little Rock, second place winner; and Miss Ethel Lee Teague, Arkadelphia, who won third place.

LET'S take a look at alcohol and the human body. What is alcohol? The dictionary says: "A colorless, inflammable fluid, $C(2)H(5)OH$ is the chemical formula, (that is the intoxicating substance in beer, whiskey, wine, and other fermented and distilled liquors)—called ethyl alcohol also. Alcohol is an anesthetic and has exactly the same function as ether.

What does it do?—Alcohol requires no digestion; it is absorbed through mucus surfaces. It is in the blood stream within a very few minutes following ingestion. It is rapidly distributed to every part of the body.

What are the effects?—The central nervous system is the first to feel the effect of alcohol. Alcohol solutions above 7% cause death of tissue cells, and if it is stronger, it may cause permanent damage to the brain cells. Alcohol is not at all helpful as a medicine of any sort. A high percentage of heart attacks and deaths due to heart disease are associated with the drinking of alcohol. People seem to have the misconception that alcohol is a stimulant, but this is far from the truth. Reflex reactions are slowed down by the intake of alcohol.

What are the effects of drinking on the family and society?—Although 80% of those who drink never get drunk, they play a large part in many problems involving the use of alcohol. More than 2/5 of all the women in the jails in America are there because of drunkenness. Twenty-five per cent of all poverty requiring relief and fifty per cent of all crime is due either directly or indirectly to excessive drinking. Alcohol causes more than fifty per cent of the juvenile delinquency cases. Many man-hours are lost in industry because of drinking—days off, sickness, mistakes, slowing down.

Every year Americans spend nine billion dollars on alcoholic beverages. In return for this money we get broken homes, misery, poverty, suicides, murders, and traffic accidents that kill 8000 people and injure two hundred thousand more, each year. The money we spend on alcohol is enough to meet the total cost of every local, county, and state government in the United States for a year, with enough left over to finance all public education.

Alcohol is closely tied up with immorality, crime, gambling, and other social evils.

It creates a public health problem. Four million have serious difficulty because of drinking, yet none expected this when they first drank socially.

In advertising alone, the sum of two hundred million dollars is spent annually just to

advertise alcoholic drinks. Radio and TV programs sponsored are first-rate; movies have appealing drinking scenes; good people and people of "distinction" are shown to be drinkers. Ads are attractive and alluring. This advertising is misleading. It gives the impression that the successful are what they are, at least in part, because of the liquor they drink. Advertising never shows boisterous gaiety, fights, murders, immorality, reckless driving, etc. It never tells that people drink to escape from problems. The result of the advertising is more cost to society because of more drinkers, more alcoholics, and more problems.

Not too long ago a magazine published an article which began with a story to catch the reader's sympathy. It then went on to talk about the kind of person who thinks he knows everyone's business and can answer everyone's problems, and therefore keeps sticking his nose in. Then came the question: "Don't you just despise the person who is always sticking his nose into your affairs?" The next paragraph said something like this: "There are those who think they can tell you what to drink and when to drink it." This wasn't just another column. One could see at a glance that it was published by a brewers' association. But, it was well done. It ought to be! There is plenty of money in the alcohol business to employ the best writers in the country. It was well designed to lead the reader step by step to the conclusion that anyone who stands against, or dares to do anything about, the alcohol problem belongs in the class with these "nose-putter-inners!"

Political pressure is also used by the liquor interest in legislation. Money is put in to defeat such bills as those for "local option," which allows a community, rather than a state or other agency, to choose whether it will allow liquor to be sold. Their financial power makes it possible for them to sway legislation in their favor, even though opposed by a majority of people. This might not happen if the majority were more vocal.

Does beer belong? I'm asking you, well, does it? Does it belong in your own personal life? Your school life? Your community? Can you find any place where it does belong?

We, as young people of today, are faced with this question at one time or another, and each of us has to make a choice, one way or the other. Your choice may influence someone else. What is your choice?

Do I have to drink? The answer is NO! Most youth have found that their acceptance by the group depends upon their personality, not

whether they will drink or not. Groups that drink are not desirable for a Christian to be in. It is easier to refuse the very first drink than the second or third, because then your position is known and accepted.

A recent poll high-school youth indicated that 68% were against drinking alcoholic beverages, even though about 65 million adults drink and 35 million don't. So, among youth, "everyone isn't doing it." Drinking doesn't help one become an adult. Release from problems and worry is an escape, and keeps one from becoming emotionally mature. We need to accept our weaknesses, recognize our strengths, accept responsibility, face problems, and learn to get along in social situations without a "crutch."

If we are responsible for the good of our families and society, we must refrain from drinking. Paul tells us in Romans 14:21—"It is good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor to do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth." In I Corinthians 3:16-17, we are told, "Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man destroyeth the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, and such are ye." Someone has written the drinkers side of the story based on the 23rd Psalm.

Drinkers' Psalm

Alcohol is my master; I shall always be in want.

He maketh me to lie down in the gutter; he leadeth me by the troubled waters.

He destroyeth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of wickedness for its effects sake.

Yet though I walk through the valley of poverty I cling to evil because thou art with me; thy sting and thy bite they torment me.

Thou preparest an empty table before me in the presence of my family; my cup of wrath runneth over.

Surely destruction and misery shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the devil forever—Unless I repent.

I have no need for any alcoholic beverages in my life, I have God. In the words of the 23rd Psalm—"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Again, I'm asking you, Does beer belong in your life? You are the only one who can answer that. May God be with you as you find your answer.

MAPLEWOOD JUNIOR CHOIR



For nine months each year, the music for the evening services at the Maplewood Methodist Church is cared for by a very efficient Junior Choir. This year, the choir has been directed by Mrs. J. L. Hunt, who was assisted by Mrs. Carter L. Simpson. The choir meets for rehearsal each Friday after School. They sing a special each Sunday night, which ranges from solos to anthems. They not only help to build the attendance for the Sunday evening service, but they also are getting some good training for future church work. The Rev. Loyd E. Williams is pastor of Maplewood Methodist Church.

LOUISIANA CONF. MYF HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING AT CENTENARY COLLEGE

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munity," Rev. Edward Thomas, Hammond; "Church Sacraments," Rev. Fred Shirley, Barksdale Methodist Church; "What Do Methodists Believe?", Dr. John J. Rasmussen, Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport; "The Meaning and Purpose of Prayer," Rev. Barry Bailey, First Church, Shreveport; "Youth Friendships," Rev. Luther Booth, Winfield, and "The MYF and the Adult Worker," Rev. Ben Youngblood, Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport.

The afternoons were occupied largely with interest groups. Among the leaders on such subjects as worship, recreation, vocational guidance, community action, choir and MYF Fund, were the following: Miss Ann Fox and Mrs. Maxine Watkins, Ruston; Jim Lamberson, Shreveport; Dr. W. F. Pledger, professor of Bible at Centenary College, and many of the lay leaders and Methodist clergymen who assisted in other phases of the program.

Those attending the convention were quartered in college dormitories and took their meals at the college cafeteria.

WORLD SERVICE RECEIPTS FOR MAY SET RECORD

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an increase of 16.55 percent over \$9,877,537.21 given last year.

World Service Specials — \$110,847.35—a gain of 16.58 percent over last year's \$95,085.10.

General Advance Specials—\$5,665,711.53—an increase of 11.11 percent over the \$5,099,325.33 given last year.

Week of Dedication—\$674,418.88—a gain of 0.11 percent over last year's \$673,692.01.

Fellowship of Suffering and Service—\$706,019.74—a loss of 6.54 percent when compared with last year's \$755,390.38.

Methodist TV Ministry — \$142,-

Reception Honors College Students, New Pastor

An informal afternoon tea and reception on Sunday afternoon, June 9, served as a means of honoring college students on Student Recognition Day and of welcoming the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Schwendimann and sons as new occupants of the Coushatta parsonage for the new year. The Schwendimanns were assigned there by the recent session of the Louisiana Annual Conference after serving in Denham Springs, for the past two and one-half years.

Under the direction of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the night Circle of the Society was in charge of arrangements. A floral arrangement centered the serving table for the tea which was held in the church annex. Mrs. Ira Campbell, president of the WSCS; Parker Strange, chairman of the official board; and Pat Strother, charge lay leader, welcomed guests as they gathered. Mrs. Oscar Ogilvie and Mrs. Floyd McCarty alternated in serving at the tea table.

Students of the church honored included: Mary Ann Adcock, Bill Adcock, Roby Bonner, Max De Bose, Douglas Fawler, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Dorwayne Glover, Jr., Addie Laurie Huckaby, Betty Lou Huckaby, Jackie Huckaby, Bill Horton, Franklin Roberson, Will Stothart, Iris Strother, Patti Jane Strother, Mary Tom Wilkinson, Fred Spencer Willis, and Roger Wilson.

645.70—23.98 percent less than last year's \$187,644.65.

Hungarian and Other Victims of Oppression Fund — \$1,076,440.64 This is a new fund with no comparison for a year ago.

Episcopal Fund — \$1,541,652.00—a gain of 7.96 percent over last year's \$1,427,987.09.

General Administration Fund — \$526,679.09—a gain of 36.81 percent over the \$384,971.29 given last year.

Interdenominational Cooperation Fund—\$403,968.98—a 23.72 percent gain over the figure of \$326,518.68 for last year.

Louisiana Minister Speaks At Wesley College In Cuba

Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., Minister of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, and Mrs. Dawson, left by plane on Wednesday, June 12, for Cuba, where Dr. Dawson delivered the Commencement Address at the Colegio Wesley at Santiago de las Vegas. Colegio Wesley is a Methodist School headed by the Reverend Mr. Carl W. Shafer who serves as president. Mr. Shafer and his wife are missionaries to Cuba, and First Methodist, Baton Rouge, is one of their sponsors.

While in Cuba, Dr. Dawson preached at the University Methodist Church in Havana on Sunday, followed by speaking engagements at Rancho Grande Church, the Methodist Church in Santiago, and at the Mission of Capdevila. He also toured the Methodist mission work in the province of Havana. Dr. and Mrs. Dawson returned to Baton Rouge on June 19.

This was Dr. Dawson's second tour of Cuba. Three years ago he was appointed by the Bishop as one of



DR. DANA DAWSON, JR.

the preachers for the United Evangelistic Mission to Cuba.

Sweetlake Methodists Have Special Activities

Closing exercises for the Sweetlake Methodist Church's vacation Bible School were held Wednesday night, June 12, followed by a reception for the new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Garland C. Dean, Jr.

Judy Sensat welcomed the Deans with Leis made by the junior class. Each department presented a special song, prayer, choral reading or skit based on the general theme, "Wider Relationships." Certificates were awarded to 44 church school pupils.

Mrs. Nola Ladd and a group of girls from the new Light Baptist Church (colored) of Lake Charles visited the church on June 7 and

sang some hymns. Mrs. Ladd gave the history of Negroes in the United States citing examples of contributions made by members of her race.

Florence Rosfeld, teacher at Grand Lake and John Rasfeld who is on the Chaplain's staff at Balboa Park Naval Station, San Diego, California, conducted a music appreciation period on June 12. They played and sang sacred hymns and gospel songs.

Mrs. Hardy Stone was director of the school and junior teacher. Assisting Mrs. Stone were Mrs. Ed Wynn, assistant director and primary group; Mrs. Herman Precht, nursery; Mrs. Bessie Goodman, Kindergarten; Mrs. Robert Todd, Intermediate; Mrs. Elden Nickel, music director; Miss Ellienne Todd, secretary; Mrs. Charles Hebert, refreshments; Mrs. Tom Taylor, typist; Mrs. Charles Precht, librarian.

Parsonettes Hold Annual Luncheon

Pictured below are the parsonettes of the Louisiana Methodist Conference who attended the group's Annual Luncheon, a feature of the 1957 Annual Conference in Shreveport. Nearly 150 were present at the luncheon. Guest of honor was Mrs. Paul E. Martin, wife of Bishop Paul E. Martin, presiding bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area.

The dolls and the place cards for each plate, were provided by the Parsonettes from the Baton Rouge District, a troupe of whom also planned and staged a skit for the event. The luncheon was at Shreveport's First Methodist Church.



From Malaya to the Mid-West— The Long Way

From Singapore, Malaya, to the American Mid-West is a long distance any way you look at it—more than 10,000 miles by air. But when you travel a goodly part of the way on land, through 24 countries, riding double on a motorcycle, the distance is bound to be a lot longer.

But neither the distance, nor the prospect of rough roads nor the fact they will be traveling two on a motorcycle built for one has stopped two young men from Burma from starting out on the trek. One is 22-year-old Winston Maung Gyi, president of the Burmese Methodist Youth Fellowship, and the other is 17-year-old Tom Manton, son of a Methodist missionary to Burma.

The two lads are now somewhere in Asia on the way from Singapore, which they left in March, to London. They're riding a single motorcycle and are determined to reach the Mid-West in time for the opening of colleges, which they will be attending this fall.

Wanted To Attend American Schools

The project started with the decision by the young men to attend American schools, Winston to do graduate study in history at Iowa State College at Ames and Tom to study at Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. The motorcycle entered the picture when an English-language newspaper in Rangoon, *The Nation*, decided to sponsor the boys' trip on the cycle and gave them a check to cover expenses. In 1955, the paper had sponsored an overland journey for a Burmese husband and wife from India to England.

Winston and Tom decided to start from Singapore and to pass through as many Asian and European countries as possible on the way to England. Their schedule calls for travel in Malaya, Thailand, Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and finally Britain.

Not Just For Adventure

The boys are not making the long overland journey just for adventure, though there will be plenty of that. They are going as student goodwill ambassadors, planning to stop at 30 or more universities along the way, where they will stay and talk with student groups.

After a few days in London, Winston and Tom will crate their motorcycle (or what is left of it) aboard a steamer and sail for New York. Then they will ride it west to their respective destinations, expecting to arrive sometime before the start of the fall term.

This will be the first American visit for Winston, though Tom has been to the U.S. twice with his family on furlough from missionary service.

Winston is the son of U Ba Than, a Buddhist and Inspector of Schools for Physical Education of Burma. His mother is Daw Amy, a Christian teacher in the Burmese Methodist High School in Rangoon. Winston studied at Methodist schools in Rangoon except during the Japanese invasion in World War II, when he was a refugee in north Burma.

Headed Burmese MYF

In 1953 Winston became a student at the University of Rangoon, after having worked three years as a library assistant for the United States Information Service. While at the University, he held various Methodist and interdenominational student offices, including the pres-

idency of the Burmese Methodist Youth Fellowship and membership on the executive committee of the All-Burma Christian Youth League. He attended Christian youth conferences in Thailand and Malaya and was secretary of the United Christian Youth Movement in Burma. Winston was graduated from the university with a bachelor of arts degree in history.

Father Is Methodist Missionary

Tom's father, the Rev. Frank E. Manton, has been a Methodist missionary to Burma since 1937. Originally from Ohio, Mr. Manton has been a pastor, teacher, district superintendent and treasurer.

Tom was born in Burma, and lived there until he and his family were evacuated before the Japanese invasion. He was in the United States three years and returned to Burma in 1947. He attended high school at the Woodstock School in northern India and was graduated in June, 1956. While there, he went on three expeditions into the Himalaya Mountains and on one climb reached a height of 15,000 feet. Since last year, he has been teaching physical education in a Rangoon high school.

Church Schools In Near East To Get New Curriculum

An ambitious four-year project which will provide a completely new Sunday School curriculum for churches in the Near East will begin this summer, a church leader announced this week.

"This curriculum in Arabic and other languages will be written with the needs of the Near East churches in view," Dr. Roland W. Scott declared, "and will unite the resources of the whole area in meeting these needs." Dr. Scott is executive secretary of the Office for Southern Asia and the Near East which is jointly sponsoring the project with the World Council of Christian Education. The Office is a unit of the National Council of Churches' Division of Foreign Missions.

From June 17 to September 15, Dr. Scott said, the Rev. Dr. Bernard J. Mulder will visit churches and Christian schools in Egypt, Jordan and Syria. As consultant for the united project, Dr. Mulder will also confer this summer with national and missionary education leaders at a 3-week conference in Shweir, Lebanon.

The Near East Christian Council has already made extensive preparations for the project, Dr. Scott said, and it is expected that some leaders of the ancient churches in the Near East will cooperate.

The Home Is The First School



Tomorrow is being fashioned in the homes and within the families of today.

God set men apart in families for the training of the oncoming generations. If parents recognize their God-assigned privilege as assistants in the creation of a better—or a more frightful—world of tomorrow, homes will become schools, sanctuaries, holy places of growing, of planning, and of decision.

"The world advances on the feet of little children," the poet declares. But it is the parent in the home who points the direction of the first steps—and those steps are irrefragable.

Peace or war have their beginnings in a family and a home.

Goodwill and hate have their beginnings in a home.

The path of righteousness and the downward slope of sin both begin in the home—in the direction given by father and mother.

America Is Mission Field Leader Says

"In the realm of basic Christian concepts, America is a 'mission field,'" says Dr. W. Vernon Middleton of Philadelphia, Methodist mission executive.

"One has only to listen to conversation among American church people to realize that many ideas expressed would be acceptable to representatives of practically all the religions in the modern world. We hear expressions which advocate sheer fatalism or determinism, which indicate that the ancient stoical philosophy of the calm acceptance of everything that occurs is right, or which point to the ready acceptance of the philosophy that we should eat, drink and be merry. It is in this realm of ideas that the crucial battles for human welfare will be fought, and our church dare not neglect this important aspect of our mission effort.

"We are reminded that the resurgent religions of the East—Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam—look upon America as a most fertile mission field for them. Much of the responsibility in this realm of basic ideas rests with the pastors of our local churches, but there are vast areas of population which the local church does not reach. When the non-Christian ideas and attitudes which are prevalent in those areas are added to the subversive ideas in our church communities, we realize the staggering challenge which confronts us. In the light of the importance of planting Christian ideas in the minds of America's people, the church building forces of Methodism have a tremendous opportunity of helping build the needed

"Point Four Program" For American Indians Is Urged

Establishment of a "Point Four program" for American Indians is urged by a spokesman for church groups interested in Indian welfare, testifying recently before the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Frank S. Ketcham, Washington attorney, testified in behalf of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian churches. These churches and those of other denominations have conducted welfare and missionary work among American Indians for more than 300 years.

The churchmen advocate a change in emphasis by the Congress in its policy toward Indian Americans "from termination of responsibility for their welfare to one of genuine concern for their well being and rehabilitation until such time as they are adequately equipped to compete in the competitive world of the white man. We urge further that no action be taken concerning the termination of responsibility for their welfare without the consent of the American Indians involved." Said Mr. Ketcham: "It is up to us as a nation and a great people to redress our past wrongs and to cooperate to assist the American Indian to rise at least to the educational, health and welfare levels of the other portions of our population."

sanctuaries for America's shifting population: from their pulpits these Christian ideas will be proclaimed."

OBITUARY

COATES—The hearts of the membership of the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church were saddened in the passing of one of their most loyal and faithful members, Daniel Monroe Coates, 86 years of age, who passed away on Thursday evening, May 23, 1957.

Mrs. Coates moved to this community in 1949 and immediately placed his membership in the Nolley Memorial Church. If he was physically able you could always know that he would be present for worship services every Sunday, and during the months preceding his death, whenever members of the church called on him he expressed himself as looking forward to being able to go back again. Just a moment before he passed on he looked over and recognized his pastor and remarked that that was "his" pastor.

He was a true Christian and it was not difficult to discern this fact in noting the pleasure he exhibited in just being in "The House of the Lord." He will be greatly missed, as he had been a member of the church since early manhood.

Funeral services were conducted for Mr. Coates on Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock at the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church by the Rev. W. O. Lynch. Interment was at Friendship Cemetery, Fishville, La., with graveside rites conducted by Carietta Lodge No. 312, F & AM, Trout, La.

Mr. Coates is survived by three daughters and two sons to whom we express our deepest sympathy. —W. O. Lynch, Pastor; Miss Benny Sheppard, Reporter.

PRESIDENT HONORED BY AMERICAN UNIV.

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grant of the Methodist General Conference, is due to open in 1958.

Bishop Oxnam gave the major commencement address, and the baccalaureate sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Theodore H. Palmquist, pastor of Foundry Methodist Church in Washington. Graduates numbered 473.

Honorary degrees also were awarded as follows:

Doctor of Letters to the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, general secretary of the Division of World Missions, Methodist Board of Missions;

Doctor of Divinity to the Rev. Dr. George Y. Flint, pastor of First Methodist Church in Warren, Ohio, since 1949, and who is to become pastor June 15 of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church in Baltimore, Md.

5,000 EXPECTED TO ATTEND NATIONAL CONFERENCE METH. MEN.

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tone for the meeting, the theme of which is "Working Together With God."

Ray H. Nichols, Vernon, Texas, newspaperman and president of the Board of Lay Activities, will preside at Friday night's session. Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indiana Area will welcome the delegates, and J. Clinton Hawkins of St. Louis, president of United Church Men, will bring greetings. Dr. Smith and Dr. Mohn will speak.

Dr. Steel will speak at the 8:30 a.m. service Saturday. Discussion groups will hold sessions both Saturday morning and afternoon.

Dean Lloyd N. Bertholf of the

Church Publishes Paper For Men, Women In Service

"Servicemen's Canteen," a four-page weekly published by First Methodist Church of Tucson, Arizona, is believed to be the only Methodist local church newspaper designed especially for men and women of the armed forces.

Printed on slick paper and using photographs freely, the "Canteen" reports news of the church program of special interest to servicemen stationed at the nearby Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, personal items about the servicemen themselves, and usually a page on a religious theme, such as Methodist beliefs.

The paper is also mailed around the world to members of the church now in military service.

The paper gets its name from the servicemen's canteen operated by the church as a fellowship and service center. The canteen is open every Saturday afternoon for servicemen stationed near Tucson. The program was a "first contact" for numerous servicemen who now attend Sunday School and church services, and are active in the choir, Fishermen's Club and other organizations.

The canteen program is directed by the pastor, the Rev. William H. Hobbs, his assistant, the Rev. Jarvis P. Brown, and members of their staff.

"This is a splendid example of how a local church can minister effectively to servicemen stationed nearby, and keep in touch with its own members serving elsewhere in the military," commented D. Stewart Patterson, general secretary of the Methodist Commission on Camp Activities, Washington, D. C.

College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif., will preside Saturday at 1:45 when music and a demonstration by the stewardship department will be featured.

Kinsey Merritt will deliver the main address Saturday night at 7:30. A dramatization of Christian witness will bring to the platform Dr. Crane, Jackie Robinson, and representatives of several vocations. The combined quartets will sing.

Evening vespers at 10 o'clock will be held Friday and Saturday in each dormitory.

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr. of the St. Louis Area will lead a 6 a.m. communion service Sunday. At 9:45 a.m. the final worship service will feature a closing sermon by Bishop Kennedy with Bishop Clair, Bishop Dana Dawson, Topeka, Kan., and Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, Denver, assisting.

Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, general secretary of the sponsoring board, will summarize the conference before the final worship service.

Commission On Chaplains Names Asst. Secretary

Washington, D. C. (M.I.)—The Rev. Herley C. Bowling, former assistant to the president of National College, Kansas City, Mo., is now assistant secretary of the Methodist Church's Commission on Chaplains with headquarters here. He assumed his new duties on May 1, it was announced by the

PROJECT UNDERWAY TO TELL CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD OF JESUS

In Methodist church schools and homes, children hear the stories of Jesus in many ways. The stories are told to them by their teachers and parents and read from the Bible. Methodist children sing hymns and look at pictures that tell them about Jesus.

Hundreds of thousands of children around the world have never heard the story of Jesus. And others who have heard the story have never seen pictures of Jesus like those Methodist boys and girls enjoy.

Youngsters who would like to help children in Africa, or Korea, or any other country to have stories and pictures of Jesus can do so through the interdenominational project, "Stories of Jesus for Children Everywhere." The project is sponsored by the World Council of Churches through cooperation with many denominations.

From February 1954, when the project was launched, to October 30, 1956, the Department of Christian Education of Children of the General Board of Education received \$16,018 from 3,116 groups to send booklets to children abroad.

Last year, also, \$1,032 was received by the department to send large teaching pictures to workers in 25 countries.

A leaflet describing the project and containing an order form is available from the Department of Christian Education of Children, General Board of Education, The Methodist Church, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

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limit his ministry to any one influential group. He healed and fed and taught persons of all races and kinds. And he did not cock an eye to political intrigue or put an ear to the political ground, before he decided who he would help.

The food is the same in nutritive value, I suppose, regardless of the motivation that sends it to hungering neighbors. But the soul-food for the sender is not the same in any sense. One's heart is fed only when there is the simple virtue of Christian love and sharing involved in helping others to share the common resources of the good earth which our good God has provided for all His children.

Rev. Dr. John R. McLaughlin, general secretary of the commission. The agency supervises the work of more than 600 Methodist chaplains in the armed forces, hospitals and other civilian institutions.

As a navy chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Bowling served with naval air and coast guard units in World War II and with the marines in Korea in 1950-1951.

Methodists Safe In Taiwan, Report Says

Methodist missionaries on Taiwan escaped injury and Methodist property was undamaged in the anti-American riots which racked Taipei, the island's capital, May 24. The rioters wrecked the American Embassy and injured several persons.

Bishop Ralph A. Ward of the Hong Kong-Taiwan area cabled the Board of Missions in New York that "all our people are quite safe. The disturbance seems to be in Taipei only. Things are rapidly returning to normal."

In Taipei, Methodists have a 4-year-old church of 300 members and a clinic and they cooperate in the Scochow Law College. Near the city are the Wesley Grove conference grounds. The missionaries in Taipei are the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Knetter of Pennsylvania and the Rev. and Mrs. Miron Morrill of Kansas.

Methodist Girl From Korea To Be On Radio Program

A Methodist girl from Korea, attending U.C.L.A., will appear on the NBC network radio program, FAITH IN ACTION, Sunday, June 30, 8:15-8:30 AM EDT.

Miss Gloria Lee is one of five students traveling across the country speaking to high school and college groups as a PANEL OF AMERICANS, dramatizing the principle of unity without conformity. In addition to Miss Lee, representing "new Americans" the girls are Ellen Smith, Jewish; Teresa DeLuca, Roman Catholic; Joan Thompson, Lutheran; and Eleanor Ellis, Negro, Church of God.

The PANEL OF AMERICANS is sponsored by 16 universities from coast to coast. Speaking before a variety of campus and community groups, each Panel student describes in a personal way what it means for him to be a member of a particular religious, racial or cultural group.

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LESSON FOR JUNE 30, 1957

WHAT MAKES A MAN GREAT?

READ GENESIS 41:53 THROUGH 50th CHAPTER.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.* Matthew 5:7 (RSV)

This is the last of three lessons on the life of Joseph. It is also the last of the series of five lessons of Unit VII in which we have studied, "Severing and Restoring Human Relations." Possibly more significant still, it is the last lesson of the second quarter. We begin Sunday a series of lessons of character studies under the subject, "Personalities of the Old Testament."

For the last three Sundays, including today, we have been studying the life of Joseph. This is possibly the most fascinating story of the Old Testament. It has been classified by Tolstoi, as stated in a previous lesson, as the greatest masterpiece ever written.

The Story of Joseph

In this third lesson about Joseph, may we briefly review the story as we have had it for these three Sundays, including some features of the story not included in these lesson texts.

Joseph was the favorite son of Jacob by his favorite wife, Rachel. He was shielded by his father from many of the hardships endured by his brothers. Not only was he shielded from hardships but in other ways was the object of such glaring favoritism by his father that his brothers became jealous, envious and finally ready to destroy him.

Joseph was accused by his brothers of tale-bearing. Hence, when he visited them at Dothan, about fifty miles from his home, they at first planned to kill him. They later decided to sell him as a slave to a band of traders bound for Egypt. They deceived their father into believing that a wild beast had killed him by staining the beautiful coat Jacob had given him with the blood of a goat and showing that to Jacob.

In Egypt Joseph is sold as a slave to Potiphar, a captain of the guard in the army of Pharaoh. As a servant in Potiphar's house, he was severely tempted by Potiphar's wife and, on resisting her, she falsely accused him of insulting her and was imprisoned. His power, under God, to interpret dreams finally brought him to the attention of Pharaoh who was being troubled with strange dreams. He interpreted the king's dreams which he said meant that there was to be seven years of abundant harvests followed by seven years of famine. The king was so well pleased with the interpretations of his dreams that he freed Joseph from prison and elevated him to a position in the Egyptian government next to Pharaoh himself. In this position he directed the storing of the excess of the years of plenty in order that Egypt might have food in the seven years of

famine.

After the seven years of plenty, the famine came. It was not confined to Egypt. It affected the other countries about Egypt, including the land of Canaan. It reached the home of Jacob and his sons and their families. Since Egypt, through the wisdom and management of Joseph, was the only country about that had food supplies, Jacob sent his sons into Egypt to buy food. They were brought before Joseph with a request to buy food. Joseph recognized them as his brothers but they had not the slightest idea that they were in the presence of the lad they had sold into slavery.

Jacob Harasses His Brothers in Egypt

But for later developments, we might think that Joseph, in the beginning, was uncertain as to whether he should take vengeance on his brothers or forgive and deal gently with them.

(1) In the beginning he accused them of being spies and had them thrown into prison for three days.

(2) After three days they were released from prison and were told by Joseph to return to their home and bring Benjamin to him. He kept Simeon, one of the brothers as a hostage.

Joseph had been speaking to them through an interpreter and the brothers did not know that he understood their language. Consequently there, in the presence of Joseph, they began to say that this evil had come upon them for what they had done to their brother. Reuben had the satisfaction of saying in effect, "I told you so," since it was he that tried to keep the others from harming Joseph. Hearing there in his presence this confession of their sins, and realizing that the effects of it had followed them through the many intervening years, the Record says that Joseph "turned himself about from them, and wept." Nevertheless, he kept Simeon in Egypt while they returned to their father's home.

(3) To further confuse them, Joseph had the money each paid for grain put back in his sack.

(4) The brothers of Joseph were also quite puzzled when they were invited to an elaborate banquet by Joseph, on their second visit to Egypt.

(5) When they were ready to return to Canaan, Joseph instructed his men, not only to place the money paid for grain in the sacks of his brothers again, but he also instructed them to place his silver cup in the sack of Benjamin. After they had gone, Joseph sent men after them to search their sacks for the cup which, according to Joseph's plan, was found in the

sack of Benjamin.

(6) On finding the cup all of the brothers returned to Egypt. Joseph declared his intentions of keeping Benjamin as his servant. A heart-stirring appeal from Judah to Joseph to keep him as his slave and allow Benjamin to return to his father was more than Joseph could bear and he made himself known to his brothers.

By these methods, Joseph had led his brothers to an awakened sense of guilt for the thing they had done to him earlier and led them also to an acknowledgment of Joseph as their superior in accord with the dream he had related in his childhood.

Elements of Greatness In Life of Joseph

Our lesson subject is, "What Makes A Man Great?" By almost any standard of measurement Joseph was truly a great man.

(1) He gives evidence of greatness by the use he made of power. One of the severest tests of character is just here; the use we make of any unusual power we are able to use. Although Joseph was second in power to Pharaoh in a great nation, there is not the slightest intimation that he misused that power either in the accumulation of food for the coming years of famine or in the distribution of that food when the famine came.

(2) Other elements of greatness in the life of Joseph are to be found in his faith in God. He held fast to that faith in the face of some of the most discouraging circumstances imaginable. His willingness to give his best in service to a nation and people not his own, evidenced a breadth of understanding, sympathy and generosity that would seldom be found in a life so suddenly elevated to power. Religious character is the key word in describing the life of Joseph. He was kind and forgiving and patient under circumstances where the very opposite would have seemed to be the normal, natural course for anyone who was not basically religious.

Elements of Greatness In Any Life

The qualities of life that are marks of greatness of character are largely the same today as they were in the days of Joseph.

(1) The surest evidence of true greatness in any life is the ability and willingness to render unselfish service to others. We sometimes make the mistake of measuring greatness by the number of people one can command, the extent of the power he can exert over others. That, of course is not the Christian standard. It was Jesus who said, "Whosoever of you will be chiefest, shall be servant of all." Mark 10:44. Jesus called attention to Himself as a living demonstration of that truth.

(2) Another element of greatness in character is the ability to recognize and profit by one's own mistakes. Joseph, at the bottom of the pit, in an Egyptian prison or somewhere along the way must have seen the folly of his own attitude toward life in his youth. When he became a man he "put away childish things," and assumed a position of well-balanced manhood.

(3) The truly great person is one who succeeds in the face of difficulties and hardships. Some feel that it takes "pull" or power or doors that swing open easily for one to reach positions of greatness. It may be possible for some to reach positions of power through

special connections but greatness does not come by that route and attempts to use such means to reach positions of power is a right good sign of the absence of true greatness. There are no soft easy roads to real greatness.

(4) One of the surest signs of true greatness is the attitude one assumes toward those he considers his inferiors. Wealth, intellectual training, culture or position do not make one great in character. Thoughtfulness, kindness and special consideration for less fortunate people is one distinguishing mark of real greatness.

(5) The person whose life embodies true greatness has a sense of mission. The nature and extent of that mission may be limited where life itself is limited. There is no such thing as greatness *per se*. We are not born great; we achieve greatness. That achievement comes, not as the result of a direct attempt to be considered great but as the indirect result of something we do and are in the service of God and man.

Let us keep in mind that "greatness" as we use the term in this discussion is not necessarily connected with position or power. People in high places may be great and they may be, and sometimes are, very small. Many people in very humble places in life are truly great, as measured by Christ's standard of greatness.

God Still At Work In The World

In the ancient world only the Jews believed that God was at work in the world with a changeless purpose to build a good world. They believe that they were providentially guided by the Lord in that work. Since Christ came into the world, the Christian church has moved in the faith that it is God's instrument in the world through which His purposes would be achieved.

It was Tennyson who said, "I doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs." Students of history must feel, as Joseph felt, that "through the ages one increasing purpose runs," and that purpose had its origin in the heart of God. We are but instruments in his hands of carrying forward His purposes.

Why Joseph Is Among Earth's Immortals

It is our feeling that there are two basic reasons for writing the name of Joseph high on the scroll of the immortals of earth.

(1) One of the reasons that the life of Joseph stands out as one of the truly great is the fact that he still loved the brothers who had thought to destroy him. He not only loved them but he gave evidence of it by freely forgiving them when he could have taken vengeance of a drastic sort.

(2) The other basic reason undergirding the greatness of Joseph was his unshakable faith in the fact that God was working through the various experiences that came to him whether those experiences appeared to be good or bad. He even absolved his brothers from any wrongdoing since he said "you sold me" but then adds "God sent me." He declares "It was not you who sent me here, but God." In Genesis 50:20 Joseph says to his brothers, "You mean evil against me; but God meant it for good." Joseph's reaction was not merely an act of forgiveness; it was a recognition of Providence in human history.

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Denver Is Site Of 1960 General Conference

Chicago (MI) — Mile-high Denver is to be the meeting place of the 1960 quadrennial General Conference of The Methodist Church. The dates will be April 27-May 11.

These decisions were made here today by the Commission on Entertainment, a fourteen-man body elected a year ago by the last General Conference.

Ten other cities received consideration, the final choice narrowing to Denver, Kansas City and Miami Beach. Most of these places were visited by delegations of the Commission.

Several possible conference locations were eliminated because of unavailable auditoriums and hotel rooms during the period in which church law requires the conference to be held.

The commission, headed by the Rev. Dr. William H. Alderson of Bridgeport, Conn., is composed of a layman and a minister from each of the denomination's six jurisdictions, plus two general officers of the church. Dr. J. Wesley Hole of Los Angeles, a layman, is secretary.

The General Conference, the supreme law and policy-making body of The Methodist Church, is composed of between eight and nine hundred delegates, equally divided between ministers and laymen. These are elected by the 105 annual conferences in the United States and the 45 overseas.

A strong presentation by what one commission member called "a highly cooperative local committee" was a heavy factor in the Commission's unanimous decision for Denver. Also a well-equipped auditorium seating 6,000, adequate hotel facilities, and the city's somewhat central location influenced the choice. The National Council of Churches held its triennial meeting in the Denver auditorium in 1951.

This will be the first time that the Methodist General Conference will have met in Denver. The session will climax a hundred years of Methodist work in Colorado.

Among those supporting the presentation were resident Bishop Glenn Randall Phillips, the Governor of Colorado and the Mayor of the city, executives of the state and local councils of churches, and top officials of Denver University and Iliff Theological Seminary.

Members of the Commission on Entertainment include: South Central Jurisdiction, the Rev. Dr. Paul V. Galloway, Tulsa, Okla., (vice chm.); and Carl C. Hall, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Bishop

Bishop Paul will be the guest of honor at the morning and evening services on Sunday, June 30, at Central Hall, Westminster, in London.

Bishop and Mrs. Martin arrived in England this week after sailing from New York Friday, June 21. During their stay in England, Bishop and Mrs. Martin will visit Epworth, Historic Methodist Shrine.

Bishop and Mrs. Martin left for the three month trip late Tuesday evening, June 18, by train for New York.

Bishop Martin will attend the executive committee meeting of the World Methodist Council in London July 2-3-4.

Bishop and Mrs. Martin will leave July 5 for Brussels where they will remain until July 9, at which time they will fly to Stanleyville in the Belgian Congo.

The Westminster Central Hall congregation is the largest Methodist congregation in London and one of the largest in all world Methodism. Dr. W. E. Sangster, new Extension Secretary of the British Methodist Conference, was for many years the pastor of the Westminster congregation.

as In London Sunday



Bishop And Mrs. Martin Boarding Train For Missionary Trip, June 18, At Union Station, Little Rock

La. Minister To Attend Nat'l EMC Workshop

The Rev. Karl Tooke, Shreveport, Louisiana Conference director of stewardship, left Friday, June 21, to attend the Interdenominational Every Member Canvass Directors' Workshop at Camp Augustana, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. The workshop is being conducted by the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolences of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S.

The Rev. Mr. Tooke is being sent to the session by the General Board of Lay Activities. He was selected with other leaders across the nation to attend the meeting where preparations will be made for an intensified program of simultaneous every member canvass across the church.

The Rev. Mr. Tooke said the experience will help to improve the effectiveness of the EMC in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. The EMC program was recently completed and is also planned for the coming year.

The Rev. A. N. Storey, North Arkansas Conference EMC director; the Rev. James E. Major, Little Rock Conference EMC director; and the Rev. Mr. Tooke have announced

Christian Missions Conference To Be Held at Mt. Sequoyah

The fourth annual Southwest Conference of Christian Missions will begin next Sunday, June 30, and continue through the following Friday, according to Dr. Karl Quimby, director of Missionary Education of the Methodist Board of Missions. Under the sponsorship of the National Council of Churches, the missionary conference is expected to draw more than 300 Christian leaders from the south and southwest to Mt. Sequoyah for the six-day meeting.

The conference will open on Sunday evening following the first meal with a vesper service at Inspirational Point. Mrs. Rosa Page Welch will have charge of the vesper service each evening. Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, New York, an executive of the World Council of Churches, a resource person for the conference,

the first meeting in the Area will be Oct. 15 and 16 at El Dorado, Arkansas. Staff members from the general board in Chicago will be resource men for the October workshops.

Monroe Station To Televis "Talk-Back"

Experimental Program
Scheduled By KNOE-TV

The television audience viewing TALK BACK, a half-hour experimental program in the further development of the Methodist Television Ministry, will have an opportunity to "talk back" and express their opinions and needs.

TALK BACK is being shown to test audience reaction to a new format for a possible filmed series.

Monroe Station KNOE-TV, Channel 8, will telecast the program Sunday, July 7, from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. Only eight other TV stations throughout the nation were selected to carry the experimental program.

The format provides a short drama presenting a problem or need of ordinary people. A panel discussion of this problem or need immediately follows the drama.

By mailing back a printed questionnaire with information filled in, the audience has an opportunity to help in the development of a new series of television programs.

The program has been produced by the general Television, Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church. The Methodist Church, through its TRAFCO and in cooperation with the National Council of Churches, has produced two television series, THE PASTOR and THE WAY.

It has been estimated that an accumulative audience of over 350,000,000 viewers have seen the Methodist Television Ministry programs, which have been a part of the interdenominational broadcasting of the National Council of Churches.

The present experiment seeks to make more effective use of television by the church by stimulating a wider community and local church participation.

will deliver the opening address on Sunday evening and will teach a course on The Ecumenical Capital Church.

According to Dr. Quimby the conference is interdenominational, ecumenical, and interracial, and "it is making a distinct contribution to a wider fellowship in the churches in the great southwest region."

The following leaders are scheduled for responsibility in the program: Dr. J. Cater Swaim, New York, staff member of the National Council of Churches, who will lead morning devotions and teach a class in Bible;

Dr. Joe J. Mickle, Centenary president, Shreveport, teacher of a Mission course on Japan;

Mrs. Norman Richards, West Lafayette, Ohio, who will offer a course on Methods of Teaching;

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Southwide Observance of Charles Wesley Anniversary Set

Lake Junaluska, N. C. (MI)—A Southwide observance of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley, famous British hymn writer, is scheduled here July 30-31.

The author of 6500 hymns, Charles Wesley and his brother, John, were 18th century clergymen of the Church of England who founded the "Methodist movement," which later developed into the Methodist Church.

Protestant churches throughout the United States and in numerous foreign countries are joining this year in commemorating Charles Wesley's birth, December 18, 1707.

High light of the regional celebration at Lake Junaluska, southeastern summer assembly grounds of the Methodist Church, will be a hymn festival featuring a massed choir and addresses by leading hymnologists and church musicians.

The observance is sponsored by the nine-state Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church and its historical society, the Methodist Board of Evangelism in Nashville, Tenn., and the Hymn Society of America, New York City.

They said churches throughout the South have been invited to send their pastors, song leaders, directors of music and choir members to the hymn festival.

Speakers will include Dr. Deane Edwards of New York, president of the Hymn Society of America.

"The hymns of Charles Wesley belong to all denominations and we hope to honor him with a great revival of congregational singing," Dr. Edwards said in discussing the Lake Junaluska observance.

He said that much of the impetus of the 18th century religious revival in England and America was inspired by Wesley's music.

Bible Society Reports 1,110 Translations

New York, N.Y.—The number of languages and dialects into which at least one book of the Bible has been translated passed the 1,100-

Reports Liquor Industry Spending \$400 Million In Advertising

Washington, D. C. (MI)—Liquor advertisers are spending more than \$400 million a year to "brainwash the American public," the Methodist Board of Temperance charges.

Congressional action on pending bills to help "decrease this disgraceful expenditure" was called for by the Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, general secretary of the church board's national headquarters here, in letters to Sen. Warren G. Magnuson of Washington and Rep. Oren Harris of Arkansas.

They are chairmen of the Senate and House Interstate and Foreign Commerce committees which are considering proposals to ban alcohol advertising.

The House bill (H.R. 4835) was introduced by Rep. Eugene Siler of Kentucky and the Senate bill (S. 582) by Sen. William Langer of North Dakota.

Citing trade journals and associations as sources, Dr. Hooton listed major expenditures for alcohol advertising last year as follows:

Newspapers, \$65,837,000; magazines, \$35,462,937; radio and television, \$54,220,860; outdoor, \$32,109,430, and "point of purchase," \$207,500,000.

"These figures do not include the fantastic production costs of television commercials and full color

Methodist Men to Hear Great Speakers At National Conference July 19-21



Lafayette, Ind.—The second National conference of Methodist Men to be held here on the campus of Purdue University July 19-21 is expected to attract 5,000 delegates from all sections of the country. This aerial view of a portion of the campus shows Cary Halls, men's residence units at the university. Some of the principal speakers are shown in the panels. Left panels, top to bottom, shows: Dr. Roy L. Smith, San Diego, Calif., noted author and lecturer and former editor of the *Christian Advocate*; Kinsey N. Merritt of Elizabeth, N. J., vice president of the Railway Express Agency and a prominent Methodist layman; Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Los Angeles. Right panel, top to bottom: Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Chicago, general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, who will just have returned from an extensive tour of mission work around the world; Dr. Marshall T. Steel, pastor of Methodism's largest church, Highland Park, Dallas, Texas, and speaker on the national radio program, *The Methodist Men's Hour*; and Ray H. Nichols, Vernon, Texas, newspaper editor and publisher, president of the General Board of Lay Activities, which is sponsoring the conference.

mark during 1956, it was reported at the 141st annual meeting of the American Bible Society held recently at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York.

The addition of 17 languages during last year has brought the total to 1,109, it was reported.

The entire Bible has now been published in 210 languages and dialects; a complete Testament in an additional 270, and at least a Gospel or other whole book in an additional 629.

There are about 80 other languages in which short passages or

Youth Lead In Nat'l Park Christian Ministry

New York, N. Y. (NC)—Under the giant sequoias or beside a mountain lake in one of our majestic National Parks, visitors this summer will come upon family groups taking part in unusual worship services led by college men and women enthusiastic about their ministry.

collections of passages have been published but, since they lack a complete book, they are not customarily counted in the total.

Now beginning its fifth year, the Christian Ministry in the National Parks — a National Council of Churches project — reaches from Michigan to California and from Texas as far north as Mt. McKinley in Alaska.

Describing this ministry, the Rev. Warren Ost, executive director of the program, announced that 121 college and seminary students are taking up their duties this month in Yellowstone, Sequoia, Yosemite, Glacier and our 20 other National Parks.

"This is a record number," he said, reporting that these specially trained student ministers represent 18 Protestant denominations. They will conduct religious services for many of the fifteen million park visitors this summer in rustic chapels, luxurious lodge hotels and out-of-doors wherever people feel like gathering.

Students provide their leadership on a "priest-worker" basis, Mr. Ost pointed out. On weekdays, they drive trucks, bell-hop and do chores for the hotels and park concessions to help pay their way and support their ministry. They also conduct vacation Bible schools and recreation for the children of park visitors as well as for the permanent and seasonal park personnel.

On weekday evenings, the student leaders collect other young employees for song fests, talent shows and talks around a campfire discussing problems and solutions to them.



Two outstanding lay leaders, Dr. J. Ross McCain, president emeritus of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., third from left, and W. N. Banks, of Grantville, Ga., fourth from left, were presented appreciation awards May 23 for contributing to the religious life of the nation through making possible the building of television facilities at the Protestant Radio and Television Center in Atlanta, where the largest sound stage South of New York and East of Denver was recently completed. With them, are, left to right: Dr. John M. Alexander, president of the center; G. H. Candler, chairman, Emory University Board of Trustees; Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of Atlanta, who presented the awards, and Dr. William R. Cannon, dean of the Candler School of Theology.

Clergy Group Asks Halt To Nuclear Tests

San Mateo, Calif. (RNS)—A group of 26 clergymen signed a letter to President Eisenhower urging that the U. S. halt nuclear bomb testing and take the lead in seeking a worldwide ban on such tests.

The signers included pastors of Protestant churches in several communities in San Mateo County on the San Francisco Peninsula. Also signing was Rabbi Sanford Rosen.

The clergymen noted that "a large segment of nuclear scientists and geneticists warn of the hazards to living and unborn human beings arising from the explosion of nuclear bombs."

The likelihood of atomic war is inherently increased by "the spread of the nuclear arms race to other nations," the petition added.

Therefore, the clergymen said, "we call upon President Eisenhower to halt our nation's testing of nuclear weapons and to press for an international ban on testing of atomic weapons at the current United Nations Disarmament Conference in London."

Penna. House Bill Bans Sunday Auto Sales

Harrisburg, Pa. (RNS)—A bill to ban the sale of automobiles on Sunday was passed by the House and sent to the Senate.

Proposed amendments to allow car dealers to do business on Sunday if they closed one other day during the week were rejected.

A fine of up to \$100 is provided for first offenders. For subsequent violators the penalty would be a fine of up to \$200 or 30 days in jail.

Rabbi Urges Jews Hold Revival Services

Chicago (RNS) — Jews should take a cue from Evangelist Billy Graham and hold their own revival services, a Chicago rabbi urged.

The Jewish community would reap "rewarding spiritual dividends," wrote Dr. G. George Fox, rabbi-emeritus of South Shore Temple, in the Sentinel, Jewish weekly published here.

His article discussed Mr. Graham's current New York crusade.

Dr. Fox said Jews would profit from "good preaching, good music, good publicity, good fellowship, joyous loyalty to our faith, and enthusiastic response by those who would get something out of a newer and closer relationship with their God."

The rabbi said he once held a week-long Jewish religious revival in Ft. Worth, Tex., and "it was a success."

New Jewish Family Bible Published

New York (RNS)—A new illustrated Jewish Family Bible, described as the most complete edition of the Holy Scriptures ever assembled for Jews, was introduced to a gathering here of scholars and religious leaders.

The one-volume book is published by the Menorah Press of Chicago. Dr. Melbourne I. Feltman, its executive director, said a large group of scholars, translators, editors, map-makers, artists and technicians were involved in the project which took four years to complete.

He said the edition contained many "firsts" for a Jewish Bible. Among these, he said, were an encyclopedic dictionary, a chronology listing the dates and order of events in the Bible; a prayer "directional," introductions to the Books of the Bible with paragraph headings and explanations; maps and a special section on the Jewish holidays and their meanings. Also included is a Family Record consisting of eight

Americans Sent \$6 Billion In Gifts Abroad Since War

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—More than six billion dollars in private gifts have been sent to needy persons abroad by the American people in the 12 years since the end of World War II the Department of Commerce estimated here. Religious groups contributed about two billion dollars of this amount.

In the first comprehensive report on post-war private aid, the department said that the peak outflow of cash and gift parcels occurred during the years 1946-48 when relief needs were urgent.

Remittances during those years averaged \$700,000,000 a year, the department estimated. Since 1948 the flow has leveled off to a little less than \$500,000,000 a year.

About \$3,500,000,000 of this aid, or 60 per cent, was remitted by individuals, while religious and charitable organizations transmitted \$2,500,000,000 in gifts of food and other necessities.

About half of the post-war remittances went to

countries in western Europe, with the flow particularly large immediately after the conflict ended. As conditions in this area improved after 1948, a larger portion of American aid went to the Middle East and Asia.

Israel has received about \$700,000,000 in private remittances, the largest amount by any one nation, the report said. Most of the aid to Israel came from organizations rather than individuals.

About 80 per cent of the institutional remittances, or a total of two billion dollars, were made by organizations connected with religious groups. The remainder was provided by CARE, the Red Cross, and various private relief agencies, such as Greek War Relief, Philippine War Relief, Inc., etc.

In 1956 total private relief gifts amounted to \$535,000,000, compared with \$473,000,000 of 1955, the report showed. Some \$285,000,000 of these private gifts went to Europe, \$193,000,000 to Asia and Africa and \$57,000,000 to Latin America.

Educated Person Cannot Ignore Religion, Says Harvard President

Cambridge, Mass. (RNS)—No one who ignores religion and the possibility of coming under its "life-giving influence" can claim to be educated, Dr. Nathan M. Pusey, president of Harvard University, said here. He delivered the baccalaureate address to graduates.

"The fruits of intellect unsupported by faith are not necessarily richer life but more often superciliousness, fastidiousness, or even lack lustre and despair," Dr. Pusey said. Somehow, he stressed, the full experience of liberal learning must miss these "pitfalls."

Says Evangelistic Campaigns Reaching Only Church People

Ottawa (RNS)—Dr. Emlyn Davies of Toronto, president of the Canadian Council of Churches, said here that professional evangelistic campaigns are failing to reach those outside the churches.

He told the Ontario-Quebec Baptist Convention:

"All the churches are talking evangelism and much planning, money and efforts are being spent to achieve all the success possible. But it is an evangelistic movement within the churches. It is only the churches which are being stirred."

He noted that all the big evangelistic campaigns have drawn large crowds recently but said that "the industrial masses have felt no effect whatsoever."

Dr. Davies is pastor of Yorkminster Baptist Church in Toronto, largest of the denomination in Canada.

The educator noted that the climate within universities is more favorable toward religion than it has been for some time. He said there was more interest in religion on college campuses and less hostility toward it.

"If not all people view the change with favor," he said, "at least it is now widely recognized that religion is an acceptable subject of intellectual interest, and already one begins to wonder how it could even have been held that it was not."

Dr. Pusey added that discussion of religion is carried on with less "frenzy" and more tolerance than formerly. In this changing climate, he said, many are coming again to speak up for religion in university and college communities as they have not for some time.

The new college interest in religion, Dr. Pusey continued, in contrast to a narrow restricting rationalism, affirms the importance for men of "the indestructible and inalienable minimum of faith which humanity cannot give up because it is necessary for life."

Emphasizing that this new religious interest is not against methodical thinking, Dr. Pusey said, "quite the contrary, it will go with this at every turn. But it will not be completely limited or held back by methodical thinking when such limitation seems to mean turning away from the richness of experience and the fullness of life."

Back of the methodical thinker is the man, Dr. Pusey said, and in him, "rightly oriented" must be found an incentive to "joyous creativity" which "strikes deeper than intellect to become . . . a religious attitude."

He expressed the hope that the new intellectual interest in the role of faith in human life "will not stop at this point" but lead on to "questioning about the object of faith, which is God, and to an effort to give meaning and content to this word."

pages for inscribing names and important events in family life.

"This Bible has been designed to take its place in every Jewish home throughout the English-speaking world," Dr. Feltman said.

Non-Conformity And Transformation

FOR the most part those who early settled these shores were people determined to find their own ways. They were freedom-seekers who willingly gave up their comparative security and more advanced ways to risk a hard life unhampered by social conventions and political oppression of the old countries. In a word, these early settlers were individualists.

But eventually the long arm of political oppression spanned the Atlantic and they and their children began to feel its weight. That which they had sought to escape had caught up with them. One of their number expressed their sentiments: they preferred liberty to life itself. And so 181 years ago on that eventful Fourth of July, this band of patriots declared their independence of an intolerable reigning power.

A rereading of their Declaration of Independence causes one to wonder how such an association of individualists could have ever reached a significant agreement. Indeed, we are told that there was disagreement before common agreement was reached. It should also be remembered that oppression by an overseas power and a mutual desire for liberty were common bonds which bound them together.

Yet, that which in the beginning was such a determining factor in shaping America's destiny is in danger of passing, many thoughtful leaders are now suggesting. We are told that we are becoming "conformists," yielding all along, little by little, much in individual life that sets us apart individually, one from another. We have been passing through a period when to express a different point of view was to make oneself liable to being branded as a supporter of a certain foreign government whose political philosophy is diabolically opposed to democracy. LIFE magazine editorially suggested last week that this year's college graduates are a closed lip group, who have little to say about their point of view for fear of endangering their future security.

We would like to suggest that while there is ample evidence of the "non-conformity to conformity" trend in American life, the factor of religion can make the difference between life as it may be and what our early forefathers dreamed on that first Fourth of July. Don't forget, the factor of religion was very much in their thinking.

The Apostle Paul spoke of conformity and non-conformity, and thoughtful churchmen and Christians might well consider his admonition today. "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God." (Romans 12:2, RSV) The Church from the beginning has cradled and nourished truth and freedom, liberty and individual integrity. Its challenge to those to whom it takes the Christian gospel is not to conformity to a pattern of dogma and rules of conduct, but rather to a transformation of life which Christ holds for those who commit their lives to Him.

One of the weaknesses of the Church today is its emphasis on numerical strength. Church rolls are crowded with names of persons who "conform" but have not been transformed by Christ. American churches could not begin to hold on a given Sunday all of their members if they should all put in an appearance. One might expect transformed Christians to do this.

Our plea is for a rededication to the ideals that made our country's founders the daring, courageous, committed, transformed individuals they were. Non-conformists, yes, in those things which hampered free expression and development of life, but transformed in and by those things which counted for the most.

Interboard Councils Being Organized

AMONG the more significant actions taken by the three annual conferences of the Area in their recent round of sessions were the establishing of the disciplinary provided "Interboard Councils." In Louisiana, this council met briefly for organizational purposes at its annual conference session and will

hold its first meeting within the next few weeks to determine its program and calendar.

In Arkansas, these councils will also be organized on an annual conference basis, but the two councils will form an Inter-Conference council that will in effect consider the promotion of certain phases of program on a state basis rather than on a conference basis as is being done at present.

All three conferences have had similar groups in the past which have met either at the annual conference session or early in the conference year to set up a calendar for the year's work. This have proved to be a useful function since with all program interests represented much duplication and overlapping of dates were avoided and proposed programs could be fitted in at a time when the interest of the whole conference would best be served. There was also some educational value in various board representatives hearing the programs of other boards and agencies mentioned.

However, as we understand it, the proposed program of the new conference and state councils goes a step further, and a much needed step it is. Not only are conference and state calendars to be formulated, but there is to be consideration of actual promotion and publicizing of the whole of a conference's or state's program. And what will be of even more help, there will be a general sharing of the plans and policies of the various conference boards and agencies so that the net result will be a greater understanding by all concerned of what the Methodist churches are endeavoring to do, program-wise. As understanding between various groups grows, so will the strength of the church. Also, those agencies, the church paper for example, which have program promotion responsibility, will be in a far better position to do the job which it is capable of doing if the whole Methodist program is coordinated.

We believe that all conference leaders will readily see the wisdom of these councils and will contribute to making them the most effective instruments possible.

Disarmament Hopes Up

H-BOMBS continue to be exploded and pressure continues to mount against nations which insist on testing these devastating weapons. It appears now that some serious consideration is being given the whole matter of H-Bomb testing by our own government which up until recently went its own way on the issue.

It remains to be seen at this writing just how serious and sincere Russian leaders are in their latest proposal on disarmament and nuclear weapons, but at the present hope is mounting that within the next few months some permanent good will come out of the disarmament discussions which have been in progress for several months.

That progress is indeed being made is seen in the Atoms for Peace Agency which won overwhelming approval by the U. S. Senate recently and will be considered shortly by the other 79 nations who would become parties to the treaty. The program calls for the pooling of peaceful atomic knowledge, research and resources of member nations to promote atomic energy development, raise production and living standards, fight disease and other afflictions, all under a system of safeguards, including inspections and immediate sanctions, all pointing toward eventual atomic disarmament.

Incidentally, while the U. S. continues to lead other nations in H-Bomb developments, a recent report indicates that Great Britain is well on the way to becoming the first nation to establish nuclear power stations for supplying industrial energy. One wonders which development will be the most significant in the long run.

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Vacation Church Schools Held Throughout Area

Vantrease, El Dorado

One hundred and forty-seven were enrolled for the Daily Vacation Church School at Vantrease Methodist Church, El Dorado, and 130 received certificates. There were 27 adult workers and 11 from the youth department.

The director was Mrs. Bynum Blackmon, superintendent of the children's department. The nursery was open each day for the babies of the workers, with Mrs. George Rae and Miss Martha Starritt and Gail Starritt in charge. Mrs. Chester Davidson was general chairman of refreshments.

James Mason was film chairman. Two films were shown — "Your Family" and "Let's Share With Others."

"Religious Nature In Church and Home" was the course presented the third and fourth year nursery group with Mrs. Edward Ross as superintendent. She was assisted by Mrs. J. W. Bolding, Mrs. Doyle Franks, Mrs. James Strother, Mrs. Joe Burley, Mrs. Henry Crook, Mrs. Dale Booth, and Misses Mary Baker and Joyce Sinyard. "Friends Near and Far" was the course for the kindergarten department, with Mrs. Loree Johnson as superintendent, assisted by Mrs. Lucy Reeder, Mrs. Hazel Reeder, Mrs. Calvin Heard, Miss Sylvia Morgan, Miss Gail Duke and Miss Jackie Davis.

"Our Families" was the course for the primary department with Mrs. K. K. Cottrell as superintendent assisted by Mrs. E. E. Baggett, Mrs. D. R. Brewer, Mrs. G. V. Baker, Mrs. Allan Perdue, Mrs. E. C. Bellew, Mrs. Virginia Johnson, Mrs. Marily Simpson, Miss Sherry Pipkin, and Miss Jo Joiner. For the juniors, "Meet Your Neighbors" was the course with Mrs. Charles Hedgecock superintendent, assisted by Mrs. Carl Davidson, Mrs. D. E. Starritt, Mrs. Perry Bolding, Miss Sara Baker, Miss Marianne Wilkins, and Miss Carolyn Cameron. Rev. M. E. Scott is pastor.

The records show that this was the largest vacation church school ever held at Vantrease Methodist Church. Each course was planned by the leaders to bring out the theme, "Wider Relationships." The session closed with a sharing period Sunday evening at which time parents and others were invited.

Bethel Church, Indian Mound

A Vacation Church School was held at Bethel Methodist Church at Indian Mound the week of June 3 through June 7, with an average attendance of 56 children and 18 teachers each day. Forty-eight children had perfect attendance for the week. The 1957 theme was "Wider Relationships."

The parents were invited to attend the closing exercises which were held Friday night. Each class presented a special program in connection with their studies during the week.

Mrs. Marjorie McDonald was the Bible School director.

Offerings taken during the week will go toward the purchase of new offering plates.

The Rev. Ted Smith is pastor of Bethel.



FIRST CHURCH, WEST MONROE

These youngsters and their teachers are pictured on the opening day of the daily Vacation Church School

at the First Methodist Church, West Monroe.

Mrs. Charles P. Chisholm, was the director. The Rev. W. D. Milton, the church pastor, is shown at the left, and the teachers are pictured toward the back.

College Hill, Texarkana

The College Hill Methodist Church of Texarkana, Arkansas, completed an eight-day session of Vacation Church School with a graduation service.

The Rev. Howard L. Williams is pastor of the church, and Mrs. Weldon Smith is superintendent of the Church School.

The text for the school this year was "Wider Relations." The courses for the departments were as follows:

Kindergarten: "Far and Near," with Mrs. Glen Tanner and Mrs. W. H. Buse as teachers. They used as assistants, Mrs. Curtis Cornett, Judy Schmeider, and Joyce Teague.

Primary: "Our Families," with teachers Mrs. David Caddell, and Mrs. Elmer Thomas. Their assistants were Mary Nell Barber, Ann Caddell, Judy Elrod, Edrene Downs, and Carol Harvey.

Junior: "Meet Your Neighbor," with teachers Mrs. Bill Culberson assisted by Mrs. W. E. Downs, Mrs. Bart Mullens, Dorothy Williams, and Gracie Harvey.

The graduation service was held in the sanctuary of the church and was opened with a prayer. The parents and friends were welcomed as guests. The WSCS and Wesleyan Guild were thanked for serving refreshments each day during the school and the teachers were introduced. The Kindergarten children sang a group of songs accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Buse. The Primaries sang songs and presented a litany. The Juniors gave a choral chant and sang songs.

Then the guests were invited to the educational building and basement to view the handicraft and other exhibits on display. Refreshments were served to all of those present.

Melbourne

June 6 brought to a close the annual two hour, eight-day vacation church school at Melbourne Methodist church. There were 33 certificates given. The school had an average attendance of 30 with ten adult workers. Splendid cooperation was given by other ladies of the church by two each day serving refreshments.

The four classes offered and the teachers who taught were: kindergarten, "My Home and Family," Mrs. Jo Anna Fudge with Mrs. Lois Rodman assisting; primary, "Friends at Home and in the Community," Miss Jannie Wilson with Mrs. Pauline Stewart assisting; Juniors, "Meet Your Neighbor," Mrs. Martha Sanders with Mrs. Hope Majors assisting; and Intermediate, "God's World and Ours," Mrs. Helen Johnson with Mrs. Mary Majors assisting.

"This was one of the best and most interesting vacation church schools that the church has ever had. Already, as a result of the training, little deeds and actions on the part of the students have been observed," said the Rev. Robert Johnson, pastor.

First Church Coushatta

Vacation Church School of the First Methodist Church, Coushatta, La., began on Monday, June 10, under the supervision of Mrs. Cleve Heyl. Classes and courses were provided for Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate ages. Materials used were those recommended by the church for each age group: Kindergarten, "Friends, Near and Far"; Primary, "Our Families"; Junior, "Meet Your Neighbors"; and Intermediate, "God's World and Ours."

Enrollment in the school was 89 with 19 adult workers leading in the various activities of worship,

The First Methodist Church, West Monroe, sponsored a daily Vacation Church School, June 9-16.

Mrs. Charles Chisholm was general superintendent, and there were several other workers.

A new class for three-year-olds was supervised by Mrs. H. J. Eyre; kindergarten department — Mmes. L. G. Cook, S. L. Emory, George Wylie, Betty McClendon, Miss Martha Williams, and Miss Lynn Hamm as pianist; primary department — Mmes. Eugene Scott, Nelson Beasley, G. E. Meredith, R. G. Taylor, Clyde Jordan, and Misses Sally Cummins and Polly Riser with Miss Carol Wilhite as pianist; junior department — Mmes. Amos Hood, J. D. Vance Henningan, Gene Williams, Misses Ann Duncan, Becky Vance and Amy Hood and Guy Cook and Eugene Morrow.

Mrs. George Van Zile and Mrs. N. R. Golsen were in charge of refreshments.

Spiller Milton was in charge of films and Clyde Jordan, Jr., served as the church school secretary.

handwork, and recreation. Daily refreshments were provided by the various circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. During the school, one of the classes visited the Jewish Synagogue in Shreveport, after which a picnic was held in one of the Shreveport parks.

The Vacation School closed on Sunday night, June 16, with a program held at the 7:30 p.m. evening service in which the children of the school participated. Handwork and other materials were displayed, and a period of fellowship closed the service.

Workers in the school included: Mrs. Cleve Heyl, Mrs. Elizabeth Conley, Mrs. Bobby Brown, Patsy Campbell, Mary Ann Adcock, Mary Tom Wilkinson, Mrs. Ruth McCarty, Mrs. Estell Jones, Iris Strother,

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THE COST OF PRIDE

I once knew two brothers who lived for about 20 years near together and yet without speaking to each other. When they grew to manhood, they jointly managed their father's farm. Property was held in common. But gradually they grew apart.



The younger brother prided himself that he was smarter than his older brother and could make more money sitting on the fence than the other could plowing the fields. Consequently he spent considerable time on the fence. The other felt aggrieved at having to divide up after he had done so much of the work.

Finally they separated their holdings. Then for all the ensuing years until death they did not speak, although living only a few rods apart. Thus they forfeited that fellowship which can be so fruitful between brothers. And whenever anyone tried to effect a reconciliation between them, the attitude of each was, "I'll not be the first to forgive."

How often we are too proud to receive the love and life that are waiting for us! Take it between generations. Grownups can become so proud of their opinions and attainments that they fail to welcome the contributions which youth can make to their lives.

And young people, on their side, often show what the Archbishop of Canterbury called "that courteous contempt which youth has for age." The smart young fellow sometimes take a patronizing attitude toward his father as a nice old dodo who means well but lives in a past age.

The late John Buchan, Governor General of Canada, recalled the inspiration he received as a young lawyer in London from associations with older members of the bar, and deplored the modern tendency to segregate professional and social groups along age lines.

Nothing is more important than the religious training of our youth; but in our programs toward that end, let us cultivate the areas in which the different ages can learn from one another, thus overcoming the pride of age consciousness.

Or consider the form of pride which we call vanity. Vanity is shallow pride, manifest in small ways and on slight grounds. The vain person preens himself before every show window he passes. By turning windows into mirrors he keeps seeing himself when he ought to be seeing the things around him. Thus pride makes him a prisoner of himself. He has himself on his hands, for nobody else wants him.

Or take the pride of achievement which separates a person from God. The record of King Uzziah illustrates it. Listen: "His name spread far abroad; for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong. But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his own destruction." Similar statements occur again and again in Old Testament biography. Success breeds a sense of self-sufficiency. Men no longer feel the need of God. Then they fall. In that way it can be said, "God resisteth the proud."

But God "giveth grace to the humble" in heart. Richard Baxter was wont to say, "Know thyself and thou canst not be proud." If we are to know ourselves, we must not do as the ancient Corinthians who, "measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves with themselves, were not wise."

We must see our lives in the light of God. When I go to buy a piece of cloth for a suit, if I am wise I ask to see it not in the artificial light but in the natural sunlight.

So with life that goes into the suit; I should see it in the light of God's love and wisdom and holiness. And when I do look at what I have done alongside of what God has done for me, then I think how indebted I am to others for what little I have accomplished.

A little boy of 9 was showing his little brother of 6 through a picture book of English history. They came upon a picture of King Charles I being led to the block where he was beheaded. The older lad said, "There goes King Charles on his way to being block-headed." There was truth in his error of language. Despite many good personal qualities, Charles did lose his head, partly because he was too proud to learn.

There is a justifiable pride which is a part of life's motive power. We should take pride in our work, but we should not take pride to ourselves from our work. We should have push, advancing good works. But we should not be "pushers," elbowing ourselves into the limelight. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven"—rather than yourselves.

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
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North Arkansas Conference



A NEW AND WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

Some of you may have read in the recent columns of THE METHODIST that I had been chosen as a member of a group to go on an evangelistic mission to the Philippine Islands. The invitation came from Bishop Jose Valencia of the Philippines Conference to our General Board of Missions asking them to send a group of workers there to carry out a four-week evangelistic program. The trip to the Philippines will be made by going east. Therefore it will be a round-the-world trip, something that I have dreamed about for most of my life. We shall be stopping at such interesting places as London, Paris, Rome, the Holy Land, Baghdad, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, Rangoon, Hong Kong and Tokyo. The party left New York by air on June 26th.

There are about 80,000 Methodists in the Philippines, where there is a total population of about 16,000,000. The Roman Catholic Church is quite strong there, but there are several million people who are not connected with any religious body. Therefore we feel that we shall have a great opportunity for evangelistic work there. Our party will be made up, as far as I know now, of eight ministers and two laymen. The other layman besides me is Dr. Harry Denman, leader of the party. One clerical member will be Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of The Upper Room. As far as I know now, when we reach the Philippines, the party will be divided into five teams of two men each. Each team will be assigned to a church and will work with the people of that community for a week, then will be moved to another community to do the same work there. Within the four weeks that we shall be there we should be able to reach a large number of churches.

I am taking my portable typewriter along, and The Layman's Column will carry the stories that I send back home by air mail, telling of our many and interesting experiences. I hope that everyone who reads this column will

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

WHAT IS AMERICA?

What is America, the land that we love?

We sing of America as a "sweet land of liberty," "the home of the brave and the free," the land of "heroes proved in liberating strife." But what nation does not claim these same attributes for itself?

America is, in our first thought, a great geographic portion of the entire earth; either the hemisphere discovered as "a new world" almost five centuries ago, or that portion of it comprising the forty-eight states of the United States. This "gem of the ocean"—a name we have applied to our half of the northern continent—has proven itself one of the richest areas of the world in natural resources. America to the farmer, the prospector, the industrialist, the exploiter, the business and commercial leader, has been, and still is, a land "with milk and honey blest." Yes, and it has blest "the common man" as have few other areas of earth. From the soil of America, from its subterranean depths, and from its sea and air have come untold riches to add to the necessities and luxuries, the joy and the ease, the well-being and the well-doing of its population. No other land has seemed more richly blest; no other continent has been so able to relieve the hungers of the have-not world.

But America is far more than an area of the earth bountifully endowed with food and the wherewithal for creature comforts. America is 165,000,000 individuals, predominantly white, but actually composed of many races, nations and strains, for the most part living happily and cooperatively under one great

pray often for the work that we shall be trying to do with these kindly people. We shall all want to make a worth-while contribution to the Kingdom as we are able to reach so many of God's people on the other side of the world.

Now, just to practice up on you . . . hasta la vista . . . au revoir . . . auf Wiedersehn . . . a rive decci . . . or, as you and I might say it, I'll be seein' you.

flag. America is people whose ancestors came to "the new world" to worship in freedom, to escape imperial bondage and military despotism, to give of their brawn and brain in return for food, raiment, and shelter, to seek wealth or to seek opportunity — while some came as slaves and were later liberated. America is 165,000,000 people of varied tongues, and backgrounds, and religions, and nationalities, and skills, and gifts; all banded together in common purpose and in common pursuit.

America is an ideal. One becomes strong and grows as he reaches out or gropes forward toward his ideal. But he never quite "arrives," for just as he is about to attain it, the ideal itself moves a step or a mile forward—and demands renewed effort. So, America, the ideal moves out and beyond men's immediate grasp; it is never satisfied with its own attainments; it is in search of the higher, the better, the more costly; it causes men to look upward, to climb upward, to see and seek the light higher up the mountain.

And America is both a hope and a faith. It is a hope and a faith that the ideal can be attained—can be attained by man as he strives and moves with the help of his Creator and Companion. It is a hope and a faith in the brotherhood of all men, in the sacredness and value of the individual as a son of God, in the ultimate victory of right over wrong, in the destiny of this people to be partners with God and with Christ in the healing and redemption of men the world over.

America has a rendezvous with God, and with history, and with destiny. And the appointment is to be met not with the reminiscent "roll of stirring drums," nor the soul-chilling tramp, tramp, of marching feet, nor with blasts of oratory or artillery. It will be met as the people of America—the men, women and children—who know the sacredness of their heritage, and pursue the highest ideal with hope and faith—pray, and speak, and work, and cooperate, and nurture, and conserve for the common end of human welfare under God. As America is true to her highest ideals, she will demonstrate her meaning to the world—and she will become a worthy leader of the world. "God bless America."

"Mold out, O God, we pray,
From this crude, blended clay
A people new;
Fire them with love of right,
Purge them from selfish blight,
Let them through thee unite
In freedom true."

Alcohol, Society, and Me

By Miss Toy B. Baker

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is the winning speech-essay entry in the annual speech-essay contest in the North Arkansas Conference, sponsored by the Conference Board of Temperance. Miss Toy B. Baker, Ft. Smith First Methodist Church, won first place and a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond. Second place winner was Miss Owanda Faye Davis, Wiggins Memorial Methodist Church, Fayetteville, who received a \$25 Savings Bond. Tied for third place were Miss Frances Tacker, Whitten Methodist Church, and John Braden, West Helena Methodist Church. Each received the third place award of \$10.

ONE night last summer I saw a very extraordinary movie, "I'll Cry Tomorrow." After seeing the horrible experiences of Lillian Roth, I got in my car and started home. As I was driving I began to think about alcohol and how it can destroy a person's soul as well as his family, and friends. Then all of a sudden I stopped, for there before me was a huge sign praising the merits of alcohol. It showed the picture of friends at their party having fun and there on the table beside was some beer. There it was, just sitting up there on that billboard persuading one with these words, to "Have a drink." But does that billboard tell the other side of the story? If you do take that first drink you will want another and another and then it will become like a steel trap and grasp you until you cannot escape. It will tear homes apart, cause crime, accidents, and finally death. If you will notice the men who advertise the alcoholic beverages on T.V. will say, "Just as soon as I get off this program I am going out and have me a good tall glass of beer." But you notice that he said, "after the program," because if he did drink it on the program, he would be fired.

When I finally got home I decided to look up some fact about alcohol. Now I already know that there are six times as many alcoholics as there are cancer patients in the United States, and there are eleven times as many alcoholics as there are cases of Tuberculosis. Fifty per cent of the divorces in just one state are caused by alcohol. It is now 155 times more prevalent than polio, according to a comparison of figures by major national health authorities. According to figures published in the Bureau's semi-annual Uniform Crime Report, there are over 60% of all arrest reported to the F.B.I. for the first six months of 1956 were alcohol related. There are 137,608 more alcoholic beverage outlets in the United States today than the combined total of Churches, Synagogues, and Temples. Last year the American people spent over nine billion dollars for Alcoholic Beverages. Out of 2,945,216 total arrest reported from 1,771 cities, 60.66% were for the four liquor-related offenses of drunkenness, disorderly conduct, driving while intoxicated and liquor law violations. Brewers ranked second as sponsors of syndicated televised firm programs for twelve months ending July 31, 1956. On the average, four lives per hour will be lost over the 102 hour holiday period because liquor was at the wheel. Comments from the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church said: "The American people raise millions of dollars each year to fight cancer, T.B., polio, but spend billions, to help spread the evils that cause alcoholism."

We have laws to help prevent automobile accidents, crimes of all types, the destruction of property and human life, and to prevent people from interfering in the rights of others. Yet we permit the advertising and sale of a product that, as a result of its very nature, has produced American's number two health problem, Alcoholism. 60% of the population 15 years of age and over, or from 62 to 67 million Americans are drinkers. A study of drinking in college released in 1953, revealed 74% of the students who participated in a drinking survey reported having used alcoholic beverages to some extent, and 26% reported having always been total abstainers. But now in 1957 this has increased considerably.

There have always been the three R's—READING, WRITING, AND ARITHMETIC. There are also three D's—DATING, DRIVING, AND DRINKING. The Yale staff members made a survey indicating that at least 80% of the near 4 and 3/4 million alcoholics in this country got their start in their teens. A young man once remarked, "what books and teachers say about alcohol may all be true, but I would like to get drunk just once and find out for myself." That is just what so many young boys and girls are saying today, and when you do take that first drink you wait for something to happen, then another and another until it



MISS TOY B. BAKER

makes you start feeling good, so you continue to drink and drink and before you know it you end up on Skid Row.

People drink for many reasons such as, Incidental Motives, Superficial Explanation, Habit, Purposes and Satisfaction, Excitement, Relaxation, Sociability, Escape, and Lost Weekend. When I finally finished looking up all these facts I was really amazed that such a thing could cause so much harm. It has been said that whatever you are thinking about before you go to bed is what you will dream about. It was certainly true that night with me, because I began to dream about alcohol and all its evils. God put man and woman on earth, not to be alone but to unite as one and marry and have children, which is the most beautiful thing in the world, but he did not want us then to let alcohol destroy these beautiful things. When you are under the influence of alcohol, you will do so many things that you wouldn't do normally. Then if you continue to drink you begin to like liquor more than anything or anyone else.

As I was dreaming, questions kept popping into my head such as why does the government continue to let producers sell liquor, when they know how much harm it can do to a person? I know that everyone has to make a living in this fast growing nation of ours, but they don't have to make it by destroying others! The little children of our world today wonder in amazement just what it is, because everytime they watch T.V., ads are always telling about alcohol. You can't see the beautiful scenery that God has created for so many alcoholic advertisements of billboards along the road that distract your attention, and then people wonder why three-fourths of the alcoholics got started in their teens, when as children it is all around them.

No man is ever cured of alcoholism by the tears of his wife or by the prayers of his mother alone. He must, himself, from the bottom of his heart want freedom from this slavery, want it enough to go of his own will to those who can help. Alcohol works its deadliest havoc with the human spirit in the crisis of life. We always live in the face of crisis, and in one sense the project of education, especially religious and moral education, may be characterized as preparation for crisis: such as, who shall be my date at the next party?, the little spats, sometimes fisticuffs, passing exams. Then gradually comes the greater crisis: marriage, birth, depression, failures, promotion, loss of a job, natural calamities, sickness, accidents and finally death.

The man who wins in the long run is always likely to be the one who disciplines himself in the little crisis so that when great upsetting events happen, he does not lose his nerve. He keeps a steady hand on the wheel, a relaxed foot upon the throttle, and a calm eye upon the hazards of the road ahead. Nothing is so fatal in the crisis as the jitters or the numbing paralysis of a narcotic. Alcohol is always a narcotic, and when its use becomes a steady habit the effect is often to rob a person of his steadiness in nerve and character.

Yes, you can be cured one of two ways, either by the Alcoholics Anonymous Club or by a still greater way, and that is to have the faith in God and be willing to give up your drinking and get help from the church. As I lay there sleeping, an old Egyptian proverb ran through my head. It went like this—As a blotter absorbs ink, so does alcohol absorb the strength, money, honor, and happiness of the drinker.

So there I lay in restless sleep and knowing that in the morning I could get up and be free and not be caught in the claws and traps of Alcohol.

But what can we as Christians do to stop such a thing? Nothing but set an example for the young generation to come, for the world will lie in their hands, and we want it to lay right. I just wish everyone could have the experience that I have just told you about. You would never take a drink in your life. The best cure of all for this dreadful thing is just three little words, NO, THANK YOU.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. AND MRS. J. C. SKINNER announce the birth of twin daughters, Deborah Le and Roberta Sue on June 16. The Rev. Mr. Skinner is pastor of the Montgomery Methodist Church.

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. Ned Stout Friday, June 14, a son, Ned Lee Stout, Jr. The Rev. Mr. Stout is pastor of the First Methodist Church, Denham Springs.

REV. D. W. POOLE, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, preached at the Winbourne Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Sunday morning, June 23. Rev. A. A. Collins is pastor of the church.

A RECEPTION honoring Rev. D. William Poole and Mrs. Poole, District Superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, was held at the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Friday evening, June 21. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., was host pastor.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, are: Arthur Faulk, chairman; Tom Grady, vice chairman; and Jim Wilcox, secretary. Rev. Fred Flurry is pastor of the church.

NEWLY ELECTED officers of the Official Board of the Haynesville Methodist Church are: Travis W. Campbell, chairman; J. C. Harp, vice chairman; M. J. Birdwell, secretary; and J. A. Lowe, treasurer. Rev. Jack H. Midyett is pastor of the church.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Official Board of the Winbourne Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, are: Felix Parker, chairman; Percy Hunt, vice-chairman; and Daniel Watt, secretary. Rev. A. A. Collins is pastor of the church.

THE YOUTH of the Rayville Methodist Church held a Youth Activities Week, June 17-21, with all the young people in the community and surrounding area being invited to join in worship and recreation each evening. A pot-luck supper was planned for Monday night. Rev. W. D. Boddie is pastor of the church.

REV. BOB HOLLADAY, Youth Director of the First Methodist Church, Minden, preached in a Youth Revival held at the church. Judianne Braswell was director of the music, with Becky Jones at the organ. Other young people of the church assisted in various ways. Rev. Dan R. Robinson is pastor of the church.

DR. D. L. DYKES, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, addressed the 40-Year Veterans and Retired Employees Assn. of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company at an annual meeting in Marshall, Friday, June 14. About 200 T&P veterans attended the meeting according to A. J. Hamil, associate secretary.

REV. WILLIAM PETER KING, retired Methodist minister and former church editor, died at Savannah, Georgia, at the age of 86. The Rev. Mr. King held several pastorates in Georgia, the last being at the First Church in Athens. He moved to Nashville in 1928 when he became book editor of the *Christian Advocate*, a position he held for eight years.

REV. AND MRS. JOLLY B. HARPER announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Evelyn Marie, to Samuel Joseph Callia. The wedding will take place at the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, on Saturday, the sixth of July, 1957, at eight o'clock in the evening. The Rev. Mr. Harper is pastor of the church.

MRS. JOHN BABB of the Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was guest organist at the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Sunday, June 16, in the absence of the Minister of Music, George M. Kreamer, who was in Ft. Worth, Texas, attending a meeting of the church music directors at the Southwest Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists. Dr. Carl F. Lueg is pastor of the church.

THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL held at the Logansport Methodist Church, June 10-15 was, according to report from the pastor, Rev. James B. Grambling, a success in every way. Mrs. W. J. Garland was the general chairman with Katherine Thomas serving as general secretary. Mrs. C. R. Valentine was in charge of the Kindergarten Department; Mrs. Helen Hunter was in charge of the Primary Department; and Miss Margot Horn and Miss Nita Perigo were in charge of the Junior Department. Refreshments were furnished daily by the Wesleyan Service Guild, Gleaners Class, Men's Class and the W.S.C.S.

THE SUNDAY evening worship service, June 16, at the Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, was centered around a Father's Day theme with Rev. Eddie Morgan, Youth Director, bringing the meditation. The Cherub Choir, under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Barber, provided the special music including two Father's Day numbers, "Father's Day Hymn," by Ballard, and "Come, Join With Us In Worship," an old Finnish Folk song. Special emphasis was placed on the entire family attending and worshipping together in this service. Rev. Edward W. Harris is pastor of the church.

SUNDAY, June 30, will mark the third annual Homecoming and Revival for the members of the McIntyre Methodist Church. Rev. L. J. Futch, pastor, and the members of the church extend a very cordial invitation to their friends and past members and especially to the ministers who have served the church in the past to be present. Rev. Delos H. Cassels of Gloster, Miss., will be guest speaker for the occasion. He will also preach in the revival services which will continue through July 5. Program for June 30 includes 9:30 a.m. church school; 11:00 a.m. worship service; 12:00 noon, lunch on tables on the church lawn; afternoon, fellowship, singing, etc.

REV. ALLEN O. JERNIGAN, minister of education at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, and Rev. Robert E. Parrott, associate pastor of the Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, were elected co-chairmen of the New Orleans Christian Education Fellowship, at a meeting on May 15, at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church. The New Orleans Christian Education Fellowship is an interdenominational group of directors of Christian Education and educational workers, representing twelve New Orleans churches. The outgoing chairman is Rev. Robert Galatas, pastor of the St. Claude Heights Methodist Church, New Orleans.

THE WORLD FRIENDSHIP group of the Maplewood Methodist church honored members of the W.S.C.S. with a tea, at the church annex, at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 16. The hostess group, sponsored by the W.S.C.S., is composed of teen-age girls who are training to become future members of the W.S.C.S. The Maplewood group is the first, and to this date, the only organized group of its kind in the Louisiana Conference of The Methodist Church, according to report. The group's special project each year is a missionary tour. Last year the group took a trip to attend the annual Indian Conference in Oklahoma. The group left Maplewood the week of June 17, on a tour of mission projects in Houston and San Antonio. Rev. Loyd E. Williams is pastor of the church.

REV. WEBB B. GARRISON, Nashville, a staff member of the Methodist Board of Education, has been elected president of McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill. McKendree is a co-educational liberal arts college. It has been under continuous Methodist administration for 129 years—longer than any other United States college. Mr. Garrison, 38, was elected McKendree president May 15 and assumed his new position June 3. He succeeds Dr. Russell Grow who resigned to return to classroom teaching at Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Mo. Mr. Garrison was

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

According to our custom, there will be no issue of the paper during Fourth of July Week. So that our readers will not miss a Sunday School lesson, we are running the lessons for July 7 and July 14 in this issue.

director of press and printing for the Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church. No successor to him has been named, said the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Nashville, general secretary of the division.

REV. ROBERT PARROTT, associate pastor of the Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, left Louisiana on June 14 for a two-month trip to Europe. Sailing on June 19 aboard the *Queen Mary*, he plans to visit England, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Italy, and Switzerland, and will return August 13 on the *Queen Elizabeth*. Of special interest during the trip will be a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral and Aldersgate Street in London, the scene of John Wesley's conversion experience; the Holland Festival at the Hague; several days at the Frankfurt Theological Seminary, in Frankfurt, Germany; several stops at international student chalets and retreats sponsored by the World Student Christian Federation; and the W.S.C.F. headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

A NATIONAL METHODIST lay leader, Robert G. Mayfield, Chicago, will be the guest speaker on the Columbia Broadcasting System's radio program, "Church of the Air," Sunday, July 21, at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Mr. Mayfield is general secretary of The Methodist Church's General Board of Lay Activities, which has its national headquarters in Chicago. The 30-minute network program will originate in the studios of Station WBBM, Chicago. It will be broadcast by approximately 100 CBS stations across the country, but some will record the service for broadcast at a different hour. Music for the program will be by the choir of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. Mr. Mayfield's message will be in connection with the second National Conference of Methodist Men, July 19-21, at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

MRS. A. J. PEAVY, the first woman ever elected to membership on the Centenary College board of trustees, left Centenary a gift of \$25,000 under terms of her will. Mrs. Peavy, who died October 23, 1956, placed no restrictions on the gift to the college. Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, said the board of trustees will decide later how the money shall be used. Mrs. Peavy was nominated by the board and elected by the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in 1943 and was the first woman in the then 118-year-old college to serve on the board. She served continually from that time until the day of her death. President Pierce Cline headed the college administration at the time Mrs. Peavy was elected to the board. Mrs. Peavy was the widow of A. J. Peavy, Shreveport lumberman. Both she and her husband assisted many boys and girls in obtaining college educations.

THE VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL of the First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, was held June 3 through 14, and concluded with a covered dish supper and open house for all parents and friends including the kindergarten, primary, junior and intermediate departments. The enrollment was 137, which was more than a fifty per cent gain over last year. Mrs. T. L. Miller served as director of the school. Other workers were: Mesdames Grover Bates, J. P. McAlpin, Cary Johnson, Jr., Mitchell Reames, Waddy Norman, Jack Rogers, Joe Pierson, Bailey Thaxton, Cecil Ewing, Dwight Davis, Sid Bright, Jr., N. B. Morrison, Preston Rushton, Mason Salter, W. M. Woodward, Sherrod Towns, J. S. Mitchell, Tom Barker, the Misses Alice Stephens, Linda Miller, Kayla Bernard, Glenelle Pearce, Gail Slack, Mignon Horton, Anna Swafford, Betty Jordan, Dorothy Beckerman, Linda Cochran, and Mr. Roger Williams. Rev. George Pearce Jr., is pastor of the church.

Retired Minister Repays Unknown Benefactor

A kindness shown to a retired Methodist minister when he was a student at Centenary College almost half a century ago has been passed on to one of today's students.

The Rev. D. B. Boddie, who retired from the pastorate of the Davidson Memorial Methodist Church in Lafayette in 1956 after 43 years in the Methodist ministry, presented a \$230 check to Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary.

"When I was a student at Centenary College many years ago," he explained, "I became so hard-pressed financially that I thought I was going to have to leave school. Some unknown friend paid all my expenses for board for a two-year period, thus enabling me to continue my studies."

The check, drawn on the bank of Jena, bore a typewritten notation in one corner: "Gift to repay board paid for me during 1910 to 1912 by an unknown friend—a Mr. Baker whom I met several years later."

The minister was unable to identify his benefactor further, but he told Dr. Mickle that he wanted the money used to help out some other student who was in need of assistance. Dr. Mickle has placed the \$230 in the undesignated ministerial scholarship fund and has assured Mr. Boddie that it will be used for the purpose for which he intended it.

After leaving Centenary, Mr. Boddie was received into the Texas Conference of the Methodist Church, where he served until he was admitted to the Louisiana Conference in 1919. He assisted at Methodist churches in League City, Kirbyville, Waller and many other Texas communities and later served at Methodist churches in Glenmora, Opelousas, Pineville and Morgan City, among others, in the Louisiana Conference.

Since his retirement, he has been supply pastor at the Canal Street Methodist Church in New Orleans, now merged with the First Methodist Church. He will be supply pastor at the Trout Methodist Church. He will be supply pastor at the Trout Methodist Church until the home he and Mrs. Boddie are building in Jena is completed.

Mr. Boddie is the father of the Rev. W. D. Boddie, pastor of the Rayville Methodist Church in Rayville.

In expressing the thanks of the college to the minister, both Mr. Cooke and Dr. Mickle declared the gift "one of the most generous and dedicated ever received in the long history of Centenary College."

CHRISTIAN MISSION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT MT. SEQUOYAH

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Dr. Harry Richardson, president, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., who will offer a mission course on Christ, the Church and Race;

Mrs. Dorothy Hauser, Harrisburg, Pa., who will teach the methods course on Race;

Miss Janet Lacey, England, staff member of the British Council of Churches who will deliver an eve-

Conch Shell Used To Call Worshipers Passes to Fifth Generation



Bishop Paul E. Martin is shown above examining a conch shell which was recently passed to Rev. Lonnie M. Sibley, received on trial at the recent session of the Louisiana Annual Conference in Shreveport.

Shown with Bishop Martin is Rev. Mr. Sibley and his mother Mrs. Mattie Dawson Sibley.

The shell was originally used by the great-great-grandfather of Rev. Mr. Sibley, Rev. Samuel Dawson, who was an early Methodist minister in Louisiana Methodism. The shell was originally used by the early Methodist leader to call early Louisianans to worship service, and it is said that Bro. Dawson packed the conch shell around in his saddle bags as he made the rounds during the period of his ministry between 1841 and 1857.

During part of this period he was pastor of Methodist congregation at Amite, East Baton Rouge, Atchafalaya, and the Wilkerson Colored Mission. This early leader took the retired relation at the 1857 conference session, exactly one hundred years before his great-great-grandson was received on trial in the same conference. The shell has been handed down from generation to generation and is a prize possession of young Rev. Mr. Sibley, a second year student at the Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Sibley lives at Amite.

Indian Mound Youth Present Special Service

The Young People of the Bethel Methodist Church at Indian Mound had complete charge of the evening worship service on June 9.

Those taking part in presenting this special service to the congregation were highly commended for a job well done, according to reports.

Miss Dale Jones conducted the song service and Miss Carolyn Gross was pianist.

The invocation was by Miss Bessie Shaffett and Miss Barbara Stockwell led in prayer.

Miss Norma Lee Foster gave a report on W.S.C.S.-sponsored mission work in Louisiana. She had gone on a two-day tour of the South Louisiana Mission projects.

Announcements for the week

ning address and lead an afternoon discussion;

Miss Edith Groner, New York, staff member, United Church Women, who will direct the United Church Women discussion;

Byron Lamun, United Church Youth movement leader who will lead the youth program;

Rev. and Mrs. Harold A. Abrham, Tulsa, Okla., who will present missionary studies to children;

Mrs. R. Callown, Walters, Okla., who is the registrar for the conference.

were made by Miss Dottie Byers. Alvin Shaffett and Jimmy Gross passed the offering plates.

Guest speaker for the service was Stevie Schafer who preached the sermon on "The Little Church."

The Benediction was given by Miss Dale Jones.

The Rev. Ted Smith is pastor of Bethel.

Mexican Students Study At Centenary This Summer

Approximately 30 Spanish-speaking students from the Institute of Technology in Monterrey, Mexico, will spend the month of July on the Centenary College campus.

The students will learn English grammar, conversation and composition and will be members of the third annual group to take the special courses on the campus.

Dr. Ralph White, coordinator of the exchange program with the Monterrey institution, said a weekend in New Orleans will be one of the highlights of the students' stay in Shreveport. Many local residents also fete the Mexican students at parties and programs each year.

Miss Lenore Rees, dean of women and assistant professor of Spanish, will assist Dr. White in teaching the students.

Meanwhile, Dr. White is completing arrangements for his fourth annual visit to Monterrey with local students who wish to study the Spanish language, culture and history. He plans to take about 12 Shreveport students to Mexico from Aug. 4 through 23.

"Methodist Men" to Give Alaska New Library

Methodist Men clubs will soon join Methodist college students in helping to supply books for the library at the Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage.

The executive committee of the General Board of Lay Activities has approved a proposal for clubs to participate in the buying of books. For the last two years students in Methodist colleges and universities have been giving money to help buy such books. The books have been one of several "Fellow American" projects to which the students give through the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund.

In announcing the executive committee's decision, Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the board, said the proposal "offers an excellent outlet in the constant search for channels through which Methodist Men might direct their collective energy." The Alaska Methodist University library will provide an avenue for individuals, local clubs or cooperative efforts through district and conference Boards of Lay Activities to purchase books for this worthy institution. Further, the proposal lends itself to voluntary participation. There will be no assessments on clubs or individuals.

Commenting on the decision, the Rev. P. Gordon Gould, director of Stateside promotion of the university and a member of the staff of the Division of National Missions said: "This is, indeed, good news. The library of a college is a most important part of the institution, and any help we receive in securing funds to purchase books is much appreciated."

Pastor's Daughter Consecrated Minister of Music

Miss Doris Evelyn Barham, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Barham, of Columbia, La., was among those who were consecrated at the Virginia Annual Conference, June 12, 1957, in Roanoke, Virginia. Miss Barham received her official certification as a Minister of Music in The Methodist Church.

Miss Barham received a Master of Sacred Music Degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, in 1956. Since last September, she has been Minister of Music at Mount Vernon Methodist Church in Danville, Virginia.



MISS DORIS BARHAM

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Mansfield

The Mansfield Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met on Monday night, June 10, at the First Methodist Church in Mansfield, La. The meeting was called to order by the president, Caroline Cole.

A program was given by Caroline Cole and Dick Johns of Mansfield and William Dunn and Don Weatherred of Grand Cane. This group attended the MYF Conference held at Centenary College June 3-7. Each one gave a report about what they did and the classes they attended.

Old and new business was discussed and a motion was made and carried that all meetings be held in Mansfield with each of the other churches in the Sub-district rotating the recreation and refreshments.

Dick Johns and the Rev. John B. Kolemey had charge of the recreation which was enjoyed by all.

Refreshments were served by the Mansfield MYF.

Churches represented were Pleasant Hill, Many, Mansfield, Grand Cave, Pelican, Zecolle, and Logansport. Wallis Ray Wagner is reporter.

W. F. Cooley

The W. F. Cooley MYF Sub-district held its annual installation banquet Monday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Russellville, Ark., Methodist Church. The women of the Russellville Church served the group of 30, consisting of counselors, ministers, and MYF members. Favōrs and centerpieces were placed on the tables by the various churches of the Sub-district.

After the banquet, the following officers were installed: president, Carmelida Moore; vice-president, Pat Mueller; secretary, Gary Burris; treasurer, Stanley Fulton; reporter, Jearldean Wheeler; Chris-

LR Conference MYF Officers Installed



Officers for the Little Rock Conference MYF were installed June 4, at Hot Springs by Bishop Paul E. Martin. Pictured above are, 1 to r, front row: Mary Brannon, Christian fellowship; Lynette Cook, Christian outreach; Ethel Lu Teague, Christian citizenship; and Rayanne Heien, Christian faith. Shown on the back row, 1 to r, are: Jackie Bennett, president; Irene Thornton, vice president; Mary Wheeler Prewitt, secretary; Mary Ruth Price, publicity; and Darrell Smith, Christian witness. Mrs. W. D. Derrick is treasurer.

tian faith, Ruby Lynch; Christian witness, Judy Janes; Christian outreach, Sharon Pullen; Christian citizenship, Joyce Cloud; and Christian fellowship, Georgianna Burnett.

Galloway-Tolleson

The Galloway-Tolleson Sub-district met Monday night, June 10, in the Holly Grove, Ark., Methodist Church with 54 members attending.

The Holly Grove Methodist Youth Fellowship won the membership plaque for the month of June as a result of having the largest number of members present.

A program on hymns and their origins was presented by the Holly Grove Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Sue Calloway, secretary of the
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West Monroe Group Attends Retreat

Forty young people and counselors from the First Methodist Church in West Monroe, La., attended a retreat at Caney Lake June 1 and 2.

Special guests were: Rev. Joe McClain, who led an inspirational vesper service Saturday evening; and Rev. Jim McLean, who gave a constructive talk on the MYF, Saturday night. Other speakers were Mrs. W. D. Milton, G. B. Watson, and Spiller Milton.

A reporter said everyone enthusiastically joined in the swimming, skiing, and boat riding. Some indoor games and a wiener roast were also on the agenda. The staff at the camp added much to the week end with the fine food they served. The group returned to West Monroe early on Sunday afternoon.

FIFTH ST., FT. SMITH MYF HAS PICNIC

The Ft. Smith, Fifth Street Methodist MYF met at Creekmore Park, June 7, for its monthly recreation meeting for a picnic.

There were 10 members present. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Totten, Counselors, attended; and Mrs. Ralph Ruth and Miss Floy Shockey assisting with refreshments.

subitable items. Sacred? The parsonage? No!

Yet, I have seen sufficient use of the parsonage for purposes of the church to point out a thing or two to the Florida Court. Meetings, conferences, weddings, over-night visiting dignitaries, endless receptions and teas and suppers, not to mention the vagrants who stopped by the back door for a hand-out. Yes, the parson's family and the parson's home is different, and not only because of the goodness of its occupant. It often serves as an annex for the church. I grew up with Sunday School classes in living and bed rooms, on the back porch and front porch, with choir practice in the parlor, and the church's nursery all over the upstairs rooms.

All of which is to suggest to youthful readers that some of these parsonages are exchanging residents during these weeks. It may not be a sacred building in Florida, but it's pretty important in the life of your congregation the kind of people that live there. And they will be the best kind of people when your church has provided as best it can for the comfort of its parsonage family. The "goodness of the occupant" is not enough. But a cordial welcome to newcomers, an assurance of cooperative helpfulness in getting acquainted and into the work, and a solicitous desire to make your parsonage family comfortable—these are obligations of youth and adults in every parish.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

NO PARSONAGE SACRED

What do you know about this! After nearly forty years of living in a parsonage I have now been duly informed that a parsonage is not a sacred building. Let no one think that I have been under any illusions during these years when as a youngster growing up I lived with my parents in a succession of parsonages that extends from Long Island to Calcutta to Kansas. But it is only a recent announcement which reports that the Florida Supreme Court has ruled that a parsonage is not a sacred building. In doing so the court reversed a Circuit Court judge in Sarasota who had denied a liquor license to a place of business within 500 feet of a parsonage. For this purpose of analysis, the parson's home is no different than anyone's else!

The Supreme Court of this sovereign state went on to comment that a parsonage, "except for the goodness of its occupant" doesn't differ from any other residence "because it is used for secular and not religious purposes." And I have to agree that all that has gone on in the parsonages I know first-hand could hardly be classified as for religious purposes!

Certainly there were some parsonage committees who looked upon the parsonage as sacred. But their idea was that no changes could be made. If it was good enough for Brother Longsufferer when he was pastor here (right after the Civil War) then it ought to be good enough for Brother Rupert and his family. Sound in principle but this was a piredo of 65-70 years, and the house was beginning to show its age. Besides, who else in town gets a house provided for him besides the preacher? Yeah, and who else gets all the cast-off furniture and knick-knacks that have been replaced with more

Lafayette Co. Sub-district Elects Officers



The Lafayette County MYF Sub-district met Monday, May 20, to elect and install officers for the new year.

The officers elected, some of whom are pictured above, include: president, David M. Hankins, III; vice president, James White; secretary, Miss Robbie Triplett; treasurer, Johnnie Shaw; publicity chairman, Miss Diann Hankins; representative for Power and Concern, Miss Rema Harris; faith and witness chairman, Miss LaVerne Burks; outreach and citizenship chairman, Miss LaFrance Jackson; and fellowship chairman, Miss Janice McDonald. Sub-district counselor is the Rev. David M. Hankins, Jr., pastor of the Lewisville Methodist Church.



North Arkansas Districts Meet

Batesville District

The annual meeting of the Batesville District Woman's Society of Christian Service was held in conjunction with officers training day at the Oil Trough Methodist Church, May 9, 1957. Registration began at 9:30, with worship service at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Stampfer of Yellville furnished the music.

Mrs. L. T. Zarub, district president, presided at the meeting. The group joined in singing "This Is My Father's World." Mrs. W. M. Womack was introduced, who, in the absence of Mrs. M. Sommerhour, vice-president, introduced Rev. G. D. Hammett, local pastor, who gave the devotional, using as his subject, "The Sacredness of Life."

The president extended greetings and introduced the district officers and guests. Miss Mildred Osment, Conference vice-president, Mrs. M. L. Kaylor, Conference secretary of Children's Work, and Miss Mary Chaffin, Deaconess, were introduced.

Mrs. Bethen, president of the local society, was introduced and in her welcome said that "Religion begins at home, but does not stay at home."

Twenty-two societies answered roll call, with ninety members present.

Mrs. Ben Jernigan, treasurer, gave her report. She received reports from 40 societies. Twenty-nine societies contributed to the District parsonage furniture fund.

A recommendation from the Executive Committee to the District Conference, recommending that the pledge of the W.S.C.S. be made \$6,000, was read by the secretary. Mrs. Jernigan explained this recommendation, and after discussion, Mrs. Womack moved that the recommendation be accepted. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mrs. R. E. Connell, chairman, gave the report of the Project Committee. The committee recommended that a gift of not less than \$50 be sent to Wayland Springs Methodist Camp, and that a gift of glasses and plates be sent from local societies to the camp. Mrs. Johnson moved that this report be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Nels Barnett moved that the surplus money in the Cultivation Fund be turned over to the District Secretary Youth for the cultivation of the youth in the district. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Connell moved that the offering taken at this meeting be used for Wayland Springs Camp. The motion was seconded and carried.

At the noon hour, the meeting adjourned to the beautiful Educational Building for lunch. Rev. Kaylor of Yellville gave the invocation.

The meeting reassembled at 1 p.m. A song was sung, and the purpose of the W.S.C.S. was read in unison.

Mrs. Nels Barnett gave the report of the Courtesy Committee. Mrs. P. G. Magness presented the Better Beds Project.

Mrs. M. L. Kaylor introduced Miss Mildred Osment who was the guest speaker. She read Luke 5: 1-11, then gave her own version of the scripture. She said that people are hungering for God. We need to launch out into the deep, put God's work first, and not be afraid of His call. The disciples left everything and answered the call. So must we. She compared the District work to a fourteen-room house, set on a hill, with a light in each room. The brightness of the light depended on the work of the District Officer in her room.

The group joined in singing "Dare To Be Brave," and the meeting was closed with a prayer.

Forrest City District

The First Methodist Church of Helena was host for the District meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Forrest City District, Friday, June 7. Twenty churches of the District were represented by approximately 125 members. Rev. Otto Teague, District Superintendent, Rev. Irl Bridenthal of Helena, and Rev. Vernon Paysinger of West Memphis, attended the day's meeting.

Mrs. John Sikes, president, was in charge of the program and conducted a business session following the morning worship service which was given by Mrs. Arthur Weeden, the District Secretary of Spiritual Life.

Miss Helen Hubert, recipient of the District scholarship fund at Hendrix, gave a report on her four years at Hendrix, and announced her plans for work at the First Methodist Church in Forrest City.

The group voted to continue the fund which, hereafter, will be called a \$600.00 annual grant, and to be used by a girl in the District specializing in Christian Education.

The Spiritual Life Retreat in connection with the School of Evangelism on Mt. Sequoyah was discussed and the group voted to send Mrs. Arthur Weeden to the Retreat as recommended by the Jurisdiction and Conference.

Mrs. T. H. Tucker, Nominating Committee Chairman, reported names for three new officers, Mrs. John Burrow, West Memphis, Secretary of Student Work; Mrs. N. A. Norris, Parkin, Secretary of Children's Work; Mrs. R. E. Pearce, Wynne, Secretary of Promotion. They were elected, and with other officers, were installed later in the day by Mrs. Elmus C. Brown, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service.

Another recommendation approved by the group was to send a student to the Student Workshop on Mt. Sequoyah in August. Mrs. Burrow, Mrs. W. F. McCachren and the Rev. Mr. Teague will select the student.

Mimeographed reports of District

Jurisdiction School of Missions
In Session At Mt. Sequoyah

Attending the South Central Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, June 24 to 29 are the following from North Arkansas Conference: Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Russellville; Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, Bentonville; Mrs. Julian Vogel, West Memphis; Mrs. William Hall, Widener; Mrs. James S. Upton, Conway; Mrs. Elmus Brown, Hughes; Mrs. Jeff Brown, Springdale; Mrs. H. H. Fullbright, Searcy; Mrs. M. L. Kaylor, Yellville; Miss Mildred Osment, Jonesboro; Mrs. Louis Zarub, Bull Shoals; Mrs. George Metzler, North Little Rock; Mrs. C. G. Chandler, Siloam Springs; Mrs. Chris Traicoff, Marianna; Mrs. James Blankenship, Monette; Mrs. Lee Ward, Paragould and Mrs. J. H. Garrett, Beebe.

The Little Rock Conference will be represented by Mrs. J. R. Hen-

derson, Little Rock; Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Little Rock; Mrs. M. E. Scott, El Dorado; Mrs. Ross Helvie, Pine Bluff; Mrs. J. L. Verhoeff, Little Rock; Mrs. Charles Ashcraft, Lake Village; Mrs. Howard Elder, El Dorado; Mrs. Eugene Fohrell, Sparkman; Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Gordan Morgan; Mrs. Charles Thomas; Mrs. Bill Comer; Mrs. Don Cameron, Little Rock; Mrs. W. M. Reinhardt, Hope District; Mrs. Harold Scott, Dumas; Robert Kirkwood, Pine Bluff District; Mrs. Harold Davis, Arkadelphia District; Mrs. H. K. Calkin, Camden District; and Mrs. J. H. Rice, Little Rock.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Ruston, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Shreveport, and Mrs. Sam Dunbar, New Orleans, are the Louisiana Jurisdiction and Division members attending.

officers were distributed. Mrs. Elmus Brown announced dates for Schools of Missions and the faculty. Mrs. H. E. Pearce gave a report on the District's response to the Better Beds Project for Mt. Sequoyah.

A workshop period was conducted for an hour prior to the luncheon hour. Large Goal Charts, provided by Mrs. J. H. Johnston of Wynne, were placed about the altar and used during the day's program.

Two features of the afternoon were a baritone solo by Bob Evans, and an address by Dr. Pearle McCain.

A tentative date, Sept. 10-12, was announced for the District Retreat at the Ethan Dodgen Camp on Bear Creek Lake. Complete announcements will be given later by Mrs. Weeden. Other officers appearing on the program were Mrs. H. B. Ward, Mrs. Albert Lasher, and Mrs. William Hall, Conference Treasurer.

The courtesy committee included: Mrs. Charles Wilkin of Brinkley, Mrs. Vernon Paysinger of West Memphis and Mrs. J. H. Johnston of Wynne.

(Mrs. H. E. Pearce, acting secretary-reporter)

NEWS IN BRIEF

A mother and daughter dinner was held in the recreation room of Capital View Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, May 22, sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. W. E. Tyer, president of Woman's Society of Christian Service, served as toastmaster.

Invocation was given by Mrs. Lester Snell. Mother and daughter responses were given by Mrs. Orrie L. Thompson and Miss Martha Thompson.

A beautiful vocal selection was rendered by Miss Patsy Moore, accompanied by Miss Betty Dodd.

Mrs. E. E. Biggers introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. B. F. Red,

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

The Board of Missions of the Methodist Church is looking for enough doctors, nurses and medical technicians to operate three small hospitals in Alaska—hospitals that cannot be operated unless such key personnel are found. And without the hospitals, large areas and thousands of persons are currently without adequate medical care. Three doctors, twelve nurses and four technicians are minimum needs. One hospital, the Community Hospital at Valdez, is built and equipped, but is not operating for lack of medical personnel. The Town Council of this community of 1,200 on the coast of south central Alaska has asked the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board to operate the hospital. The Woman's Division has had to turn down the request because a doctor, four nurses and a medical technician have not been found. Similar requests have been received—and are, as yet unaccepted—from Sand Point in the Aleutians, and from the Chamber of Commerce in Kenai, south central Alaska. If any qualified doctor, nurse or medical technician is interested in helping to fill either need, he (or she) may write to: Office of Missionary Personnel, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

who gave a very inspiring and interesting talk.

Mrs. J. H. Godevin presented Mrs. Kacteuai Parker with a life membership pin and later introduced the remaining guests. The closing song, "Bless Be The Tie" was sung by all.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Morningside Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, elected officers for the coming year who were installed Sunday night, May 26.

Those elected include: president, Mrs. J. W. Murray, Jr.; vice president, Mrs. L. E. Kneipp; recording secretary, Mrs. M. D. Wingard; treasurer, Mrs. K. G. Feazel.



No. Arkansas Adult Leaders' Conference To be Held July 1-3 At Hendrix

By Ira A. Brumley

The North Arkansas Conference Adult Leaders' Conference is to be held on the Hendrix College Campus, July 1-3, 1957. This is a new program for the North Arkansas, but a much needed program.

This program is for pastors, church school superintendents, adult division superintendents, teachers and presidents of all adult classes and all other class or divisional officers of the adult program.

Registration is to begin at 10:00 A. M., July 1, with the opening program at 11:30 A. M., a Bible Message by Dr. Meredith F. Eller of Fayette, Mo. Dr. Eller is to speak three times during the conference.

Rev. Robert Clemmons of the Department of Christian Education of Adults, General Board of Education, The Methodist Church, will be a Resource Leader for the conference.

There will be a number of periods given to group discussion. Mr. Clemmons will speak to the group a number of times and on Tuesday evening is to have a demonstration of teaching of an adult class.

The program will close on Wednesday morning about 9:30 o'clock, the closing program being a message by Dr. Eller.

No pre-registration is being requested, but we would like to know how many are coming from any church so we can plan the housing.

Each person must bring his or her own pillow, pillow case, sheets, towels, soap, Bible, and other personal items that will be needed.

The cost will be \$7.00 for room, meals, registration fee, and insurance.

Senior Adult Conference, July 1-3

The Senior Adult Conference will be held at the same time as the Adult Leaders' Conference, but the program will be different except for the Bible Messages.

This program is for adults who have passed their sixty-fifth birthday.

No group coming to conferences on the Hendrix Campus have a better time than do the senior adults. This program has been conducted for many years.

Rev. I. L. Claud of Marion will be the Director. Rev. R. A. Dorman of Fayetteville will be Director of Recreation and Fellowship. These two leaders have given excellent leadership in this program in other years.

This group will register in Gallo-way Hall between 10:00 A.M. and 11:30 A.M., July 1. The program will close about 9:30 A.M., July 3.

The cost of this program will be \$7.00 on the same basis as for the Adult Leaders' Conference.

These persons will need to bring same equipment as listed in statement on Adult Leaders' Conference.

Conference for Adult Workers with Youth

Plans are being worked out for a two day program for adults who work with youth. Rev. Wallace Chappell, General Board of Education, is to be a Resource Leader for this program.

This program will be for adults who work with intermediates, seniors and older youth.

The greatest need in the youth

field is for better trained adult leadership to work with youth.

Plan now to have your church represented in this meeting.

We plan to begin at 2 P.M. on Friday, July 26. The program will close in the late afternoon of July 27. This will make it possible for these workers to be home for Sunday.

New Certifications

The following new certifications for training school instructors have been reported to our office:

William C. Hightower, The Methodist Youth Fellowship (First and Second Series).

Mrs. Jack W. Glass, Teaching Children (First and Second Series).

Mrs. W. T. Sanders, Teaching Children (First and Second Series).

Charles A. Stuck, Christian Stewardship (First and Second Series).

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS HELD

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Mrs. Dot Dupree, Mrs. Joy Gaddis, Mrs. Jay Kemp, Mrs. Eloise Tomlin, Mrs. Alexa Osborne, Jerri Jones, Mrs. Dave Foster, Mrs. Margaret Nell Rambin, Mrs. Margaret Bundrick, Mrs. Jo Ann Nelson. Bundrick, Mrs. Jo Ann Nelson. Rev. Fred Schwendimann is pastor.

Hardy

The closing program of the vacation church school at Hardy Methodist Church was given Sunday night, June 2, with Mrs. Fred Carter in charge.

The students were led in the coral singing by Mrs. Tom Walker with Joy Shaver at the piano. Mrs. Kenneth Davis presented the beginners who sang. The primary group, taught by Mrs. Joe Bossie, gave a thank you Litany using their own words. The junior class presented a Bible story play, "The Woman at The Well," with Martha Sue Davis and Bruce Deitsche in the featured parts. Mrs. Ben Daulton was the director.

Intermediates, Peggy Davis, Nancy Holloway, and Sandra Johnson, gave high lights of their two weeks study with Nancy presenting to Mr. E. H. Hampson, chairman of the board of worship, a scrap book made by the class for the church. Intermediates Joe Atkinson and Jimmy Fuhr acted as ushers for the evening.

After a short talk by the pastor, the Rev. Lee Anderson, the congregation sang our "Good Night" song—"Till We Meet Again."

Projects of the different classes

Dr. Rippy To Retire

Dr. M. Leo Rippy, director of the Department of the Christian Education of Adults, General Board of Education, will retire from this position next October.

Dr. Rippy has served as director of the Adult Department since Unification, and prior to that held the same position in the old M. E. Church, South.

In announcing the retirement, Dr. Leon M. Adkins, general secretary of the Division of the Local Church, says that Dr. Rippy "is of legal (though not required) retirement age, but is still eligible for classification as a young adult."

When Dr. Rippy leaves the Division of the Local Church, he will become minister of education at Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington, D. C.

In 1919 he and Mrs. Rippy began their married life together in this church when he was director of its program of Christian education. They have many friends in Mt. Vernon Place church and in the Baltimore Conference who will rejoice at their return.

"Dr. Rippy's name has become synonymous with Christian education of adults across the church and the Adult Department may expect to be receiving memos on new ideas and new plans from his new base of operation," says Dr. Adkins.

were viewed by the people at the close.

The vacation church school had an enrollment of 50 for the two weeks with a daily average attendance of 35.

First Church, Monroe

The First Methodist Church vacation Church School in Monroe concluded its program for this year with closing exercises Wednesday night in the Church Sanctuary.

Each Department presented a song or skit showing some of the things which they had learned during this period. The school this year included the Kindergarten four and five year olds, Primary and Junior Departments, with 125 children enrolled and receiving certificates.

At the conclusion of the program a Fellowship hour was held in the Educational building with parents visiting the Departments to view the work that had been done, after which refreshments were served to all those present.

The following workers were responsible for the huge success which the school enjoyed: Mrs. Z. J. Byrd, Director, Mrs. Lena Wallace, Publicity, Mrs. Harry Greenwood, Registration; Junior Department: Mrs. Geo. W. Pomeroy, Mrs. J. J. Joyce, Mrs. Vernon Mears, Miss Lucy Ann Jackson, and Carol McKinley; Primary Department: Mrs. Corbin Turpin, Mrs. W. M. Findley, Mrs. Dennis Pumphrey, Mrs. George Riser, Mrs. J. R. Ober, Miss Jo Marie Ellett, Martha Riser, Joan Williams, Mary Wright, Rebecca Wright, Helen Jackson, and Lucy

Have 7 Years Perfect Attendance At Sunday School



Buddy Hearnberger



Lucille Hearnberger

Lucille Hearnberger, soon to be 11 years old, and her brother, Buddy, almost eight, have perfect Sunday School attendance records for seven years at the Norphlet Methodist Church where their parents are members. There is also another member of the family, now three months old, with a perfect attendance record of six weeks. Mrs. Thomas Benton is superintendent of the children's department.

Methodists Set National Conference of Musicians

The Third National Conference of Methodist Musicians will be held at George Williams College Camp, Williams Bay, Wisconsin, July 7-12.

A rich program will be offered covering choir organization and administration; basic skills in choral directing; hymnody; bells, music with adults and college groups; music in Christian education; service procedures; organ techniques; repertoire; materials and techniques for children's choirs and for senior and junior choirs; festival choirs; critical examination of unusual music.

The conference is for all Methodist church musicians—directors of music, choir leaders, organists and others responsible for music in the church, whether they be full-time employed directors of music, or volunteer organists.

Cecil E. Lapo, minister of music, St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, is president of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians; William C. Rice, professor of music, Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, is vice president; and Carlton R. Young, minister of music, Trinity Methodist Church, Youngstown, Ohio, is recording secretary.

Write to Dr. Bliss Wiant, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee, for descriptive folder containing registration blank. All registrations should be mailed to Dr. Wiant at the above address by June 3.

Turpin; Kindergarten: Mrs. A. L. Causey, Mrs. A. S. Towns, Mrs. Marcus Swayze, Mrs. Bill Loomis, Mrs. J. F. Echlin, Gail John, Gladys Findley, Harriet Murray, Lea Thompson, Peggy Lanier, Mrs. Charles Mulhearn, Mrs. Bob Carter, Mrs. Brooks Dawkins, Mrs. L. A. Hunnicutt, Suzanne Cason, Judy Worley, Judy Cobb, and Carolyn Thompson. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor.

Louisiana Conference

METHODIST YOUTH WORKSHOPS



Youth Council of the Louisiana Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship

Camp Brewer, July 15-20

Dean: Rev. John Kellogg, Elizabeth

Caney Lake, July 22-27

Dean: Jim Lamberson, First Methodist Church, Shreveport

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Jean Netterville, Baton Rouge District; Jimmy Godfrey, Monroe, Publicity; Charles Souter, Maplewood, Treasurer; Mary Nan Stanley, Oakdale, Secretary; Jean Stephens, Baton Rouge, Vice-President; Sally Murry, New Orleans, President; Marie Nelson, Monroe District; Patsy West, Lafayette District.

Second Row—left to right:

L. V. McGinty, Jr., New Orleans District; Reginald Soileau, Alexandria District; Lillian Blondin, Ruston District; Miss Louise Sharp, Conference Director of Youth Work; Dr. Bentley Sloane, Executive Secretary; Thay Butchee, Shreveport District; Katherine Zerger, Lake Charles District.

WHO MAY ATTEND: Two youth officers from each local church.



COST: \$16 total. Send \$5 registration fee when registering.



HOW TO REGISTER: Send names of two officers to the dean of the Workshop and enclose \$5 registration fee for each.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Write Miss Louise Sharp, Conference Director of Youth Work, Box 4156, Shreveport, La.



Louisiana Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship Annual Meeting, June 3-7, Centenary College



The Sunday School Lesson

E. T. WAYLAND

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LESSON FOR JULY 7, 1957

MIRIAM: WOMAN'S LEADERSHIP

READ EXODUS 2:1-10, NUMBERS 12:1-15.

MEMORY VERSE: A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30 (RSV)



With today's lesson we begin the Third Quarter of the year. We begin also a new series of lessons in Unit VIII in which we study, "Valiant Servants of God." These lessons, thirteen in number, run through the entire third quarter. All of these thirteen lessons are character studies, based on great personalities of the Old Testament.

Throughout the Bible there are many, many examples of truth taught in the abstract. In this method of teaching truth is simply stated in so many words. Sometimes it is simple; sometimes it is quite profound. However, the most helpful, impressive, effective manner of teaching youth is through character study, the embodiment of truth in life and character. The only perfect example of the embodiment of truth in life is found in the life of the Christ. In His life is found the embodiment of every virtue of life in perfection.

We study the character of Jesus as an example of the ideal, perfect life. He was "In all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Nevertheless, in this study there is always the feeling that in the matchless beauty and idealism of His life we have an example of perfection that is beyond our power to attain in this life. It is different, however, in the study of human life and character such as we will be studying for the next thirteen lessons. Human life and human nature are so much the same, generation after generation, that we feel lessons drawn from lives lived in earlier days apply directly to us who live today. In studying human life, we know that qualities of righteous character attained by people of any age can be attained by people who live today, if they so desire. We know also that the hurt sin has done to lives in other days may be felt in our lives if we too walk in forbidden paths. It is for this reason that a serious study of human character is always interesting and helpful.

The Influence of a Great Woman

The Bible does not tell us very much about the life of Jochebed, the mother of Aaron, Miriam and Moses. Nevertheless the little we do know about her leads us to feel that she must have been a truly great woman. She was born amid the hardships and privations of Egyptian bondage. In spite of it all she was able to leave the impress and imprint of a devout life on the lives of her children. It was Jesus who said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." Judging by the fruitage of her life, as seen in Aaron, Miriam and Moses, we must feel that Jochebed was truly a great woman. Because of the

place her children had in the early life of Israel, there are few mothers, if any, who have influenced the world's life more than Jochebed.

At the time of the birth of Moses, there was in effect a decree from the king, Pharaoh, that every male child of the Hebrews should be killed at birth. When Moses was born, the Record says that Jochebed "saw that he was a goodly child." Such was the power of vision of this Hebrew mother that she saw in the infant Moses a child who must be protected from the king's decree, even at the risk of her own life, if necessary. Only the discerning instinct of a mother's heart could have enabled Jochebed to see the potential powers of leadership inherent in the life of the infant Moses. What she saw led her to determine to save him from the decree of Pharaoh.

This mother of Moses was also the mother of Aaron, who went with Moses, as his spokesman, when he appeared before Pharaoh demanding that the Israelites be set free. Being the mother of Miriam, also, she was the mother of the three people who had leadership of all Israel at the time of the exodus and early development of the nation of Israel.

Miriam A Leader In Israel

Miriam, whose life we study today, is commonly believed to be the sister who watched by the basket which held the infant Moses when he was placed in the ark of bulrushes and put in the river among the flags. If so, it was she who came out of hiding when the daughter of Pharaoh found Moses and volunteered to find a Hebrew nurse for the child. She brought the mother of Moses to be the nurse. In this she played an historic trick on the princess by causing her to pay the mother of Moses for nursing her own child, a privilege she would have risked her life to attain.

It was Miriam who led the women in what was possibly the first Thanksgiving Day program of history. Israel had completed the perilous crossing of the Red Sea. Pharaoh, with his forces had tried to follow and were destroyed by drowning in the sea. There, on the shore of the Red Sea, with a great body of water between them and the land of bondage and with the host of their oppressors destroyed in their presence, Miriam, with a timbrel in hand, led the women of Israel as they sang hymns of praise and thanksgiving for their deliverance. The first verse in this 15th chapter of Exodus, from which the first selection of our lesson text is taken, opens with the statement,

"Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord." It was a general day of thanksgiving among the Israelites.

So far as we are able to determine singing is mentioned here for the first time in the Bible as the writer is describing the feelings of the Israelites on this their first day of freedom from Egyptian bondage. Possibly there was not much to sing about in the experiences of God's children before that time. They built altars and prayed, in earlier days, but there is no mention of singing.

Since that time the Jewish religion has been a singing religion. In Christianity, also, singing has been and is a large part of our worship experiences. Strange to say, these are the only religions of mankind in which singing, as we know it, is practiced.

In days that followed, Miriam was a leader in Israel in another form. She, with Aaron, was a leader in an unfortunate rebellion against the leadership of Moses. This also indicated that Miriam was an aggressive, positive character.

Criticism of Moses Born of Jealousy

When Miriam and Aaron conspired to rebel against Moses, they gave as the reason for their criticism the fact that Moses had married an Ethiopian woman. This was more of an excuse than a real reason for the criticism. In the next verse, we find the real reason for the attempt to discredit the leadership of Moses. In that verse, "they said, Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?" This was nothing else but the "green-eyed monster of jealousy" lifting its ugly head.

Miriam and Aaron were both older than Moses and it was not easy for them to take second place and stand by in silence while their "kid brother" played such a prominent part in the leadership of Israel. Family jealousies often take such a stubborn form that they not only destroy peace and harmony in the family, but at times destroy the usefulness of the lives of those involved. It is not unusual for us to differ with others, especially with those who are in places of leadership. Nevertheless, before we give expression to our differences, let us be sure that our words are not born of ill will, envy or jealousy. Any criticism of others should be born of a sincere desire to be helpful to the one criticized and to the cause involved.

Moses The Man of Meekness

Our lesson text says that "The man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth."

It is easy for us today to misinterpret the term meekness as it is frequently used in the Bible. In studying the Bible, we should never make the mistake of interpreting the term meekness as a sign of weakness. Let us remember that it was Jesus who said, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." We may be sure that weaklings will never conquer the earth, whatever the method they use. For Moses, meekness was expressed by extreme patience and humility and the spirit of unselfish service for others.

Moses was meek, as the Bible interprets meekness, but he was never weak. Think of Moses

standing before Pharaoh, the ruler of the most powerful nation of the day, and demanding that the bond servants and slaves of Egypt be set free. It required a civil war in America before slaves were given their freedom, but Moses, with God's help brought freedom to a helpless band of Jewish slaves. Think of Moses assuming the leadership of this disorganized, ignorant band of slaves and moulding them into a well-ordered nation of people, who have influenced the world's life more than any race of the ancient world. Moses was meek but he was not weak.

Miriam Punished For Sin Against Moses and God

In our lesson text we are told that, as a result of the rebellion of Miriam and Aaron against Moses, God appeared to them in a pillar of cloud and rebuked Aaron and Miriam for what they had done. He announced to them, in effect, that Moses was His chosen leader for Israel. We are told in our lesson that, "When the cloud departed from over the tent, behold Miriam was leprous, white as snow." More than once leprosy is pictured in the Bible as a punishment for sin. Gehazi became a leper for lying. Uzziah became a leper for invading the priest's office. Here Miriam is stricken with leprosy as a result of her rebellion against Moses, God's chosen leader. We are not told why Aaron went unpunished for his part in the rebellion. Aaron did confess his sins to Moses and plead for mercy. That may be the answer.

For Miriam this punishment was not only physical suffering. As a leper, she was an outcast and was forced to live apart from the main body of the Israelites. While punishment for sin today may not be so immediate and drastic, it is, nevertheless, just as sure unless through repentance we are forgiven.

Israel's Progress Delayed By Miriam's Sin

Our lesson tells us that, after Miriam was put out of the camp, "the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought forth again." This is not the only time that kingdom progress has been delayed by "sin in the camp." Many churches move on at a "poor dying rate" because of the character of lives lived by some of their members. When a church member does wrong, he not only sins against himself and God, he sins against the church and hinders its progress.

Moses At His Best In Intercessory Prayer

Moses was great in many ways but he seems to rise to his greatest height in intercessory prayer. When Israel had turned from the worship of Jehovah to the worship of a golden calf, Moses was so incensed on his return that he broke the tablets of stone on which were written the ten commandments. Nevertheless he prays for Israel, in their sins, that famous prayer, "Yet now if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written."

Here in our lesson Moses is found praying for Miriam who had wronged him. As a result of this unselfish prayer of intercession, Miriam is forgiven and returns to camp and to some of the powers of leadership she formerly had exercised.

RESOLUTION

The following RESOLUTION was duly introduced by motion, seconded and unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Official Board of the Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, held on June 3, 1957:

WHEREAS, Ernest C. Arnold served as Chairman of the Board of Stewards and its successor, the Official Board of the Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, for seven (7) consecutive years commencing on June 1, 1950 and ending May 31, 1957;

WHEREAS, Ernest C. Arnold performed the functions of Chairman of said Board with great devotion and zeal;

WHEREAS, Ernest C. Arnold gave generously of his time and effort in the service of the Lord far beyond the requirements of the position which he held;

WHEREAS, the Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church made great strides, both spiritual and material, under the excellent leadership of Ernest C. Arnold; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Ernest C. Arnold, the Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church acquired real estate on South Robertson Street on which a \$100,000,000 Educational Building was constructed;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Official Board, on behalf of the Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, extend its sincerest thanks and gratitude to Ernest C. Arnold for the manner in which he has served as Chairman of the Board of Stewards and its successor, the Official Board.

OBITUARIES

KRIEGE—Funeral services for the Rev. Otto Edward Kriege, D.D., 91, retired Methodist minister, were held recently from the House of Bultman, 3338 St. Charles Ave., Rev. Alverson officiating, and Dr. Albert S. Hurley, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Franklin, La., assisting.

Dr. Kriege died at Southern Baptist Hospital, where he had been a patient for 27 months.

A native of Belleville, Ill., and the son of a Methodist minister, Dr. Kriege attended schools at Bunker Hill and Nokomis, Ill., St. Joseph, Mo., Lawrence, Kans., and Denver, Colo., and Central Wesleyan College, Warrington, Mo., from 1884 to 1888. He also took two years of post graduate studies at the University of Bonn, Germany.

He was received into the West German Conference of the Methodist Church in 1890, at which time he married the former Emma Rosina Frick, now deceased. He held pastorates in Arlington, Fremont and Omaha, Neb., and Sedalia, Mo.

He also served as professor of theology and vice-president of New Orleans University, which later merged with Straight University to form the present Dillard University, from 1925 to 1935. He retired from the St. Louis Conference in 1936. Thereafter, he supplied the pulpits of many New Orleans churches, preaching some 2,000 sermons in more than 100 local churches of various denominations.

A delegate to the Central Conference of the Methodist Church in 1908, 1912 and 1916, Dr. Kriege was the author of four books and various articles on educational and religious subjects. A mason, he was also active in civic affairs and

in bettering interracial relations.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Paul E. Hemke, Troy, N. Y., and a son, Dr. Herbert Frick Kriege, Perrysburg, Ohio; seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

CYR—The funeral service for Mrs. Mary McGowan Cyr was conducted at the McGowan Memorial Methodist Church, Jeanerette, La., Friday, June 14 at 10 a.m. The Rev. A. M. Martin, pastor, was in charge, and was assisted by the Rev. W. R. Wendt, pastor of the First Methodist Church, New Iberia, and the Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Crowley.

Mrs. Cyr, 73, prominently known Jeanerette civic leader and active church worker, died June 12. She was the widow of Dr. Paul N. Cyr, onetime lieutenant governor of Louisiana.

A member of one of southwest Louisiana's oldest families, she was the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Charles McGowan. She lived all her life in Jeanerette.

Mrs. Cyr was an ardent worker in the McGowan Memorial Methodist Church, given by her family in memory of her parents. She was chairman of the building committee of the church erected in 1953, a member of the board of trustees and treasurer of the Sunday school.

Members of the family requested that in place of flowers, friends send contributions to the McGowan Memorial Methodist Church for an educational fund.

Survivors include two sons,

Charles of Jeanerette and Louis M. of New Iberia; two daughters, Mrs. James Bridges of Jeanerette, and Mrs. Allen Burch of Port Arthur, Tex.; and one sister, Mrs. Alice Bouvier, Jeanerette; and five grandchildren.

Galloway-Tolleson Sub-district

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Sub-district, presided during the business meeting due to the absence of the president and vice-president.

After the business session, the host group provided recreation and refreshments for the group.

The next meeting is to be held July 8, at Moro, according to Linda Parnell, reporter.

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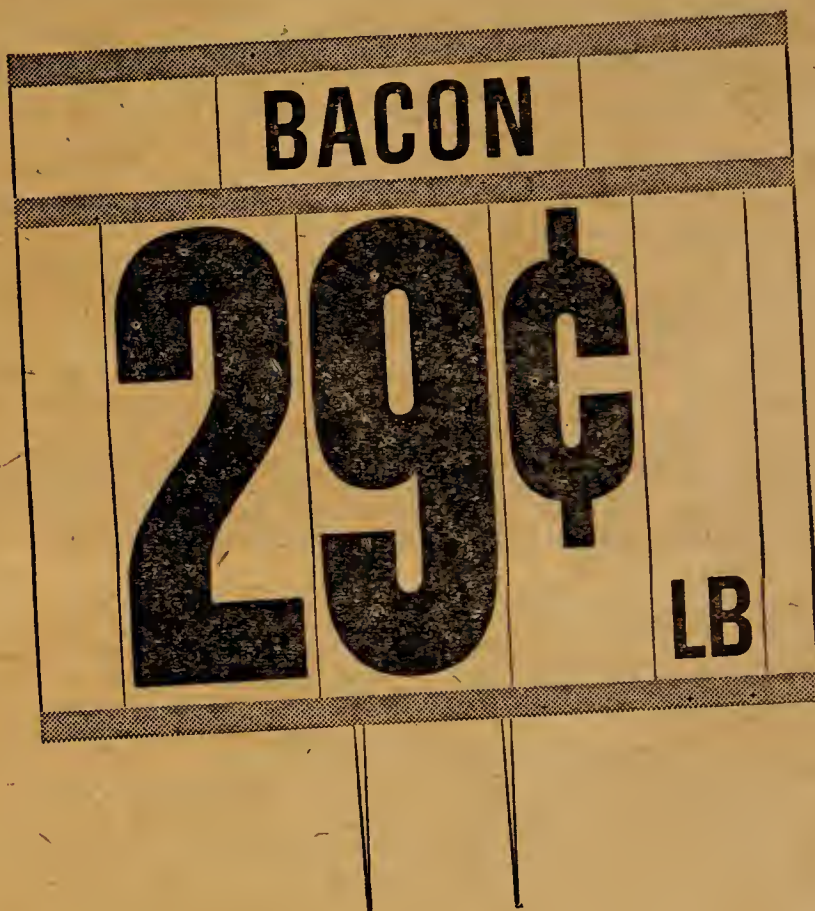
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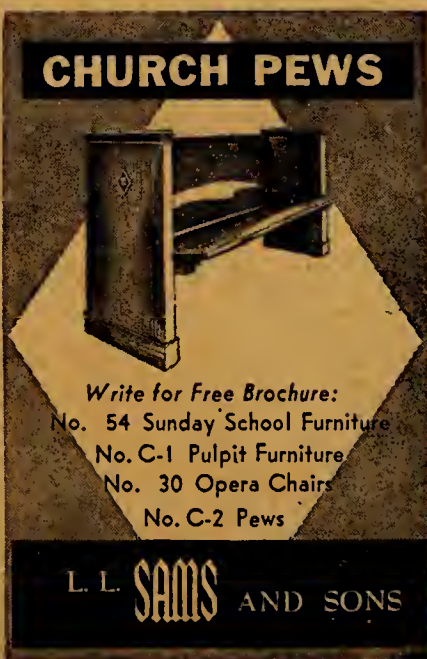
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for July 14, 1957

By E. T. Wayland

JETHRO: PRACTICAL COUNSELOR

READ EXODUS 2:11-25, EXODUS 18th CHAPTER.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Jethro rejoiced for all the good which the LORD had done.* Exodus 18:9 (RSV)

Last Sunday we studied something of the life of the prophetess Miriam and discovered that her leadership in Israel was, at different times, both good and bad. Today our subject is "Jethro: Practical Counselor." In the study of Jethro's life it is necessary to go back forty and more years before the great day of thanksgiving in which Miriam had leadership of the women of Israel in their great day of rejoicing over their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Moses and the Israelites soon discovered that their problems were not solved simply by crossing the Red Sea even though they were out of Egypt forever. Like the thirteen colonies, freed from England, they found that there were plenty of problems yet unsolved.

The Background of The Lesson

The reading of the first scripture selection suggested in Exodus, chapter three, gives us our first knowledge of Jethro. After Moses had killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew, he felt that his life was in danger and he ran away. He left Egypt and went to Midian which was located just east of the southern end of what is now the Gulf of Aquaba. There he was possibly two hundred miles from the seat of government of Egypt. In those days that was quite a distance. Moses had no particular place to go when he reached Midian. One day there he was seated beside a well when seven daughters of Jethro came to the well to water their flocks.

After these daughters had drawn water for their sheep, other shepherds came up and were about to drive them away from the troughs of water they had drawn. Moses saw this act of injustice which was likely very common in that day. Just as Moses went to the rescue of a Hebrew in Egypt who was being mistreated, so he came to the rescue of the daughters of Jethro who were being mistreated and drove their attackers away. Returning somewhat earlier than usual from watering the sheep, Jethro asked his daughters why this had happened. They related the thing Moses had done and how he had watered their flocks for them. Jethro asked them to bring Moses to him that he might be fed.

This was the beginning of a forty-year relationship between Moses and Jethro. In Jethro's home Moses found friendship in a time of great need; in a daughter of Jethro he found a wife and in the household of Jethro Moses found a place of service. There Moses stayed for forty years before the Lord commissioned him to return to Egypt and lead the Israelites out of bondage.

The Character of Jethro

There are many important Bible characters about which the Bible says very little. Jethro is known only because of his relationship with Moses, yet he must have been a very remarkable character. He was a priest of Midian who seem-

ed to know something about the Jewish God.

In different places of the Bible, Jethro is given two other names, Hobab and Reuel. We are not told the reason for these other names. Jethro was, like many others, a desert Sheik, who by experience had learned some of the basic principles of government. At the time of our lesson, Jethro had known Moses for more than forty years. The opening verses of the chapter from which our lesson is taken tells us that "Jethro . . . heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people" he came to visit Moses and brought along his daughter, the wife of Moses and their two sons. Jethro had given his blessings to Moses when he started back to Egypt.

Moses As Israel's Leader

We would not call Moses a dictator, but he was a one-man governor for Israel. When Aaron and Miriam had rebelled against Moses, as told in our last lesson, God made it known that Moses was His chosen ruler for Israel. Consequently Moses was, for Israel, prophet, priest, legislator, judge and the executive branch of government as well. He was a one-man "supreme court" where his word was the final law.

With such a tremendous responsibility, it is little wonder that some one with candor enough to speak plainly would warn Moses against trying to continue in such a role. As his father-in-law for forty years Jethro was that man.

How Moses Ruled Israel

There had not been time to set up laws and organize a government and train the former slaves in the art of government. Hence it was that, when Jethro came, he found that "Moses sat to judge the people and the people stood before Moses from morning till evening." Along with important matters, every petty dispute between the large number of people in the camp of Israel was brought Moses for decision. Since there was no other court of arbitration, Moses must hear their complaints and rule on them. Consequently Moses sat throughout the day, while multitudes of the Israelites stood in line throughout the day to have their grievances heard.

Moses, for this mass of people, was doing what tribal sheiks of Arabia had done through the years before and are still doing in Arabian countries now. For a comparatively few, that method of government might work. For the thousands Moses led out of Egypt, a one-man government, that tried to look after the many differences that arose in such a group, it was impractical and impossible.

Jethro Gives Moses Good Advice

It may appear somewhat presumptuous for Jethro, an unknown Midianite priest, to give advice to Moses who had performed, with God's help, the unbelievable task of leading the Israelites out of

bondage in Egypt for the purpose of building them into a nation that rivaled Egypt in centuries past. We will all remember also, that in recent months, Israel drove the Egyptian forces out of the Sinai Peninsula and likely would have whipped Egypt to its knees, if the rest of the world had not interfered.

However, presumptuous as it may have appeared, it was plainly evident to Jethro that Moses was going about the matter in the wrong way. His question to Moses was, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand about you from morning till evening?" When Moses gave his answer, Jethro said, "You and the people with you will wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it alone."

Jethro advised Moses to "choose able men from all the people, such as fear God, men who are trustworthy and who hate a bribe." These selected men were to be put over the people by thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. They would judge in all matters between the people and such matters as were of larger importance would be brought before Moses. Such was the advice of this "Practical Counselor." "So Moses gave heed to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he said." There must have been a very fine relationship between Moses and Jethro for Moses to have accepted such pointed advice from an "in-law" of forty years standing.

Our Indebtedness To Others

Moses was possibly the greatest man that ever lived before the time of Jesus. Nevertheless, he needed and accepted help offered by Jethro, his father-in-law. As a result of this attitude on the part of Moses there was greater efficiency in government, more time for Moses to look after essential matters and less loss of time for the children of Israel in settling their differences.

Few, if any have reached greatness unaided. Some have a special genius for certain matters but in their climb to places of power and influence there were certain "blind spots" in their planning, thinking or knowledge that had to be pointed out to them by others. Only those move on to larger attainments who have the common sense and adaptability to embody in their plans wide suggestions by others.

About the surest and quickest road to failure is a sense of self-sufficiency. One who does not think he needs the help of others is, to that degree, a failure already. One who does not think he needs the spiritual help that comes from God alone is a failure spiritually so long as that feeling exists.

We came into the world absolutely helpless. But for the aid others gave us then we would not have survived long. We become more independent as the years go by but there never comes a time in the life of any individual when he is not to some degree dependent on his friends. Times come in our lives when our friends must speak for us, if the proper word is spoken. There are many times in life when we are not able to speak effectively for ourselves, willing as we may be to do so. The greatness of Moses is nowhere better illustrated than in his willingness

to take advice from his father-in-law.

The Birth of a Nation

It is not often that we see a nation in the process of being born. That is one of the advantages of studying the life of Israel at this stage of their development.

One of the evidences that God was in this movement of Israel's exodus from Egypt is the comparatively short time it took to organize the completely disorganized mass of people into the semblance of a nation.

The Israelites had been in Egypt for possibly four hundred years. Most of that time they were but servants and slaves of Egyptian authorities. They knew nothing about self government. If we read the early history of Israel we find that it was necessary for them to begin with practically nothing in the development of a national life. The twenty-seven chapters of Leviticus is little else than detailed laws and rules for conduct, socially and religiously. Moses, in detail, worked out the "blueprints" for Israel's national life and brought Israel, at least nominally, to accept these plans as a basis on which to build a nation.

The Fine Art of Delegating Authority

On Jethro's advice, Moses did what it is necessary for anyone carrying large responsibilities to do; he delegated responsibility to others to do some of the things he did not have the time to do.

Simple and necessary as it seems, one of the hardest things for some people to do is to accept help in the performing of their duties. They think they know just how things should be done and they are afraid to risk even the details to the hands of others. We have all heard the statement, "I had rather do it myself than to try to get somebody to do it." That may be evidence of a loyalty to a task, but it is not evidence of the powers of leadership. The architect draws the plans for a great building and knows every detail of the construction involved. Nevertheless, many specialists in various fields of construction really build the building.

The delegation to others of responsibilities is a basic principle in good government, whether it be a home, a school, a state or a nation.

Mutual Responsibility For Good Government

While Moses seemed to be attempting to be a one-man government, the facts are that good government is a mutual responsibility. Good leaders do not necessarily mean good government. The people being governed have a responsibility as important in good government as the rulers.

The Israelites, in general, appeared to be willing to cooperate with Moses in the building of a national life. Untrained as they were, their willingness to follow the leadership of Moses made possible the rapid development of Israel.

A Divided Responsibility Essential In Church Today

Any pastor who attempts to be the whole church is headed for failure. Any church that attempts to by-pass the pastor will find itself "going off in all directions" and getting nowhere in particular. Properly divided responsibility is essential in any well ordered church.

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Experimental Program Shown At Monroe

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A panel discussion was the feature of the half-hour television program, "Talk Back," shown over Monroe Station KNOE-TV, Channel 8, Sunday, July 7, at 1:00 p.m. This program was shown to test audience reactions to a new format for a possible filmed series of the Methodist Television Ministry.

A short drama, with professional cast, presented a universal problem, and a panel discussed the application of the Christian faith and teaching to the particular problem.

J. C. Love, Ruston business man and an at-large member of the general Television, Radio and Film Commission of the Methodist Church, stated that "a format with a live panel is perfectly adapted to the experiment in Louisiana. The local approach to a universal problem tied in with local people will surely meet with success."

Members of the panel included: John O. Clay, Monroe geologist and prominent Methodist layman; Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, wife of the pastor of First Methodist Church in Monroe; and Rev. James T. Harris, Monroe District superintendent, with Rev. Mr. Harris serving as moderator.

Viewers were organized at the First Methodist Church, where they had an opportunity to voice their opinions on the experiment.

Leading the group in discussion were Miss Joyce Sloan, author of the script and a staff member of the Television, Radio and Film Commission; Dr. Harry Spencer, general secretary of the commission, both of Nashville, Tennessee; and Dr. Bentley Sloan, Shreveport.

The program Sunday included a filmed drama dealing with the problem of "pressure." During the panel discussion, Mr. Clay pointed out that "a lot of people work better
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Jurisdictional Conf. Date Set

The South Central Jurisdictional Conference will hold its quadrennial session in the city of San Antonio, Texas, June 22-26, 1960, according to an announcement this week by Dr. Ira E. Williams, Ardmore, Oklahoma, chairman of the Jurisdictional Commission On Arrangements and Expenses.

Dr. Arthur Terry, Little Rock, is the vice-chairman of the commission. Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, Oklahoma City, is secretary, and treasurer is T. Russell Reitz, Manhattan.

Other details concerning the conference session will be announced at a later date, according to Dr. Womeldorf.

BISHOP MARTIN AT EPWORTH DEDICATION



Bishop Martin is shown standing on the tomb of Rev. Samuel Wesley, in the churchyard of the Epworth Church, Epworth, England, during ceremonies marking the dedication of the Epworth Rectory, recently restored. Samuel Wesley was the father of John and Charles Wesley, founders of the Methodist movement.

Mrs. Martin left London Saturday, July 6, enroute to Stanleyville, Belgian Congo, Africa, where he and Mrs. Martin will be touring points of Methodist mission work until early September.

Bishop Martin was the guest preacher at Westminster Central Hall, London, for the Sunday morning and evening services, June 30.

St. Luke's, N.O., Opens New Sanctuary

St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans, held its opening service in the new church Sunday, June 30, at 11 a.m. Open house was observed from 3 to 5 p.m. for all members and friends.

The approximate cost of the new building at 5875 Canal Blvd., is \$150,000. This includes the new church, a youth center, church parlor, and an office with the entire building being air-conditioned. Seating capacity of the church, including the balcony, is 350 persons.

The building is of contemporary architecture. The side walls of the sanctuary are in buff brick with raked joints in two foot squares giving a patterned effect, with the horizontal and vertical lines catching the shadows. The end walls are in glass, the narthex wall being clear glass behind two-foot laminated wood beams. The wall behind the chancel is in modern stained glass with the figure of Christ predominating the 30 by 32 foot glass wall. The motif of the window is "The Word of God" having not only the Christ but also four smaller figures representing the four Evan-

gels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The chancel is open, symbolizing the Protestant concept of the priesthood of believers.

Architect for the building is Favrot, Reed, Mathes, and Bergman.
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Methodists Suffer Hurricane Losses

The hurricane which struck the Gulf in southwest Louisiana last week totally destroyed the Methodist churches at Cameron and Grand Chenier as well as the Methodist parsonage.

The Reverend Sam Nader, superintendent of the Lake Charles District, announced that Reverend Taylor Wall, pastor of the Cameron-Grand Chenier charge, and his family were not injured, having left Cameron before the hurricane struck. At least three Methodists are known dead and many were injured.

The loss at Cameron and Grand Chenier is reported by the Reverend Mr. Nader at approximately \$55,000, not including all of the personal furniture and effects of the

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Taylor Wall family. Several other churches in the district suffered minor damage. Raymond Methodist reported a loss of \$4,000.

A special offering has been authorized to be received by Methodist churches in Louisiana Sunday, July 7, or later.

Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, who has episcopal supervision of the Area during the absence of Bishop Paul E. Martin, and the Louisiana Conference Commission on World Service and Finance authorized this special offering for relief of the Cameron-Grand Chenier situation.

Some churches of the Lake
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The Methodist Church at Grand Chenier was a total loss as a result of the recent hurricane which struck the Gulf Coast in Southwest Louisiana. The picture below shows all that was left of that church. This steeple was found 150 yards from the original church site.



New Seminary Plans Going Forward

Kansas City, Mo.—(MI)—Plans for The Methodist Church's new theological seminary to be established here took several big steps forward at a meeting June 21.

Its board of trustees elected officers, listened to encouraging assurances of financial support, named committees to carry out next steps in the school's development, and set the fall of 1959 as a target date for opening classes.

The Kansas City school is one of two additional theological seminaries authorized by the 1956 General Conference. The other seminary will be established in Ohio near the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. These new seminaries will increase to 12 the number of Methodist schools of theology.

A nine-member study commission on theological education spent the 1952-56 quadrennium in studying the problem of providing more trained ministers for Methodist pulpits. The commission's recommendations to the 1956 General Conference included the authorization of the two new schools of theology, expansion of present seminaries, and an intensive program of ministerial recruitment. Plans for developing the Ohio school are already well underway.

Exact name and the specific site of the Kansas City seminary were not determined, but the board of trustees reaffirmed an earlier decision by a provisional group that the new seminary be located on or near the campus of the National College for Christian Workers, Truman road and Van Brunt boulevard.

Plans call for the new theological school to share library facilities and the chapel of the National College. The seminary trustees would lease classroom and dormitory space at the outset from National College. It was pointed out that the two schools would operate as separate corporations, with separate administrative officers.

Bishop's Son Commissioned A Missionary



—Methodist Missions by Rickarby
Bishop Richard C. Raines, Methodist bishop of Indiana and president of the Division of World Missions, Methodist Board of Missions, commissions a husband and wife who represent the third and second generations in their respective families to enter overseas missionary service. Mr. Pickett's maternal grandfather was the late Bishop John Wesley Robinson, Methodist bishop in India, and his father is Bishop J. Waskom, (retired) for 40 years a Methodist missionary and bishop in north India. Mrs. Pickett is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. George B. Leeder, originally of Media, Pa., but for many years missionaries to India of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. The Picketts were commissioned with six other persons June 20 at Greencastle, Ind.

Laymen To Preside Over Nat'l Conf. Discussion Groups

LaFayette, Ind. —(MI)—Ninety-one laymen will preside over discussion groups on a variety of topics being offered at the second National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University here July 19-21.

Several groups will be held for each of 27 topics, dealing with such subjects as "Building an Effective Lay Address," "Christian Stewardship on My Job," "Using Men in Vital Projects," and others. Approximately 3,500 men from throughout the country are expected to attend, and will be selecting the group of their choice.

The discussion leaders include: Howard Waggoner, 424 Walnut St., Fayetteville, Ark. and Robert P. Lay, Gillam, La.

27 Pct. of Governors Are Methodists

Washington, D. C.—(MI)—Thirteen of the nation's 48 state governors are Methodists, a survey of their religious affiliations shows.

The Baptists are next in number with eight governors, followed by seven Episcopalians, six Presbyterians, five Roman Catholics, four Lutherans and two Congregational-Christians.

One governor is Jewish, one a Mormon, and one lists no affiliation. The survey was made by the Methodist Information news service.

A similar check of members of Congress earlier this year showed that Methodists lead with 105 (18 Senators and 87 Representatives), followed by 94 Roman Catholics, 68 Baptists, 68 Presbyterians, and 60 Episcopalians among the top five groups.

Alcohol Study School For Youth Set This Month

Washington, D. C. — (MI) — The Methodist Church will hold a national School of Alcohol Studies for 150 key youth leaders July 29-August 4 at Adrian College, Adrian, Mich.

Several young people from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area will be attending the school, including Miss Anna Clark Whitaker, Vivian, Louisiana; Miss Ethel Lu Teague, Arkadelphia, Miss Mary Ruth Price, Dumas, and Miss Toy B. Baker, Ft. Smith. Misses Whitaker, Price and Baker were winners in the Louisiana, Little Rock, and North Arkansas Conference Essay-Speech contest held in each of these three conferences recently.

"Alcoholism has become the nation's second largest health problem and education is one of the best preventatives," said the Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, in announcing the school.

He added that "the drinking of alcoholic beverages has so complicated the problem of living in modern society that study and service in this area are indispensable parts of Christian leadership."

Purpose of the school, Dr. Hooton said, is to provide basic information about "the alcohol problem in the light of Christian beliefs, current social pressures, and the scientific and spiritual factors involved."

He said the youth group will be given "positive answers, facts and techniques and trained as leaders in a program of education and action among Methodist Youth Fellowships of their home churches."

Attending the school will be directors of youth work and youth chairmen of Christian Citizenship programs of approximately 100 annual (Continued on Page 15)

Temperance Board Notes Beer Companies Sponsor Baseball Games

Washington, D. C. — (MI) — "B" stands for beer and baseball the Methodist Board of Temperance has discovered in a check on the sponsorship of radio-television coverage of major league games.

"Every major league baseball team in the United States is sponsored on radio or television by a beer company, many exclusively," the board reports in a study of the alcohol industry's \$400 million-plus annual advertising budget.

"The brewers know a good thing . . . the many time breaks in a ball game give announcers more opportunities to plug the product," the report says.

Linking beer to baseball, "the great American pastime," is "a wonderful association for beer drinking" from the brewers' point of view, the board notes.

"Kids love baseball, watch it avidly," and this provides the beer companies an opportunity to develop "brand consciousness" early, the board points out.

"And when one of the sports stars takes a big sip of suds (in a TV commercial), who's going to convince Johnny that his hero's off base?"

S. E. Methodists Sponsor Conference On Church And Industrial Relations

Lake Junaluska, N. C.—(MI)—The church can and should do at least three things in relation to problems that arise in industrial life it was agreed by a Methodist-sponsored conference that met here June 21-23.

A findings committee report of the conference said the church ought to help by:

1. Identifying, clarifying and making known the ethical and spiritual issues in industrial affairs.
2. Seeking to arrive at conclusions and plans consistent with the principles of Christ.
3. Taking a positive stand in support of these principles.

The conference on "The Responsibility of the Church in Industrial Life" was the first of its kind for the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church.

About 150 representatives of labor, management, and the clergy attended the meeting sponsored by the Methodist General Board of Social and Economic Relations, boards of social and economic relations of the Methodist annual conferences in the jurisdiction, and the Lake Junaluska Assembly. By far the greatest number represented labor.

Many of those representing labor and management were active lay members of Methodist churches.

The findings report, adopted by the entire group, "heartily" recommended that further meetings of a

similar nature be held.

The report also said, "We feel that this conference has opened doors of understanding and friendship which will be conducive to peaceful negotiation and settlement of disputes and to a cooperative sharing in responsibilities of a rapid industrialization of the southland."

The conference was no honey-tongued affair that dealt with generalities. There were heated discussions of such subjects as "right-to-work" laws. As the Asheville (N.C.) Citizen-Times put it, in one panel discussion "labor and management crossed swords with a minister as a referee."

However, labor, management, and clergy knelt for Holy Communion together, sang hymns together, and worshipped together in other ways.

The report recommended:

1. That ministers be well-informed on issues in labor-management discussions.

2. That representatives of labor and management be brought together in small groups in local churches to discuss what they expect of the church and to explain the principles and purposes of their organizations.

3. That consideration of industrial problems be given at pastors' schools, annual conference seminars, leadership schools, and other meetings.

Editor Hits Double Morality Standards

Boulder, Colo.—(RNS)—A double standard of morality in the home, church and school between what is taught as the ideal and what is glorified in practice was sharply criticized here by Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review of Literature.

Speaking at a convocation opening the University of Colorado summer session, Mr. Cousins said the major challenge to education today is to discover how to train young people for world citizenship. He added that the church and the home must bear equal responsibility with the school.

"I had been told that mercy was good and violence evil," he recalled in tracing his own educational experiences. "Yet everywhere I turned violence was accepted as a matter of course, even glamorized."

"My Sunday school lessons were like going to root at a football game each week. When our side killed the most men and triumphed, we rejoiced. We didn't consider how it came to pass that these human tragedies came to pass."

"Even the Diety was represented on several occasions as not being above the kind of violent temper which would stone human beings or which would punish innocent children for the wrongdoings of their ancestors."

Mr. Cousins said he "became aware very early of the distance between the magnificent morality of the Sermon on the Mount and what happened to people who believe in it enough to attempt to apply it."

"More and more the impression grows," he said, "that the American people are not educated to wage peace. We are not prepared—educationally, emotionally, spiritually—for the most important job that faces us, which is how to create a lasting design for peace."

"Asserting it is not possible to eradicate violence in the world if it is glamorized, the editor said:

"Our schools and churches can contribute to the necessary goals by helping to develop a sense of patriotism in the human family and a reverence for life. It would help, too, if along with the emphasis given to our political and civil rights, we developed some concern for the rights of future generations."

Important Role For Women In New Church

Cleveland—(RNS)—Women will play an important role in the administrative work of the United Church of Christ, created here through a merger of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The new denomination's "Basis of Union" not only provides that men and women "enjoy the same rights and privileges" in the Church, but that "at least one-third of the members of the national administrative bodies be women." This is believed to be the first time any church has made it a requirement that a third of its national officials be women.

Calif. Methodists Survey Parsonages By Questionnaires

Redlands, Calif.—(RNS)—Most clergymen are not in favor of having parsonages right next to churches, according to a survey made by the Parsonage Committee of the Southern California-Arizona Methodist Conference.

Two hundred and seventeen ministers replied to a questionnaire about their parsonage preferences and prejudices.

The majority said the parsonage should be within easy walking distance of the church, but not next door since then "there is a tendency to encroach upon the privacy of the home life of the parsonage family."

Other replies indicated that ministers and their families want for parsonages the same accommodations that most Americans like in their homes.

They expressed a preference for at least three bedrooms with rugs, draperies or curtains supplied. At least one bedroom should have twin beds and all should have "good" mattresses. At least one full length mirror "is helpful." One hundred and seventy-six of the 217 clergymen voted for two or more bathrooms.

Other findings disclosed:

A pastor's study is needed even if

Sees Prosperity Aiding Religion

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (RNS)—Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor of National Presbyterian church, Washington, D. C., said here that human and spiritual values have been raised by the "fruits of material progress" to a level never before attained.

Among the advantages held by today's citizens, he said, are increased home ownership, paid vacations, an eight-hour day, longer life expectancy, better health, widespread universal schooling and more leisure time.

Dr. Elson, who is President Eisenhower's pastor, addressed the 43rd annual convention of Kiwanis International, attended by some 13,000 members and their families.

He told the Kiwanians "it is thoroughly authenticated fact we are living in a period of unprecedented religious activity. Our age may become the age of great spiritual resurgence."

There is an office study at the church, and it ought to have an outside entrance and be suitably furnished.

The kitchen should have modern equipment and be as well planned and adequate as in any modern home; the wife should have a desk of her own. "Church and community receive greater service if the provisions in the pastor's home are not skimmed."

A living room should be large enough for entertaining and a fireplace "is a real asset." There should be a family room or recreation room. Easy passage between kitchen and bedrooms without going through the living room is desirable.

Adequate closets, storage space, heating plant, air-conditioning, garage and television antenna ought to

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The pastor asserted that the "fruits of progress have not debased spiritual values but have provided the leisure, the energy and the means for a more spiritual life."

Champions of the "good old days" who claim they were "more spiritual" were accused by the minister of "shallow thinking."

In 1850, he said, only 15 per cent of the U. S. population belonged to a church, while today, more than 60 per cent are members.

Declaring it might be too soon to assess accurately the permanent penetration of the religious revival, he contended "the evidence that a spiritual awakening is here is conclusive."

"You see it in dynamic laymen's movements, in the improved quality of religious leaders, in vast church building programs, in the reappearance of mass evangelism, and in the wide use of religious books and periodicals," Dr. Elson said.

"It is evident in Washington which shares with the rest of this nation in the spiritual renewal. From the President with his masculine Christian testimony and his disciplined habits of worship, to men and women in all levels of the national government it is reflected. The religious renewal crosses all political parties and penetrates every religious denomination."

In seeking to balance his argument, the pastor conceded that they were "factual negatives" in today's culture. Among these, he said, are the high evidence of crime, juvenile delinquency, disintegration of homes, repudiation of sacred vows, transgressing of ancient sanctities, vulgarization of common decencies, rudeness of some and the cynicism of others.

"America is so vast and varied that both negative and positive factors are always present," he added. "There is, in fact, a dynamism in the new world which makes us very bad where we are bad and magnificently good where we are good."

Refugees Called Churches' Greatest Challenge

The misery and despair of the world's hundreds of thousands of refugees herded in European and Middle East camps and wandering in Hong Kong streets is the greatest challenge ever to face the churches, relief experts were told recently. Meeting in Eastbourne, England, 150 representatives from 35 countries heard grim reports from critical world areas.

Addressing the annual meeting of the World Council's Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees, Dr. Edgar H. S. Chand-

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New Charles Wesley Portrait Announced



Rev. Charles Wesley, M.A. A new portrait by the much honored English artist Frank O. Salisbury, C.V.O., R.P., LL.D., painted in observance of the 250th anniversary of the birth of the hymn writer of early Methodism.

Mr. Salisbury has painted all recent British sovereigns and prime ministers, four American presidents, and numerous ambassadors, statesmen, clergymen, and business executives, as well as many historical subjects.

This painting, ordered by Dr. Elmer T. Clark, American Secretary of the World Methodist Council, will hang in the headquarters building at Lake Junaluska, N.C., alongside the Salisbury portraits of John Wesley and Francis Asbury.

Beer And Baseball

IF the religious forces of America were as half concerned about getting their message and mission before the American people as the beverage alcohol industry is in getting its product before the public, the Kingdom would have come long ago. Everywhere one turns he sees and hears the wares of the industry blatantly displayed. Apparently few places are immune to this advertising invasion. We know of one home the lawn of which is taken by a huge billboard advertising a certain brand of liquor; the home's owner apparently would rather have the revenue than the front porch view, and of course the advertiser is more than happy to have the strategic location for display purposes.

The Methodist Board of Temperance is the authority for a recent announcement that every major league baseball game broadcast is sponsored wholly or in part by some beer company. This of course is not a simple coincidence. Millions of followers of baseball are not guzzlers of beer and, therefore, represent potential customers for the beer industry.

Promoters of baseball would do well to consider this millstone around their necks and correct this situation. Chewing gum and baseball, yes; but beer and baseball, never.

Another Shakeup In Russia

STUDENTS of the international situation and other interested persons are viewing with some concern the recent shakeup in the Soviet high command, which saw the passing of Molotov and Malenkov and two lesser lights and the unmistakable assertion of Krushchev as the Russian Communist boss.

Some political observers predict that this new move among the Russian powers that be will usher in an era when Russia's leadership will be more concerned with internal matters than affairs outside its borders. Other observers are more cautious, pointing out that earlier political shakeups have given rise to false hopes, and that it is too early to predict what the outcome of the present crisis will be. Molotov's fortunes have run low before, and he has lived to know better days.

It would be very easy to become optimistic about the present shakeup. After all, we have been told, and we have told others, that Communism bears within itself the seeds of its own destruction and sooner or later its foundations will give way, bringing on a collapse or uprising. This belief is shared by freedom loving people in all nations who enjoy the fruits of democracy. It would be easy to believe that the present situation is the beginning of the end. However, that would be believing what we would like to believe. Also, to believe this would be to ignore some of the few basic facts which have been selected for release to the general public.

Krushchev's interests, we are told, are directed more toward the interests of the average Russian. If these interests are allowed to develop, it naturally follows that there will be greater support of his leadership than that of others who have called for sacrifice on sacrifice to support an aggressive foreign policy under Molotov's leadership. Also, Khrushchev has the support of the Soviet Army. This is seen in the promotion of Marshal Zhukov in the recent shakeup, and suggests that the army will have an increasing influence in determining policy. Obviously, the military pressure will make Khrushchev's position more secure, at least for the time being.

The next few weeks could be very determining ones for the world situation. Yet to be determined are such questions of paramount significance as the Soviet's position on disarmament, nuclear energy and H-Bomb production, its relationship with other nations in the UN, and what effect the shakeup will have among satellite nations and Red China. Time, and possibly the attitude of other nations, will tell.

Evangelistic Program Coming Up

IN our judgment one of the most significant actions taken by the Area's three annual conferences just concluded was their adoption of the "Tell Arkansas and Louisiana About Christ" evangelistic programs. These programs are scheduled for promotion on a state level in the two states and are being held in cooperation with a nation-wide program "Tell America About Christ." Potentially, these programs hold within them the prospects of great spiritual gains for Methodism in these two states.

This program gets at the very heart of the primary task of the church, the edification of believers and the conversion of the world. As we understand it, the genius of the program is the utilization of all existing means and techniques to confront the church and unchurched people of these two states with the saving and keeping power of Christ in man's life. This program, its details, schedules, and procedures, is being worked out on a district, conference and state level, and is deserving of support of every Methodist in these two states.

The success of the program will depend on several factors. First, there must be a complete realization of the need for a program of this sort. Without this realization, there will be little desire which prompts action. Participation simply out of loyalty to Methodism will lead to little success. On the other hand, a taking of the spiritual temperature of many local churches will bring church leaders to a fresh awakening of the desperate need of toning up the church's spiritual life. A survey of the moral climate of either state should prompt any concerned Christian to a further realization of the need of confronting these two states with Christ, and His reforming Spirit.

Again, prayer must precede action. If we want this program to succeed, we will pray for God's blessing on it. God will bless the effort if we want it enough to pray for His blessing. Prayer will set the spiritual tone of the program and condition the leadership. God must lead, and His leadership must be experienced through everyone who has responsibility. Prayer will make it possible for God to use us.

Finally, adequate organization and thorough preparation are necessities. We are convinced that leadership on conference and state levels will organize and prepare sufficiently. Organization and preparation that will count for the most will be on a district and local church level. District and local leaders should begin even now, working this program so that the greatest possible good may be accomplished in this united effort.

Your Response Is Needed

THE hurricane that swept across the southwestern and the central part of Louisiana recently left in its wake death and destruction the extent of which will not be known for some time, if ever. Tragedy of this sort, however, prompts heroic and humanitarian response and such was true following the recent Louisiana storm. We are informed that many, many acts of mercy and heroism were reported by survivors and those who came to their rescue after the hurricane had passed. Others at a distance wanted to help and in many instances money, food, medicines and other needed materials were rushed in.

All Louisiana Methodists are having their opportunity to share in putting Methodism in the stricken area back on its feet. Two churches and a parsonage were destroyed and others damaged during the storm. Stories elsewhere in this issue describe the loss. We are confident that the response by Methodists will be immediate and generous.

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Many of the pews of the Cameron church were found outside of the building which had been moved a distance from its original location to a nearby graveyard. A casket from one of the vaults near the church is seen in the center of the picture among the pews.



A view of one of the bedrooms of the Cameron-Grand Chenier parsonage, which was located in Cameron. While much of it was left standing, the house is a total loss.

Hurricane Audrey Damages Methodist Property

As Reported By Rev. Sam Nader
Superintendent of Lake Charles District

The coast of Louisiana was struck by Hurricane Audrey on Thursday, June 27, bringing destruction, desolation and despair to the parish of Cameron. The strong winds and heavy tides were devastating. The church at Grand Chenier, which is part of the Cameron Charge, was completely destroyed—the steeple was found 150 yards from the original site. The building at Cameron was knocked from its foundation, the structure split in several places, the oak floor completely ruined, the shingles blown from the roof, the organ rendered useless, and the pews and the church furniture all washed away. As for the parsonage at Cameron, it was literally wrecked, the front wall blown in, furniture damaged, and four-fifths of the preacher's belongings gone or ruined. Fortunately, the Rev. Taylor Wall evacuated his family before the hurricane struck.

It is estimated that it will take approximately \$60,000 to replace that which has been ruined at Cameron and Grand Chenier, and

erect a new parsonage at the former place.

I want to Cameron the day after the hurricane struck. I have never seen such devastation in all my life. I met an Army Sergeant, and he stated that he had been in World War II but had never seen anything like it since.

Some of the tragic stories that have come out of that area would stab one's heart and actually make a person ill. It is now estimated that at least five hundred persons have been killed in that section. We in Lake Charles were very fortunate—though we spent an anxious day watching 117 mile winds blow around us, we knew nothing of the intense struggle for survival that our neighbors were enduring from four o'clock that morning till that night, many hanging on to debris for 24 hours.

Newspapers are stating that the cost will be between 75 million and 100 million dollars in property damage. But, of the cost in tears and heartaches, no one will ever attempt to calculate.

On Tuesday, July 2, the Rev. and Mrs. Rex Squires, Dr. Carl Lueg and I made a survey trip to Cameron. The District Superintendent has asked that I write something concerning the trip.

We went south with a bit of anxiety, because we had been warned of the stench—the smell of death all over the area. Cameron is about 50 miles south of Lake Charles. When we were about 10 miles out of town we began to see the beginning of destruction, as we proceeded to Creole it became worse and worse. Hundreds of dead cattle filled the lowlands on the side as well as hundreds of cars—all models. Many late model cars were like bits of discarded trash strewn everywhere. Houses were battered, flattened, often miles away from the foundations. The foundations looked like cemeteries with some markers.

As you try to describe the sights you think of the large buildings left upon the highway, of boats standing in the middle of the city, but the extent of damage over such a large area staggers you for words to describe. In Cameron a fishing boat "Audrey" was stranded in the middle of the town by "Audrey," the hurricane.

When we arrived at the church site, we were greeted by the Rev. Taylor Wall. As you looked toward the Church and parsonage, you could see that Audrey had done her damage—not merely to the thousands of homes and families, she had also poured her waters upon the Church. The Church had been lifted off the foundation and pushed back upon the graves in the cemetery behind the Church. The floor was buckled up. The inside was all in shambles and ruin. A dead snake made us walk with caution into the educational building.

As we entered the parsonage, Rev. Wall said, "Wait a minute, just for sentiment, let me get the

key out of my pocket." The whole front walls were gone as well as doors. The furniture was all broken and crumbled as if the whole thing had been in a huge washing machine. All that was left of a T.V. set was one small tube. It was unbelievable. The parsonage, I feel, will have to be torn down completely and rebuilt.

We went from Cameron to Chenier to find conditions even worse. The only thing left of the Grand Chenier Church was a small portion of the roof and steeple standing some 150 yards from the foundation stones. Many homes in Grand Chenier floated across the Mermentau River. A young man pointed out a two-story house one mile and a half from the banks of the river where we were standing. "That house," he said, "was standing right here, some 20 persons were saved in that house, among them my little daughter."

Having been connected with a number of these people through members of our Church, and having held several funerals for them, I have heard story after story. Some have been most pathetic. One family went to the second floor to escape the water, then into the attic, and then thru the roof into trees. Some had to share quarters with animals fighting for existence. Some were found, miles away from their homes, floating in the marshes.

Every family torn from their home by "Audrey" had a story to tell: some were tragic, others heroic, but all were of men, women and children blown from homes of security to face death and destruction. How miraculous it was that many came thru such experiences and lived to relate them.

The people of Lake Charles have given long hours to exhausting tasks trying to meet the needs, so great that they were stunned in the face of them.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

June, the month of commencements, is over. Another crop of graduates confronts the future. What guidance can they get?

About two years ago Joseph Wood Krutch, long time distinguished professor at Columbia, wrote a book in which he declared that the present generation is less sure of what is ahead than any previous generation. Why? Because for the first time in human history man now has the power to commit race suicide. No matter how bad men were in the past, they did not have the power or the nearness to their neighbors to kill them all off. Now man has nuclear weapons to give him power and jet planes to give him nearness to his neighbors. He could kill them all off.



But Mr. Krutch does not think the human race will commit suicide. Why? Because when man gets his back to the wall, he realizes that he has certain values which he puts ahead of his inventions. Our future, therefore, depends on developing values to match and

master our machines.

Some few months ago I sat next to Mr. Charles Kettering at lunch. His discussion of what is ahead in science left my imagination dizzy. But what about our lives and our values?

Physically we are so built that we look in front of us as we move through space. We walk more naturally going forward than backward. We can use our hands better in front of us than behind us.

But in our movement through time, we can only see what is beside us in the present and behind us in the past. We advance into the future like a man rowing a boat, with his back to the prow. The ancients, in their desire to pierce the curtain of the future, resorted to oracles and fortune-tellers.

We of the scientific age have pretty well graduated from fortune-tell-

ing but we are just as eager as the ancients to know what is ahead. In fact, the faster the pace of living, the more desperately we desire to see into the future. We pay five cents for the daily paper which gives us yesterday's news, but some men would gladly pay five hundred dollars for today's paper if it could furnish tomorrow's market prices. What would we not give to know what the next year will bring forth?

Or would we? Maybe it is the very goodness of God which keeps us from seeing all that is ahead of us. Some things have happened to me, which if I could have foreseen them, I fear my courage would have failed me. We should remember the truth of the old proverb: "It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out."

God in His wisdom and mercy conceals some of the future in order to call forth our faith. The royal and brave spirits are like Abraham, of whom it is written that in obedience to God, "he went out not knowing whither he went." Columbus "had no chart save one that faith deciphered in the skies."

With all the uncertainties of life we are not left wholly without guidance as to the future. History does not repeat itself, but it does reveal the sequence of cause and effect, and the rhythm of moods. Life is a game but it is not a lottery. And there are seers, even in our time, whose depth of insight becomes akin to foresight.

But above seers and prophets stands One on a pinnacle all His own. You know at once that I am referring to Jesus Christ. Through all the chances of time and reversals of fortune and ruin of nations, Christ rises ever more respected and revered.

To be sure, we cannot expect Christ to give us concrete guidance in technical methods. He was not an engineer or an economist. But He did give us motives and principles of action which, if applied, would enable us to handle our technical problems.

Christ did give us attitudes and attitudes outlive skills. He did give us directions and we never outrun a direction. We may not know where we shall be five years from now, but Christ can show us the kind of person we can be five years or fifty years from now.

The atomic age has not changed our God-given goals.

The Layman's Column

By

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AH, PARIS!

Before I left the States a number of you heard me say that I was not very much interested in seeing Paris. Well, I was terribly wrong. I admit it gladly, because Paris has captured me and I have been deeply impressed by this great city. Just one day is a poor means of judging a city or a people, but all my impressions have been so happy that I certainly need to revise my sentiments.

Of course the people have impressed me. As I try out my very poor French on them they are patient and kind to tell me the right words to use, then to compliment me on my accent, which is the nicest word that you can say to a "foreigner." The Frenchmen are in about the same kind of hurry that most of us are when we go to and from work. About the only difference is the delightful accents of the language that seems to fall off the lips of the people like a fast-moving stream chuckles among rocks. Once in a while you hear English accents and hasten to start a conversation, only to find that the other person is probably from Ireland or South Africa. Tourists are everywhere, but it is sometimes hard to tell them from Frenchmen. The streets are crowded with the little "doodle-bug" types of cars and motor scooters. Many of the latter are in charge of pretty teen-age girls. Some Frenchmen are a bit glum looking, but they respond wonderfully to a smile and a wave of the hand.

But as interesting as the people are, I think that I am even more impressed with the elegant beauty of the city. The streets are lined with hundreds of thousands of trees. You walk in shade nearly all the time. The little sidewalk cafes are just about everywhere. You don't have to buy alcoholic drinks if you don't use them. The familiar Coca Cola sign is a welcoming friend, and it can be had nearly anywhere. These little cafes seem to urge people to slow down and rest a spell instead of hurrying to get an ulcer. French shops are just as breathtaking as you women dream they are. Clerks are kind and helpful and let you practice your very poor French on them with never a word about your mistakes.

Parisian architecture is a thing of elegant beauty. The Louvre Art Gallery, once the palace

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

THE SERMON: A TEACHING VEHICLE

The Moslem (or the Hindu, or the "priest from Mars"), trying to gain some idea of our religion by reading what is talked about from our pulpits on Sunday, would get little to clarify his picture of our beliefs and teachings by scanning the sermon announcements on the Saturday "religious page." In fact, he would be mystified hopelessly. And perhaps some of the people in the pews get no sharper understanding from a year's sermon offering.

Here are just a few choice dishes from a recent Sunday preaching menu as published in the announcements of churches in one of our metropolitan centers: "Can God Command Love?" "God Is Love," "Fight or Run," "The Gift of Peace," "Pressing On," "If I Were Satan," "The Heaven and Hell of Us," "Immortality and Hell," "Faith Is Creative," "What Is Creative Power?" "What Not Worry?" "The Most Wonderful Experience You've Ever Had," "Sitting on Door Knobs," "The Legion of the Tired," "Rite of Infant Baptism," "Your Home Is In Danger," "For Whom Does Billy Graham Speak?" "Dollars and Sense," "The Pulse of God," "Are Preachers Necessary Today?"

What do we Christians believe—and our churches proclaim? At Christmas you may find some unanimity of messages, and at Easter most church will proclaim Christ's resurrection from the dead—though even here there will always be a few dissenters as to details. But for the rest of the year, especially for the

of a king, is one of the most fabulously beautiful buildings I have ever seen. Even The Grand Hotel, where we are staying, has an air of Victorian splendor. You can't eat breakfast in the restaurant. You MUST have it in your room! My wife, Helen, could certainly live this up, I know. The room that I share with Rev. Ed Lewis from Washington, D. C., has a bath tub as big as a horse trough. It even has two marble lavatories.

Our visit in Paris is no more to us than a tourist stop, since The Methodist Church has no work in France. But I shall treasure the memories of this beautiful city and of its friendly people. Don't miss it if you ever go to Europe.

churches without a detailed calendar or a rigid liturgy, there is no telling what will be taught—or how. To some that will appear "the glory of the free church;" to others, a major cause of religious illiteracy even among church members.

But I think our Moslem religionist or Martian priest would observe—after a few Sundays—that we Christians seem to approach (or look upon) our religion from at least three different angles. He might even report that we have three distinct religions. One is the approach (or the religion) of Scripture exposition, key texts to answer everything, a sort of an abstract study not too-closely related to immediate human need or world situation. The second is a sort of "lift yourself by your own bootstraps and God will be glad to give an assist" religion—a philosophy of get-for-yourself-by-faith. And the third is a religion of "action," tackling world problems, certain that that is what the Church's Head wants.

The Bible-exposition "school" (or religion) is represented by such sermons as "The Day of Judgment," and "How the Holy Spirit Works." Its strength lies in literal understanding of the Bible; its weakness is often "study" as an end in itself, a concern more for life-after-death than for today's problems.

The get-peace-of-mind school (or religion) may be indicated by such introspective sermon topics as "Analyzing Your Motives" and "Inspiration Every Morning." It has certainly helped many men and women to rid themselves of fears and frustrations, to gain mastery over themselves and their habits, to set themselves "at peace" with their fellowmen—and perhaps with God. It has "saved" many; but if it stops there and leaves them "saved and satisfied" (as it too often seems to) it has failed of the real purpose of the Christian faith: to save and use men for the doing of God's purposes among other men.

The social gospel school (or religion) may speak specifically on "The Russians Are My Neighbors" or "What the Church Says About the A-Bomb." Its strength is that it attempts to apply Christ's teachings to life and its problems. Its weakness is that it may neglect to note that only as individual men can be redeemed and re-motivated can society be changed and made Christian.

Perhaps we need to emphasize (and tell our visitor) again and again that the ideal Christian should be filled to overflowing with the Word and Love of God, should employ them in the molding of his own life into harmony with God and man, and should then apply them and all his energy to uniting with others in pressing the concerns of the Kingdom of God at home and across the earth.

Preparation For A Revival

SINCE the beginning of God's redemptive work among men, there have been seasons of spiritual emphasis. The date of past events determines most of these seasons: Jesus' birth—Christmas; His resurrection—Easter. Weather and the condition of the year's work has determined seasons. Thus, the traditional practice in the rural section of a revival meeting when the "crops were laid by."

Men and the Church have learned that a concentration of attention on God in Christ through the Holy Spirit bears fruit. Our Lord was with the Father each day. Frequently, however, He went aside for special periods of prayer. A fundamental need exists and is met only by an unusual emphasis.

This law is the sound reason for revivals today. The name "revival" indicates a recognition on the part of the Church of the human tendency to fall from grace, to grow lukewarm and indifferent. She recognizes that the mercy of God makes possible renewal of life—revival.

At some point something went amiss. Meetings were being held but not soul-stirring revivals in which the Holy Spirit was laying hold of lives. We forgot the preparation, note of expectancy, and personal participation that were the fertile ground in which the seed of the Word was sown and grown. When we found ourselves unable to hold revivals, we had to discredit them by saying the decisions didn't last, and, anyway, evangelism is something we ought to work at the year-round. Both of these statements have truth in them (decisions don't last unnurtured), but they do not preclude God's use of the revival and a justifiable place in the Church for that institution.

Now, revivals are coming back. Men are recognizing the fundamental soundness of a concentration of attention on the things of God. Consequently, we wish to address ourselves to the proposition: how does a pastor and a Church prepare for a revival?

Assumptions

1. One can't announce a revival into being. If that is the only preparation made, the revival will do little good.
2. As a rule, no visiting preacher, however fine, can "preach up" a revival. Dependence on the visiting preacher to accomplish such results is foolish.
3. No revival will take place if the pastor and the Church, consciously or unconsciously, rely upon the compulsion of Church loyalty. If members and non-members do not see that the event has a definite connection with the health of their souls, it is doubtful that they will be there.
4. No revival will take place when pastor and Church ignore the necessity of the specific participation of the Holy Spirit. Man must do all he can; then, all his reliance must be on God.

Basic Preparation

How, then, prepare for a revival?

First, the pastor must take the matter in prayer to God to seek His blessing. If nothing happens between God and the pastor, nothing will take place between God and the church. Is the pastor, the man of God, this important? Yes, according to the Bible and experience. In the Bible, God spoke to the people through a man, in most cases.

Second, the pastor discusses time and other details with his Commission on Membership and Evangelism. Conclusions are brought before the Official Board for its approval. Right now, the date of the Week of Evangelism for 1958 should be presented to each board for its action; the date should be publicized in the church for several weeks. Other groups in the community might be asked to avoid that week in their plans. The

Church of God must plan in advance of any other group.

The visiting preacher and song leader should be secured up to a year ahead of time. This is to secure the man you feel the Spirit is leading you to get. Districts should be deciding soon what type of Week of Evangelism they wish in 1958 so visiting workers can be secured. The Boards of Evangelism of Arkansas and Louisiana Conferences stand ready to assist any district and its superintendent.

Six weeks before the revival date, intensive preparation begins. Involve as many people as possible in the preparation. Through hands and minds the Holy Spirits gets through to hearts.

Working Committees

The Commission on Membership and Evangelism selects the committee chairmen. Committees and their purposes are as follows:

1. Cottage Prayer Meetings: committee to secure host homes throughout the community; committee to secure leaders for each prayer meeting; committee to list for each host home the families in its neighborhood—host home is given a list. Later each family unit in the church is informed as to where they may go to prayer meeting. Host home also contacts its list of members. Not everyone will come to the prayer meeting, but everyone will have been contacted personally in connection with the revival. The Holy Spirit may use the contact to stir them up.

2. Music Committee. This committee organizes ahead of time the specials for services, using as many people as possible. It organizes the participation of the choir—i. e., one night, the youth may form the choir, another night the women, etc. A letter is sent to everyone concerned before the meeting giving the schedule of participation. In fact, a letter is sent to all concerned with every given phase of the preparation. Every host home and leader gets the list of host homes and leaders, for example.

3. The Attendance Committee decides what particular methods will be used to stimulate attendance. Sometimes, pew captains are helpful. If this device has worn out, another must be used. A class is assigned a night, this being done in the light of other phases. To illustrate—the night the women aren't singing in the choir is the night women's classes should sit as such in the congregation. Contacts are made by class officers with their members to get them there for their night.

Another section of this committee takes the roll call cards that are received each day in the morning and evening services and checks them against the resident membership. This takes place after each evening service. The next morning, a telephone committee goes to work contacting every absentee.

Someone says, this is surely a got to do. Of course. It takes that. But God has provided the people in every church to do it; their purpose is to render some service to their Lord. God can do more good in them when they devote their time to such purposes than when they devote themselves to many other activities. If a church goes about preparing for a meeting with any less thought than this—the Lord has first claim upon every Christian—the preparation for the meeting won't get very far.

4. Another phase of the revival that is prepared for is prayers in the services. Two weeks ahead of time a letter should go to persons selected to lead in prayer showing the schedule for such. They begin thinking in these terms; they begin praying. The preachers should not have to do the public praying in a revival. Any church whose laymen can't do this is still in the cradle spiritually; any minister who won't expect this of his laymen is still in the cradle spiritually. Two laymen should be secured for each service. Because of the type of sanctuaries we have today, as a rule, they should be called to the front; leading in prayer means, among other things, being heard. If visiting preachers attend, don't pass up your assigned laymen to call on them; explain to the preachers later your system.

One might wonder, if one gets all of this done, how is one going to get all the rest of the work of the church done. This IS the work of the church. Spirit and action stir all up to more effective service on all fronts. Sunday School and worship attendance will increase in the period of preparation, choir members will be more dependable, etc.

5. A Speakers Committee secures speakers to appear before Sunday School classes, circles and other groups discussing the revival. Remember, announcements don't do much good. The speakers should discuss some subject for five minutes—such as "What may be accomplished in a revival?" Unfortunately, there are members who do not faithfully attend worship services. If they aren't reached by a speaker, they won't be reached.

6. The Publicity Committee should get news stories to papers and radio stations about the revival. Use of posters and across-the-street banners and every means to inform members and others of the revival is in order. The pupils in the children's division of the church school should make posters about the revival to take to their parents.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. LUMAN DOUGLAS, superintendent of the Ruston District, preached at the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Sunday morning, July 7, where Rev. Jolly B. Harper is pastor.

REV. W. E. NOLAN is serving as associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Monroe. The Rev. Mr. Nolan with his wife and son, Walt, are now residing at 704 Holly Street. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor of the church.

ROBERT P. LAY, Louisiana Conference Lay Leader, was the speaker for the evening worship service at the Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday, June 23, where Rev. George W. Ross is pastor.

MISS WARRENE BOYD is serving as Youth Director of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, for the summer months. Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor of the church.

RECENT ACTIVITIES at the Gordon Avenue Methodist Church, Monroe, included a Vacation Bible School held June 3-8 in which 70 were enrolled. Student Day was observed June 9 with students home from college assisting the pastor, Rev. T. A. Brown, with the service.

REV. GEORGE W. ROSS, pastor of the Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport, will preach in the Wesley Sub-District Youth Revival, August 5-9, which will be held at the Faith Methodist Church, Natchitoches, where Rev. Odell Simmons is pastor.

REV. C. J. THIBODEAUX, pastor of the Krotz Springs Methodist Church, writes that his mailing address is Box 236, Port Barre, Louisiana. The Rev. Mr. Thibodeaux states, "We are serving a new charge, and have had a wonderful start."

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Official Board of the Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, are as follows: Lamar Oliver, chairman and church lay leader; J. R. Britton, vice-chairman; and T. W. Thompson, secretary-treasurer. Rev. K. G. Rorie is pastor of the church.

DELTON PICKERING is serving as Director of Youth Work for the summer months at the First Methodist Church of DeRidder. Delton is a graduate of Centenary College and is currently enrolled in the first year class of the Divinity School at Yale University. Rev. Robert H. Jamieson is pastor of the church.

A RECEPTION was held at the First Methodist Church of Alexandria Tuesday, June 25, honoring the pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Guy Hicks. Members of the Alexandria-Pineville Ministerial Association were invited to attend. Members of the W.S.C.S. were in charge of arrangements.

DR. DOUGLAS E. JACKSON, associate Professor of Sociology of Religion at Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., was guest preacher at the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, on Sunday, June 23, June 30, and July 7. He will also preach at the morning worship service on July 14. The pastor, Dr. John Rasmussen, is much improved following surgery.

MISS PAT RICKEY has accepted a position with the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, for the summer as Director of Religious Education. Miss Rickey is the daughter of Rev. Henry A. Rickey, superintendent of the Conway District, and Mrs. Rickey. She is a graduate of Hendrix College and has completed one year on her Masters degree in Religious Education at Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., Dallas.

THE PARSONETTES of the Baton Rouge District and the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, served as hosts for an official district reception honoring the Rev. and Mrs. D. William Poole. The Rev. Mr. Poole is the newly-appointed superintendent of the Baton Rouge District. The reception was held June 21 in the parlors

of the church, where Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor.

ED SYLVEST, a ministerial student at L.S.U., preached at the morning worship service of the Live Oak Methodist Church, Watson, Sunday, June 30. Rev. D. W. Poole, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, preached at the evening service. The pastor, Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr., and his family were on vacation.

LOUIS BURLEIGH was elected president of the Men's Club of the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, at a meeting held Tuesday, June 25. Other officers chosen were Charlie Robinson, vice-president; Ira Burleigh, secretary; and Otho Clement, treasurer. Rev. R. E. Walton is pastor of the church.

LEN TRIPPE AND JOHN JOHNS conducted a Youth-led Revival in the First Methodist Church, Mansfield, June 16-23. Len Trippe preached and John Johns led the singing. Both Len and John are ministerial students in Centenary College and are members of the First Methodist Church in Mansfield. Rev. Merlin W. Merrill is pastor of the church.

A RECEPTION was given Sunday afternoon from three until five o'clock in the Tech Room of the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, honoring the new District Superintendent and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Luman E. Douglas. An invitation was issued to the congregation of all neighboring churches in the Ruston District to attend the reception. Rev. Jolly B. Harper was host pastor.

BROADMOOR METHODIST Men's Club, Shreveport, at its June meeting elected four delegates for the National Conference of Methodist Men to be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, July 19-21. They are: G. M. Anderson, Berni Bouma, John Porter and Dece Watson. Robert P. Lay, Louisiana Conference Lay Leader, was the speaker for the meeting. Rev. George W. Harbuck is pastor of the church.

THE CHENEYVILLE METHODIST CHURCH held its third annual homecoming day, June 9. Rev. C. H. Giessen, pastor, preached an appropriate sermon, after which dinner was served at the church. Many members with friends and former pastors enjoyed the fellowship. One hundred were present, according to a report received from D. G. Hoyt, chairman of the Official Board.

REV. AND MRS. JAMES S. JONES, and family were honored with a reception in the Fellowship Hall of the Educational Building of the Blanchard Methodist Church, Wednesday evening, June 19, from 8 to 10 o'clock. General committee on arrangements included Mrs. Guy Attaway, Mrs. Charles Wilbanks and Mrs. R. C. Attaway. Rev. Jones is serving the church as pastor for the second year.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Board of Trustees of the Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, are: president, A. G. Assenheimer; vice-president, Vern Mashburn; and secretary-treasurer, James McCormick. Al Stair was placed in charge of all building maintenance at the church. Mr. Stair has devoted much of his spare time to repairs and improvements to the church building and was commended by the members of the Board of Trustees for his efforts. Rev. E. P. Drake is pastor of the church.

MEMBERS of the Men's Class and the Ladies Class of the Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, enjoyed a barbecued chicken supper in the yard of a class couple recently. The occasion was the climax of an attendance contest in which the two classes participated. The pastor, choir director and their wives also attended. As part of its continued program of church improvements, the Men's Class has completed tiling the recreation room. The class paid for all materials and members of the class furnished the labor under the supervision of Fred Derrington. Rev. E. P. Drake is pastor of the church.

NEW STAFF ADDITION MADE

A new addition to the staff of the *Arkansas Methodist* and *The Louisiana Methodist* was made this week. Rev. and Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland announce the birth of their third son, George Burden Wayland, Sunday afternoon, July 7, at the St. Vincent's Hospital, Little Rock. Little George, eight pounds, two ounces, Mrs. Wayland editor of this publication's *Woman's Page*, and Rev. Mr. Wayland, editor, are all reported as doing excellently.

DIRECTOR OF COMMISSION NAMED

The Rev. Dr. C. Cooper Bell of Lynchburg, Va., has been named director of The Methodist Church's Commission to Study the Jurisdictional System.

His appointment to the new executive post was announced June 13 by Bishop Paul N. Garber at the closing session of the Virginia Annual Conference in Roanoke. For the last three years Dr. Bell has been Methodist superintendent of the Lynchburg District, and president of the bishop's cabinet.

The 70-member commission was created by the 1956 Methodist General Conference to make a four-year study of the denomination's jurisdictional structure—composed of five geographical regions and a Negro unit—and to report its findings and recommendations to the 1960 General Conference.

FORMER CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE EDITOR DIES

Rev. William Peter King, former editor of *The Christian Advocate*, official organ of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died June 20 in Savannah, Georgia, at the age of 86.

The Rev. Mr. King was editor of *The Christian Advocate* from 1932 to 1940, when the publication of *The Methodist Episcopal Church, South*, was discontinued as a result of the unification of three branches of Methodism to form The Methodist Church. He retired soon afterward.

Mr. King was book editor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and editor of *The Methodist Quarterly Review* from 1928 to 1932. He was editor of the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*, publication of Georgia Methodists, in 1921 and 1922. He also wrote several books.

Mr. King's funeral was held June 22 at Belmont Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

CHAPLAINS TO BE HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY

A bill to award posthumously the Congressional Medal of Honor to the famed "Four Chaplains" who sacrificed their lives at sea during World War II is expected to be voted by the United States Senate.

One of the chaplains was a Methodist, the Rev. George L. Fox of Vermont, a member of the Troy Conference.

The others were the Rev. Clark V. Poling of New York, the Reformed Church in America; Rabbi Alexander D. Goode of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic of New Jersey.

The four, all army chaplains, lost their lives in the sinking of the troop transport *Dorchester* in the North Atlantic in 1943. Witnesses said the chaplains gave their lifebelts to crew members, assisted soldiers into lifeboats, and then locked hands in prayer as the ship plunged under.

ZACHARY METHODIST'S Educational Building became the scene of a large assemblage of clothing and shoes the week-end of July 6-7. When the Red Cross and Salvation Army sent out appeals to aid the victims of the hurricane at Cameron, several laymen suggested that the church become a central collection agency for the people of this area. Telephone calls and TV announcements brought results. By Sunday afternoon the large assembly hall was filled with clothing. Church members supervised the loading of the clothing onto a large truck and delivered it to the Baton Rouge Salvation Army headquarters. There was an enthusiastic and sympathetic response on the part of hundreds of people. One layman commented that he felt truly God was working in this relief movement according to a report from the pastor, Rev. Robert Ed Taylor.

R E Director Named By First Church, Crowley

Miss Norma Garlington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Garlington, Pitkin, La., has been employed as director of Religious Education at the First Methodist Church, Crowley, where the Rev. Louis Hoffpauir is pastor.

Miss Garlington graduated from Fairview High School in Grant, La., and from McNease State College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary Education in May, 1945.

While at McNease she was a member of the chorus, president of Gradale Sorority, Beta Chapter, secretary of the Wesley Foundation, secretary of the Inter-Church Council, secretary of the Literary Club, and treasurer of the Future Teachers of America.

She attended a MSM work camp at MacDonnell School, Houma, in 1954. During 1954-55, she attended Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., and during the summer, did summer service work in Wayne County, Tenn. She completed the requirements for a Master of Arts Degree in Religious Education on March 15, 1957, and graduated in May. While at Scarritt, Miss Garlington was a member of the Chapel Choir and Devotional Life Chairman of the Student Council.

As an approved deaconess candidate, she will be commissioned in St. Louis, Mo., at the General Assembly of the WSCS in 1958. She will be consecrated at the 1958 session of the Louisiana Conference.

From June 7-14, Miss Garlington attended a Deaconess Orientation in New York City and Providence, R. I. There she was under the direction of Miss Mary Lou Burnwell, executive secretary of Deaconess Work of the Board of Missions, and Miss Alpharetta Leeper, secretary of missionary personnel of the Board of Missions, Woman's Division.

Lafayette First Church Breaks Ground For New Educational Building



The persons from left to right appearing in picture No. 1 are: Mr. James W. Bean, Chairman of the Building Committee; Mrs. Fred S. Flurry, the Rev. Fred S. Flurry, pastor; Mrs. R. R. Branton, the Rev. R. R. Branton, District Superintendent, Lafayette District; Rod Pease, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pease; Mrs. Stone W. Caraway, the Rev. Stone W. Caraway, associate pastor.

The First Methodist Church in Lafayette held a ground-breaking service for its new educational building Sunday, June 30, at 6 p.m. An appropriate worship service followed conducted by the Rev. R. R. Branton, the Lafayette District Superintendent. The Rev. Fred S. Flurry is pastor.

The event was a milestone in the history of the church as this is the first building program since the erection of the present building in 1924. The service created much enthusiasm among the older members as well as the youth attending. A large number of children, young people, and adults was present.

The construction now under way will reach a total cost of more than \$160,000, and includes the installation of an elevator. This is the first unit in the building program. The total plan includes another building approximately the same size as the one now under construction, as well as the complete renovation of the present educational building and sanctuary.

DeQuincy Church Reports Progress

The DeQuincy Methodist Church, where the Rev. Alton A. McKnight is pastor, reports several improvements and considerable growth during the two-year period just ended.

Some 106 persons have united with the church, 57 by profession of faith, 16 from other denominations, and 33 by transfer from other Methodist Churches. The attendance has been good and is improving, with capacity crowds on special occasions.

At the close of the 1955-56 conference year the record shows the church has expended \$23,409 with an indebtedness of \$1,000. At the close of this conference year, the record shows an expenditure of \$18,481 with no indebtedness and a surplus of \$9,500 in the general and building funds.

The improvements to the physical properties include some \$2,000 paid on the remodeling of the parsonage. The old garage has been renovated and wash room added. A second bathroom was installed and the front porch was enclosed and made into a lovely room. New carpet and some new furniture have been put in the parsonage. Soon the WSCS will purchase new furniture for the living room.

The Sanctuary of the church was air conditioned, but since the plans are to erect a new building in the near future, little else has been done to improve the sanctuary.

The Education Building has received numerous improvements, including the finishing of some parts, the remodeling of others, fans in each room, a complete paint job within. It has three pianos.

Older Adult Camp Held At Caney Lake

It takes three quarters of a century to produce such "Fruits of the Spirit" as were met at Caney Lake at the older adult camp, June 4-7, for the Shreveport and Ruston Districts, according to reports.

The Rev. Merlin Merrill, Mansfield, was the Camp Director, and all present declared that no one could have surpassed him in his efficiency.

The theme study was Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Terry from New Orleans, whose daughter is the wife of a medical missionary in Liberia, attended. They were just back from a visit to the Mission Hospital. They had traversed the continent lengthwise from Gibraltar to Cape Horn and returned with a wealth of colored photographs to show each night. First hand information was

presented in this way.

Tom Searles, Forest Ranger, related a summer in a lookout cabin, 60 feet above the rocky summit of a peak in the Bitter Root Mountains of Idaho. His wife is the daughter of Prentis Lowe of Minden.

Mrs. Searles, Tom's mother, is Camp Superintendent and plans for every comfort and service of the campers.

"Everywhere we felt the absence of Elizabeth Thompson," a spokesman said. "Her love, devotion to the Aged Campers, and her inspiring energy that was characteristic in all her work, will never be forgotten."

"Don't ever miss a Camp if you can qualify—no short courses are accepted, so hurry and get old," concluded H. M. Law, Pelican, who reported the event.

ST. LUKE'S, N. O., OPENS NEW SANCTUARY

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The general contractor is the Haase Construction Company of New Orleans.

The opening service was conducted by the Rev. W. Spencer Wren, pastor, and others participating in the service were J. R. Rombach, Jr., chairman of the building committee; L. C. Pigford, chairman of board of trustees; J. E. B. Ransone, chairman of the official board; Lucian Haase, representing the contractor, and W. E. Bergman, representing the architect.



WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Dyer Mitchell

The Dyer Mitchell Sub-district installed new officers recently which included the following: president, Mickey Wilson, Conway Wesley Church; vice president, Sandra Nicholes, Conway First Church; secretary-treasurer, Ann Griggers, Conway Wesley Church; publicity chairman, Linda Hill, Vilonia; and the following area chairmen: faith, Sarah McGuire, Conway First Church; witness, Annetta Craig, Conway Wesley Church; outreach, Ann Tallman, Graham Chapel; citizenship, Wanda Fortner, Graham Chapel; and fellowship, Elmer Lloyd McCall, Mayflower.

Sandra Nichols, Ann Tallman, Ann Griggers, Wanda Fortner, Linda Hill and the Rev. Harold Wilson of Wesley Church, Conway, attended a retreat at Bayou Bouf where they planned the year's program and several projects to increase interest in the work of the Sub-district.

The monthly programs include a variety of topics of interest to youth. They include film and speakers on foreign countries, a training conference, different customs of Christmas, and other inspirational services. Leaders expect this to be the best year of the Dyer Mitchell Sub-district.

Wesley

The Wesley Youth Sub-district held its monthly meeting at Faith Methodist Church, Natchitoches, La., Monday, June 17, at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. George Ross, pastor of Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport, will be the guest evangelist for the Wesley Sub-district Youth Revival, August 5-9, which will be held at the Faith Methodist Church.

Our program was a film entitled "This My Son" based on the scripture of "The Prodigal Son."

Flora got the banner with a total of 175 points, and there were 56 present. After the meeting refreshments were served. Glenelle Pearce is reporter.

Batesville

The Methodist Youth Fellowship held its Sub-district meeting at Grange Methodist Church on June 10.

The Grange MYF presented an interesting program on the theme of Self-Discipline.

Dwayne Milliken installed the following Sub-district officers for 1957-58: president, Jack Magness of Newark; vice president, Paul Reynolds of Batesville; secretary-treasurer, Susan Lytle of Salado; reporter, Jo Angelyn Puckett of Cave City; and the following area chairmen: fellowship, Sue Leonard and Moorene Goff of Batesville; faith, Nora Lee Ford of Batesville; witness, Robert Westmoreland of Sidney; citizenship, Frank Stewart of Batesville; outreach, Sue Panky of Oil Trough.

There were 73 people present representing nine churches.

After the business meeting the group enjoyed an hour of recreation followed by delicious refreshments. The meeting was closed with the MYF benediction.

The next meeting will be held July 8 at Central Avenue Methodist Church, Batesville.

Grace Curtis

The Grace Curtis Sub-district met Monday night, June 10, at the Stanford, Ark., Methodist Church. At the council meeting, plans were dis-

Booneville MYF Program Has Hawaiian Theme



The Booneville MYF, pictured above, of the Mt. Magazine Sub-district feasted in the native style of Hawaii, when 68 members of the group gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Olson, Sunday, June 9.

Following the tradition of the islands, the low tables were decorated with magnolia blooms, leaves, and colorful flowers, centered with an arrangement of fresh pineapple. Hawaiian music added to the atmosphere.

Hawaiian entertainment was given for the group by Melvin Hodey Dunn, Jamie Fiser, and Miss Sarah Bray.

In the more serious mood, Miss Linda Borum told of the MYF work in Hawaii. The young people sang the Doxology for the blessing, Joe Randle led the prayer, and Doug Dorland gave the benediction.

cussed for the next year's MY Fund and the remaining officers to be elected. Recreation followed. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

Stanford was in charge of the devotional, which featured a Bible Study. The program was then turned over to Martha Dollins, the new president. Minutes of the last meeting were read and it was announced that the next meeting would be a picnic at Piggott.

Reports were then given on the Youth Assembly held at Hendrix College by David Gatlin, on Christian Witness, Living Groups, Installation and Communion; Barbara Clifford on Fellowship; Anna Rose Holmes on Faith; and Gloria Kirk on Alcohol Workshops. Donna Kirk is reporter.

Arkansas Valley

The Arkansas Valley Sub-district met at Hartman, Monday, June 10. The meeting opened with group singing and a prayer. Lionel Jewell, the new president, held the business meeting. The president presented several ideas for promoting interest and getting larger attendance. An idea was placed before the group to elect program area chairmen. A present was given to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Stakes, assistant counselors, by Johnny McElroy, the outgoing president. A talk was given on Concern and Power, and everyone was urged to subscribe.

The devotional was presented by Lionel Jewell. It included a candle-light service on the theme, "Think." The meeting was closed with the MYF benediction. The group was then served refreshments in the lunch room.

The council met after the meeting, at which time the constitution was presented to them for their approval. The members decided to hold a council meeting each month following the regular meeting. Plans were made for them to attend a district meeting to be held at First

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

TO DRINK OR NOT TO DRINK

Yes, and you can follow that question with a logical repetition of Hamlet's query, "To be or not to be, that is the question." For many persons have answered the Shakespearean question in the negative by answering the first question in the affirmative. By that I mean simply, to drink is often the first step toward an end of being effective in living.

According to the Yale University Center for the Study of Alcohol, there are 4,589,000 alcoholics in our nation today. And a Gallup poll reveals that there are 62 million adults (or near adults) who use alcoholic beverages, and 40 million persons who do not. That means in rough estimates that 1 out of 15 persons who drinks has become an alcoholic. Not a very promising statistic. Personally I'd like better odds than 1 to 15 if I were to start drinking. That brings it too much in the realm of possibility for yours truly going down the drain with the rest of the drunks.

Now young friend, don't sit back
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Church in Fort Smith on June 17. Mary Ann Krohn is reporter.

Poinsett County

The Poinsett County MYF Sub-district met at the Hickory Ridge Methodist Church June 13, for the regular monthly meeting. There were 105 members present.

The group presented a program on "Jesus Points The Way." Following the business session the MYFers enjoyed recreation and refreshments in fellowship hall. The session adjourned with the MYF benediction. Jo An McElland is reporter.

Graduates Honored At Hot Springs First Church

Nine members of the 1957 graduating class of Hot Springs High School were honored with a banquet by the First Methodist Church, May 26, in Fellowship Hall.

The honorees were as follows: Dick Aclin, Steve Down, Edwin Harper, Mitty Huston, Morgan Magness, Allen Petty, Mike Nahas, Joyce Penny, and Millie Rowland. There were approximately 60 other youth present.

The tables were artistically decorated with black cardboard mortars and Magnolia blossoms with the individual places marked with a favor. Each graduate received a miniature diploma tied with blue ribbon and containing a proverb for daily living.

The MYF president, Steve Downs, gave the welcome and introduced the educational assistant, Stanley Reed, who honored the graduates. A senior, Dick Aclin, made the response on behalf of the graduates.

The banquet was concluded with a songfest.

Members of the Crestomath Class and teachers under the direction of Mrs. Floyd Massey served the banquet. Kay Monk, MYF vice president, reported the event.

NEWS FROM LOCAL MYF GROUPS

Chidester

The youth group of Chidester Methodist Church had a hayride recently. Recreation included games and a weiner roast. Also, group singing and a worship service was conducted. There were 24 youth and counselors who attended.

The Chidester MYF officers held a retreat June 21 and 22 at which time they planned the programs and activities for the summer. Included in the plans were a Galilean Service, youth recreation after church, youth choir for the summer, Youth Activities Week, youth night to be held weekly, plans for a youth camp, and plans for painting the church basement.

Counselors for the group are Mr. and Mrs. Bussle, and the Rev. Howard Childs is pastor.

Pottsville

The Pottsville MYF held its regular Sunday evening meeting June 23, and new officers were installed by the Rev. Ellsworth Watson, pastor, during church services.

New officers include: president, Eric Thompson; vice president, Joyce Groves; secretary-treasurer, Jean Goree; reporter, Barbara Race; song leader, Gloria Watson; organist, Jearldean Wheeler; and counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheeler. The MYF benediction closed the installation service.

McRae

Newly elected officers of the McRae MYF include: president, Arverla McKoun; vice president, Patsy Stegall; secretary, Sandra Cranyord; treasurer, Mary Jo Stegall; and reporter, Joyce Cook. The group is now having an "every-member canvass" to get new members. The Rev. W. M. Stegall is pastor of the McRae Circuit.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

WOMAN'S SOCIETY SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

July 15-19

HENDERSON STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE, ARKADELPHIA

APPROVED STUDIES FOR 1957-58

Japan—Instructor—Miss Delores Marymee, Dallas, Texas, former Woman's Division Staff Worker
Text: Cross and Crises in Japan—Charles W. Inglehar

Christ, the Church, and Race—Instructor—Rev. James R. Scott, Little Rock, pastor of Primrose Methodist Church
Text: The Kingdom Beyond Caste—Liston Pope

The Gospel According to St. Mark—Instructor—Miss Jaunita Brown, New York, N.Y., writer and staff member of Woman's Division
Text: Disciples to Such a Lord—Albert E. Barnett

The Social Witness of the Local Church in the Ecumenical Movement—Instructor—Miss Louise Robinson, Murfreesboro, Tenn., former staff member of Woman's Division
Text: In Every Place A Voice—Dr. Walter G. Muelder

WORKSHOPS

Parliamentary Procedures and Leadership Responsibilities in the Woman's Society of Christian Service—Leader—Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Pine Bluff

Techniques for Group Discussion and Action on Current Issues—Leader—Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Little Rock

CLINICS FOR OFFICERS

President—Vice-President—Treasurer—Secretary of Promotion—Secretary of Missionary Education and Service—Secretary of Christian Social Relations—Secretary of Spiritual Life—Secretary of Children's Work—Secretary of Supply

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration: Monday July 15, 1957—12:00 P.M. at Holly Hall.

First Class: Monday, July 15, 3:00 p.m. School closes: After lunch, Friday, July 19th

Fees: Registration (includes insurance).....	\$ 3.00
Room and Board.....	12.00
	\$15.00

For TRANSPORTATION from bus or train call First Methodist Church, No. 468

Notice: Your local President has all registration blanks. No limit on attendance this year.

THEME: "Till Christ Shall Dwell in Every Heart"

Miss Jaunita Brown



Miss Delores Marymee



Miss Louise Robinson



Rev. James Robert Scott





Sebascoott Intermediate Camp Held

The Sebascoott Intermediate Camp of the Fort Smith District was held at Shores Lake Youth Camp, June 24-28. Rev. Brady Cook, Greenwood, was director, and Rev. Lindsey Rolland, Kibler, was business manager.

Rev. Rolland is also the superintendent of all camps at Shores Lake this summer. Gary Blevin from Van Buren is his helper, and Mrs. Rolland is serving her third summer as dietitian. Her helper this summer is Mrs. True Watson from New Hope, Mt. View Ct. The nurse for this camp was the wife of a retired minister, Mrs. R. M. Holland, Waldron.

Those teaching courses were Rev. George Kleeb, Hackett; Rev. Miss Fern Cook, Mansfield; and Mrs. Elizabeth Evanson, wife of Rev. Oscar Evanson, Waldron. Rev. and Mrs. Lester Nance, Alex, also assisted in the camp. Rev. Eugene Shoemaker, Hartford, preached the evening services. Also helping as counselors, were: Richard Been and Davie Joyce, Greenwood, and Bobby Rutledge, Hackett. John Tolleson, a student from Fayetteville, visited during the camp.

Vacation Bible Schools Reported Gentilly

The Gentilly, La. Methodist Church recently completed a vacation Bible School under the direction of Mrs. J. Frank Ferguson, who was assisted by the pastor, the Rev. E. P. Drake, his wife, 21 women of the church, and seven members of the MYF.

Theme for the school was "Friends Far and Near." Different age groups studied about people and religion in all parts of the world. During one session, the pastor spoke to the members of the school about the duties of a minister.

Some 70 children were enrolled in the school with an average of 44 attending three or more days. An average of 20 workers assisted Mrs. Ferguson each day and the school closed with "graduation" exercises on the final day.

Bonita-Jones

The Vacation Bible School of the Methodist church of Bonita-Jones Charge was held at Bonita, La., June 10-14, with an attendance of 28. Mrs. Lois Robertson, director, was also in charge of music and worship, assisted at the organ by Mrs. Grover Harp and Mrs. George Cagle.

Teachers were: Mr. Clyde Culbertson, Mrs. Paul Harp, Mrs. Jean Doles, Mrs. Katherine McCree, Mrs. Alice Peale McKoin, and Mrs. Jane Pippin of Jones. Mr. Carl Long was vacation director.

The closing program on Friday was held in the sanctuary. Prayer

Caravan Team Serving La. Conference



The Caravan Team now serving in the Louisiana Conference is pictured above and includes, front row, l to r: Esther Wells and Carry Hatch (counselor); and back row: Catherine Metcalf, David Hallett, and Anne Moore.

The Caravan Team arrived in the Louisiana Conference on June 21 from the Caravan Training Center, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, where they received preparation for voluntary service in Methodist churches this summer. This was one of five regional training centers for the Caravans. The other four training centers were at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee; Westminster College, Salt Lake City; West Vir-

ginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, West Virginia; and The Methodist Camp, Mannicaragua, L. V., Cuba.

The team is composed of four young people and one adult counselor. They are Miss Esther Wells, Hamilton, Illinois, a student at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, who studies Church Music. Esther is working with intermediates this summer. Miss Carry Hatch, Rayville, Louisiana, is the Caravan Counselor and serves as the Caravan Leader, leading discussions with adult workers with youth and assisting in the Caravan activities with Intermediate Youth. During other times, she co-operates in the project periods and in the periods of program planning. She is a teacher of high school English at Rayville. Miss Catherine Metcalf, Montgomery, Alabama, is a student at Huntingdon College and is studying Religious Education. She will be working with Senior High's this summer. David W. Hallett, Evanston, Illinois, is a student at Dakota Wesleyan University studying to be a teacher. He caravanned during the summer of 1956. While in the Conference, he will be working with Older Youth. Miss Anna Moore, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, is a student at Mississippi Southern College and is studying Home Economics. Anna will be working with Senior High's this summer.

Salem-Congo

Salem and Congo, Ark., churches have had vacation Bible Schools during the month of June. The one at Salem was supervised by Mrs. V. J. Deaton with an enrollment of 60 children. The school at Congo was supervised by Mrs. Alvin Raney and had 49 children enrolled.

Each school had a splendid corps of adult workers on the teaching staffs and the refreshment committees.

The Congo church has just closed a week of evangelistic services with seven additions. Five by profession of faith and vows and two by certificate. The Rev. W. Roy Jordan, pastor, did the preaching.

CHILDREN'S WORKERS' CONFERENCE CANCELLED

The Louisiana Conference Children's Workers' Conference scheduled for August 5-7, at the University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, has been cancelled because adequate leadership could not be secured. This announcement was made by Mrs. E. L. McKay, Louisiana Conference Director of Children's Work.

Caravaners Train At Scarritt

Nashville, Tenn., June 14 (MI)—Mrs. C. B. Nelson, Warren, Ark., was a staff member in the Methodist Youth Training Center at Scarritt College here which trained college young people for voluntary service in Methodist churches this summer.

Two Hendrix College students, Mary Ann Faris and Barbara Tawer, attended the training session. The training period for staff members began June 8, and the caravaners attended sessions June 11-21. The caravaners will serve six weeks, with teams of five working for one-week periods in 66 churches in Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky, North Carolina, Georgia, and South Carolina. This is one of five regional training centers for the caravaners. In the entire program, about 150 college students and 37 adult counselors will work as members of caravan teams. They will serve at least 225 churches in the United States and Cuba.

All the caravaners are experienced in leading Christian activities among youth.

ideals and purposes of the Methodist Youth Fellowship in the local church. The Team will assist local youth and adult workers with youth in planning worship, discussion, recreation, and work projects. They often interpret the youth program of the church to civic leaders.

The following is the summer schedule for the Team in the Louisiana Conference: June 22-June 28 — Springhill Methodist Church, Springhill, Louisiana, June 29-July 5 — Sevier Memorial Methodist Church, Ferriday, Louisiana, July 6-July 12—First Methodist Church, Amite, Louisiana, July 13-July 19 — First Methodist Church, New Iberia, La., July 20-July 26—Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie, La., July 27-Aug. 2—University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

The Caravan program is sponsored by the Methodist Board of Education. Now in its nineteenth year, it has reached more than a million people in over 16 hundred churches in the United States and overseas.

MORE ABOUT HURRICANE AUDREY'S FURY



Pictured above are four Methodist preachers viewing damage caused by recent hurricane to Methodist property at Cameron. They include, L to R, Rev. Taylor Wall, Cameron-Grand Chenier pastor; Rev. Rex Squyers, West Lake; Dr. Carl Lueg, Lake Charles; and Rev. Earl Emmerich. The Cameron church was swept from its foundation, split in several places, and came to rest on top of graves, in the grave yard behind where church formerly stood.



Pictured above is a view of the side of the Cameron parsonage which was severely damaged by the recent hurricane. The oil road planks were washed in by the accompanying tidal wave from an unknown site.

Youth Caravan Scheduled for Bunkie

The Youth Caravan, which is spending six weeks in the Louisiana conference this summer, will be at the David Haas Memorial Church at Bunkie July 20-26. The counselor of this year's Caravan is Miss Carrie Hatch of Rayville. The four college students working with Miss Hatch will be Catherine Metcalf of Montgomery, Alabama; Esther Wells of Hamilton, Illinois; David Hallett of Evanston, Illinois; and Anna Marie Moore of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Mrs. L. M. Couvillion is Superintendent of the Youth Division of the Bunkie Church; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harper are the Senior High counselors; and Mrs. Warren Constant is the Intermediate counselor. Dorothy McIntire is president of the MYF.

Preparations have been made for the Caravan's coming, and the youth of Bunkie are looking forward to Youth Caravan Week.

EXPERIMENTAL TV PROGRAM SHOWN AT MONROE

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under pressure. How to deal with pressure is what really matters. There is pressure in the world situ-

ation, business, and home. One just simply cannot get away from it. One's home is not the place to let off steam."

Rev. Mr. Harris agreed that one should never take outside pressure home with him.

Mr. Clay continued "if a man is to be the head of his home, he needs to have complete control of himself at all times."

Mrs. Pomeroy suggested that "in a very real sense faith in and fellowship with God makes the difference in handling problems." Fatigue as much as anything else promotes pressure.

Mr. Clay pointed out that in his opinion, the church establishes that inner peace which all are seeking and helps people to set a code of ethics by which to live.

Rev. Mr. Harris concluded that correct relationship and attitudes in life should be developed at an early age.

Dr. Sloan, in commenting about the reception by the group of viewers at the First Methodist Church, said that the audience response was very enthusiastic and participation in group discussion was very good.

Monroe is one of seven cities in the United States chosen for the experiment.

Local arrangements were made by Mr. Love and Dr. G. W. Pomeroy.

Ruston District Holds Regular Meeting

The Preachers and Parsonettes of the Ruston District held their first regular meeting of the new conference year Monday, June 24, at the Methodist Church in Arcadia.

After a few introductory remarks by the recently appointed District Superintendent, Rev. Luman Douglas, the other new ministers of the District were presented, including Rev. Rupert Coles of Farmerville, and Rev. J. A. Jones, Gibsland.

Announcements were made concerning the change in the camping schedule. The first Junior Camp will be led by Rev. R. L. Peyton, and the second Junior Camp by Rev. Leon Marsalis.

Rev. Douglas named his District Staff, as follows: Children's Work, Mrs. J. A. McDaniel; Youth Work, Rev. J. Futch; Adult Work, Rev. J. B. Harper; General Church School Work, J. C. Love; Camping, Rev. Rupert Coles; Missionary Education, Rev. Jack Shaw; Evangelism, Rev. Jack Midyett; Stewardship, Rev. R. L. Peyton; Every Member Canvass, C. O. Holland; The Louisiana Methodist, Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr.; Temperance, Rev. George W. Damerson; and WSCS President, Mrs. Robert S. Wynn.

Dr. Bentley Sloane presented various phases of religious education, stressing the need to develop leadership in the local church.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer and a luncheon served by the Parsonettes.

METHODISTS SUFFER HURRICANE LOSSES

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Charles District received offerings last Sunday and others will receive offerings on next Sunday, according to the Reverend Mr. Nader.

J. C. Love, Ruston, acting chairman of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, in announcing the commission's authorization, said that all contributions should be sent directly to Reverend Sam Nader at 1723 12th Street, Lake Charles.

Mr. Love also pointed out that a complete report of all the receipts and an account of the funds handled will be made.

HOLLYWOOD AT WORK ON MORE BIBLICAL MOVIES

Hollywood (R.N.S.)—A new upsurge of interest in Biblical subjects is being shown by movie studios.

Writers are at work on Fulton Oursler's "The Greatest Story Ever Told" for Darryl F. Zanuck at 20th Century-Fox, and "The Galileans," a fictional treatment of Mary Magdalene at Universal-International. Paramount is readying "Ben Hur" and Columbia has taken off the shelf its story, "Joseph and His Brothers" which it started four years ago. At that time, the studio spent \$750,000 shooting background footage in Egypt.

The financial success of "The Ten Commandments" is responsible for the renewed interest in Biblical themes. After turning out 15 films in 1954 and 1955 based on Bible episodes most studios quit making religious features, believing the market had been saturated.

Methodist Men of Shreveport Send Medicine to Stricken Area

Medicine valued at \$1,500 to \$2,000 was dispatched to hurricane-stricken areas July 2 by a group of Shreveport Methodist men who decided to circulate in Louisiana materials annually sent abroad.

The Broadmoor Methodist Men's Club, a fellowship group of the church, sent antibiotics, sulpha drugs, and vitamins in a state police car to the disaster areas.

The club has been collecting samples of medicine from local physicians for the past three years, and sending the medicine to missionaries in foreign fields.

When Hurricane Audrey left its path of destruction in and near Cameron, the Methodists gave the medicine to victims in the state.

The shipment was sent to Lake Charles where it will be given to medical personnel for distribution to the stricken. The Civil Defense made arrangements in the hurricane-ruined areas, while Capt. Douglas Durrett of the state police and a member of the club, worked out arrangements in Shreveport.

Dallas King, past president of the Broadmoor group and one of the men responsible for relief sent to scenes of the tragedy, credited Dr. E. B. Flake and Dr. Ross Tillbury with cataloguing the medicine, and Charles Rylee, Frances Barnett, and Marvin Carlson with playing major roles in the program. The Rev. George Harbuck, pastor and member of the club, also assisted.

King said the shipment was a collection of about six months. Victims are in need of money, medical supplies and clothing, he added.

Rodessa Methodists Honor Hockenhulls

Members of the Rodessa Methodist Church honored the Rev. and Mrs. Marvin H. Hockenhull, Bob and Patty, with "a going away party," on Tuesday evening, June 4, in the social hall of the educational building.

The Woman's Society president, Mrs. M. F. Smith, and Mrs. Don Anderson, president of the Wesley Ann Woman's Class, assisted by the local fellowship committee, were in charge of arrangements.

The congregation presented the honorees with a cash gift as a token of their love and appreciation. The Rev. Mr. Hockenhull was appointed to Pollock in the Alexandria District at the recent annual conference session.

He served the Rodessa church two years, and according to a report from the church, "served well as a real minister, promoting the entire church program, directing a fine administration, carrying on a systematic pastoral ministry to the entire membership including the aged and shut-ins, filling the pulpit on Sundays, preaching in a fine manner, leading the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, and in pastoral counselling where needed."

Methodist Church In Poland Described As "Vigorous Denomination"

NEW YORK (MCOR)—The Methodist Church in Poland is a "vigorous denomination, with more than 15,000 adult members and 56 trained clergymen," the general secretary of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, reported upon his return from an early June visit to that Iron Curtain country.

Worship services in the Methodist churches of Poland are "well attended," he said, "and the members liberally are supporting their churches, without state funds of any kind."

Dr. Warfield, one of the most prominent Protestant clergymen and relief administrators in the United States, was imprisoned by both the Soviets and the Germans while superintendent of the Methodist Church in Poland at the outbreak of World War II.

On this ten-day trip back to Poland he was "astonished" by the "ready willingness of individuals to express their personal opinions on any subject, in both public and private conversations, even in the presence of strangers. This is, of course," he said, "a change that has taken place since last fall."

"All religious groups, the Methodist for example," he reported, "are free at present to conduct worship services in their sanctuaries at any time, to train workers in their seminaries, to publish church periodicals, and to give religious instruction to children."

"There is far more religious freedom in Poland than in Spain, Portugal, and certain other lands where one church dictates government relationships with other churches."

He pointed out, however, that in Poland "religious freedom as we know it in the United States of America does not exist, since such freedom is to be found only where men are politically free."

Dr. Warfield first went to Poland in 1924 as a Methodist missionary. He was superintendent of the Methodist Church in Poland when the war began and, in 1939, was arrested and imprisoned for two months by the Soviet army. Upon release he returned to Warsaw and organized the American colony. On December 7, 1941, he was arrested by the Germans and, the following year, was exchanged and returned to this country with his family.

During his recent visit, Dr. Warfield was impressed by "the age group in power—younger people than one usually finds in similar positions in Western countries—and by the desire for contacts with countries in the West." The Polish government, he said, in encouraging churchmen, for instance, to

visit other nations and is helping them to do this.

Eighty percent of its center destroyed during World War II, Warsaw now is actually "a new city," Dr. Warfield reported. A "pre-war Pole is lost in the new squares, wide streets, and modern buildings. Fine paved highways now connect all the principal cities."

He said, however, he was "depressed by the widespread drunkenness that I found on the streets, trains, and buses."

Dr. Warfield joined the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief in 1946 and, for the past seven years, has been its director and general secretary, with offices at 150 Fifth Avenue in New York City. He resides in Rockville, Maryland. Dr. Warfield is vice chairman of Church World Service, Central Department of the National Council of Churches in the United States, and a member of the administrative committee of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees of the World Council of Churches.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

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and say "There's nothing I can do." Chances are that's about true as far as the 5 million addicts are concerned, or the liquor traffic in general across the nation is concerned, or even influencing the country club cocktail crowd in your town. But, you can resolve never to become a part of this problem, but always one who seeks to become apart of the answer to it.

And if you think the problem is far removed from you, get a load of some recent reports which were puzzling state officials in Michigan not long ago. The only thing they are pretty certain about is that a new record in liquor sales is about to be established in the commonwealth in which we who live in Michigan hold residence.

What is it that has puzzled the officials of Michigan Liquor Control Commission? They cannot understand the continued upswing in

PREPARING FOR A REVIVAL

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7. The Entertainment Committee is another way to involve several people ahead of time so the meeting is on their minds and hearts. The scheduling of meals will vary according to the custom in each community.

8. Special contact should be made with those out of Christ and the church. They should be invited personally and/or through the mail to attend. They should be told that God may use the Gospel to reach them for the Lord and Savior. The Gospel should be directed to man's need, whether Christian or not. The Spirit will apply the Gospel to each particular life. We must believe again that

liquor sales. The increase over a year ago is at a faster clip than for general retail sales. In other words liquor sales are running better than other retail sales in Michigan. Through the first eight months of 1956, 2,432,525 cases, or 7.14 per cent more than the same period in 1955, went down the hatch of Michigan's folks of distinction. And they paid out \$102,320,951 for it. (Just think, 10 per cent of that figure would meet the capital needs of our 10 Wesley Foundations whose facilities are inadequate for the task of ministering to Methodist students at state-supported schools, but its guzzled and gone by now!) In 1955 we set a record in our sovereign state of nearly 4,000,000 cases of liquor. And there seemed little question that by the time you read these words we would have a brand new record high in the bubble-water crowd who answer our question with a yes and a hic.

Statistics may be liars, but in this case they can help you make up your mind whether or not to drink. Line up all the statistics and opinions you want to, but when it is all said and done the only way you can be certain not to be 1 in 15 who ends up as an alcoholic is never to drink!

decisions will be reached under the influence of the Spirit in the revival service. What better place is there for decisions to be made?

9. The local pastor should keep the visiting preacher posted on the preparations. The visiting preacher must prepare. If he comes into a situation that is warm and ready, and he is distracted and cold, the people will come and go away hungry. This is the greatest tragedy. The preacher, therefore, must spend time at the foot of the Cross.

Central Purpose

If a church is to have a revival, that alone must be the purpose. One can't set out to accomplish something else and have a revival, too. Every decision must be made under this light: is this being done to help bring a spiritual blessing to this church and Christ to the unsaved? If, for example, the pastor secures the visiting preacher because he would like to enjoy a week of fellowship with him, that's what they will have—a week of fellowship. They won't have a revival. That's not their purpose. You don't kill two birds with one stone. Kierkegaard said that purity of heart is to desire one thing. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

If the above things are done with prayer to God that He will use them to accomplish His purpose, by the time the date of the meeting arrives, the church will be ready, and there will be a revival.

If more modern parents would not be so afraid of momentarily displeasing their offspring and would insist on their being active, we would be in less danger of becoming a race of softies.—John B. Kelly.

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OBITUARY

HOWERTON—Mrs. Myrtle M. Howerton was born in Yell county, Arkansas, Jan. 25, 1892, and died June 16, 1957, at the age of 65 years, five months and 22 days. She had been in a Searcy hospital for two weeks. She was the daughter of the late Sallie and Gray Woodard and was married to the late Rev. R. B. Howerton Sr., July 11, 1909.

To this union were born five sons and four daughters, eight of whom survive. One daughter, Bobbie Sue, preceded her in death. She is survived by Lamar William of Waco, Tex.; Wylie Lloyd of Searcy; Paul Jefferson, North Little Rock; Grady Evert, Searcy; Rev. Robert Buchanan, Jr., Mountain Home; Mrs. Dewey E. Fields, Beebe; Mrs. Omer E. Bradsher, Little Rock; Mrs. Palmer F. Foley, North Little Rock; and sixteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Also surviving her are a sister, Mrs. Charlie Templeton, of Belleville, and three brothers: John Woodard, Bastrop, La.; Wylie Woodard, Danville, and Grady Woodard, Blue Ball, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Rev. and Mrs. Howerton served the following charges: Belleville, Adona, Prairie View, Pangburn, Griffithville, Valley Springs, Antioch, Imboden, Paragould Ct., Marmaduke and Quitman. Twice they served Waltreak and Adona at the request of their congregations.

Funeral services were conducted at Beebe Methodist Church Tuesday morning, June 18, by Rev. William Hightower of Hoxie, Rev. Richard Connell, Moorefield, and Rev. James W. Workman, Beebe pastor. Also present were Rev. Harold Davis, Malvern; Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, Searcy district superintendent, and Rev. W. Harold Owen, Presbyterian pastor of Beebe.

Burial was at Quitman, their last pastoral charge. Rev. Harold Davis and Rev. Workman conducted the graveside service, attended by a host of friends from Beebe and other

CALIF. METHODISTS SURVEY PARSONAGES BY QUESTIONNAIRES

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be furnished.

"All permanent planting should be the responsibility of the church, and planned by a landscape architect wherever possible."

Play space for children, an outdoor patio with some patio furniture and a lawn mower should be furnished, a power mower "would be most appreciated in some instances."

The church should be responsible for taxes on church-owned parsonage furnishings and repairs and upkeep should be budgeted.

charges where they had lived. Brother Connell esteemed Mrs. Howerton as a great Christian character, who graced the Methodist parsonage and left a blessed spiritual heritage to her growing host of fellow Christians and family members.—By James W. Workman, Pastor.

On the other hand, "the pastor and his family should care for the parsonage as good stewards for the Lord's property," although family use makes depreciation inevitable.

"Since the parsonage telephone is used mainly for church work, the church budget should care for its cost, at least the base cost, but not including personal toll calls."

REFUGEES CALLED CHURCHES' GREATEST CHALLENGE

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ler warned that "the case load is still about 150,000, just as it was a year ago." Dr. Chandler, a Congregational Christian minister, is associate director of the World Council's refugee service.

ALCOHOL STUDY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH SET THIS MONTH

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(regional) conferences of the Methodist Church.

Co-directors of the school will be Miss Emogene Dunlap of Washington, D. C., youth work director of the Board of Temperance, and the Rev. Joseph W. Bell, Nashville, Tenn., associate youth director of the Methodist Board of Education.



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LESSON FOR JULY 21, 1957

CALEB: DAUNTLESS FAITH

READ NUMBERS, CHAPTER 13 and CHAPTER 14: 1-10, JOSHUA 14:6-14.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength.*

—Isaiah 40:30-31

Today we are having our third character study of "Personalities of the Old Testament" in Unit VIII. Our subject is "Caleb: Dauntless Faith." As an example of dauntless courage and faith, Caleb is one of the most inspiring characters of the Old Testament. More than once, as Israel wavered, it was Caleb who stepped forward with a dauntless, daring faith in God that has been an inspiration to all who have studied his life since that day.

In last Sunday's lesson we studied something of the difficulties which confronted Moses as he tried to convert the disorganized band of slaves, just freed from Egyptian bondage, into an organized, orderly group, politically and religiously. A study of the "ups and downs" of the forty years of wilderness wandering will show the almost insurmountable obstacles he confronted in that task.

Caleb One Of The Twelve Spies

Apparently it was not too long after the Israelites had been brought out of Egypt that Moses began to think about the conquest of Canaan, which God had promised to Abraham and his descendants, as a home.

At the command of God, Moses selected one man from each of the twelve tribes of Israel as an "inspection committee." These twelve men were sent into Canaan to spy out the land. Among the twelve chosen for this important and dangerous mission, we find Caleb the man of "Dauntless faith," who was chosen to represent the tribe of Judah. These twelve men went into Canaan and spent forty days looking over the land. They then returned and made their report to Moses of what they saw. Ten of the twelve spies, on return, reported a land "flowing with milk and honey." They reported that it was truly the wonderful country that God had promised it would be. After making this glowing report of the nature of the land, they prefaced a pessimistic, defeatist report with the word, "nevertheless." Despite the fact that God had brought them through victorious, under circumstances more difficult than they faced here, the ten declared "the people be strong that dwell in the land." They named six different tribes that were occupying the land as evidence that the way was closed to them. One of these tribes was "Giants, sons of Anak, which came of giants." They declared that they were as grasshoppers as compared to these people.

It was in such a distressing crisis in Israel's life that we find Caleb, as he spoke for himself and Joshua, giving one of his finest ex-

hibitions of "dauntless faith." The Record says, "Caleb stilled the people before Moses and said, Let us go up at once and possess it for we are well able to overcome it." In effect Caleb said to the ten "kill joys," "you be quiet a while and let me speak." Caleb here declared to Moses and the rest of Israel that they were "well able" to possess the land if only they would move forward under the leadership of the Lord and not "rebel against the Lord." The God Caleb asked them to trust was the same God who, through Moses, had freed them as slaves from the strongest nation on earth at the time. The same God had led them through the wilderness with a "pillar of cloud" by day and a "pillar of fire" by night. He had fed them there with manna from heaven and quails blown up from the forests when their food was used up. Quail on toast is generally considered quite a delicacy. Nevertheless that is what God fed these hungry Israelites. When they were famishing from thirst, God, through Moses, caused a gushing fountain to flow from a rock so that their thirst might be satisfied.

It was this same God that Caleb was challenging the Israelites to follow. Caleb felt that the God who had brought them off victorious under conditions, where victory was impossible in human strength alone, could make them victorious in any situation into which He might lead them.

The Viewpoint Made The Difference

The majority report of the ten spies was made in all sincerity, as was the minority report of Caleb and Joshua. The justification for the wide divergence of opinions by these two groups is found in the difference in viewpoints.

The ten spies left God out of their calculations in making up their report. They were matching man with man and human strength with human strength and on that basis they were absolutely correct in saying that it was impossible for them to conquer a country defended by such men as they described and filled with walled, fortified cities. Remembering that they were, as yet, largely an untrained, unorganized band of former slaves, the ten thought it would be foolish for this group to attempt to displace the well-established tribes in Canaan. Humanly speaking, no one would question their judgment.

In the face of the situation described by the ten spies, and recognizing it as true, Caleb, for himself and Joshua, declares that they should go up "at once and possess the land" because, he said, we are

"well able to overcome it." The difference in their conclusions was in the fact that Caleb included a factor in the problem that the ten had omitted—it was God. Caleb's viewpoint of the problem included God; the viewpoint of the ten did not.

We face many problems that appear to be insurmountable and, in our own strength, they are impossible. Under such circumstances we should remember the words of Paul when he said, "I can do all things THROUGH CHRIST which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13. We should also remember the words of Jesus when He said, "With God all things are possible." Mark 10:27. Let us remember the story about Elisha when the king sent his armies to bring Elisha to him. They surrounded Dothan where Elisha was staying. Elisha's servant said "Alas, my master, how shall we do?" Elisha's answer was, "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them and Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." No Christian should ever leave God out of his life plans.

Israel Forty Years In The Wilderness

In the face of Caleb's daring statement, Israel believed the report of the ten and refused, at that time to attempt the conquest of Canaan. Because of this rejection of God's plan, the Lord declared to them that Israel must wander homeless in the wilderness for forty years; a year for each day that they were in Canaan spying out the land. The Lord declared that none of these who came out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, would be allowed to enter Canaan except Caleb and Joshua. So it was that Israel spent the forty years in the wilderness until all, from twenty years and older had died.

Caleb Reminds Joshua of God's Promise To Him

It was during this conquest of Canaan that we again see Caleb in one of his finest moments. Forty-five years had passed since Israel was freed from Egypt. On the death of Moses, Joshua took the leadership of the Israelites and led them across the Jordan into Canaan and had begun the conquest and distribution of the land.

It was at this time that Caleb, now 85 years old came to Joshua with one of the most unselfish, daring, courageous requests one could imagine. Since Caleb was one of the two left who had come out of Egypt and one of the two oldest in the camp, one might expect him to ask for some special favors in the distribution of the land. He might properly ask for some of the richer portion of the land that had already been overrun where he could settle down in peace and quietude for the remainder of his years.

Instead Caleb came to Joshua reminding him of the promise God had made him through Moses forty-five years before that he could have, as his own, certain portions of Canaan. Caleb, eighty-five years old, came to Joshua with the following statement of our lesson text: "I am as strong this day as I

was in the day that Moses sent me; (as a spy) as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. Now therefore GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN, whereof the Lord spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims (Giants) were there and the cities were great and fenced: if so be that the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said."

Let us get this picture. Here Caleb, an old saint of God, disappointed at the failure of Israel to conquer Canaan at the command of God forty-five years ago, is here asking for the most difficult job confronting the Israelites as they come to the actual conquest of Canaan. Here a man 85 years old of ordinary stature is asking, as a special privilege, the right to charge up a mountainside against walled, fortified cities that are defended by men of giant stature, simply to demonstrate the folly of the faithlessness of the Israelites forty-five years before when they refused to enter Canaan lest they not be able to overcome it.

Choosing Difficult Jobs

In referring to difficult jobs in the work of the kingdom, we are not talking about church jobs that appear to be easy and interesting; we do not refer to jobs someone has pointed out to us and persuaded us to undertake, we are talking about Caleb-like people, who have looked about them in the church and have discovered some very difficult jobs that someone should undertake, and then have gone to the pastor or others responsible for the work of the church and asked the privilege of doing this thing that is difficult, for the good of the cause and for the glory of God. The church today badly needs people who are ready to volunteer for some of the difficult jobs of the church.

World And Church Blessed By Those Who Choose Difficult Jobs

(1) The Continental Army that brought freedom to America was a volunteer army. The soldiers who bore the indescribable sufferings and hardships of Valley Forge were volunteers. What a debt America and the world owes to these men and their wives back home who were willing to volunteer for such service in order that the cause of freedom might live. All of the leading vocations of life could furnish examples of leaders who have given themselves tirelessly and unselfishly as volunteers in the accomplishment of hard jobs which have resulted in great blessings and benefits to the world.

(2) The great leaders of the Kingdom of God from early days until now have been men and women who have been willing to work at the difficult jobs in kingdom building with no immediate reward, at times, except the consciousness of work well done and the hope that the world would be blessed by their sacrificial labors. The outstanding leaders of Christendom have been those who voluntarily undertook jobs that humanly speaking were impossible.

Hebron Became The Inheritance of Caleb

Joshua granted to Caleb his request and the closing verse of our came the inheritance of Caleb . . . to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord."

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Large Delegation From Louisiana To Nat'l Meeting

More than 80 laymen of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area will attend the second National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, July 19-21. This group will be among the 5,000 Methodist Men from throughout the nation who are expected to attend the conference sponsored by the Methodist General Board of Lay Activities, Chicago.

Louisiana Methodism will be represented by 59 Methodist laymen who will be flown to the conference this week, according to Robert P. Lay, Gilliam, Louisiana Conference lay leader. Thirty-one of the 59 men attending from the Louisiana Conference are from the Shreveport District.

North Arkansas Conference leaders report that 17 laymen and one minister, Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Paragould, will represent that conference. The Jonesboro and Conway Districts each have five representatives, the Forrest City, four, the Paragould, three, and the Fayetteville, one. Charles Stuck, Jonesboro, North Arkansas Conference lay leader, is on a world tour, and will not be attending the meeting.

The list of those attending from the Little Rock Conference is incomplete, according to Roland M. Shelton, Little Rock, Conference lay leader. Three men from the Camden District, including Dr. W. Neill Hart, Camden District Superintendent, are registered as well as one Little Rock layman, Lawson Harris. A registration of a dozen others from this conference is expected this week, most of them from the Hope District.

The conference will open with registration on Friday of this week and will adjourn next Sunday morning, July 21, following the morning worship services and sermon by Bishop Gearld H. Kennedy, of the Los Angeles Area.

Other speakers at the conference include Dr. Roy L. Smith, San Diego, California, lecturer and author; Kinsey Merritt, Elizabeth, N. J., prominent Methodist layman; Dr. Marshall T. Steel, Highland Park Church, Dallas, Texas; and Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Chicago, general secretary of the Methodist Commission On Promotion and Cultivation. Many laymen are scheduled to preside at various sessions and lead discussion groups on a variety of topics concerning the application of Christian principles on day to day living. Mr. Lay is included among those presiding at the discussion groups.

Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, will also be featured on the Sunday morning program, summarizing the conference before the final worship service. The list of

Panel Discusses Experimental TV Program



Pictured above are the members of the panel whose discussion was featured on the half-hour Methodist television program, "Talk Back," shown on Monroe station KNOE-TV Sunday afternoon, July 7.

Members of the panel included, L to R, Mrs. George W. Pomeroy, wife of the pastor of the First Methodist Church in Monroe; John O. Clay, Monroe geologist and prominent Methodist layman; and Rev. James T. Harris, superintendent of the Monroe District. At right is Miss Joyce Sloan, Nashville, Tennessee, a staff member of the Methodist Television, Radio, Film Commission. Miss Sloan was author of the script for the television program.

The 30 minute program included a filmed presentation of a short drama dealing with the experience of "pressure" in everyday living. The panel discussion of the drama, together with its religious implications in everyday living, followed the drama.

The program was one of seven such television presentations in the nation and was produced to test audience reaction to this new type program format.

those attending from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area are as follows:

Louisiana Conference

G. E. Whittington, Newllano; C. A. Mayo, G. H. Cox, J. W. Merchant, C. Plummer, H. J. Nelson, all of Lake Charles, E. P. Schexnailder, Maplewood; A. K. Reynolds, Sulphur; M. D. Miller, Jennings;

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T. A. Sanders, C. P. Chisholm, N. W. Rushing, W. L. Harker, J. W. Rutledge, all of West Monroe; Mike Johns, Jr., Monroe; F. A. Babb, Lake Providence.

H. L. Bridges, Minden; Lucius McGehee, Ruston.

Robert P. Lay, Gilliam; W. F. Hartline, Vivian; Dr. B. C. Taylor, L. S. McGee, R. Z. Biedenbarn, T. Haller Jackson, Tom L. Holcombe, W. C. Fullilove, Jr., John L. Baird, Tom F. Parker, Joe H. Moore, R. T. Moore, Joe J. Mickle, Geo. A. Holmes, J. W. Murphree, H. B. McGuffin, S. M. Sharp, R. R. Adams, J. Drew Moreland, James McDowell, Leon F. Gray, Jeff M. Stewart, R. H. Nelson, Jr., James J. Serra, D. L. Dykes, Jr., G. M. Anderson, Berni Bouma, John Porter, Dece Watson, W. P. Roberts, Jessie Morgan, Foster Hamner, all of Shreveport.

James N. Fomby, Alexandria; and Ernest C. Arnold, New Orleans.

North Arkansas Conference

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Centenary Students Awarded Scholarships

Recipients of a number of important scholarships to Centenary College have been selected by the scholarship committee, headed by Rev. R. Leonard Cooke, the college vice president.

Virgil Dixon Morris Jr., a married student from New Orleans; and son of the district superintendent of the New Orleans District of the Methodist Church, will hold the \$300 Martha Cappel Memorial Scholarship during the 1957-58 school year. The scholarship was established last year by Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Cappel of Alexandria in memory of their

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Brinkley.

Doyle Quillen, 115 West 2nd, North Little Rock; Henry M. Rainwater, Walnut Ridge; R. Sloan Rainwater, Walnut Ridge; Walter T. Reynolds, 704 East Woodruff, North Little Rock; Earnest G. Rodgers, Black Oak; Amarante Peter Torres, 118 Claremont, North Little Rock; Howard (Tex) Waggoner, 424 Walnut, Fayetteville; William R. Willis, P.O. Box 83, Lake City; Joe W. Wood, P.O. Box 262, Earle.

Little Rock Conference

Lee Hart, Alter Birch, and Dr. W. Neill Hart, Camden; Lawson Harris, Little Rock.

Contributions Being Received For Cameron-Grand Chenier Loss

Contributions are being received from all over the United States to be applied toward relief in the Cameron area, hit by the recent hurricane in southwest Louisiana, according to Rev. Sam Nader, superintendent of the Lake Charles District.

A total of \$26,145 had been received through Sunday, July 14, according to Mr. Nader.

Mr. Nader also reported that more than \$7,500 has been given by Methodist churches of the Lake Charles District toward the restoration of the Cameron and Grand Chenier churches and the charge's parsonage.

Mr. Nader also reports that plans are being completed for the immediate construction of a new parsonage at Cameron to be located four miles east of the former parsonage site. Plans are also being studied for the erection of new churches at Cameron and Grand Chenier. The Grand Chenier church was a total loss and the Cameron church was severely damaged. Both churches will be replaced with new structures of brick and concrete blocks.

Dr. H. L. Johns, staff member of the National Division of the Methodist Board of Missions and member of the Louisiana Conference, has announced that any local church can get Advance Special credit on a contribution to the Cameron-Grand Chenier restoration if the local church will remit its contribution through the office of the Division of National Missions in Philadelphia.

Church Construction Sets New Record For June

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Church construction set a new record for the month of June, amounting to \$73,000,000, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported here.

Total construction by churches for the first six months of 1957 reached \$400,000,000—a 19 per cent increase over the \$337,000,000 mark established in the first half of last year.

Building by non-public schools and colleges amounted to \$43,000,000 during the month, an increase of \$3,000,000 over May, but \$3,000,000 less than the record established in June, 1956.

The six-month total for these institutions reached \$246,000,000—one per cent less than in the same period of 1956.

Council Executive Committee Reports More Ecumenical Activity

Bishop Martin Attends London Meeting

LONDON, ENGLAND (MI)—The International character of Methodism found unique emphasis both in symbol and in fact at the annual session of the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council held here July 1-3.

Among Americans attending the executive meeting were Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis, and Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, Ark.

The meeting place was Central Hall, Westminster, where the United Nations held its organizing session. Within this vast and ornate Methodist church are many of the general offices of British Methodism.

Central Hall faces a plaza opposite Westminster Abby. In the Abby is a commemorative tablet to John and Charles Wesley. The meeting room assigned the executive committee was appropriately labelled "Church Fellowship Hall."

Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, symbolizing the British Commonwealth of Nations, are but a two-minute walk from Central Hall.

The final session of the Executive Committee was a dinner held here in a private dining room along the terrace that borders the Thames River. It was addressed by the British Foreign Secretary, the Right Hon. Selwyn Lloyd, M.P., the Right Hon. Lord Lawson of Beamish, Mr. T. George Thomas, M.P., Mr. Frank O. Salisbury, C.V.O., famed portrait painter and others. The Foreign Secretary, great-grandson of a Methodist preacher and grandson of sires christened John Wesley, brought encouraging word concerning disarmament possibilities from the Council of Prime Ministers in session here.

The joint secretaries, the Rev. Dr. Benson Perkins of Birmingham, England, and the Rev. Dr. Elmer T. Clark of Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, issued the following official report of the session:

The Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council which met in Westminster Central Hall, London, July 1-3 was the most significant since the new constitution of World Methodism was drafted at the Oxford Conference in 1951.

The Rev. Dr. Harold Roberts, president of the World Methodist Council, was in the chair, and the more than 75% attendance included members from as far away as South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, as well as the larger numbers from Great Britain, continental Europe and America. Many of the overseas members attended the opening and dedication of the restored Epworth Old Rectory, the original home of the Wesleys, which took place on June 29.

The major business of the Executive Committee followed the decisions of the great world conference of Methodists held in North Carolina, U.S.A. last September.

It was clear that considerable progress had been made in the field of Methodist ecumenical activity. Plans were submitted for cooperative evangelism across national frontiers for the holding of an ecumenical theological institute in Oxford in 1958 and for the extension of pastoral exchanges, not only between Great Britain and America but further afield. Union schemes involving the Methodist Church were surveyed, particularly in Ceylon, North India and West Africa, with conversations pointing towards union in other areas, east and west. From Berlin, in the person of Mrs. Ernst Scholz, president, came a report of the devel-

Public Hearings Scheduled On Juris. System

Washington, D. C. (MI) — The Methodist Church has scheduled public hearings in 24 cities this fall on the "strengths and weaknesses" of its jurisdictional structure, including racial segregation.

The regional hearings were announced by the Rev. Dr. C. Cooper Bell of Lynchburg, Va., director of a 70-member commission empowered to make a four-year study.

Charles C. Parlin, prominent layman of Englewood, N. J., is chairman of the commission, and the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Goodrich of Dallas, Tex., is secretary.

The study commission was created last year by the Methodist General Conference, the church's top legislative body, and ordered to report its findings and recommendations at the next session, to be held in 1960 in Denver.

The churchwide study was voted by the General Conference in answer to numerous petitions relating to problems of race and charges of sectionalism in the jurisdictional system.

Four two-day hearings will be held in each jurisdiction, Dr. Bell said. They will be conducted by six subcommittees or panels, each composed of 10 to 12 commission members. No member will serve in his own jurisdiction.

He said that any Methodist can be heard if he files a request 30 days in advance with the chairman of the panel scheduled to conduct hearings in the jurisdiction concerned.

Members of the commission include Dr. W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge. Hearings schedule for the South Central Jurisdiction and dates are as follows: October 11-12, Oklahoma City; October 14-15, San Antonio, Texas; October 16-17, Shreveport, Louisiana; October 18-19, Kansas City, Missouri.

here July 3 by the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Chicago, at the annual meeting of the Methodist Commission on Promotion and Cultivation. He is general secretary of the commission.

The total received for the 1956-'57 fiscal year, Dr. Mohn pointed out, is an increase of about \$4,000,000 over the approximately \$27,500,000 received the previous fiscal

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Mohn Says Church Now Has Greatest Opportunity

Lake Junaluska, N. C. (MI)—"It is my considered opinion that the Christian church never had the opportunity it has right now to win the free world for Christ," the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Chicago, said here July 2.

"Moreover," he said, "I doubt if such an opportunity will come again in this century."

Dr. Mohn, general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of The Methodist Church, recently returned from a tour of 15 Latin American and African countries. He made the statements in an address at this Methodist assembly ground.

The Commission on Promotion and Cultivation and two national Methodist committees had their annual meetings here July 2-3. Meeting jointly with the commission were the Advance Committee and the Week of Dedication Committee.

"The whole of Latin America is in flux," said Dr. Mohn, "and gives the Protestant church its greatest opportunity."

"The Roman Catholic hierarchy is losing its firm grip on government and people," he said. "For 300 years it monopolized the church life of South America. But it has failed. Today 84 percent of the population is outside the Roman Catholic Church while the Protestant membership is growing rapidly."

Dr. Mohn continued: "In San Paulo, Brazil, the fastest growing city in the world, now nearly as large as Chicago, there are more Protestant than Catholic churches. We have 40 Methodist churches in that biggest city of Brazil, where evangelism is on the march. Now is the time for evangelism in South America."

"However, the field of greatest action is Africa."

"There are 130,000,000 Africans speaking 70 languages and more than 200 dialects. They have suddenly awakened from centuries of submission and servitude to fear and ignorance. They now demand a voice in determining their future and an opportunity to participate in the modern progress that is everywhere around the world."

On his tour, Dr. Mohn travelled (Continued on page 15)

opment of the World Federation of Methodist Women, now affiliated with the World Methodist Council.

The anticipation of the European Methodist Conference at Stockholm in August included the project of a Youth Conference from the Methodist Church of Europe. Other future events which called for consideration and planning were the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley on December 18 this year, the meeting of the Executive Committee in Germany next July and the next World Methodist Conference, probably in 1961.

On the closing evening, Wednesday, July 3, the members of the Executive Committee were entertained at a dinner in the House of Commons through the courtesy of Mr. George Thomas, M.P. The special guests on the speakers list included the British Foreign Secretary, the Right Hon. Selwyn Lloyd, M.P., the Right Hon. Lord Lawson and Mr. Frank O. Salisbury, C.V.O., the portrait painter.

Discussion as to whether the 1961 quinquennial meeting should be of the Council (composed of about 300 members) or on the larger World Methodist Conference level seemed heavily weighted on the side of a Conference. The constitution permits either. The meeting place is undetermined.

\$3½ Million Paid Last Year For General Benevolences

Lake Junaluska, N. C. (MI)—Latest returns indicate that approximately \$31,500,000 has been received for general benevolences of The Methodist Church for the fiscal year ending May 31.

That announcement was made

Wesley's Boyhood Home Dedicated As Methodist Shrine

Epworth England, beloved by John Wesley "beyond most places in the world," now has its own Methodist shrine officially, literally, and legally. World Methodist Council officials on June 29-30, 1957, conducted ceremonies which opened and dedicated the Old Rectory as a mecca for Methodists. It was purchased from the Anglicans by the British Methodist Church in 1955 after serving the Church of England parish of St. Andrews ever since it was built by the Rev. Samuel Wesley in 1709.

Successor to the century-old three-storied thatched rectory which burned when John Wesley was six years old and his brother Charles was a babe in arms, the present reconstructed rectory was their boyhood home. Its large kitchen was the school room in which Susanna Wesley, their mother, educated her numerous children and held cottage meetings for the parishoners.

The restoration, financed "mainly through the generosity of American Methodism, will become the first property in England owned and used by the World Methodist Council," the Rev. Dr. E. Benson Perkins

told the assemblage which had come from several continents to witness the ceremonies. He is British secretary of the World Methodist Council.

The cordial participation of the Right Rev., the Lord Bishop of Lincoln and the Rev. W. B. Harvey of Epworth's St. Andrew's parish was in sharp contrast with the attitude of the Rev. Samuel Wesley's immediate successor in the Epworth parish, who barred John Wesley from the pulpit in 1742. Together they conducted the Sunday morning service in the 13th century Anglican church, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, past World Council president, preaching the sermon.

This is the first time, so far as is known, that a Church of England congregation has joined with Methodists in a united service at the regular worship hour.

The presence of many overseas visitors at the ceremonies was due to the London sessions of the executive committee of the World Methodist Council, held July 1-4. Four Methodist bishops were present, Paul E. Martin and Mrs. Martin, Little Rock, Ark.; Hobart B. Amstutz, Singapore; Gerald Ensley, Des Moines, Iowa; and Frederick Wunderlich, Frankfurt, Germany.

Chinese Churches Not Lost Says Missionary

East Northfield, Mass. (RNS)—A former Protestant missionary in China asserted here that, contrary to widespread belief, Chinese churches are not "lost," or threatened with extinction because of Communist persecution.

Dr. David M. Stowe of Boston, educational secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, said China did not go Communist because of the "failure" of Christian missions there.

He addressed some 300 church leaders at the Northfield Conference on the Christian World Mission, sponsored jointly by four agencies of the National Council of Churches and ten denominations.

Contending that there are hopeful signs for the Chinese churches, Dr. Stowe urged American Christians to take "certain constructive steps" in relation to Chinese Christians.

"We can pray for them and have an understanding generosity of spirit. We can open every available door for communication, and we can set our own spiritual house in order, especially in race relations and in a positive program to bring world peace."

The missions leader said the Chinese church was far from extinction because the estimated number of Protestants in that country today is about the same as the number before the Communists came into power. He placed that figure at "around 750,000."

Although the Protestant population decreased in the first few years after the Red revolution, he said, there has been a resurgence of religion which is likely to continue.

Dr. Stowe contended the success or failure of missionary efforts could not have had much effect on the loss of China to the free world. He said the "magnitude and complexity of the political and military factors at work" there could not be affected by a relatively small group of missionaries.

He added the Communists are willing to tolerate Christianity and other religions because they believe "it will eventually wither away as archaic in the face of 'socialist' education."

Hurricane Leaves Fishing Boat Stranded



One of the oddities of the recent hurricane that swept the coast of southwest Louisiana was its leaving stranded on the main street of Cameron a fishing boat. By coincidence one of the boats left by the receding waters was named "Audrey," the name which had been given the hurricane. Methodists suffered a loss of more than \$80,000 in damage to property at Cameron, Grand Cheiner, Raymond, and elsewhere. Louisiana Methodist Churches are contributing money for assistance to Methodists in the Cameron area.

Methodists Launch New Prayer Movement

Lake Junaluska, N. C. (RNS)—A new nation-wide prayer movement to teach Methodists how and what to pray for was inaugurated at a National Convention on Deepening Spiritual Life here.

Dr. Thomas Carruth of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., was named director of the movement. It will be under the auspices of the evangelism board.

Dr. Carruth told the 115 delegates from 82 churches in 18 states that ignorance and indifference are the great enemies of prayer. He said many people mistakenly think the longer they pray the more effective the prayer will be and that they should look sad while praying.

"Some of these days," he said, "I'm going to ask everybody to smile when they pray and I think the angels in heaven are going to stand on their tiptoes and sing."

The movement aims to get Methodists to realize what prayer meant to, and accomplished for, the saints of the Christian Church.

Religious Leaders Urge Ban On Nuclear Tests

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — A number of religious leaders were among a group of 83 scientists and other prominent Americans who sent a telegram to President Eisenhower urging him to support a ban on all nuclear tests which could be successfully monitored by a United Nations enforcement agency.

The telegram praised Mr. Eisenhower for his "continued determination" as expressed at his June 26 news conference to "negotiate a first step disarmament agreement with the Soviet Union and other major powers."

"An agreement to end nuclear weapons tests offers one of the most promising areas of negotiation since inspection is simple," the signers of the telegram declared.

"The current sessions of the United Nations disarmament subcommittee in London," they said "have aroused great hopes among the peoples of the world."

"If such hopes are again dashed, the resulting disillusionment

Attributes Church Gains to Quest For Respectability

Chicago (RNS) — The United States is not turning to religion as strongly as rising church membership figures would indicate, Dr. Ronald E. Osborn, a professor at the Butler University School of Religion, said here.

He added that churches have become an acceptable pattern of American life at a time when the pressure to conform is a powerful force. Therefore, he said, "one cannot be sure whether an applicant for church membership is seeking salvation or social respectability."

Dr. Osborn addressed executives of Disciples of Christ national agencies who met to plan future long-range programs for the denomination. Theme of the meeting was "Our Mission in the World Today."

Dr. Osborn said the revival of religion may be attributed in part at least to the "deep spiritual need of mankind in every generation, accentuated by the atomic terrors and the mounting pressures of our time."

But although religion is on the increase, he said, "religious considerations have less and less to do with decisions that really determine events in contemporary society."

He added that "Christianity has become a prevailing cult in America and getting baptized is most likely to be a routine act of social conformity."

German Methodists To Visit California, Arizona

The Methodist Service Projects Commission of the Southern California-Arizona Conference announces the projected visit of four German Methodists to the conference this summer "with the purpose of acquainting them with our life and churches and, in turn, of

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throughout the United States and the world have an extremely adverse effect upon future disarmament negotiations and would be most damaging to United States prestige in the world community."

Baptists Launch Hurricane Aid Campaign

Alexandria, La. (RNS)—A campaign to raise \$100,000 to provide emergency relief for victims of the recent hurricane Audrey was launched among 1,200 Southern Baptist churches in Louisiana.

The drive is under the auspices of a special committee of the Louisiana Baptist Convention's executive board, headed by James Middleton of Shreveport.

Money raised immediately will be used to aid the needy in the Cameron area, which bore the heaviest damage, regardless of denominational affiliation. Later funds will go toward the restoration of Baptist churches and parsonages and to replace ministers' personal assets lost in the hurricane.

The campaign was promoted by the publication of a special issue of the Baptist Message, state-wide Baptist organ. The entire magazine was devoted to first-hand reports and pictures from the disaster areas.

EDUCATOR SAYS "GOD HAS RETURNED TO CAMPUS"

Lake Junaluska, N. C. (RNS)—Dr. Theodore A. Distler of Washington, D. C., executive director of the Association of American Colleges, told some 500 college presidents and trustees that "God has returned to the American campus."

He spoke at the First Conference for Trustees of Church Colleges, organized by the National Committee of Church Men for Church Colleges, a National Council of Churches group.

"Religion was in full retreat on the campus 30 years ago," Dr. Distler said, "but times have changed. Americans have begun to suspect mechanical pleasure-seeking and to look again for deeper meaning in our existence."

Voluntary chapel attendance is booming and further services are being demanded, Dr. Distler said. "Students are flocking to hear erudite lectures on theology. New courses on the history and psychology of religion are being added. State universities are giving courses on the Hebrew language and the teachings of Jesus—and more of them are giving academic credit for courses in religion."

Dr. John O. Gross of Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the National Council's Commission on Christian Higher

Education, urged church colleges to function within the Christian tradition of bringing stability to the moving frontiers of the country.

He said Christian college education stands in direct contrast to atheistic totalitarianism because it is built upon the sort of integrity which comes from the Christian conception of God.

A warning that "education divorced from religion is spiritually sterile and religion divorced from education is likely to be filled with superstition," was sounded by Bradshaw Mintener of Washington, D. C., an attorney and a leading Methodist layman.

"No greater misfortune can come to a nation than to grow strong in material power without the conscience to direct and utilize its national strength for good," he said.

"Mere knowledge, untempered and unrestrained by any feeling of conscience, or mercy, or respect for human personality, is possibly the most dangerous force that can be unloosed upon the world."

In his talk, Dr. Distler said, the growing interest in religion among college students has given church-related colleges "a challenge and opportunity such as they have not had before in my lifetime."

Heroes Are Now Delinquents

ACCORDING to an Evangelical Press Release those attempting to care for the refugees from Hungary now in Austria have a delinquency problem on their hands. More than 2,000 teen-agers confined in limited quarters with little to occupy their time are proving to be quite a problem. Many of these young people were being hailed a few short weeks ago as heroes as they took part in the actual fighting in the short-lived Hungarian revolution. Now having escaped across the border into Austria and with only a trickle of help reaching them, the situation, according to workers reporting a recent survey, is becoming anything but easy.

This is, indeed, a pathetic picture. When the Hungarian revolt was very much in the news, assistance of almost every sort was being rendered, and thousands of refugees were being flown and transported out of Austria and being resettled elsewhere. Then, almost everyone was getting in on the act. Now, that the excitement has passed and other world events have crowded this troubled spot out of the top news, needed assistance has all but dribbled to an end, although the situation is by no means cleared up. The inevitable result is delinquency among yesterday's heroes.

It is easy enough to say that help should continue to be sent the Hungarian refugees in Austria. After all, much has already been done and the free world can't be expected to provide security and creative tasks for all those in need. On the other hand, these are the same youth who with their elders wanted nothing more than the right to choose their own form of government, a right which we take altogether too freely for granted. For risking their lives they have come to this bitter end. This certainly is little encouragement for people without freedom to seek to gain it. You can be sure that those who rule behind the iron curtain are making capital out of this situation.

According to the news release, published elsewhere in this issue, some help is still being sent to the refugees. We believe that free people everywhere should be more concerned that every possible assistance be rendered these refugees. You can be sure that the destiny of other enslaved people is involved. Moreover, yesterday's heroes in a struggle of this nature should not be so completely forgotten that they become numbered among today's delinquents.

Do You Want A Federal Lottery?

ACCORDING to information reaching us, Representative Paul A. Fino, New York Republican, has introduced a bill, known as the Fino bill, which would authorize a national lottery, the benefits of which would go to Federal hospitals, the care of the blind, recipients of Old Age Assistance, and disabled veterans.

At what particular stage this proposal is before Congress, we are not sure of at the time of this writing. Of one thing, however, we are sure: before such a proposal could be enacted into law, it would surely face stiff opposition and rightly so. Proponents will undoubtedly argue that since many people gamble and will continue to do so one way or another, the Federal government should tax them through a Federally sponsored lottery. It has already been suggested that an additional \$10 billion of revenue could be secured from this source, and to an administration that is revenue hungry, that much additional revenue would look rather tempting. Someone is bound to suggest that with a Federal lottery, income taxes could be cut. That should enlist additional support. All in all, it could be quite a controversial piece of legislation.

We suggest that you let your congressmen and senators know about your opposition to any proposal of this nature. We do not think it is possible or even probable that this proposal will get substantial consideration, but who a couple of generations ago would have thought that man would be flying through space more than three times the speed of sound in 1957?

A Brighter Day For Higher Education

THERE is ample evidence that across this country there is an awakening concern by responsible people for the cause of higher education, particularly for privately supported institutions. During this past year a number of institutes, seminars, workshops, and various other meetings of this sort have helped to contribute to the renewed interest in the work being done in these institutions. Among these schools are the church related, church owned and church affiliated, colleges and universities. This new concern has cut across denominational lines, with the net result that schools of various backgrounds and sponsorships are getting needed attention.

Methodist leaders were wise last year at the Methodist General Conference in making the cause of higher education one of two major emphases in Methodist program for the 1956-60 quadrennium. We had heard the plea made earlier for the inclusion of this emphasis in preceding quadrenniums but other program aspects were given priority. However, the way is open for this emphasis now, and Methodists should make the most of it.

Our concern at this moment is the direction which this emphasis might take in the minds of some of our people. As badly as either of the Methodist colleges in this Episcopal Area needs additional funds, the higher education emphasis will have missed its mark if the emphasis develops only into a program of raising additional funds for these schools. If we correctly interpret the situation in Arkansas and Louisiana, the greatest need at the present is a more adequate understanding and appreciation by Arkansas-Louisiana Methodists of Hendrix and Centenary Colleges together with a like understanding and appreciation by the Colleges of the great church that nourishes them. This understanding and appreciation shared by all concerned will be the answer to many questions that have been, are being, and will continue to be raised.

As the quadrennium progresses and the promotion of this emphasis takes shape, we are confident that there will be a response on the part of Methodists and college leaders that will prove beneficial, not only to the general cause of higher education, but to all Methodists of these two states.

Witnessing By Building

CHRISTIAN missionary activity takes many forms. Some missionaries are assigned to direct evangelistic activity.

Others are prepared to approach their tasks through educational, agricultural, medical, publishing, and other related fields. The New York Times is the authority for a recent announcement that our brothers of the Mormon persuasion are launching out on a \$10,000,000 school-building program, sending a hundred "labor missionaries" to the South Pacific area. Mormon American carpenters, electricians, masons and painters together with their families, are being deployed in the Maori area of New Zealand, the Tonga islands and the Samoa islands to build desperately needed schools which will be open to children of all faiths.

Without question, the contribution of this type of missionary activity will be wholesome. The witness of this many committed lay persons who are giving two or three years of their lives will count for much. Although the work of their hands will undoubtedly be a great contribution, the testimony of their lives will win more converts.

One cannot help but remember the unordained Carpenter of Nazareth who by the testimony of His life and lips wrought a change in men's lives, and the Spirit of Whom continues to bless the world.

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St. Luke, Pine Bluff Takes Its Place

By Mrs. H. M. Crofoot and Mrs. E. E. Thompson

The history of St. Luke Methodist Church of Pine Bluff is a story of faith in action.

In November of 1953, the Fellowship Class of Lakeside Methodist Church was asked to sponsor a new church for the Fairgrounds Addition and surrounding area. With the guidance of the Rev. John McCormack, members raised enough

Christian Education in the Little Rock Conference.

Under such leadership the workers of the St. Luke Church School have gained much invaluable training in the development of a full and enriching educational program. In order to aid in the training of its workers, the church itself has paid the expenses of many



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money for a down payment on a 3-bedroom house which would one day be a parsonage, and selected members of their own class to serve as teachers and administrators. The Lakeside Church School has continued to give its regular support to this new church.

The first service was held in this residence on December 13, with Dr. Arthur Terry, then Pine Bluff District Superintendent, delivering the sermon to the workers from Lakeside and a handful of residents from the area who were interested in having a Methodist Church as part of their community. The Rev. Harold Scott of Altheimer volunteered to preach the Sunday night services until conference.

An extensive survey of the area was made, and an Evangelistic Visitation Program was carried out with the result that 34 members were placed on the charter roll Sunday, March 7, 1954. At that quarterly conference members of the official board and church officers were elected.

In June 1954, at the Annual Conference the Dr. Clem Baker was sent to St. Luke as its first full time pastor. Through his leadership the church was soon fully organized, and the enrollment now stands at 111 members.

Dr. Baker's deep-rooted understanding of the needs for Christian Education, and his enthusiasm for the program of the Methodist Church, has led to the building of a strong church school, whose workers regularly attend institutes and training schools offered by the church. For the past three years he has been dean of the Pine Bluff Training School held annually in January and was re-elected to be dean of the school in 1958. He frequently teaches study courses on

of these workers and young people to Tanako and Aldersgate. A Day School for pre-school children was held one year, and vacation church school has been held each summer, with an enrollment this year of 58.

As the church grew it became evident that more classroom space would be needed before the new building would be available. On the first Sunday in November, 1955, the house adjacent was rented for the youth classes and for recreational purposes.

In the meantime plans were being made for the new building. A one-acre lot was purchased on School Street at North Richard Drive. A building committee was elected and plans were drawn up by Reed and Willis Architects for a \$35,000 building. The ground breaking ceremony was held Sunday, July 3, 1955, with Bishop Paul E. Martin turning the first spade.

Through the untiring efforts of Dr. Baker and other church leaders, loans and gifts were secured from the Conference and National Boards of Missions and the 1000 Club. Additional money came through donations from sister churches, personal gifts, and projects of the WSCS, Methodist Men, and MYF.

The actual building on the church began March 15, 1956, with the General Contracting Company of Pine Bluff doing the exterior and structural work, and the men of the church doing the interior and finish work. Since October 1956, Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Youth classes have been meeting in the new building. By the first Sunday in January this year, pews and chancel furniture had been installed and the first morning worship service was held in the new sanctuary. Palm Sunday

God And You And A College Student

By Dr. C. M. Reves

Vice-President, Hendrix College

This is a plain, practical talk to you about working under God with some fine young person for the making of a useful man or woman for tomorrow. That's big business, isn't it? And yet it is business in which you can engage, even on very limited capital, for it requires only you and some small part of your means.

Each year we have in Arkansas a large number of high school graduates who make Hendrix their choice as a college. For some very good reason they want to take their four years of college training here. These are young people who have a high rating in character, in scholarship and in leadership ability. Any one of them could be a son or daughter of whom you might well be proud.

But many of these who choose Hendrix and would be most acceptable students at Hendrix do not enter Hendrix. And one reason for their not coming is the lack of financial resources. So often the parents of these fine young people are just not able to send their children to Hendrix, even though the College is not to be rated, when compared with other schools of its class, as an expensive school. But even the difference between going to Hendrix and going to one of the good state schools—maybe a difference of \$100-\$300—is sufficient to cause parents to choose the institution that may be less desirable for their needs and for the largest development of their children.

This fact is causing us at Hendrix to put more emphasis than ever before on the matter of scholarship aid for deserving high school graduates. A scholarship amounts to the school, through the scholarship committee, giving to a prospective student, who meets the requirements of character, scholastic attainment and leadership ability, a grant-in-aid of such amount as will enable the student to come to Hendrix. It is not a matter of hiring students to come but rather a matter of helping those who choose to come but do not have ample funds for their needs.

And here is where God and you come into the picture. He, opening your eyes and your heart to an opportunity for large service and you providing the means which the College must have in order to make the grant to the student who needs the aid. God gives the vision, you furnish the money, and the young person becomes the life in which you and God work for the making of a Christian leader. It is nothing less than a holy partnership in which God and your money and a capable youth co-operate toward glorious and unpredictable results.

Does it seem practical and worthwhile? I am sure you think it does. Then let's do something about it—and do it now. After we have stretched our scholarship money this year to the breaking point, we find that there are 17 as fine prospective students as the College every had for whom we do not have one bit of scholarship aid. You can help in a big way in the face of this situation. A scholarship gift from you of \$100, \$200, or \$300 would enable Hendrix to say to one of these young people who want Hendrix and are wanted at Hendrix, "Come on to us for your education. Through the interest and liberality of a good Methodist in Arkansas we can give you adequate financial help in your preparation for usefulness in life."

God and you and a promising young person. Does such a partnership appeal to you? Get in touch with Dr. Matt Ellis at Hendrix at once and assure him of your willingness to help in a situation that should challenge all of us. Any amount you wish to contribute can be used to advantage, but don't fail to see that the opportunity calls for the largest investment that you can make. Interested individuals ought to give amounts from \$100 to \$300, and these contributions should be made available—at least promised—right now, so that requests in hand for aid may be granted in time for students to make their arrangements for the coming school year.

was an outstanding service when Dr. Baker baptized 13 babies and children, and received several adults into the church. On Easter Sunday all church activities were moved to the new building.

The Contemporary styled red brick building has a sanctuary to seat 120 people with overflow space available, five class rooms, a fellowship room, a kitchen, rest room, corridor, pastor's study, a cloister along the sanctuary wall, and has a floor space of approximately 3200 square feet.

Members of the Building Committee have included: H. F. Beverburg, Jime Blakely, H. M. Crofoot, Bruce Crume, Clint Halsell, M. L.

McDaniel, Harold Strange, J. L. Sutton, and E. E. Thompson.

Although there is still finishing work to be done on the building and grounds, the congregation using this new church is a far cry from a handful meeting in the residence in 1953.

The new minister is the Rev. Carlos Martin. Dr. E. C. Rule is District Superintendent. Harold Strange is Chairman of the Official Board, Clint Halsell is chairman of the finance commission, M. L. McDaniel is Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. J. L. Sutton is president of the WSCS, J. L. Sutton is president of the Methodist Men, and Danny McDaniel is president of the MYF.

ENOUGH TO LIVE FOR

As we near the time of unemployability we ask, have we enough to live on? No one wants to live on public charity or be a burden to his relatives. The rising cost of living plays havoc with our pensions. Hence the question is very real. Have we enough to live on?



But more important is it to ask, have we enough to live for? Some years ago I knew a man worth many millions. He was happily married but without children. When his wife died he cried, "I have nothing to live for now. I want to go soon." Fortunately this man did not give up. He found sustaining interests in his business, his philanthropies, his church work. Even though he had passed the three score and ten mark, he found enough to live for.

What does this involve? For one thing, it involves a sufficient purpose. No sane person can long put his heart and mind into an activity unless he sees in it an adequate meaning and purpose. If a person suffers a nervous breakdown or goes to pieces mentally, the doctors in the sanitarium may set him to making baskets or carrying stones from one part of the yard to another—anything to keep his body busy. But ere long if he is to continue improving the patient must find some purpose in what he does.

A person without thinking deeply can find short-term purposes to keep him going for awhile. A boy may go through a semester at school thinking each day brings him nearer to a desired vacation. Or he may apply himself at college for the purpose of getting a job. He may throw himself into his job for the purpose of making a living for himself and the girl he marries and the children he rears. His job may be one which he takes hold of with vigor, one which, as he says, gives him something to get his teeth in.

But just getting one's teeth into a task may provide a business which

has a kind of chewing gum effect. Now chewing gum seems to satisfy something, but I know it does not satisfy hunger. Similarly mere business, however engrossing, does not satisfy the deeper hunger of the soul. A man may like his job so well he never looks at the clock, but sooner or later he does look at the calendar and asks, "What is the use of it all? What does it all add up to?"

If a person has nothing to live for but these short-term purposes set by the goals of his money-making job, then when the age of retirement comes—what then? Listen to Pascal, the philosopher whose words are so perennially fresh and true: "Nothing is so insufferable to a man as to be completely at rest, without passions, without business, without diversion, without study. He then feels his nothingness, forlornness, his insufficiency, his dependence, his weakness, his emptiness."

If we are to have enough to live for, we must have a purpose in life large enough to gather up these short-term goals into something which gives meaning and zest to the whole of life. We must enlist in causes larger and longer than our own lives so when age forces us to retire we can rejoice in the progress of that for which we have given ourselves.

One of our American statesmen declared he would rather fail in a cause which would succeed than to succeed on an issue that would fail.

A friend of mine all through his working years looked forward to the day when he could retire and spend his time in travel. So on his retirement he bought himself a trailer. He would now go where he pleased—but no place pleased him very long. Scenery however beautiful is not sufficient for retirement. We shall not have enough to live for when we retire unless we have friends and loved ones around us.

One of the happiest and most well-rounded persons I know is now past ninety. He has outlived most of the financial resources he had saved up to live on. He lives much more modestly than he once did. He has an invalid wife to care for and two devoted daughters who care for him. Yes, and a firm faith in a Heavenly Father who cares for them all. He has enough to live for.

The Layman's Column

By
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A SUNDAY IN LONDON

Our party arrived in London on a Saturday evening. There was little to do after we checked into our hotel. Some members of the team went strolling, but I "put out a wash." These dacron shirts are fine about drying overnight, but, like dirty dishes they don't wash themselves. I've already decided that being a laundress is not one of my ambitions.

Sunday morning at breakfast our whole party decided to worship at City Road Chapel for the morning service. Leaving the hotel early, we arrived in time to look over the small graveyard in the rear of the church where John Wesley and a number of the early saints of The Methodist Church were buried. Presently a pretty lady came into the yard to pick flowers. We introduced ourselves and found that she was the curator of the Wesley House, where John Wesley lived when he moved from the Foundry building. She permitted us to go in. Our party went into the small prayer room. We stood there in silent prayer. Then Harry Denman led us in a short prayer and we all sang together, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing." The Chapel and the Wesley House on City Road are musts on your list if you ever come to London.

A large cemetery is located across the street from the Chapel. We went there and found the graves of Susanna Wesley, Isaac Watts, Daniel DeFoe, John Bunyan, and others less familiar. We ate a rather late lunch and then we all split up to see the city singly. I headed for Westminster Abbey, since I had not been able to go inside the last time I was there, due to preparations for the Coronation. The Abbey is another must for any visitor. One could spend hours there reading the plaques and monuments of the great. I was mighty proud to see a stone plaque set there in the memory of John and Charles Wesley.

Central Hall in London is right across the square from the Abbey, so I went over there for evening service. Who was the evening preacher? A man named Paul E. Martin, our own beloved Bishop Martin! I heard a fine message from him, done in the simple and forceful style that is peculiar to him. I was very, very proud to own him as my resident bishop. After the services,

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Held

BREAD AND PEACE

"There are two things that the common people of all the world want more than anything else: and they are bread and peace."

So spoke Australian Methodist evangelist Alan Walker to an American congregation the other day. It was a conviction borne in upon him through travels across the world, and contacts with many peoples. And it reminded one of a statement made by the late Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, also a Methodist clergyman and a leader in movements for peace and goodwill, shortly before his untimely death.

Said Dr. Van Kirk: "The masses of Asia are not choosing among communism, democracy, and socialism. They want life. They want food for themselves and their children. They want raiment and shelter. When they have these things, and when they are treated as equals in human dignity and worth, they will create a civilization of their own—one that may be more rewarding than any the world has yet seen."

Bread and peace . . . the age-old economic "problem" of mankind, the equally aged "problem" of war—preparation for war and defense against war . . . have been inseparably intermingled in our history. All war, ancient and modern, has been rooted, directly or indirectly, in economic need or economic greed: "bread" in its elementary terms. And every dream of

and since it was still daylight, I walked back slowly past the Parliament buildings, down Whitehall, past Downing Street, into Trafalgar Square, then to our hotel.

The London that I saw today was a great deal different from the London that I saw four years ago. A lot of the war damage still remains, but downtown there are new buildings going up and old ones being remodelled everywhere. In 1953 there was a sort of sad feeling in the minds of the people. This time there was an air of vigor and buoyancy that was heartening. You still see many families who come in from the surrounding countryside on Sunday to see the city. I played and laughed with the children and passed the time of day with the grownups. There are thousands of tourists there. But tourist or native Londoner; you can talk with any one of them if you offer a smile and a pleasant word.

seer, or religionist, or military dictator, or philosopher, or king has been to assure "bread and peace" to some group of men. Jesus envisioned "the Kingdom of God" for all men everywhere, and under Divine Fatherhood. Dictators and other puny men, since Jesus' day of vision, have sought bread and wealth, and peace and security "for a thousand years" for themselves and a group of their followers. Only Jesus sought "a good life" peaceably and for all men.

Bread and peace . . . That, we boast, is the object of the "free enterprise" economy in which our modern civilization has grown to spectacular proportions. We spend both oratory and wealth to defend free enterprise: what magazine does not carry corporation-paid pages extolling its virtues? And it has virtues! You and I live under it—and enjoy its "blessings." We have our bread: we want to eat our bread in the peace of the *status quo*. But so long as there are people anywhere in the world without bread, our peace, our free enterprise system, our *status quo* are not assured.

Bread and peace . . . The communists tell hungry men and men fearing war that they are set to give the world bread and peace. The West says the communists cannot do so. But the common man is not so concerned with the differing ideologies of Mao, and Tito, and the Kremlin—or their differences with the philosophies of democracy—as our leaders would seem to infer.

Bread and peace . . . That, symbolically, is the goal of the United Nations: the building of the economic welfare of the world through UNESCO; the securing and insuring of lasting peace through a lessening of world tensions. Politically a cross-section of, and a discussion-room for, the nations of the earth, it leans today in favor of the democracies. But they, too, must adjust and prove their worth beyond communism if they are to continue in leadership among the common people.

Bread and peace . . . Yes, that was the major goal in the mission of Jesus. He fed the hungry. He gave spiritual food with physical food. He never raised a sword against or for any man. He envisioned men—no longer hungering and thirsting—living in peace one with another, and all living in peace with God and in obedience to His will. If the Christian church is to continue to serve both God and man, it must reassert its mission: it must use all its strength—consuming itself in the process, if necessary—to give men both bread and peace. If the Christian church truly believes that it can be free and grow and serve only under the West's economic system, then it must help adjust that enterprise so as to give bread and peace to many millions not now satisfied. Only thus can the church expect to live.

Visit To Epworth Rectory

Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin left June 25, on an extended trip to Africa for an official Episcopal visitation of Methodist missionary work on that continent. Their trip took them by England where Bishop Martin attended an executive committee meeting of the World Methodist Council of which he is the president of the American section. The following article is an account of his and Mrs. Martin's visit to historic Epworth where they participated in the dedication of the restored Epworth Rectory, former home of the Wesleys.

London, England
July 4, 1957

WHEN John Wesley was 81 years old he referred warmly to "Epworth which I still love beyond most places in the world." We had that in mind as we left London by train the morning after we arrived in England. Rural England is always fascinating, and it was particularly beautiful from the car windows that June morning. We left the train at Doncaster, where we boarded a comfortable bus for the remaining part of the journey.

We were now traveling through typical fenland, dotted with windmills and scored by drains and dikes. A profusion of crimson poppies made the fields veritable flower gardens. The streets of the little towns through which we passed were crowded with friendly shoppers similar to our towns back home.

At Epworth

We arrived in Epworth at one o'clock and were taken to the Wesley Memorial Church for lunch. The population of Epworth remains about 2,000, and the center of its life is still the old market place. Here is the stone cross from whose steps John Wesley preached on many occasions. It was here that he preached on Sunday, July 4, 1790, the last of his scores of visits; as an old man of 87 he recorded in his Journal: "As soon as the afternoon service ended, I began in the marketplace to press that awful question, 'How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?', on such a congregation as was never seen at Epworth before."

The luncheon was a delightful occasion. Among the distinguished guests were Dr. Harold Roberts, the President of the World Methodist Council; Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Past President; Dr. Elmer T. Clark and Dr. E. Benson Perkins, the Secretaries. We were honored by the presence of The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Lincoln, a distinguished gentleman who participated in all the events of the day and was most gracious each time he spoke to the group. We were delighted that Mrs. Martin was seated by President Harold Roberts.

The Rectory

At 3:00 p.m. the procession started from the Wesley Memorial Building to the Rectory. We passed the Red Lion Inn, across the market place from the cross. Wesley stayed here after his father's death and on later occasions.

At the end of the lane, past the Red Lion, is the Rectory, standing in spacious grounds. Through many generations it was the home of the Rectors of Epworth. When in 1955 it ceased to serve this purpose, the house and grounds (2½ acres) were bought by the British Methodist Church. Mainly through the generosity of American Methodism the old building has been restored in order that it might become the first property in England owned and used by the World Methodist Council.

A magnificent restoration has been made, and it is a most attractive place. Fortunately, some of the framework is visible, including seasoned English oak which was apparently hewn in a shipwright's yard: one of the beams appears to have been prepared for the keel of a ship. The warm red hand-made bricks, which were fashioned in those early days of Queen Anne, have been turned around and thus present a beautiful exterior.

Susanna's Kitchen

Perhaps the most important room for Methodists is the kitchen which was associated with the supplementary services conducted by Susanna Wesley on Sunday evenings, much to her absent husband's disquiet. The services were intended primarily for the members of her household, but they attracted the very great interest of others. We are hardly mistaken in thinking of these simple services as the beginning of the new spirit of Methodism, for undoubtedly this action of Mrs. Wesley, as well as her influence in later years, had much to do with the development of the Methodist movement.

Of much less importance, but certainly of great interest, is the large attic known as "Jeffrey's Chamber," the reputed center of the strange disturbances created by the ghost of Epworth.



John Wesley preaching from his father's tomb.

All of us were concerned to see the window in the upper room from which little "Jacky" Wesley was plucked, in the disastrous fire of 1709, like "a brand out of the burning."

The Rectory was the boyhood home of John and Charles Wesley, and here they imbibed religion at their mother's knee and shared the inspiration of their father's love of learning.

At the impressive service of dedication, we were told that Epworth was not to be a museum but a center for the deepening of the spiritual life of the Methodist movement, a true linking of the spirit of the past with the spirit of the future.

Epworth Parish Church

After the dedication and opening of the Rectory, the procession was re-formed, and we proceeded to the churchyard of the Epworth Parish Church.

In the graveyard in a quiet corner near the south chancel door is the tombstone of Samuel Wesley, on which are two rough pieces of ironstone marking the place where John Wesley preached.

It will be remembered that in 1742, a few weeks before Wesley hastened to London to find his mother "on the borders of eternity" he had returned to Epworth for the first time since his father's death. The Epworth curate refused him permission to preach in the church. As the people left the service on Sunday, June 6, Wesley's traveling companion stood in the churchyard announcing that "Mr. Wesley, not being permitted to preach in the Church, designs to preach here at six o'clock." In his Journal, Wesley recorded:

"Accordingly, at six I came, and found such a congregation as I believe Epworth never saw before. I stood near the east end of the Church, upon my father's tombstone and cried, 'The kingdom of heaven is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.'"

Two hundred and fifteen years later we stood in the same place, with The Lord Bishop of England joining us in the service; and the next morning this Anglican Bishop presided in the service in the Epworth Parish Church, where Bishop Ivan Lee Holt was the preacher. You will readily understand why the day at Epworth was one we will never forget.

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The First Methodist Centre

The Foundry, seen in the drawing below, was bought and repaired by Wesley in 1739. There were two front doors—one leading to the chapel and the other to the preacher's house, school and classrooms. A bell was hung in the belfry and was rung every morning a little before five for early service and every evening at nine for family worship. The chapel would hold 1,500 people. Some of the benches used are now in "The Foundry Chapel"—a little prayer room at Wesley's Chapel.



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MRS. G. A. MORGAN, wife of Rev. G. A. Morgan, pastor of the Hodge Methodist Church, is recovering from a crushed elbow sustained in a fall in the home, and a broken back sustained in a fall while in the hospital.

REV. P. M. CARAWAY, Chaplain of the Confederate Memorial Hospital, Shreveport, preached at the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie, Sunday, July 14, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Jimmie J. Caraway.

REV. DAN TOHLINE and family are now in Last Chance, Colo., where the Rev. Mr. Tohline is serving as pastor. This fall, he will attend Iliff School of Theology. His mailing address is Woodrow, Colorado.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the Elizabeth-Hopewell charge met at the Hopewell Methodist Church, Tuesday evening, June 18, with 13 members present. The program for the ensuing year was outlined by Delbert Houston, president and the committees for the year were named. Rev. John F. Kellogg is pastor of the charge.

REV. DOUGLAS McGUIRE, pastor of the Park Avenue Methodist Church, Shreveport, is the guest preacher in revival services now being held at the Downsview Methodist Church. Morning and evening services are held at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. I. A. Patton is pastor of the church.

AT A MEETING of the Official Board of the Castle Manor Methodist Church, New Orleans, held on Monday, July 8, officers were officially elected for the ensuing year, as follows: Chairman, Bascom K. Doyle; treasurer, Forrest Minix; and secretary, Myrna M. Pettit. Rev. S. P. Emanuel is pastor of the church.

DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, executive secretary of the Louisiana Board of Education, Shreveport, was guest preacher in revival services held recently at the Benton Methodist Church, under the sponsorship of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Rev. Bill Sirman, pastor of the Curtis Park Methodist Church, Bossier City, led the music for the service.

REV. A. W. TOWNSEND, superintendent of the Alexandria District, and the office of Bishop Paul E. Martin, announce the following appointments in the Alexandria District: Ball-Grace, Rev. Ed Pickens; Clear Creek-Pleasant Grove, Rev. J. L. Waites; Marthaville-Robeline-Beulah, Rev. Cecil Ruffin; and Weaver-Provençal, Rev. Walter Hillis.

REV. ALLEN JERNIGAN, Minister of Education of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, spent the week of July 7 as Chaplain at Camp Salmen, Boy Scouts of America. This chaplaincy to the Camp is under the sponsorship of the greater New Orleans Federation of Churches. Dr. A. M. Serex is pastor of the church.

REV. JOLLY B. HARPER, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, was guest preacher in revival services held at the First Methodist Church, Bossier City, July 7-12, where Rev. Alfred M. Brown is pastor. Rev. Luman Douglas, superintendent of the Ruston District, preached at Trinity Church Sunday morning, and Rev. Charles Scott, Youth Director at the Children's Home, preached at the evening worship service.

THE OLDEST CHARTER MEMBER of Trinity Methodist Church, Shreveport, Mrs. Annie Casey, turned the first spade of dirt during the ground-breaking services Sunday, July 7, for the church's new building which will be located at Greenwood Road and Marion Place. Also participating in the service were B. J. Whitaker, general contractor for the project, and Rev. Tracy Arnold, pastor of the church.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL was held at the Hodge Methodist Church, June 3-12, with 57 pupils and 8 workers in attendance. Mrs. Grady Dean and Mrs. Van Beasley were the di-

rectors. Other workers included Mrs. Walter Wade, Mrs. D. B. Mitchell, Mrs. T. W. Williams, Mrs. E. M. Collins, Mrs. B. E. Hathaway, and Miss Ann Wilson. Rev. G. A. Morgan is pastor of the church.

A YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP supper was held at the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church in Bunkie on June 20. Rev. John Kilpatrick, pastor of the Pineville Methodist Church, and Mrs. E. J. Barksdale, wife of Rev. E. J. Barksdale, pastor of the Parker Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, presented a program of entertainment for the evening. Rev. Jimmie J. Caraway is pastor of the church.

THE UNITED FIFTH SUNDAY Services were held at the McGowen Memorial Methodist Church, Jeanerette, Sunday evening, June 30. Rev. J. R. Tompkins, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Centerville, was the speaker. Members of the Calvary Presbyterian Church and the McGowen Memorial Methodist Church rendered a selection of sacred hymns for the special music in the service. Rev. A. M. Martin was the host pastor.

THE MANY FRIENDS of Rev. W. F. (Billy) Roberts, Jr., will be glad to hear of his new appointment in the Texas Conference at its recent meeting. He was appointed associate pastor of the Belair Methodist Church in Houston, Texas, having been transferred from the Methodist Church at Bragoria, Texas. Belair church, one of the oldest in Houston, has a membership of 1,945. Rev. and Mrs. Roberts are at their parsonage home, 4617 Maple Street, Houston, Texas.

REV. AND MRS. JOE H. ROBINSON, and their son, James, were given a reception by the members of the Church Point Church on Sunday evening, June 23. Recent activities reported from the church include a Methodist Youth Meeting on Monday evening, June 10, at which Rev. Joe H. Robinson was the speaker. The Rev. Mr. Robinson was also the speaker at an Interdenominational Youth Meeting in Iota, Friday evening, June 14, and at the Men's Club of the church on Wednesday, June 12.

DR. ROBERT W. FRENCH, port director of New Orleans, is featured in an article in a national magazine, "The Methodist Story," for his work in the recent church-site campaign for the Methodist Church in the New Orleans area. Dr. French is shown in a photo with Dr. Virgil Morris, superintendent of the New Orleans District; Rev. Karl Tooke, Conference Director of Stewardship Promotion, and Bishop Paul E. Martin, leaders in the New Orleans district Board of Missions.

REV. AND MRS. OAKLEY LEE announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Betty June, to Mr. George William Wolfe, son of Dr. and Mrs. George J. Wolfe, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, July 28, 1957, 4:00 p.m., at the First Methodist Church, Leesville, with the bride's father, who is pastor of the church, performing the ceremony. Miss Lee is a graduate of Centenary College, and the Grady Vaughn School of Physical Therapy, Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Texas, where she is presently employed.

UPON REV. AND MRS. A. JEROME CAIN and family's return for their fifth year to the Istrouma Church, Baton Rouge, a reception to welcome them back was given Sunday evening, June 2, by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. The reception was held in the recreation room of the church immediately following the evening service. A musical program was presented under the direction of Mrs. Joyce Perkins. Punch and cake were served to the large number that attended.

THE AVOYELLES PARISH-WIDE meeting of Methodist Men was held at the David Haas Memorial Church on June 24. The guest speaker was Dr. W. E. Hotalen, Executive Director of

the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation. Officers of the club for the new year were elected as follows. Dave Chapman, Marksville, president; Leo Earhart, Simmesport, 1st vice-president; V. J. French, Bunkie, 2nd vice-president; and Charles Riddle, Marksville, secretary-treasurer. Col. W. D. Haas, Jr., the outgoing president, presided at the meeting. Rev. Jimmie J. Caraway was the host pastor.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK was held at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church in Bogalusa each evening July 8-11, under the direction of Miss Warrenne Boyd, Youth Director. Discussion groups on the Church and Christian Personality were led by H. T. Hill and Bascom Talley, local laymen. Recreation was directed by Rev. Robert Crichlow, pastor. Worship leaders for the program included Rev. Robert Carter, Covington, Rev. Ned Stout, Denham Springs, and Rev. Dave Felder, Franklinton. The circles of the W.S.C.S. provided the suppers each night.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK was held at the First Methodist Church, Amite, July 7-13, with the Caravan Team now serving the Louisiana Conference in charge. Meetings were held each evening from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m., and the Caravan Team presented the worship service on Sunday, July 7. Members of the Team are: Miss Carrie Hatch, of Rayville, adult counselor; David Hallett of Evanston, Ill., a student at Dakota Wesleyan University; Catherine Metcalf of Montgomery, Ala., student at Huntingdon College; Anna Marie Moore, Hattiesburg, Miss., student at Mississippi Southern; and Esther Wells, of Hamilton, Ill., student at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas. Rev. James E. Christie is pastor of the church.

GROUND-BREAKING ceremonies for the second unit of the Broadmoor Methodist Church were held Sunday, June 30, at 10:50 a.m. The new unit will be an educational building, providing facilities for the nursery, kindergarten, primary and junior departments. It will be joined to the present fellowship hall by a covered patio area. The structure will contain 4,000 square feet of space, and is the second unit of a proposed five unit plan, which includes a sanctuary, a fellowship hall and three educational buildings. Special guest for the ground-breaking ceremonies was Rev. D. W. Poole, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, who preached at both the morning services. Rev. J. P. Woodland is pastor of the church.

THE OAK RIDGE Methodist Church will celebrate 150 years of Methodism with a special week-long observance during August. The Sesquicentennial will begin with a sermon by District Superintendent Rev. James Harris on Sunday morning, August 11. Former pastors of the church are returning to conduct services during the week. A basket picnic is planned for Wednesday evening, August 14. Climaxing the activities will be a pageant on Friday night, August 16, depicting historic scenes in the development of the Jefferson church established in 1807. Committees are busy in the endeavor to make the entire week a pleasant home coming for former residents. Rev. Norman F. Simmons is pastor of the church.

REV. B. A. GALLOWAY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Houma, reports, "The Vacation Church School held at First Methodist Church, Houma, was the most successful this church had attempted in recent years. With a 50% increase in attendance over last year and a larger number of workers. The school, held over a period of eight days, was under the supervision of Mrs. Claude Ellender. Other workers included Mmes. J. W. Bolton, Gilbert Allen, S. M. Burke, Murphy DeLaune, Sam Muery, Earl Bahnmaier, A. W. Goodson, Albert Darby, George Augustat, Roy Baker, G. A. Brown, T. H. Wingo, Ivy Duplantis, Tom Ellis, S. L. Hogue, J. P. Powell, Russell Ramp, Roy Marcel, Charles Sawyer, Horace Whitten, and B. A. Galloway, Misses Clara Johnson, Barbara Andruss, Ann Cancienne, Jeanne Hall, Allie Goodson, Lynne Mathes, Russella Ramp, Judy Wright, and Rev. B. A. Galloway. Mrs. Velma Hebert served as secretary-treasurer for the school."

Gentilly Methodists Aid Pecan Island Area

Methodists of the Gentilly congregation of New Orleans recently sent clothing and food to the hurricane-stricken area in southwest Louisiana.

On Sunday, June 30, Rev. E. P. Drake made an appeal for help to the congregation of Gentilly Church for the hurricane victims of Pecan Island. Rev. Mr. Drake served the Pecan Island Church while he was pastor at Abbeville and had made an emergency trip there following the disaster.

Rev. Drake described the situation fully to the Gentilly services and about \$400 was raised immediately in a plate offering. Sunday afternoon, the church office was filled with new and used clothing, shoes, toys, and even items of food, as Gentilly members answered the appeal. Members of the MYF assisted the pastor in collecting the goods and loading a trailer and Rev. Drake's car with the material. The load was delivered to Pecan Island's destitute families on Wednesday.

CENTENARY STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

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daughter, who lost her life in an automobile accident in 1939. Young Morris was editor of the student newspaper last year and also was named to serve as editor during the forthcoming year.

Joan Lee Daily of Shreveport was given one of the First National Bank scholarships, established five years ago to commemorate the bank's 75th anniversary. The scholarship carries a valuation of \$300 for the academic year. This will be the third consecutive year that Miss Daily, who is president of Zeta Tau Alpha social sorority, has held the grant.

The Charles Moore Hutchinson Memorial Scholarship, carrying a valuation of \$100, has been awarded to H. Grady Hines, Jr., of Bethany, who also held it last year. The scholarship was established in 1953 by Mrs. C. M. Hutchinson of Shreveport and her children in memory of her husband, for many years a prominent member of the board of stewards of the First Methodist Church here.

Miss Eurlayne Howell of Bossier City, who will enter Centenary as a freshman in September, has been awarded the Amanda Howell Memorial Scholarship, established by Mrs. S. J. Harman of Shreveport in memory of her late aunt, for many years a teacher in Shreveport schools. The scholarship carries a valuation of \$200 per semester.

The Peggy Rountree Memorial Scholarship, established by friends of the late Miss Rountree following her death in an automobile accident a number of years ago, will be held by Miss Margaret Gail Preston of Leesville. Miss Preston will begin her sophomore year at Centenary in the fall. The scholarship carries a valuation of \$50 per semester, or \$100 for the academic year.

The D. P. Hamilton Scholarship, established earlier this year by Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hamilton of Shreveport, will be presented to Ann DeShazo of Dallas, Tex., who will be a sophomore in the fall. The scholarship carries a valuation of something less than \$100 during its initial year.

Farmerville Scouts Receive Awards



Pictured are four Boy Scouts, members of the Farmerville Methodist Church, who after working for one year with their pastor, Rev. W. V. Sirman, received the God and Country Award on May 26.

Pictured, from left to right, are: John Tettleton, Rodney Harper, the Rev. Mr. Sirman, Jerry Tettleton, and Paul Palmer.

N.O. Pastor Honored By Men's Club

The First Methodist Church Men's Club at New Orleans held its regular monthly meeting Friday, June 21. The Reservation Committee included: P. D. Hodge, Clyde F. Shaw, Ed D. Saunders, Harry F. Miller and William J. Michon.

The group welcomed into its membership, Rev. A. M. Baker, Associate Pastor.

One visitor, a guest of Bro. Mich-

on, was introduced. He was Rev. Fred Campbell, who was very recently ordained into the Methodist ministry.

A roast turkey dinner was prepared and cooked by Mrs. William (Winnie) Cook, and the following stewards were on the job to serve it: Clyde F. Shaw, Robert McCreary, Robert Ruano, William Cook, Ed Saunders, Harry Miller, H. L. Brockman, R. R. Rooks, W. Vamprine, and W. Wellman.

The basket picnic on the Lake

Ruston District Parsonettes Name Officers

The Ruston District Parsonettes held their last meeting of the 1956-57 year in Arcadia, June 24. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. G. W. Dameron; vice president, Mrs. Luman Douglas; secretary, Mrs. Don Risinger; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Carroll; courtesy chairman, Mrs. Jolly Harper; and reporter, Mrs. Rupert Coles.

Mrs. Luman Douglas was welcomed into the fellowship of the group. She is the wife of the new superintendent of the Ruston District. The other newcomers to the District were also welcomed.

The group accepted the 1957-58 yearbook entitled "Spice of Life." The programs listed include those on hobbies, their cultivation and enjoyment.

Shore was reported a success.

Guest speaker for the evening was Rev. N. H. Melbert, First Church pastor, who talked on the "Origin and History of Methodism."

After Rev. Melbert finished his talk, Mr. Michon presented to him, in behalf of the Mens Club and the Official Board, a wrist watch, the face of which spells out his full name instead of the numerals. This was in appreciation of 40 years in the ministry, of which 17 years were spent in New Orleans at First Methodist Church.

The president, William Michon, will leave on Tuesday, July 16, via auto to represent First Methodist Church Men's Club at the Second National Conference of Methodist Men, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. The regular monthly meeting of July will be July 26, instead of the usual third Friday, in order that the president will be back from the conference with interesting events for the members.

Homer Church Organizes Golden Agers Club

An XYZ Club has been organized for Golden Agers of the First Methodist Church, Homer.

The initial meeting, sponsored by Mrs. Wideman Watson and Mrs. E. W. Walker, Sr., was held in the church parlor. Mrs. E. W. Walker was named sponsor; Mrs. R. H. Andrews, song leader; Mrs. E. C. Hightower, secretary; and Mrs. Ernest Smith and Mrs. W. A. McKenzie, telephone committee. The meeting date was set for the second Friday of each month.

Pictured below, l to r, standing, are: Mrs. A. T. Gibson, Mrs. J. H. Baucum, Mrs. Guy Kinnebrew, Mrs. Dave Tarpley, Mrs. Margaret Gansloser, Mrs. B. L. Stinson, Mrs. W. B. Bengé, Mrs. Maude Atkins, Mrs. W. L. Menefee, Mrs. Eva Bridwell, Mrs. W. A. McKenzie, and

Mrs. Mineola Gore.

Seated, second row, are: Mrs. R. H. Andrews, Mrs. E. C. Hightower, Mrs. Bettie Warren, Mrs. M. E. Camp, Mrs. Nan Barnette, Mrs. Pearl Smith, Mrs. S. S. Moreland, Sr., Mrs. Ed Jennings, Mrs. Lillian Wideman, and Mrs. Ruth Heath.

Seated, bottom row, are: Mrs. B. W. Tuton, Mrs. Ernest Smith, Mrs. Perry Bailey, Miss Katie Mitchell, Miss Mae Bailey, and Mrs. Wideman Watson.

Others enjoying the occasion were Mrs. G. B. Hefley, Mrs. C. M. Lyons, Mrs. H. W. Sanford, Mrs. Ada Wilkerson, Mrs. R. L. Perry, Mrs. A. C. Barnette, Mrs. Paul Smith, Mrs. Minnie Volentine, and Mrs. Henry L. Martin.



WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

McGehee

The McGehee Sub-district met on Monday night, July 1, at the Watson, Ark., Methodist Church. Watson MYF was in charge of the program. Charles Outlaw gave a very inspirational talk on "A Pearl of Great Value," which was enjoyed by the 50 MYF'ers attending the meeting.

The business meeting was presided over by the president, Mary Ruth Price. Watson won the attendance banner with one hundred percent of its membership present. The local MYF's were urged to promote the Monticello District Youth Rally at Camp Keener on July 15. Local and Sub-district officers were asked to attend the planning retreats to be held at Keener July 16-19. The Sub-district voted to send Karen Teeter, a former president, a get-well gift.

Following the benediction, refreshments were served by ladies of Watson. Maribeth Prewitt is reporter.

Howard Brown

The regular meeting of the Howard Brown Sub-district on May 5, was called to order by Lonnie Carlisle, president.

New officers for the year were elected and are as follows: president, Ann Powell, Tallulah; vice-president, Shirley Rushing, Pioneer; secretary and treasurer, Betty Speed, Tallulah; publicity chairman, Janet Procter, Lake Providence; power and concern representative, Charlotte Ann Stodgell, Rayville, and counselor, the Rev. W. F. Mayo, Tallulah.

Polk County

The Polk County Sub-district MYF met Monday, June 3, at the Mena First Methodist Church, and First Church youth presented a program on the Methodist Youth Fund.

Jerry Rodgers and Mickey Lutich gave a report on the youth camp they attended.

Mt. View youth led the recreation and colored films of China, Hawaii, and the United States were shown.

Refreshments were followed by the MYF benediction which closed the meeting. Flora Lee is reporter.

Ozark

The Ozark Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met at Harrison, Ark., Methodist Church May 27, and elected officers for the coming year.

The officers are: president, Robert Millard, Harrison; vice president, Sue Ellen Martin, Berryville; secretary, Mary Lou Black, Harrison; treasurer, Margaret Croley, Green Forest; and reporter, Hazel McKinney, Berryville.

The officers were installed at the June meeting of the group in Berryville.

Monticello

The Monticello Sub-district MYF met June 24 at the Monticello Methodist Church. The session in-

Pine Bluff Lakeside MYF Groups Install New Officers



MISS BARBARA SMITH.

Joe White, former president of the Little Rock Conference Methodist Youth, and for the summer, youth worker at Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, installed the new officers for the Lakeside Methodist Youth Fellowship recently at the 5 p.m. chapel service.

Miss Barbara Smith was installed as the president of the Senior MYF. She will be a senior next year in Pine Bluff High School. Dean McCormack was installed as president of the Intermediate MYF. The young people, under the leadership of Joe White, are now making plans for Youth Activities Week, August 18-22.

The past year, the youth provided a scholarship for a ministerial student in India.



DEAN McCORMACK

Little Rock Conference Youth Contribute To Camp Tanako Improvements

Youth of the Little Rock Conference have contributed more than \$2,000 during the past few months toward the improvement of Camp Tanako, the conference camp on Lake Catherine, according to Rev. John Hassler. Little Rock,

cluded a council meeting to discuss program plans and the meeting places for the group for the coming months.

The Rock Springs Methodist Church will be host for the group at the July meeting. A watermelon feast will highlight the occasion.

The Monticello group served refreshments at the June meeting.

Grand Prairie

The Lonoke, Arkansas, Methodist Church was host to the Grand Prairie Sub-district meeting Monday evening, June 24. Some 127 persons representing the six churches of the Sub-district were present.

Miss Nettie Sue Miller, Sub-district president from Hazen, presided during the business session. Plans were made for purchasing a 15-inch IMS cross to be awarded to the church having the highest point average at the end of this conference year. The point system was decided upon because the attendance system alone was unfair to the smaller churches.

After the MYF benediction, refreshments were served and games were played.

The next meeting will be held

Conference Director of Youth Work.

Plans were announced last January for the erection of a number of class ports which would cost approximately \$200 each. These ports were to serve as meeting places for various groups using the conference camp facility. Conference youth leaders suggested that district, sub-district and other youth organizations could contribute for the erection of these open air class shelters.

Three of these class-ports have been provided, with gifts of \$200 each, by the youth of the Hope District, Little Rock District, and the Rice Belt Sub-district organizations.

In addition, the youth of the Pine Bluff and Dal-Gray Sub-districts, contributed \$425 which is helping to pay for steps to the waterfront at the conference camp; Camden District young people have provided two electric drinking fountains at a cost of \$450; an Estey Field Organ has been provided by the Arkadelphia District young people at a cost of \$216; and the Monticello District youth have provided altar furniture for the chapel at a cost of approximately \$450.

According to Mr. Hassler these gifts were made during the period January-May 15 and were in addition to \$6,230 that Little Rock Conference youth gave to the MY Fund.

in DeValls Bluff. The lesson topic will be Citizenship. Larry Larkin is reporter.

Monroe District MYF Council Elects Officers

Officers named by the Monroe District MYF Council at its July meeting include: president, Marie Nelson, Monroe; vice president, Mary Ann Givens, Winnsboro; secretary, Glenda Walters, Monroe; treasurer, Peter Mangham, Monroe; and publicity chairman, Betty Speed, Tallulah.

It was also decided the district president would be the district representative and would be called the District Chairman.

The group discussed a vocation clinic to be held either on Feb. 28, March 7 or 15, 1958, the exact date to be selected later.

The district workshop will be held August 23, at Camp Tchéménahaut, for all Sub-district officers.

It was also voted to hold a youth rally and Dec. 6 was suggested as the date for the event.

The Council will continue meeting at 10 o'clock on the second Saturday of each month, the report said. Meetings scheduled include the following: Tallulah, Aug. 10; Winnsboro, Sept. 14; West Monroe, Oct. 12 at McGuire Methodist Church; Sicily Island, Nov. 9; Lake Providence, Dec. 14; and Monroe, Jan. 11 at Memorial Methodist Church.

Paragould Youth Have Christian Adventure Week

"I Dare You" was the theme chosen by the intermediates for Christian Adventure Week at First Methodist Church, Paragould. A large group of intermediates attended during the four evenings, June 30-July 3rd.

On Sunday evening, "I Dare You to Develop a Strong Physical Body!" was the subject for discussion. Dr. Don Purcell was the leader. On Monday, the second dare, "I Dare You to Develop a Creative Mind!" was presented with Bob Meriwether, speaker. Tuesday, the third dare, "I Dare You to Develop an Unselfish Personality!" was given with Mrs. James Starr, speaker and discussion leader. Wednesday, the fourth dare, "I Dare You to Develop a Growing Spiritual Life," was given with Rev. Ralph Hillis speaker, and leading the group in a consecration service.

Each evening began with supper, followed by the discussion, recreation and vespers. Vesper services were conducted in the sanctuary by the intermediates. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pace are the counselors for the department and Mrs. Paul Stricklin is Superintendent of the Youth Division.

Youth Activities Week for Seniors and Older Youth will be held July 28 through August 2nd.

ALASKAN YOUTH MEET

A Sub-district meeting of young people was held recently for the churches on the Kenai Peninsula, Alaska, in the little church of Hope. Representatives came from Seward, Homer, Kenai, Ninilchik, Moose Pass, and from the city of Anchorage to the north. Forty-two young people and eight adults in all attended. Plans were also made for the continuing of such a gathering by organizing a Sub-district group.



NEWS IN BRIEF



Mrs. LeMay

Mrs. Roy LeMay will serve as president of the Rose City Methodist Church Wesleyan Service Guild during the coming year. Mrs. LeMay succeeds Mrs. H. L. McKown who has served as president since the Guild was organized in 1953.

Other new officers are: Mrs. Floyd Dudley, vice-president; Mrs. Bill McClintock, recording secretary; Mrs. Fred Bates, secretary of promotion; Mrs. J. G. James, treasurer; Mrs. David Maxwell, spiritual life chairman; Mrs. Zeda Brians, missionary education and service chairman; Mrs. C. H. Caple, Sr., Christian social relations and local church activities chairman; Mrs. Leon Young, status of women; Mrs. James Warren, supply work; Mrs. W. O. Erwin, membership; Mrs. Franklin Riddle, literature and publications; and Mrs. H. L. McKown, publicity.

Installation of officers of the W.S.C.S., Castle Manor, New Orleans, was conducted Sunday, June 16, at the close of the morning service of the Castle Manor Methodist Church.

The following officers were installed to serve for the ensuing year: Mrs. F. L. Minix, President; Mrs. H. W. Sargent, Vice President; Mrs. Ethel Rakestraw, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Gene James, Promotional Secretary; Mrs. Myrna M. Pettit, Treasurer; Mrs. L. N. Hunsinger, Secretary of Literature & Publications; Mrs. Susan Mitchell, Secretary of Status of Woman; Mrs. Sara Emanuel, Spiritual Life Secretary; and Mrs. L. J. Smith, Secretary of Supply Work.

As a climax to the morning service, Sunday, June 23, at Wilmot, officers were installed and pledged renewed dedication to the duties and program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Officers include: president, Mrs. I. A. Janes; vice president, Mrs. Richard Bradshaw; treasurer, Mrs. Braxton McKee; recording secretary and secretary of promotion, Mrs. Joe Wagner; missionary education, Mrs. A. B. Cone; Christian social relations, Mrs. M. D. Hughes; student work, Mrs. Norma Thompson; youth work, Mrs. Jimmy Meyers; children's work, Mrs. George Channel; spiritual life, Mrs. Bamma Lee Neesom; literature and publication, Mrs. Braxton McKee; supply work, Mrs. Joe Calloway; status of women, Mrs. Cardine Englerth; chairman of local church activities, Mrs. N. R. Kirkwood; and treasurer of local work, Mrs. J. C. Kistler.

A luncheon and business meeting of the WSCS of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, was held July 16.

Mrs. Bill McBride led the devotional on the theme, "Light unto our Path." Others on the program were Mrs. Fay Williams, Mrs. J. M. White, and Mrs. Bob Vandergriff. Mrs. J. A. Donaldson gave a presen-

Methodist Women Support Adequate Foreign Aid Program

Washington, D. C. (MI)—The endorsement of nearly two million Methodist women in support of government economic aid to underdeveloped countries has been read into the records of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"An adequate program of foreign economic aid built upon basic human needs and hopes of peoples everywhere can do much to reassure the world and eliminate the fears of our motives," the Committee was told by Mrs. Wallace N. Streeter of Washington.

Mrs. Streeter, past president of the Northeastern Jurisdictional WSCS, represented the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions at the Committee's hearings June 5 on the government's proposed Mutual Security Program.

Two other Methodist women testifying were Mrs. Annalee Stewart, an ordained minister of the New England Conference who is legislative secretary of the U.S. Section, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and Mrs. Margaret Caldwell, Washington, who represented the Colored Parents and Teachers Association.

In her testimony, Mrs. Streeter said the Woman's Division had always supported a government program of foreign economic aid. "Our concern," she said, "springs from three sources—our moral obligation toward other peoples, interest in the welfare of our own nation, and our desire for progress toward a world permanently at peace."

Mrs. Streeter urged adoption of the proposal to establish a United States Development Fund to provide assistance on a repayable basis to "other independent nations for economic development."

In the long run, however, she said the Woman's Division favors that funds for such assistance be provided "on a multilateral basis through the United Nations."

She emphasized that "it is in the national interest for the United States to encourage free political progress in other nations . . . economic aid, by freeing people from the shackles of ignorance and poverty, can contribute to this end."

Mrs. Streeter warned the Committee that "History is moving so rapidly that the time in which we may be privileged to supply the means toward this freedom is growing short."

Senator Theodore F. Green of Rhode Island is chairman of the powerful Foreign Relations Committee.

Methodist members include Senators John Sparkman of Alabama, William F. Knowland of California, and Bourke B. Hickenlooper of Iowa.

tation, telling of her 40 years as a member of the Woman's Society. The Rev. Jesse L. Johnson is pastor of the Van Buren First Methodist Church.

TWO DISTRICTS REPORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Camden District

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Camden District, met recently, in the Ming Room of the Garrett Hotel, El Dorado, Arkansas, for luncheon and a business meeting.

Mrs. Floyd Babel, Secretary of Spiritual Life, opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional, reading scripture from Acts 20:18-24.

Mrs. Jesse McKinnon presided over the business session at which time plans for the year were discussed and committees were appointed as follows: Finance—Mrs. C. Z. Couch, Mrs. J. M. Curtis, Mrs. H. K. Caulkins, Mrs. F. L. Williams, Mrs. Nelson Thornton and Miss Eunice Cannon (Wesleyan Service Guild); Program—Mrs. A. C. Hale, Mrs. Caulkins, Mrs. C. A. Proffitt, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Jimmie Burton, Mrs. Bable and Mrs. Howard East; Fall Seminar—Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Bable, Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Proffitt; Youth and Children's Institute—Mrs. John G. Rickey, Mrs. Laura T. Fooks, Mrs. Joe Gunn, Mrs. Proffitt and Mrs. Walter Birch.

Mrs. Caulkins will attend the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah representing the District. Mrs. Glenn Martel, director of the School of Missions of the Little Rock Conference, told of plans of the school to be held at Henderson College, Arkadelphia, July 15-20. Mrs. Rickey asked that all urge their local church, Secretary of Youth Work, and all workers with youth to attend the Workshop at Camp Tanako, July 5-6. It was announced that Mrs. J. M. Curtis will be the Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, replacing Mrs. Claude Clark, who recently was transferred to another District.

Appointed by the president, Mrs. McKinnon, to revise the by-laws were: Mrs. East, Mrs. Ray Hozendorf, and Mrs. Walter Birch. Mrs. Rickey was appointed to be reporter for the year. Mrs. Hozendorf, Secretary of Student Work, gave the Invocation for lunch. Present were fifteen District Officers and the following Conference officers: Mrs. M. E. Scott, President; Mrs. Howard Elder, Secretary Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Martel, Director of Mission School; Mrs. Walter Birch, and Mrs. Gordon Morgan of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

Leaders of organizations of church women that have for some years been pressing for social, political and international "action" in step with some of the basic principles taught by the religious faiths, are taking heart in recent statements and resolutions taken and urged by various non-church groups of women across the nation. While the women leading these groups are

Ft. Smith District

District Officers and members of the Research Committee of the Fort Smith District, met at the Methodist parsonage in Charleston, on Friday, June 21, for a twelve o'clock luncheon and executive meeting.

Mrs. W. J. Spicer was hostess; Mrs. Sam Roberts of Booneville, and Mrs. Gene Davidson of Waldron, were co-hostesses. Mrs. Ethan Dodgen, wife of the District Superintendent, was a guest.

After partaking of a delicious luncheon, served by Mesdames Spicer, Roberts, and Davidson, the group assembled for a business meeting, with the President, Mrs. Roberts, presiding.

Mrs. Roberts gave a timely devotional, and read a poem entitled "The Commonplace Things."

Two new officers were introduced. They are Mrs. A. S. Cantwell, of Charleston, Secretary of Children's Work; and Mrs. Elmo A. Thomason, of Fort Smith, Secretary of Youth Work.

Reports from various officers were given, followed by a discussion of where and when the Seminar will be held. Time and place will be announced later. The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

generally church-related, the organizations themselves, it is pointed out are formed for many other purposes "and religious principles are not always applied to their considerations." One of the cases noted by church women has been the appeal by Mrs. Oswald B. Lord, on behalf of the Human Rights Commission of the U.N., for congressional and presidential action to admit more Hungarian refugees to the United States—a desire expressed by many church bodies. Another is the appeal of Mrs. Robert I. C. Prout, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, for the U. S. government to halt atomic tests, "in the light of possible danger to the race." While this appeal was made personally, it was reported that the Federation is sending information on the topic and urging action by members of its more than 15,000 clubs as part of the Federation's effort "to stop another war."

The early ordination of women as pastors in the Lutheran National Church in Finland is becoming a strong possibility, according to advices from Helsinki. A special five-member Church committee has recommended the establishment of a new ecclesiastical office for women which would permit them to engage in all regular congregational duties with the exception of administration of the Sacraments. In "special cases" they would also be allowed to administer the eucharist to persons in hospitals and prisons who are not able to participate in regular services.



North Arkansas Conference

Program Plans Made For Two-Day Session For Adult Workers With Youth

By Ira A. Brumley

Plans are being worked out for a two-day session for adults who work with youth. Rev. Wallace Chappell, Member of the Staff of the Department of Youth Work, General Board of Education, is to be a Resource Leader for this program, which will be at Hendrix College.

A number of persons have indicated their plans to attend this program. We feel certain many who have not yet reported to us are planning to attend. We had reports on twenty-one persons on one day.

It is important that we know how many are coming so that the dining hall can plan for the evening meal in advance.

The program is to begin at 3 p. m., Friday, July 26, and will close by late afternoon, Saturday, July 27.

The cost of the program will be \$4.00, including room, meals and insurance.

Each must bring own linens, sheets, towels, pillow and pillowcase, soap, etc.

Please write Board of Education, Hendrix College Business Office and pay your fee and get your room assignment. All should be ready for the program by 3 p. m.

Persons who cannot arrive until time for the evening session will be welcomed.

Senior Adult Conference

The Senior Adult Conference was held on the Hendrix Campus, July 1-3, under the leadership of Rev. I. L. Claud of Marion. He was assisted by Rev. Raymond A. Dorman of Fayetteville, Director of Recreation. Rev. Robert Clemmons of the General Board Staff, who brought two addresses; and Dr. Meredith F. Eller, Fayette, Mo., who brought Bible messages.

Those of us who have watched this program through the years it has been held in our conference believed that this was the best such conference we had had to date.

Brothers Claud and Dorman have been the leaders who have connected these programs through a number of years. They do an excellent type of work in this type of program.

Mr. Robert E. L. Flowers of Conway, formerly of Quitman, though now 92 years of age has not missed a session of the senior adult conference. He also has been of significant service to the Adult Senior Conference.

No group coming to the Hendrix College Campus have a better time than this group of senior adults.

Adults who have passed their 65 birthday should begin plans now to be in this program next year.

Certifications on Gospel of Mark

The North Arkansas Conference has a large number of persons now certified to offer the course on THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK, which is the Bible study course being used this year by W.S.C.S. The following are

now certified: James Clemons, James S. Upton, Ralph Rurlen and Ira A. Brumley of Conway; A. C. Brannon of Trumann; Miss Iris Bell of Imboden; Paul M. Bumpers of Batesville; Earle Cravens of Wilson; Worth W. Gibson of N. Little Rock; E. J. Holifield, Ben F. Jordon and Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro; Robert B. Howerton of Mtn. Home; H. M. Lewis of Harrison; Charles P. McDonald, of Ozark; H. Lynn Robinson of Paragould; Robert Paul Sessions of Booneville; Arnold Simpson of Heber Springs; William M. Wilder of Van Buren; James W. Workman, Sr. of Beebe; I. L. Claud of Marion; Earl Carter of Nettleton; Charles W. Lewis of Parkin; and Byron McSpadden of Corning.

Dr. Eller in Bible Schools

Dr. Meredith F. Eller of Fayette, Mo., has already taught in three centers in No. Arkansas this summer: Bentonville; Midland Heights, Ft. Smith; and First Church Conway.

He will return to our conference for eight schools beginning on July 28, at Trumann. He will offer the course on THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK. These are the centers:

July 28-30, Trumann
July 31-August 2, Wilson
August 4-6, New Home (Corning Charge)
August 7-9, Walnut Ridge
August 11-13, Newport, First Church
August 14-16, open date
August 18-20, Marianna
August 21-23, Elaine

All churches within reach of any of these schools should take this excellent opportunity to get a good Bible course.

No. Arkansas at Mt. Sequoyah

The registration to date indicates that the North Arkansas Conference will have a good delegation in the Leadership School. Each district is to be represented in the program. Five district directors of children's work, three district directors of youth work and three district directors of adult work have indicated their plans to be in some of the program. A number of other persons are registered.

Youth Workshop, Mt. Sequoyah

We have a number of youth who want to attend the workshop, Au-

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS REPORTED



A Group Attending The Vacation Bible School At Weldon, Arkansas

Weldon

The Weldon, Ark., Methodist Church conducted a Vacation Bible School May 27-31. There were 27 children enrolled in the three classes — kindergarten, primary, and junior. There were eight adult workers and teachers. A group which attended the school is pictured above.

Mrs. Lonnie Etheridge was in charge of the worship program each morning, and taught about the life of Christ from birth until He became a preacher and teacher.

Mrs. D. H. McCartney and Mrs. Jim Dupree were in charge of music. Miss Betty Beard taught the kindergarten class with Mrs. James Shoffner assisting. The subject for the class was "My Home and Family." Three of the nine enrolled received certificates for perfect attendance.

Subject for study in the primary class was "Our Daily Bread," with Mrs. Ernest Cravens as teacher, and Mrs. B. Mauldin, assisting. Five received certificates.

"We Would Follow Jesus," was the study subject for the junior class taught by Mrs. Coleman Kent. Ten from the junior group received certificates.

On the final day of the school, a picnic was enjoyed following the classes.

Wesley Chapel, Ponchatoula

A Vacation Church School was held at Wesley Chapel Methodist Church of Ponchatoula, La., the week of June 24 through June 28,

gust 9-16, but no youth can register except as one adult registers with four youth. We need adult registration of persons who have responsibility beyond the local church. If you are interested write our office.

with the average attendance being 59. There was an enrollment of 69.

A program was held during the Sunday School hour June 30. Each class presented what had been studied during the week and showed the craft work of each student who was enrolled.

All the workers and pastor were well pleased with the success of the school.

The Rev. Carey Martin is pastor of Wesley Chapel.

Oak Forest, Little Rock

Oak Forest Methodist Church, Little Rock, closed its Vacation Church School Sunday evening, June 30th, with a "Sharing Program" for children and parents.

The theme for the school was "Wider Relations." The Kindergarten group, superintended by Mrs. Robbie Parker, sang several songs. They wore green construction paper choir collars with black crepe paper bows. Following them, the Primary Department, superintended by Mrs. Ernest Dunlap, sang two songs and gave a Litany, which they had learned during their week of study about "Friends at Home and In The Community."

The Junior Department closed the program with each grade presenting a festival. The sixth grade presented the Jewish Festival; the fifth the Swedish Festival, and the fourth, the Mexican Festival. The purpose of their text "Meet Your Neighbors," was to acquaint Juniors with the reasons other people are different, and to also point out the common denominator, one of them being that all nations celebrate special occasions with festivals. Mrs. Doug Toney was superintendent.

After the program, the parents visited the classrooms. The Primary Department served candy they had made during the week.

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La. Conference Plans Workshop For Young Adults

Camp Brewer will be the site of a workshop for young adults, Aug. 24th and 25th.

The session is planned for officers and teachers of young adult classes. A workshop experience in the areas of class program, organization, evangelism and church loyalty, missions and recreation, will be offered.

Miss Anita Harris will represent the General Board staff as resource leader; Rev. Beverly Bond, 3854 Eddy Place, Shreveport, is Coordinator; and Mr. Walter McLean, 2222 Cherokee St., Baton Rouge, is Conference President.

Complete program information and registration blanks will be mailed to every pastor in the near future.

Director Of Adult Work Named

Rev. Geo. Pearce, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, has been elected volunteer Conference Director of Adult Work by the Board of Education in session at the Annual Conference. Rev. Pearce will work with the Executive Secretary, Dr. Bentley Sloane, in planning the adult work program of the conference and will preside over the Conference Adult Council made up of the District Directors of Adult Work. The council will promote district and sub-district meetings of teachers, presidents and members of adult classes for study. A schedule of planned activities in the adult work program will be announced soon.

Commission On Student Religious Work Announced

The Board of Education of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church in its annual meeting May 28, 1957, created a Commission on Student Religious Work according to Paragraph 1370 of the 1956 Discipline.

From the Board of Education were named: Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, First Methodist Church, Monroe; Floyd James, Ruston; Rev. Spencer Wren, 5875 Canal Blvd., New Orleans; and Rev. Bentley Sloane, Box 4156, Shreveport.

Named from other Conference Agencies are: Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Ruston; Rev. Fred Flurry, First Methodist Church, Lafayette; Dr. C. P. Lipscomb, Ponchatoula; and Miss Lillian Hay, Methodist Student Center, Hammond.

This commission will be responsible to the Conference Board of Education. It will study the needs of Methodist students on the college campuses of the state and bring recommendations to the Board of Education. It will also cooperate with the Conference Commission on Higher Education, especially the smaller committee on Wesley Foundations of which Rev. Fred Flurry is chairman. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is named convener of the Commission.

The above was announced by Dr. Bentley Sloane, Shreveport, executive secretary of the Louisiana Conference Board of Education.

Centenary Choir To Sing In Dallas In August

Centenary College's internationally known choir has been invited to participate in the Chautauqua Series sponsored with great success for the past nine years by the First Methodist Church of Dallas, Tex.

Dr. A. C. Voran, director, and his young singers will present a 45-minute program on Sunday, Aug. 18. The current series opened on July 1 and will continue through August. The choir has been requested to present a program similar to those given before members of the armed forces on the second tour of the Far East last spring.

The choir will be billed along with such outstanding singers and entertainers as Gisele McKenzie, Anna Maria Albergetti, Jeff McDonald and Frank Porretta. Others who have appeared on the series in the past include Patrice Munsel and Brian Sullivan of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, Gale Storm and some of the biggest names of stage, screen and opera.

This is the first time the Centenary College Choir has been invited to appear on the series, which has gained national recognition since its inception almost a decade ago.

OTHER CENTENARY NEWS

Two courses in Bible will be taught during the annual summer short session at Centenary College Aug. 8 through 30. Dr. Webb D. Pomeroy, acting head of the Bible department, will teach a course in the Old Testament. A course in the New Testament will be taught by Dr. W. F. Pledger, professor of sociology and Bible. The classes will meet from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily, and each will carry three hours of academic credit.

Three scholarships, made possible by the Harman Memorial Fund at Centenary College, have been awarded to Miss Beverly Norman and Miss Sara Allison Burroughs, both of Shreveport, and to Charles R. Hower of Little Rock, Ark. Miss Norman will receive \$300 for the year, Miss Burroughs will receive \$150 per semester, and young Hower will receive \$200. The Harman Scholarships are financed through earnings on an invested sum given the college by Mrs. S. J. Harman of Shreveport.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Riddle of Odenville, Ala., will become an instructor of English at Centenary College in September. She holds the bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, where she currently is completing requirements for her master's degree in English. Miss Riddle is an active member of the Methodist Church in Odenville.

RACE RELATIONS DAY OFFERING REPORTED

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The 1957 Race Relations Day offering reached a total of \$345,525, the largest in the history of the program.

This year's total was \$56,000 more than last year's, said the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Education's Division of Educational Institutions.

Ruston District C.E. Staff Named

Rev. L. E. Douglas, the new superintendent of the Ruston District, after consultation with the Executive Secretary, Dr. Bentley Sloane, has announced the members of the District staff for the 1957-58 conference year in the field of Christian Education.

They are: District Director of Children's Work, Mrs. J. A. McDaniel, Downsville; District Director of Youth Work, Rev. Ladelle J. Futch, Doyline; District Director of Adult Work, Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Trinity Church, Ruston; District Director of General Church School Work, J. C. Love, Jr., Ruston; and District Director of Camping, Rev. Rupert Coles, Farmerville.

A planning meeting of this staff will be held in the near future.

Methodists Plan "Unique Project" In Washington, D.C.

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Plans for a unique combination apartment house and religious education building were announced by Foundry Methodist church here.

The \$600,000 building, to be erected next to the historic church on Washington's fashionable Sixteenth Street, will provide office space for the pastor, Dr. Theodore H. Palmquist and his staff, six classrooms, and a large recreation room for Sunday School and youth activities. It also will have 48 air-conditioned efficiency apartments which will be rented to single persons and couples.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS REPORTED

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Enrollment of the school was more than 200, including children and workers. Mrs. Clyde T. Linsley was Director of the School, and Miss Jerrine Jones was the Director of Outdoor Activities. The Rev. Irl Bridenthal is minister of the church.

Fairview, Camden

A Vacation Church School was held at Fairview Methodist Church, Camden, June 17-28.

Classes and courses were provided for Third Year Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary and Junior ages. Materials used were those recommended by the church for each age group: Nursery, "Religious Nurture in the Church and Home"; Kindergarten, "Friends Nears and Far"; Primary, "Our Families"; Junior, "Meet Your Neighbors."

Workers in the school included: Director, Mrs. M. W. Miller; Nursery, Mrs. W. P. Seaton, Susie Dorflinger, and Gloria Ingram; Kindergarten, Mrs. Harold Fogle, Miss Ada Akin, Anna Fay Huffman, Dianne Ross, Shela Jones and Barbara Alexander; Primary, Mrs. Chester White, Mrs. T. W. Birch, Catherine Jones, Linda Robertson, Virginia Hughes, and Ann Merritt; and Junior, Mrs. Homer L. Anderson, Miss Lou Dean Graham, and Annette Jones.

The refreshment committee included Mrs. A. L. Ross and Mrs. A. N. Fogle. They were assisted by the mothers of the children. Rev. M. W. Miller is pastor.

Ruston Methodists Endow Scholarship At Centenary

Two sisters who are active members of the Trinity Methodist Church in Ruston have endowed a scholarship at Centenary College in memory of a third sister.

Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, received \$5,000 from Miss Atlanta Meadows and Miss Eunice Meadows, who said they wished to establish the scholarship in memory of their sister, the late Miss Mary Frances (May) Meadows.

Dr. Mickle said the money will be invested and income from the investment used to provide for the scholarship. The sisters requested that, whenever possible, the scholarships be awarded to a qualified ministerial student from the Ruston District of the Methodist Church. The Rev. Luman E. Douglas, district superintendent of the Ruston District, assisted the sisters in making arrangements. The Rev. Jolly B. Harper is pastor of the Trinity Church, where the sisters have their membership.

The scholarship will be known as the Mary Frances (May) Meadows Memorial Scholarship, Dr. Mickle said. He joined the Rev. R. Leonard Cooke, Centenary vice president and chairman of the scholarship committee, in expressing the thanks of the college to the sisters.

Haughton Methodists Report Activities

Rev. and Mrs. Edgar C. Dufresne were surprised with a reception and a generous old-fashioned pounding, upon their re-appointment to the Haughton Methodist church, for their fourth year. The reception was held in the Fellowship hall of the church sponsored by the WSCS under the leadership of Mrs. A. Pepper.

Just before Conference the Church gave a "welcome into our church" reception for the fifty-four new members who joined the church during the conference year. A short program was presented in which a representative of every department extended to the new members a hearty welcome, and also pointed out to them the opportunities for service in their respective departments for new members. Mrs. H. H. Mahaffey gave a talk on "The Spiritual Advantages of Church Membership." Following the program, an hour of fellowship and refreshments was enjoyed by all. Mr. A. Pepper, church lay leader, was general chairman.

The Haughton Church also reports a most successful Daily Vacation Bible School under the leadership of Mrs. H. A. Horton, Supt. of the Children's Dept. She had a very excellent staff of workers to assist her. Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild served refreshments to the group every day. The school was closed with a program for parents and friends on Friday night, followed by a fellowship hour afterward.

The Haughton church raised approximately \$75.00 for the churches destroyed by the hurricane in south Louisiana.

"The Time Has Come," The Walrus Said

(The following article first appeared in the October 25, 1934, issue of the Arkansas Methodist. It was written by Mrs. C. D. Cade, wife of the Rev. C. D. Cade who retired at the recent session of the Little Rock Annual Conference.)

Borrowing from the Arkansas Gazette, from Alice in Wonderland, but more particularly from a pet quotation in our family from as far back as I can remember, used as an opening wedge to some lively conversation or animated debate, I quote again the walrus: "The time has come, the walrus said, to speak of many things."

It is almost time for another session of our Annual Conference. As the great event draws nearer and nearer most pastors' families and those laymen who are interested in their church feel a perceptible quickening of the pulse. The hearts of pastors and presiding elders who have served as much as four years in one place might even "skip a beat" for a well founded rumor is abroad that the Bishop expects to move them all.

We have given the parsonage its fall cleaning, though if it continues to be so dusty much of this will have to be done over again before conference. The yard has been raked and a good patch of turnip greens planted with some few other things that might grow before cold weather. A good rain will bring it all up in fine shape to tickle the palate of the new preacher. A supply of good dry wood has been laid in, enough to last us until the Bishop says "go" and to keep the new preacher warm until he gets his bearings. Our records are in good shape, and our lineup for the new year, on the official board and in the various departments of the Sunday School, is a splendid one. "In short," in the words of Mr. Micawber, "We've done our best," and are ready for whatever comes.

The above report is familiar to every Methodist preacher, and could well be written above almost any signature in the Conference.

Every charge is going to do its best to come out "in full," not for any particular like or dislike of its pastor, but because the laymen of our great church have its program of Kingdom Extension close to their hearts—and they know if they fail to do their part—no matter how small a part it is—there is going to be a general sag all along the line. The women of our church know that no matter what good material goes into the making of a dress, and no matter how carefully are all the seams put in, and the fitting done just so, if there is the slightest variation in the hem—if it sags even in one small corner, the dress is not a success. So it takes every Christian at his post—wholeheartedly doing his best—to make the great program of our church a complete victory for Christ.

No pastor, if he is a true Methodist, is going to pick and choose a "place in the sun." Rather he is going with loyal heart and unfaltering steps to the place assigned him, knowing, of course that the Presiding Elders and the Bishop have worked for months with prayerful and earnest study to make a plan that is best for the church as a whole, for true Methodists are a part of one great church and are not locally minded

or selfish in their thinking.

For the same reason no true Methodist layman is going to "pick" his preacher.

Personally, I have known pastors and their families who have received with inward dismay, sometimes amounting to outward rebellion, their assignment to a charge, which proved, after settling down and adjusting themselves to the "sacrifice" to be the "church of their dreams." On the other hand, I have known churches that thought the Conference had surely played a sorry joke on them in sending a certain type of pastor, only to find, after a few months, that loyal hearts and friendly co-operation had transformed him entirely. Many a preacher is simply needing a congregation to back him with their love and loyalty to develop latent ability that even he, himself, did not dream lay within him.

Perhaps, if you insist that the Conference send you a "young preacher," you may find him so young that he has not yet learned life—and both you and your pastor may find the learning process a hard one. If you insist on an older man, "one who has had experience," perhaps he may have grown weary in service and let his ideals drop from their high plane from physical discouragement. Better trust to your Bishop to send you the pastor he thinks best; take him as he is, and through loving loyalty to the program of the church, prayerfully put your shoulder to the wheel and together pull your church onto the highest plane of love and service it has ever known.

It is with a mixture of emotions that the pastors and their families of the Little Rock Conference prepare to move; a feeling of regret over leaving so many good and loyal friends and the humble parsonages that they have learned to call "home," and a joyous anticipation of the adventures that lie ahead.

I will say with Tiny Tim, "God bless us everyone!"

Ministers Appointed To Serve U. S. Protestants Abroad

Six new appointments of ministers to serve U. S. Protestants living in foreign countries are announced by the Rev. Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, director of the National Council of Churches Department of American Communities Overseas.

Named to serve churches in Liberia, Venezuela, Chile, Honduras, Canal Zone and Japan respectively, were: the Rev. Leon A. Dickinson, Jr., Congregational Church, Stamford, Conn.; the Rev. Larry A. Jackson, Central Methodist Church, Florence, S. C.; the Rev. William Moll Case, First Presbyterian Church, Corning, Calif.; the Rev. Edwin Beers, Oberlin School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio; the Rev. Theodore E. Franklin, Salem Square Covenant Church, Worcester, Mass.; and the Rev. Howard B.

Bishop Lays Cornerstone For New Hostel



Bishop Shot K. Mondol, Methodist bishop of the Delhi area, prepares to lay the cornerstone for a \$100,000 new girls' hostel at the Henry Plested Memorial Girls' High School in Meerut, India. The new hostel will house 200 girls and will replace an old, inadequate dormitory. In the style of many American dormitories, the new hostel will have a small bedroom and dressing room for each girl rather than the "barrack style" accommodations of the older building. The new building will have also a dining room, living room, and prayer room. The Henry Plested School is a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions. The Division gave most of the money for the new building. The school manager is Dr. Mildred Shepherd, a missionary from Wilmore, Ky.

Teen-agers Pose New Problems In Austrian Refugee Camps

Refugee workers in Austria are facing new problems. One worker returning from a recent survey tour put the problem this way: "Imagine 2,000 teen-agers confined to limited quarters with nothing to do and you have an idea of a major problem facing refugee workers."

Reporting on a survey she made of conditions in refugee camps for Hungarians near Vienna, Mrs. Ella F. Harlee said that these young people are not going to school and cannot be employed in Austria. If they are under 18, she said, they cannot emigrate without their parents' consent and it is usually impossible to communicate with parents they left behind.

"In most of them the spirit of revolution still glows," she said, "and many who took part in the actual fighting are going to be hard to rehabilitate." Mrs. Harlee said she heartily agreed with a statement by one Austrian social worker who said: "In Hungary these young people who fought in the revolt were heroes but now, in their shabby, borrowed clothes, they are treated like juvenile delinquents."

Mrs. Harlee, who is chairman of the public relations committee of United Church Women, emphasized: "The Hungarian refugee problem as a whole is definitely not finished. With refugees not knowing where to turn, the situation is still critical."

Reporting on a visit to one camp she said: "Seventy people were crowded into temporary living quarters in what had been a church. It was a pathetic sight. They were nervous and bitter."

Haines, First Presbyterian Church, Middletown, N. Y.

These appointments bring to a total of 76 pastors, serving American civilians and their families to the number of about 800,000 in some 40 countries. Army and Navy chaplains minister to several million uniformed Americans around the world.

With trembling hands and anxious eyes, they asked me if America was going to help them. They simply don't understand the delay," Mrs. Harlee concluded, "and if they are left there until winter there will be still more serious problems."

Mrs. Harlee also reported that through an emergency fund set up by United Church Women, \$6,000 was sent to Austria to aid the Hungarian refugees. United Church Women is a general department of the National Council of Churches.

GERMAN METHODISTS TO VISIT CALIF., ARIZ.

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helping our church people to feel closer to our sister church in Germany."

The team is composed of Karl Biesegel, pastor of students in Heidelberg, his wife, Elfriede; and two students, Miss Elfriede Seids and Klaus Schnadelbach. The youth teams to Germany have met these people and know they are splendid representatives of the German Church, according to the announcement.

Their American itinerary tentatively includes stops in New York and Washington; attendance at a high school institute and the Tahoe Student Regional Training Conference; a short trip in Northern California; a visit to Hoover Dam and the Grand Canyon; and an 8-day trip, October 2-10, by car from Phoenix to New York via Nashville.

In planning for the trip from Phoenix to New York, the committee in charge of the itinerary felt that this was the only adequate way to see America.

RESOLUTION

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Whereas God in His infinite wisdom has called to her heavenly home our friend and neighbor and fellow worker in the church, Gladys Goodwine Biggs, on June 4, 1957;

Whereas, we, the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Wesley, Saint Joseph, Louisiana, feel a strong sense of gratitude to God for the gift of her life among us; for her years of service as teacher of the Woman's class in Sunday School and for her faithful leadership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and

Whereas we feel deeply the loss of her as a friend, neighbor and fellow worker in His service, now therefore be it resolved that we express our deep sorrow and heartfelt sympathy to her husband, Mr. E. H. Biggs, and to her daughter, Mrs. Mary K. Johnson; and be it further resolved:

That a copy of this resolution be published in the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, The Tensas Gazette, and The Louisiana Methodist, and a copy to be sent to her family.

Minnie Berry

Christine Cook, Committee

VISIT TO EPWORTH RECTORY

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At Central Hall, Westminster

On Sunday, June 30, I preached both morning and night in Central Hall, Westminster, one of the largest Methodist churches in the world. Many Americans worshipped with us, including Miss Yvonne Doland of Lake Arthur, Louisiana, and Charles Stuck of Jonesboro, Arkansas. When I preached on the S. S. NIEUW AMSTERDAM on the trip across the ocean, the Methodists in the congregation included Mr. and Mrs. Leland Richardson of Baton Rouge, and Miss Jean Dumit and Miss Patricia Jones of Wynne. Also present were Dr. and Mrs. Frank Padberg of Little Rock. After the service, Mrs. Martin and I were invited to the beautiful quarters of Commodore C. Bouman, the Commander of the Flagship of the Holland-America Line, for refreshments. He is a delightful gentleman who attended the service and was very thoughtful of both of us throughout the voyage.

Luncheon At House Of Commons

I will not attempt to describe our experiences in London other than to speak of the dinner given for our group in the House of Commons by Mr. George Thomas, a member of Parliament. Mr. Thomas presided for the program. The speakers included Frank Salisbury, the artist who has painted the portraits of many of our Presidents and of Wesley, Asbury, Coke, and a number of other Methodists. Two other great Methodists who spoke were Lord Lawson and Selwyn Lloyd, the British Foreign Minister, who made a great address. I was honored in being asked to speak on World Methodism at the dinner.

It is most unusual for such a group to be entertained at dinner in the House of Commons, and all of us were deeply appreciative of the hospitality of The Honorable George Thomas.

We have not had the opportunity

New Booklet Available From Temperance Board

Is Congress one vast overwhelming maze to you? Do you ever wonder how to find out about specific legislation? Does your opinion really count?

A new booklet, BELIEFS INTO ACTION, deals with these questions and many others. Should conscientious citizens join political parties? Should they take an active part in party activities?

BELIEFS INTO ACTION does not provide a complete answer to every query; it is a good blueprint for Methodists concerned with good government.

BELIEFS INTO ACTION points out that "many Americans do not exercise their full responsibility as citizens—not because of laziness or lack of interest—but for lack of information."

Concluding with a statement by Congressman Jacob Javits of New York that, "The most powerful lobby in the nation is you," the booklet reminds its readers that, "Popular government is not only a right; it is a challenging responsibility."

Prepared by the staff of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, the booklet is available from the Service Department, Methodist Board of Temperance, 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington 2, D.C., for \$12.00 per 100 copies. Single copies may be purchased for 15 cents each.

for a visit with Dr. and Mrs. William E. Trice and their daughters, but we have talked to them by telephone. They are having a profitable time at Harrow, where Brother Trice is ably serving as exchange minister.

Hears About Hurricane

We have been distressed to learn of the terrible storm in Louisiana, and our friends at the meeting have expressed their sympathy. In the services Sunday, prayers were offered for the ones who have suffered as a result of the hurricane.

Off For Africa

We go from here to Brussels, and from there we fly to Africa. We know our friends at home will remember us in their prayers.

MOHN SAYS CHURCH NOW HAS GREATEST OPPORTUNITY

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40,000 miles by air and more thousands by train, bus, auto, jeep, station wagon, truck and on foot. He examined 208 major mission projects, conferred with 292 missionaries and scores of native leaders and workers, and talked to thousands of students and native church people. The tour took three and a half months.

3½ MILLION PAID LAST YEAR FOR GENERAL BENEVOLENCES

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year. However, it is short of the goal of \$38,426,530 set for each year of the 1956-'60 quadrennium.

General benevolences include World Service, Advance specials, offerings from special days, and gifts for Christian higher educa-

tion.

Meeting jointly with the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation were the Week of Dedication Committee and the Advance Committee. The annual meetings of the three agencies were held July 2-3 at the Methodist assembly ground here. It was the first time they had held joint annual meetings.

Projects totalling \$660,000 were announced for the 1958 Week of Dedication, to be observed by Methodist churches of the nation Feb. 16-23. The special week is observed annually as a time of spiritual emphasis, and offerings go for emergency missionary projects as a part of the Advance program of the church.

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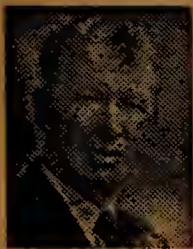
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LESSON FOR JULY 28, 1957

GIDEON: COMBATING PAGANISM

READ JUDGES 6:1 THROUGH 8:28.

MEMORY SELECTION: You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:3. (RSV)

This is the fourth lesson in Unit V in which we are studying "Valiant Servants of God." The thirteen lessons of this Unit are given to the study of great characters in the Old Testament. "Gideon: Combating Paganism" is the title of our lesson today.

Gideon, called by the angel a "mighty man of valor," is one of the heroes of Israel's early history because of his faith in Jehovah and his courageous leadership in combating paganism and idol worship and also, under God, because of the service he rendered the Israelites in delivering them from the oppression of the Midianites.

The hero of our lesson was the son of Joash who was of the tribe of Manasseh. Joash was a worshipper of Baal and had built an altar to Baal in a grove near his home in the obscure town of Ophrah. Since Israel had settled in a country where the worship of Baal was found in the tribes all about them, it is not surprising that, with the passing of the years, many Israelites became Baal worshipers. The conquest of Canaan was not easy and apparently it required generations before the conquest was really complete. Hence, throughout that time, Israel was constantly thrown in company with worshipers of Baal.

A study of the Book of Judges indicates that the life of Israel, after their deliverance from Egypt, ran in an almost monotonous cycle for several generations. Over and over again there was the cycle of apostasy, oppression by neighboring enemies, repentance of Israel for their sins, a cry to God for help and a deliverer raised up by the Lord to save them. While Moses may be considered the great deliverer of Israel, he was only one of its many deliverers, of which Gideon was one.

At the time of our lesson, Israel had again gone into apostasy and had, for seven years, been under the domination of the Midianites. We are told that "because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them dens which are in the mountains and caves and strongholds." Their crops, their cattle and other possessions were often carried away by their oppressors.

God Calls Gideon To Service

It was in such an hour as this that God, through an angel, called Gideon to be the deliverer of Israel.

Gideon, like Moses, was a rather timid man and hesitated to answer the call until assured of sustaining power of God. Gideon declared that he was of the weakest clan of the tribe of Manasseh and also that he was the weakest of his family. At the time of the appearance of

the angel with the call from God, Gideon was an obscure layman who was thrashing wheat in a wine press because he was afraid to work in the open because of the Midianites.

It has often happened, from the earliest time, that God has chosen His leaders from the humble walks of life. Jesus chose His disciples from the common people. It was Paul in I Corinthians who says, "Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called." We may be sure that God makes no mistakes in the people He calls into His service. Our chief responsibility in the matter is to make sure the call is from God rather than an urge from some other source, either within our own lives or from someone about us.

Gideon Puts God To The Test

In the face of this call, Gideon did what we often hesitate to do—he put God to the test. Gideon knew, as we should know, that he was unable to do what the angel of the Lord had called him to do unless he had help from God. Gideon asked for a sign that God was to help him to be victorious in the undertaking of freeing Israel from the Midianites. The angel gave him a sign by causing fire to destroy a sacrifice Gideon had prepared.

We are not presumptuous or out of harmony with God's will or plan when we sincerely put God to a test. It was the Lord Himself who, through Malachi said, "Prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts." Elijah put God to the test on Mt. Carmel when he prayed for fire to consume sacrifice after the prophets of Baal had cried in vain to their idol god.

What Made The Worship of Baal So Attractive?

The inhabitants of Canaan, whom the Israelites were trying to displace, tilled the soil of the country. They worshiped Baal as the god of agriculture and fertility of the soil. Israel thought of Jehovah as the God of the desert and the mountain and the God of war. They had not depended on Jehovah so much as God of the harvest. Consequently, it was a great temptation for them, as they settled in Canaan and also began to depend on the products of agriculture, to turn to the god of the people in Canaan.

It was necessary for the prophets of Israel to cry out against the worship of Baal from the time they reached Canaan until the Babylonian captivity. Throughout that whole period, Israel again and again turned to Baal for help in their fields either instead of Jehovah or along with Jehovah.

Gideon's First Task Was To Destroy Altar of Baal

The first step in commissioning Gideon to deliver Israel from the Midianites was the command to destroy the altar of Baal which his father had build in a nearby grove.

For fear of his father and the people about, Gideon took ten men and destroyed the altar and cut down the grove in which it was built at night. When the worshipers of Baal awakened the next morning the work had been done. They were enraged and, after determining that Gideon was responsible for the destruction, they came in mass to the home of Joash and demanded that he "Bring out thy son that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that was by it."

Gideon dared to disturb the religious customs of the day and plan for a reform. As usual, such action caused quite a disturbance. Gideon, under the command of God, was not content to simply be "agin" the situation that prevailed; he went on to do something positive about. Gideon built an altar for the worship of the Lord and made a sacrifice to the Lord on the altar. So Christianity today must not be content to "cry out" against conditions that prevail, it must take the leadership in establishing conditions better than those it opposes.

Gideon Began Kingdom Building At Home

There was a little chorus that we once sang frequently, especially at the time of our revival meetings. It ran as follows: "Lord send a revival, and let it begin in me." The sentiment of that little song was good theology and, in practice, it was very helpful in the work of the kingdom. We will not be able to do much in extending the cause of Christ until our own lives, our own church is brought in harmony with what we believe to be the will of God.

So it was that Gideon began his crusade to deliver the Israelites from the oppression of the Midianites by tearing down the altar of Baal which his father had erected, and building in its place an altar for the worship of the true God. Jesus emphasized this truth when He said, "First cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then thou shalt see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." It is good psychology, it is good theology and it is a practice that is essential for those who would take leadership in promoting the cause of Christ, to first set their own house in order religiously.

Clothing Prejudices With Religious Garments

One of the most persistent and dangerous groups with which we must deal is that group of people or even an individual who clothes his prejudices with religious garments and justifies his misdeeds by the fact that he is acting in the name of religion.

When the group gathered at the home of Joash to demand that Gideon be turned over to them for execution, they were acting in the name of religion. They would destroy an individual because he had harmed their god. Gideon did not know just what the attitude of his father would be in the crisis since it was the altar that Joash had

built to Baal which he had torn down.

Fortunately Joash took a very practical, sensible view of the matter. In fact there was ridicule and sarcasm in the reply of Joash. He asked, "Will ye plead for Baal? Will ye save him . . . if he be a god, let him plead for himself."

Joash is saying that Baal should be able to take care of himself against the attacks of one lone individual if he be the god they professed to believe him to be. It was somewhat like Elijah mocking the prophets of Baal at a later date because their god would not answer their prayers for fire to consume their sacrifice.

We Should Promote Vital Religion, Not Protect It

What Joash is saying, in effect, is that vital religion needs no defense by its devotees. Vital religion should be promoted, not defended. Much religious energy is wasted today by those who still feel that Christianity needs their puny defense.

Gideon Destroys The Armies of The Midianites

In later days Gideon was called to the actual defense of Israel against the armies of the Midianites. Again, in this crisis, he put God to a test. He would not attempt the defense of Israel against the odds confronting them without the help of God. To be sure of that help, he asked God for a sign. He placed a fleece of wool on the floor and asked as a sign that dew fall on the fleece while it was dry about. It was so. Even then Gideon was not satisfied and he put out the fleece of wool again and asked that the wool be dry and dew on the ground about. God gave him this sign also. Hence Gideon went into the battle against the Midianites assured of the help of the Lord.

On his call to Israel for volunteers for the battle, thirty-two thousand answered the call. God told Gideon that this was too many, lest they think that they had won a battle in their own strength. Gideon asked all who were fearful to go back. Twenty-two thousand went home. Again God told Gideon that the ten thousand left were too many. By another test all but three hundred were eliminated.

These three hundred warriors were strangely armed. Gideon placed in the hand of each warrior a trumpet, a pitcher and a lighted candle in the pitcher. Divided into three companies the army of Israel surrounded the Midianites at night except on the side away from Israel. At a given signal, the Israelites blew their trumpets and broke their pitchers and with lights shining on every side but one, the Midianites thought the armies of Israel were about to destroy them. In the darkness they fought each other and all but destroyed their own army. As they ran, Israel followed them until they were driven well on the other side of the Jordan river. Thus Israel was freed from the oppressions of the Midianites.

Paganism And True Religion Still In Mortal Combat

Gideon's fight against paganism did not end the battle. Vital religion and paganism have been in mortal combat ever since. There are yet today battles to be fought and victories to be won by Christian forces under the leadership of the Lord.

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Trinity Methodists, Shreveport, Begin Building Program

Ground-Breaking Services were held on the church lot at Trinity Methodist Church, Greenwood Road and Marion Place, Shreveport, La., at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, July 7. This inaugurated the construction of a new sanctuary to be completed by Thanksgiving.

Attending the Ground-Breaking Service were: Rev. J. M. Alford, Dr. W. F. Pledger, Dr. B. C. Taylor, Rev. Ira Flowers, other Methodist ministers from Shreveport and Bossier City, William B. Wiener, Jesse O. Morgan, B. J. Whitaker, former members, and the entire congregation. All who attended were given an opportunity to turn a spade of dirt.

Covering 4,400 square feet and seating 300 worshippers, the new building is being constructed by the Whitaker Construction Co. Architect for the building is Mr. Jesse O. Morgan, Jr. The total cost of the building is \$65,000, including all furnishings and air-conditioning. It is a brick structure with exposed brick interior. It is an altar-centered church with pulpit to the right side of the chancel area. The west wall of the sanctuary is of clear plate glass, with an 8-foot garden wall some seven feet from that glass wall, giving a landscaped garden area. The pews will be molded bodi-form plywood. The building also includes an equipment room and a pastor's study. The entire building will be air-conditioned and centrally heated.

The building will be unique in character and functional in design. Mr. Morgan, a dedicated Methodist layman, is an outstanding young architect. He is president of the Methodist Men's group at Noel Memorial Methodist in Shreveport. He is president of the Shreveport Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

The General Contractor, Mr. B. J. Whitaker, has a deep personal interest in the church, in that he is the president of the Young Adult Class, and his family is one of the finest in the church.

Trinity Church was organized and had its first service in 1948 and since that time has been served by the following pastors: Rev. J. M. Alford, Rev. Dan McBride, Rev. Roy Garrett, and Dr. W. F. Pledger. The present pastor, Rev. Tracy Arnold, has been serving the church since June, 1955.

The building presently used for sanctuary and educational purposes, (Continued on page 9)

Leadership School In Session At Mt. Sequoyah

By Jeanne Mason
Methodist Information

More than 250 Methodists from the eight states comprising the South Central Jurisdiction are attending the annual Jurisdictional Leadership Training School at the Western Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, last week and this week.

The program began on Monday of last week and will conclude on Friday, July 26.

Of special interest this week is an institute of church music which is being held in conjunction with the leadership school. A number of additional registrations are expected for this school.

The leadership school is planned especially for pastors, district superintendents, directors of children's work, adult work and youth work, with courses offered in each of these fields.

Instructing morning classes are Dr. Charles H. Johnson, associate professor of religious education at Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., Dallas, Texas; Dr. Paul B. Irwin, associate professor of religious education at Southern California School of Theology, Los Angeles; Rev. Laurence R. Davis, superintendent of the Lincoln District, Lincoln, Nebraska; Rev. Wood H. Patrick, (Continued on page 9)

Broadmoor, B. R., Starts Second Educational Unit

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new educational building at the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, were held June 2.

The new building will be the second unit in a proposed five unit plan. It will house the Children's Division.

The building was designed by Wilson & Coleman, Architects, and will be built by Otto Ginn, General Contractor. Col. W. C. Hornsey is chairman of the building committee. The Rev. J. P. Woodland is pastor.

The ground breaking ceremony was held at 10:50 a.m. Brief remarks were made by Col. Hornsey and the Rev. D. W. Poole, district superintendent. The congregation joined in a litany of ground breaking. Representatives of various groups within the church were asked to share in the ceremony.

The church, organized June 26, 1955, met for the first 15 months in a tent located near the site of the present building on Molly Lea Dr. The new building occupied October 4, 1956, soon proved too small to accommodate the growing church school classes. The abandoned tent was pressed back into service.

At present three classes of the Junior Department use the tent on Sunday morning. A Boy Scout Troop and Explorer Post use it during the week.

The tent was evacuated during the recent storm but it survived the winds with only minor damages. It is planned that the new educational building will provide facilities for groups now using the tent.

Laymen Challenged To Greater Service At Nat'l Conf.

Arkansas and Louisiana Methodism was well represented at the second national conference of Methodist men at Purdue University, and at Lafayette, Indiana, last week end, July 19-21. The Area's delegation of more than 80 laymen were among the 5,000 laymen from throughout the nation who registered for the conference.

Included among the speakers on the three day meeting was Dr. Harold Mohn, Chicago, general secretary of Methodism's Promotion and Cultivation Commission, who told the Methodist laymen that "It is my considered judgment that the Christian Church never had the opportunity it has right now, to win the free world for Christ, and to establish it in the Faith. Moreover, I doubt if such an opportunity will come again this century."

"In every field I have visited, in the United States and Europe, in the Orient, Latin America and Africa there is one striking similarity, rapid and radical change. Everywhere there is a new revolutionary spirit, seldom violent but stubbornly determined to discover the secrets and to master the tools that bring freedom and abundance for all."

Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles, delivered the closing address on Sunday morning. Bishop Kennedy pointed out to the Methodist laymen that from the very beginning the Methodist movement has been built on laymen on the assumption that laymen are evangelists of the gospel the same as ministers. He called attention to the power of the ordinary man, of the Christian experience, of Christian witness, and of brotherhood. In speaking of the power of the witness, Bishop Kennedy suggested that "It is not necessary to be eloquent nor is it necessary to be a genius in order to convince people. This generation listens desperately for an authentic witness. There is nothing quite so powerful as the simple speech of a man who is telling others what Christ has done for him. There is no higher calling than bearing witness to our experience. The world waits for men who can and will tell them of an answer to their loneliness, their despair, and their futility."

Dr. Roy L. Smith, San Diego, Calif., delivered the keynote address on Friday. In his address Dr. Smith spoke concerning the problem of Atomic Fallout, American's leadership in the world, the conflict of Ideologies, and education for the atomic age. In his discussion of today's education, Dr. Smith predicted that two things are sure to happen as the United States moves farther into the seat of power long occupied by Great Britain. "In the first place (Continued on page 9)

World Council To Hold Series Of Meetings

New Haven, Conn. (WC) — Two hundred church delegates from many parts of the world will arrive on the campus of Yale University Divinity School today (July 15) for the first in a series of meetings of the World Council of Churches.

The advance guard will attend a consultation on "The Renewal of the Church" arranged by the Council's Departments on the Laity and Cooperation of Men and Women in Church and Society. The consultation, from July 15 to July 20, is one of twenty-six meetings scheduled for the Yale Divinity School campus between July 15 and August 7.

In all 500 people will be present for one or more of the meetings of the Council, an organization of 165 Protestant, Anglican, and Orthodox churches throughout the world. Representatives of twenty-eight nations are expected in New Haven.

Major attention centers on the meeting of the World Council of Churches' Central Committee, its policy making body. This committee, which includes many of the world's best known church leaders, has an American chairman. He is the Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, New York City, president of the United Lutheran Church.

Among questions likely to be discussed by the Central Committee is the use of nuclear weapons. In recent months, many of the Council's member churches have made forceful statements calling for the outlawing of bomb tests.

Religious liberty will be on the agenda. The Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, a joint agency of the W.C.C. and the International Missionary Council, is expected to report on the situation regarding religious persecution in Columbia.

A proposal for practical follow-up of the Council's statements on race relations will come before the international gathering of church leaders. They will discuss a re-

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SAILORS ASHORE. The chorus from the U. S. S. Forrestal, biggest ship in the world, sings for a Sunday night church service for Casa Materna, largest Protestant home for children in Italy.

Earlier in the day, the seamen played host to the Casa Materna Choir aboard the Forrestal, anchored in the Bay of Naples . . . a port of call for the Sixth Fleet. Last year, the Casa Materna Choir made a 15,000 mile concert tour of the United States. Methodist-sponsored Casa Materna, is the only official link between the Methodist Church in the United States and Italy.

Texas Plans State-Wide Evangelistic Program

Dallas (MI)—Quay Parmer, 2623 East Vickery Blvd., Fort Worth, has been elected director of a state-wide evangelism campaign to be conducted by Texas Methodists in 1958. His election took place Tuesday, July 9, at the first meeting of the campaign's steering committee in First Methodist Church, Dallas.

Goal of the campaign, which was approved at sessions of the six annual conferences in the Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston-San Antonio Areas, The Methodist Church, during the May and June sessions, is to reach every inactive Methodist and every unchurched person in the state and present them with the challenge of active participation in some local church.

Conferences taking part in the campaign are: Northwest Texas, North Texas, Southwest Texas,

Missionaries Discuss Their New Role

Greencastle, Ind., (BM)—What is the role of the Western missionary in this age of revolution and nationalism?

A panel of Methodist missionaries and nationals from overseas grappled with that question yesterday at an assembly of new and furloughed Methodist missionaries at DePauw University here. After about two hours, they came up with this answer:

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Central Texas, Texas and the Rio Grande Conferences. Rio Grande Conference includes the Latin American Methodists.

Parmer has been serving as a full-time evangelist and is a member of the Central Texas Conference. He entered the evangelistic field after serving in the United States Army for five years during World War II.

Missions Leader Lists Missionary Achievements

East Northfield, Mass. (MI) — That there is an organized Christian church in every country of the world today, except two or three, is evidence of the achievements of the Christian missionary enterprise, a Protestant missions executive said here today.

Dr. Karl K. Quimby, New York, director of missionary education for the Methodist Board of Missions, defended the Protestant missionary enterprise against "certain detractors" at the opening session of the Northfield Conference on the Christian World Missions at the Northfield Girls School.

"The missionary endeavor of Christendom stands today at a high peak of attainment; it has been a conspicuous success," Dr. Quimby asserted. "No one can term the missionary enterprise as secondary in the life of the churches. You simply cannot laugh missions out of the religious court."

"You can leave New York and go around the world and never be far from a worshipping Christian community. Indeed, the Christian populations of the world today are more widely and more evenly distributed across the earth than ever before."

Though Protestant missions have tremendous accomplishments to their credit, Dr. Quimby said, they face today a host of new problems and challenges. One of the most pressing is the changing relationship to the younger churches of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

"These younger churches, the products of consecrated missionary effort, are today independent and sensitive, yet vital and possessed deep spiritual dedication," Dr. Quimby said. "We must learn to rely on them to determine their

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Named To Head District Evangelism Emphasis



REV. BERLYN V. FARRIS was named recently the first director of district evangelism of the Methodist Board of Evangelism. This new emphasis, to be developed by Mr. Farris is the result of legislative attention by the last General Conference to evangelism on the district level.

URGES LAY DO-IT-YOURSELF EVANGELISM

Northfield, Mass. (BM)—A Protestant home missions leader here today suggested that American churches could become the new haven for individual personality in an era when individualism is submerged amidst the "team approach."

Dr. Purd E. Dietz, St. Louis, Mo., in the second of three lectures at the interdenominational Northfield Conference on the Christian World Mission, added that creative individualism could find Christian expression in a massive "do-it-yourself" movement to reach 68 million unchurched Americans. The general secretary of the former Evangelical and Reformed Church (now merged with the Congregational Christian Church to form the United Church of Christ) spoke to about 300 persons at the Northfield Girls School. The conference, sponsored by four units of the National Council of Churches and ten denominations, has drawn adults and youth from New England, New York, New Jersey and Maryland.

"In industry, labor and government," Dr. Dietz said, "policy is being determined and decisions made through the team-committee-conference method. This type of decision-making, despite admitted advantages, tends to depersonalize and to submerge individual expression. Where then can the individual find expression? Why not find it in a creative outpouring of Christian love in our churches? Why cannot the individual enter in the center

of the church's mission with his energy, talents and consecration?

"The churches could start a great 'do-it-yourself' movement to reach the millions of unchurched Americans. Of course, ministers and trained leaders would need to give guidance and direction, but the entire task of evangelism should not and cannot be left to them. Though 60 per cent of Americans today profess some church affiliation, that leaves two-fifths or 68 million not reached by any religious group. These millions constitute a challenge to our most consecrated missionary efforts."

Dr. Dietz said the churches also have a mission to help Americans re-think their economic values. Most Americans, on a rising escalator of income, are spending today not in accordance with their needs but with their desires. And when there is no desire, he added, advertising creates one.

"For example, in one year all Protestant and Orthodox church members are reported to have given almost three billion dollars for all religious purposes," Dr. Dietz said. "That is undeniably a huge sum. But it is probable that in the same year the same people spent 11 billion on recreation, alcohol and other non-essentials. In the light of the tremendous needs of missions and other church-related needs, it seems incumbent on the churches to help their members want to direct large amounts of money into more constructive channels."

52,000 Scouts Fulfill Pledge To Worship

Valley Forge, Pa. (RNS)—Some 52,000 Boy Scouts assembled here for their National Jamboree took a day off from the conventional business and fun of their gathering to fulfill the pledge to worship, each in his own faith, enunciated in Scouting's 12th law.

Separate worship services for Scouts of each of the major religions and various denominations were held during the day.

Largest of the worship meetings was a united Protestant service attended by about 30,000 Scouts. The Rev. Louis H. Evans of New York, minister-at-large of the Board of National Missions, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., preached on "Tomorrow is Yours."

More than 7,000 Roman Catholic Scouts attended a Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop J. Carroll McCormick of Philadelphia. The sermon was given by Archbishop Leo Binz of Dubuque, Ia.

Some 5,000 other Catholic boys prayed at earlier Masses said at their campsites by the 40 Catholic chaplains at the encampment.

Scouts of the Eastern Orthodox faith gathered at a service celebrated by Archbishop Michael, head of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

Services also were held for the more than 2,000 Jewish Scouts. Other religious meetings were held for Buddhist, Baha'i, Quaker and Mormon groups.

Dr. Evans warned the Scouts that racial hatred and blood conceit had done more to divide mankind into warring groups than anything else.

"My hope for the world brotherhood today is that I see the brown men from India, the black boys from Africa and the United States, the yellow-skinned youth from Japan and the red boys of the Indian prairies," he said. "Like a multi-colored sunset we need all these colors to make up a rich sky of brotherhood."

Charges Lay Members Silence Protestant Ministers

Lake Junaluska, N. C. (RNS) — Protestant ministers are being silenced more than ever today by "pressures" from lay church members, a Methodist woman leader said here.

Miss Thelma Stevens of New York, executive secretary of the department of Christian social relations, Woman's Division of Christian Service, said clergymen are "being hushed by persons who do not believe the church should use its voice to advocate political action and social progress."

She contended there are "more heart-sick ministers" than ever because of the "gag-rule."

"Lay people should safeguard the right of their ministers to speak even on issues about which there is great disagreement," she said. Laymen themselves should speak out "by the thousands and make their voices heard like thunder," she added.

Miss Stevens made her remarks

Reports Changed Attitude In Colombia On Religious Liberty

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—The president of the Lutheran World Federation said here Colombia's new foreign minister, Sr. Carlos A. de Santamaria, had personally assured him that the government which has taken control from former dictator Gustavo Rojas Pinellas is dedicated to religious liberty.

Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannover, Germany, said the minister "assured me that the government would do all in its constitutional power to restore freedom of worship everywhere in Colombia."

The Lutheran bishop came to the United States after a personal tour of Lutheran churches and missions in Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador. The tour was Bishop Lilje's second visit to Lutheran congregations in Latin America during his five-year term of office.

He said Lutheran churches have been subject to persecution in both Colombia and Ecuador.

"I may have some complaints that I will make public later," he said, "but for now I would prefer to give the government of Colombia a chance to live up to its promise."

Despite the attitude of the new government, some local governors and police officials "still take the position that all Protestantism is a heresy which should be driven out of Colombia for the welfare of the people," the bishop said. He added "it may be some time before outbreaks of violence against Lutheran churches and missions are curbed."

Moscow Denies Youth Festival Will Undermine Religion

London (RNS) — The Moscow Radio, in a series of foreign language broadcasts, denied "hostile reports" that the Sixth International Youth Festival which opens in the Russian capital July 28 aims at undermining the religious beliefs of foreign delegates who planned to attend it.

Vatican Radio had previously broadcast a warning against the festival, stressing that it was being held under the sponsorship of several international and national Communist-controlled youth and student groups.

The Moscow station said a number of foreign delegations particularly those from Moslem countries, would hold religious celebrations during the festival.

The youth festivals have been held in other years in East Berlin, Prague, Warsaw and Bucharest.

Last November the youth department of the British Council of Churches urged Christian youth groups to stay away from the Moscow festival, saying it would foster Communist propaganda. In June, the youth section of the Religious Society of Friends in Great Britain said it would send observers, but not delegates to the festival, "thus signifying that we do not accept the opinions and beliefs of Communists."

at the annual school of missions of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Methodist Musicians For Higher Musical Standards In Weddings and Funerals

Four From Area Attend National
Meeting in Wisconsin

WILLIAMS BAY, WIS. (MI)—The National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians (NAFOMM) has gone on record in favor of higher standards of music for weddings and funerals.

Meeting here July 7-12, NAFOMM adopted strongly worded resolutions on the subject and voted to issue a booklet of suggested procedures and appropriate music for the marriage service.

Dr. Bliss Wiant of Nashville, executive secretary of NAFOMM and director of the ministry of music department in the Board of Education's Division of the Local Church, indicated that the department would publish the booklet in the near future.

The resolution on funeral music decried the practice of conducting funerals away from church buildings, a practice "usually involving use of inferior instruments and rooms in which the acoustics cut down the performance of the music of the church."

Funeral practices "which have led to a larger control of the music by the commercial enterprise than is considered desirable by this fellowship" were also denounced.

The resolution favored conducting funeral services within churches and assured the Methodist Commission on Worship of NAFOMM's "eagerness to assist in the cultivation of funeral practices more nearly in harmony with the Christian faith."

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Lamerson, and Mrs. L. W. Pelton, all of Shreveport, and Mrs. Curtis Stout, Little Rock, were among the 180 members of the National Fellowship attending. Thirty states were represented.

Leaders of the meeting included Dr. Robert Fountain, Oberlin College; Dr. Bliss Wiant, Nashville, Tennessee, Board of Education's director of ministry of music; Bishop John Wesley Lord, Boston; Dr. Clare J. Hayes, Topeka, Kansas; Dr. J. Edward Moyer, Westminster, Md.; and Dr. Earl E. Harper, Iowa State University.

Rev. Walter N. Vernon, Nashville, staff member of the Editorial Division announced that a new monthly magazine for Methodist musicians was being projected by the Editorial Division.

Methodist Report Denies Britain Religious Revival

Nottingham, England (RNS) — There is still "no unmistakable revival of religion" in this country, according to a report accepted by the Methodist Conference of Great Britain at its annual meeting here.

"Not even our continued success at the universities can offset our failure to penetrate the granite indifference of the mass of the nation," the report, submitted by the Home Missions Department, said.

Dr. W. E. Sangster, secretary of the department, presented the report. He said "there is no militant opposition" to religion, "but a cold indifference and polite evasion."

Dr. Sangster pleaded with conservative and liberal groups to stop calling each other names and work together in cooperative evangelism.

He announced that the Home Missions Department was planning to call a conference of all non-Catholic missionaries to foster such cooperative effort.

The Conference passed a resolution regretting the recent British nuclear weapons tests in the Pacific.

The resolution said there was a clear moral obligation on the government to discontinue further tests, and to urge other governments to do the same, because of "possible tragic and irreversible genetic consequences."

President Breaks Ground For University



Washington, D. C. (MI)—President Eisenhower breaks ground for the new \$1 million School of International Service at American University, a Methodist school, as Dr. Hurst R. Anderson, university president, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam await their turn at left. The President received an honorary degree at the university's 43rd commencement exercises.

A U.S. Of Europe

LITTLE publicized but yet of great significance to the course of the world's history is the gradual but sure development of a federation of nations in Western Europe. Referred to at times as a United States of Europe, this movement has yet a great distance to go before its realization. Yet there is ample evidence that the future holds great promise that such a realization is all but inevitable.

The oft-quoted saying "Necessity is the mother of invention," was never more true than in this very matter. It is becoming increasingly apparent that practically everyone concerned would have everything to gain and partially nothing to lose by this federation. However, vested interests, centuries-old traditions and a host of other time-honored customs present a formidable barrier to a complete realization of this dream for many years to come.

The background of this federation or federal union would be quite different from that which gave rise to the United States of America. In this nation, there was the desire to throw off the yoke of British dominion of colonial affairs. Freedom from foreign oppression with the eagerness to govern themselves gave rise to the issuance of a Declaration of Independence and later the Revolutionary War. On the other hand, economic advantages and greater security are dominant factors prompting serious consideration of the federal union in Western Europe. There is little doubt but that there would be great gains in both of these areas for easier exchange of raw materials and finished products would stimulate both production and markets, and the collective security of the bloc of nations entering such a union would be substantially greater than the total of that of individual nations each developing its own military force and armaments, even though they participate in the NATO alliance.

The student of world affairs will watch this development with ever increasing interest. Yet to be determined is the official viewpoint of Communist Russia of this plan. Quite probably it will do everything it can to discourage the plan's fulfillment. A United States of Europe would represent a large barrier to the expansion of the Communist movement unless such a government should fall into Communist hands. Such an outcome would play right into Russia's hands. However, the likelihood of this happening is not too great. Observers will also be keenly interested in what nations will surrender their sovereignty to make this union possible.

The religious and spiritual implications of a western European union are many. Depending of course on what nations come into the union, organized Christianity will be involved to a considerable degree. Roman Catholicism has favorable working alliances with several European nations, practically to the exclusion of other religious bodies. The Lutheran Church in Germany and the Church of England have much at stake. A United States of Europe might conceivably mean a new day for many Protestant groups which are now comparatively weak. Christian leaders will also be concerned that the cornerstones of the federal union have greater substance in them than economic and security advantages, lest the whole federal structure lack the moral and spiritual fiber which makes a nation, old or new, strong.

Let us watch and wait for further developments on the Western European front.

The Civil Rights Issue

CIVIL rights, according to Mr. Webster, involves those rights guaranteed by the constitution to every individual, such as equal treatment of all people with respect to enjoyment of life, liberty and property, and to the protection of the law.

Whatever you may think about the civil rights issue now before Congress, the truth is that its proponents have some grounds for their fight, while the opponents, completely aware of this, are searching for a way to postpone the forced correction of these grounds. It is good politics, we suppose, for both sides since Congressional members are responsible to those whom they represent,

but one wonders if it is good for the nation to become embroiled in such a controversy at a time when the eyes of the world are focused for many reasons on the United States.

Time is a great factor in healing this hurt in the nation's heart. Many thoughtful Christian leaders in the South are deeply concerned about this whole matter, including voting and educational privileges for all citizens. This prodding by politicians and persons, socially sensitive, serves a useful purpose, we suppose, by keeping these issues constantly before the public.

If the present issue could be resolved in such a way that the threat of the possibility of physical enforcement were eliminated, we feel that a contribution to the total solution will have been made. Southern leaders are still deserving of further opportunity to work out their problems and deciding their course of action.

Seen in the perspective of history, the present wrangling over voting and other discriminatory measures is but another phase of a struggle that has been going on for years and will undoubtedly continue for several more. However, who can deny that never before has the outlook for eventual solution been as hopeful as the outlook at the present time. Only the most conservative segregationist questions the eventual solution of these issues and oftentimes his motives are suspected.

What the ardent civil rights advocates in their enthusiasm sometimes overlook is that the more these issues are forced, the greater is the reaction against the issues being resolved. Although this is a sound psychological principle, it is oftentimes overlooked.

Many of the facts which civil rights proponents have presented will not be denied by those who speak against pending legislation. We dare say that Southern members of the House and Senate are not so much against civil rights as they are against the manner in which civil rights advocates propose to enforce them.

Motoring And The Golden Rule

ONE of these days the motoring public of the United States will take more seriously the responsibility of driving automobiles. It is inevitable, one might reason, that with as many automobiles as there are owned and operated by the American public (more than 50 million), there will be accidents, many of them resulting in injuries and fatalities. However, the present rate of accidents is exceeding what many authorities would say is beyond all reason. American people are simply not sufficiently conscious of their stewardship of automobile ownership and operation.

For example, there were more people killed in the United States during the Fourth of July week end (slightly less than 500), than were killed by the recent Hurricane Audrey which swept the southwest gulf coast of Louisiana. It was altogether proper that citizens all over this nation and beyond should offer help to those who suffered losses as a result of the hurricane. Newspapers, the radio and television carried the hurricane stories far and wide. The public's interest in this manifestation of nature was high, and rightly so. But aside from the day to day account of the death toll during the Fourth of July week end, the American public apparently wasn't too concerned about the number of traffic fatalities.

The answer? Some traffic authorities are turning to church leaders, asking for their cooperation in developing a greater concern by American church members in coping with this problem. Just how far Christian leaders can go in dealing with this national situation is yet to be seen. However, seriously undertaken, the results could be remarkable. At the bottom of the whole matter is using common sense, good judgment, extending courtesy to other drivers, and respecting the rights of others. Sounds very much like a good application of the scriptural Golden Rule would get at the root of the needless slaughter of hundreds every holiday week-end and thousands every year.

Highways can be improved, widened and straightened, speed laws can be more rigidly enforced, automobiles can be made safer to drive, but if the person behind the wheel has no concern for his own safety and still less for the life and welfare of others on the highway, the problem will get worse and worse.

The Golden Rule applies to all of life. The highway is no exception.

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Louisianan Writes of Her Experiences As A

Staff Member of The Navajo Methodist Mission School

The Shepherd School And The Good Shepherd

By Miss Joan Lay

THE Navajo Methodist Mission is nestled at the foot of a mesa. It is surrounded by brick buildings, green grass and lovely trees. There is a friendliness about the place which almost immediately attracts one. The Mission Family is interested in every person who comes and will gladly give a conducted tour at almost any time.

My arrival at the mission was on Sunday evening. I was given a fine welcome by Rev. Brooks and Miss Wolfarth. Later on, I heard a beautiful bell on the little chapel calling folks to worship. Rev. Brooks introduced me and other members of the summer staff.

My first few days at the Mission were spent getting acquainted with the staff members and making lesson plans for the little ones I was to teach. Miss Wolfarth casually mentioned one day that most of my children would not speak English. When I gasped slightly and asked how I was expected to communicate with them, she chuckled. Then she assured me that I would have an interpreter.

Of course, there were many questions that were in my heart and I asked them. Where did the children live? How many went to school? What kind of homes did they have?

I learned that most of these children lived on the reservation in places where few white men ever travel. Few of them had ever been to school, though the percentage of schooling per capita has increased in past years. She indicated that they lived in hogans or tents.

The children arrived with the dust of the desert on their bodies. They were given a bath and their hair was washed. Then they were told they

Miss Joan Lay, whose home is Gilliam, Louisiana, is working this summer as a staff member of the Navajo Methodist Mission School in Farmington, N. M. Miss Lay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Lay of Gilliam. A graduate of Centenary College, Miss Lay has been engaged in work of a social service nature during previous summers. Since her graduation from Centenary she has been a student at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee.



Above: The school at the Navajo Methodist Mission has a recess period. Four of the pupils are shown above at play.

Left: A group of Navajo entering the Navajo Methodist Mission School.

could go out to play. And play they did. They played in the swings and on the slides. Even the whirlybird was given a workout.

When suppertime came I learned that there was much to be taught and my lesson plans were quickly revised. I decided that first we would learn the English names for the eating utensils. They did not know cup, spoon, plate, knife, fork. The first few days we drew pictures, called the names and practiced until finally they were able to recognize the picture.

On the first morning they came into the school room and sat down. They promptly looked me over. "Good morning," I said cheerfully. "My name is Miss Lay and I am to be your teacher." Whereupon the entire class snickered. What had I done wrong I wondered. It was not until later that Miss Hahn told me, "You just broke all Navajo tradition. No real Navajo would ever divulge his name. He would have a friend to do it. You should have had your interpreter tell who you were." Never after that did I ask a child who he was. I would ask a friend of his, "Who is your friend?" He would promptly reply.

During recess we were learning a new game, "Drop The Handkerchief," when I discovered a hitherto forgotten fact. Laughter is the same in any language. While I was preoccupied with learning the faces of my little ones, the handkerchief was thrown behind me. They began to laugh and when I started to laugh too, the children relaxed and we were all friends.

My little ones learned quickly and soon we were counting together and saying, "How many?" Letters were practiced and gradually they began to learn new words.

As the weeks went on, we had many new experiences together. One such occasion was when two boys stationed themselves opposite a tree limb to see how far a ball would go above the limb. When they were too quiet, I attempted to discover the reason and saw two balls lodged in the tree. I was puzzled as to the solution. Two ladders, one broom and a mop handle later the balls were retrieved and we all had a good laugh. We did, however make the rule that henceforth the balls would be kept nearer ground level.

Saturdays were very busy days. Early Saturday morning the children went swimming. Upon their return, they would clean the yards and buildings. After lunch, we left the campus for a picnic. What fun we had! The children loved to climb the rocks and I was utterly amazed at their agility. They scampered up the rocks before we could even get started. One of their favorite activities was exploring the rocks and desert. Many times they returned with bouquets of flowers unseen by our eyes. But the keen eyes and good sense of observation made it possible for those of us who were not good observers to have some wonderful experiences. We saw desert cactus in bloom and other beautiful flowers.

All too soon Shepherd School was over and our children were ready to return home. They would go back to the desert to be shepherds. They would care for the family flocks. Perhaps they would enter school.

As they left, I wondered. Had they come closer to Christ? Had they been better prepared for life itself. I think the question was answered by the story of the Good Shepherd. If only one had been helped, then it would be worthwhile.

In the chapel there is a stained glass window which rather symbolizes Shepherd School. The Good Shepherd is there with his sheep and a lamb in His arm. God cares for these little ones. Surely the Good Shepherd Himself will bless the efforts of those who labor so tirelessly for the Navajo people.

DOES GOODNESS PAY OFF?

This is a question I venture to think has been asked at some time by every adult person.

Perhaps like Job we have considered the seemingly undeserved calamities which have befallen us and have concluded: "It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God." Or it may be the apparent good fortune of the ungodly has stirred us to ask with Jeremiah: "Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper?" Or more likely it has been at the moment when we felt the tug of temptation that we have asked, Does it pay to be good?



Since it is a question prompted by our weaker moods, perhaps the first point to be raised is this, Is it proper to ask whether goodness pays? Does not the very nature of goodness derive from the fact it is done without thought of reward? Does not the incentive of profit seem contrary to the general content of Jesus' teaching?

Yet, strangely enough, Jesus, the preacher of disinterested love, talked very frequently of rewards. His promises form a quite considerable portion of His Gospel. The subtle paradox of Jesus' position shows itself in the way He links the call for uncalculating service with the expectation of reward. Listen: "If ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thanks have ye? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive again as much. But love your enemies and do them good, never despairing, and your reward shall be great."

Again and again in the Gospels occur our Lord's references to rewards and profit. Certainly it would seem clear there is a legitimate place for the factor of reward in the following of Christ. And the reason is not far to seek. Vital human effort cannot be sustained without feeling the work done is worth while. Every sane person wants to know whether his effort and sacrifice have value to someone, somewhere. A Livingstone in Africa, a painter at his canvas, a digger in the ditch, a salesman at the counter are spurred on only if they feel that their work counts for something.

Knowing this innate desire of men, Jesus used it in His appeal for great tasks and heavy sacrifices. He summoned His followers to the service of a Heavenly Father whom He portrayed as more eager than an earthly parent to reward His children, a Father who is such a faithful Guarantor of values that those who serve Him should be "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as they know their labor is not in vain in the Lord."

But Jesus would have men avoid the calculating attitude which keeps the eye on the personal reward and kills the spirit of loving service. Hence when He promises rewards, he added the enigmatic word "But many that are first shall be last, and the last shall be first." This world, as Jesus pictured it, is not a factory wherein the wage agreements are all signed in advance and God gives pay envelopes at the end of the week.

The rewards of goodness cannot be mathematically computed. But this makes for a worthier spirit of faith and love, which is in itself one reward of goodness. If the payments for virtue could all be calculated, life would no more develop one's faith than operating an adding machine develops one's mathematical skill. There could be no true love in a cut-and-dried world where rewards were guaranteed. Mother love would not be worthy the name if it measured its care of children by calculating what they can do in return when they grow up.

When we work in love and faith, sometimes our delays and seeming failures serve to develop a larger love and deeper faith, and these are part of the pay of goodness.

Does it pay to be good? Yes, if we rightly define goodness. To be good is not to keep a set of rules but to keep a spirit of love for the best we know. To be good is to follow the road which leads to ever larger, less selfish interests and to ever higher, less animal impulses. Goodness is a road rather than a pattern, and every turn of the road reveals the more we may become. Higher ideals, cleaner fun, sincerer friendships, the kind of self-respect one can sleep with—these are some of the ways goodness pays.

Does it pay to be good? Yes, in the increased capacity for worthwhile service, in the greater resourcefulness and richness of our inner lives which are bound to show in our thoughts, our words and our work. In short, goodness is the only thing that does pay.

Here is a thought to ponder: Good things are paid for in advance, bad things are paid for afterwards. Who wants to keep paying the instalments of evil?

The Layman's Column

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WALKING ALONG WITH JOHN WESLEY

Aldersgate Street is the name given to a very old street which must have run along the wall that the Roman soldiers built about the middle of the first Christian century. At one place there is a plaque on a building denoting the location of Aldersgate in the old city walls. This is easily taken for granted because about 100 yards east of the street in one place is a fragment of the same wall which was built when the Roman soldiers about 47 A.D. laid out the city which we call London today. Incidentally, this part of the city was bombed terribly during the Blitz, and the scars of war are the most prominent marks that one can see, even today.

The last night I was in London, I chose to walk the same streets that John Wesley walked on May 24th, 1738. Therefore, getting off a bus, I started at St. Paul's Cathedral and walked north about one-fourth mile. Turning off Aldersgate Street toward the west is Little Brittain Street, a narrow lane, evidently very old. Fifty yards down Little Brittain Street is the probable site of the house of John Bray, where John and Charles Wesley were staying. Walking along the narrow sidewalk on the north side of the street, you can trace the very steps of young John Wesley as he went "very unwillingly" to Aldersgate Street. Then walking about one hundred feet north, I came upon a plaque on a building on the east side of the street which states that it is the probable site of the house where the unhappy, bewildered young man went in the early hours of the night. Darkness comes very late in Britain, and I walked in good daylight after 9 p.m., but I wanted to walk the same places in the evening as he did. Walking back from the house where he had received his great heart-warming experience, I retraced as he did, the steps to the site of John Bray's house where John Wesley with a host of friends burst into Charles' room with a shout of joy, "I believe!" Charles, who had found a genuine relationship with God a few days before, joined his older

On A Wide Circuit

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WALTER RAUSCHENBUSCH, MODERN PROPHET

One of the keenest pens I know is that wielded by my long-time friend, Dr. William B. Lipphard, veteran journalist who for many years edited *Missions*, magazine of the American Baptist Convention. A pupil of the late Prof. Walter Rauschenbusch (Colgate Rochester Divinity School), Dr. Lipphard carried the social vision gleaned there undimmed into the editorial office.

Just now Dr. Lipphard is reminding us all of our debt to the man in whom "the personal gospel and the social gospel were inseparable." For it was in 1907 that Walter Rauschenbusch published his revolutionary volume, *Christianity and the Social Crisis*, followed soon afterward by *Christianizing the Social Order*, and *A Theology for the Social Gospel*.

"All three," recalls Dr. Lipphard, "provoked endless argument, aroused intense discussion, precipitated almost violent controversy. Yet the events of the past half-century, two world wars, many local wars, social revolutions (the Russian communist revolution was still ten years in the future when Rauschenbusch wrote the first of his three books), international upheavals, labor disputes, the new awareness of the evil social backgrounds out of which emerge crime and juvenile

brother in singing a hymn of praise.

Having looked again at these hallowed spots, I retraced my own steps to St. Paul's, this time walking on another side of the great cathedral to be sure I had walked the ways that Wesley had. Of course there are no buildings standing now on that street that were standing in 1738, but it was nevertheless a great thrill to feel a real spiritual kinship with that young man who was seeking God's guidance so earnestly and so desperately. At the site in Aldersgate Street and along the way I breathed several prayers that I might be able to walk acceptably in the footsteps of him and of all the other saints and martyrs who have stumbled at times but who have become witnesses to God's grace and power.

delinquency—all emphasize the truth and the applicability of the social teachings of New Testament Christianity.

"I can cite only one illustration, devastatingly pertinent to our times, of the world relevance of Rauschenbusch's Christian social philosophy. Fifty years ago in his analysis of the causes of war, he wrote, 'The rapacity of commerce has been the secret spring of most recent wars . . . Few wars have ever been fought for the sake of justice, or for the people. Personal spite, the ambition of military professionals, and the protection of capitalistic ventures are the real moving influences. The governing classes pour out the blood and wealth of nations for private ends, and exude patriotic enthusiasm for a squid secreting ink to hide its retreat.'

"Thus seven years before the outbreak of the First World War, in 1914, Rauschenbusch intimated one of its basic causes. That was confirmed by President Woodrow Wilson in his St. Louis address in 1919, just before his cerebral hemorrhage. Desperately he had sought to persuade the United States to enter the later-to-be-sabotaged League of Nations. In that speech President Wilson acknowledged that the First World War had been largely a war of commercial and maritime rivalry between England and Germany.

"What would Rauschenbusch say today regarding the Second World War? Regardless of its ideological aspect, its nazism, its militarism, its persecution and massacre of the Jews, the holy sanction which the Second World War received from the church in England, Germany, even in communist Russia with its complete reversal of government antireligious policy, and in the United States . . . surely Rauschenbusch would say that the Second World War had also been a struggle for the control of the markets of the world. This time, however, the calculations of some people in high places went wrong, for the coveted markets fell into the control of Soviet Russia, and are being recaptured by Germany and Japan.

"Already we begin to see that a third world war, if it is permitted atomically to destroy our civilization, will likewise be the result of the huge commercial rivalry, a struggle for the control of the oil of the Middle East, the climax of a titanic conflict between the systems of capitalism and communism . . .

"More than any other man, Walter Rauschenbusch aroused the social conscience of American Christians, and helped them understand that the gospel is both for the individual and for the social order with which the individual is identified.

Is Impressed With American Methodism

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THE kindness, hospitality, friendliness, warmth and color of Methodists in Louisiana have made an abiding impression on me," said the Rev. Max Wakerly Woodward of Harrow, England.

The Methodist preacher, his wife, and son, 3½-year-old Peter, arrived in Baton Rouge five weeks ago under an exchange plan sponsored by the World Methodist Council. Ten Methodist ministers are participating in the exchange program. Provisions of the plan called for his assuming temporary pastorate of University Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, while Dr. William E. Trice and his family journeyed to Harrow where Dr. Trice occupied the Rev. Mr. Woodward's pulpit there.

The English pastor noted the strength and activeness of youth work in the church. "I was very impressed with them," he added.

Church Buildings

When asked his opinion of church buildings in the United States, the Rev. Mr. Woodward said that in general design, the churches in this country are similar to those in England, the latter tending to conform to the traditional shape, etc., with the pulpit to one side.

Church Policy

Confronted with a question about bishops in England, the minister replied, "We have no bishops in the Methodist Church in England. Ministers are appointed annually by the conference, which is made up of elected representatives. The conference meets in two sessions—the representative session, comprised of about 660 ministers and laymen, and the ministerial session, with about 455 ministers. The conference lasts about nine or 10 days.

"Harrow Circuit, just outside London, is composed of about 15 churches with eight ministers serving them. Each circuit has a superintendent. Harrow is in the London N. W. District, which has about 30 circuits, and England has some 30 districts. A chairman of the district is similar to your district superintendent in the United States.

Lay Preaching

"There are about 25,000 lay preachers in British Methodism who, after meeting certain standards of training and general acceptability, are appointed by the quarterly meeting of the circuit. These are men who work at other business during the week, and preach on Sundays.

"The Methodist Church in England accepts a minister for training, and is responsible for that part of his education."

Public Relations

In regard to the Methodist public relations system in his country, the Rev. Mr. Woodward pointed out that there is only one Methodist Information office. "But you must keep in mind," he said, "that the whole of England is not much larger than your Louisiana. There, of course, are more people. The population numbers about 50,000,000."

Religious Broadcasting

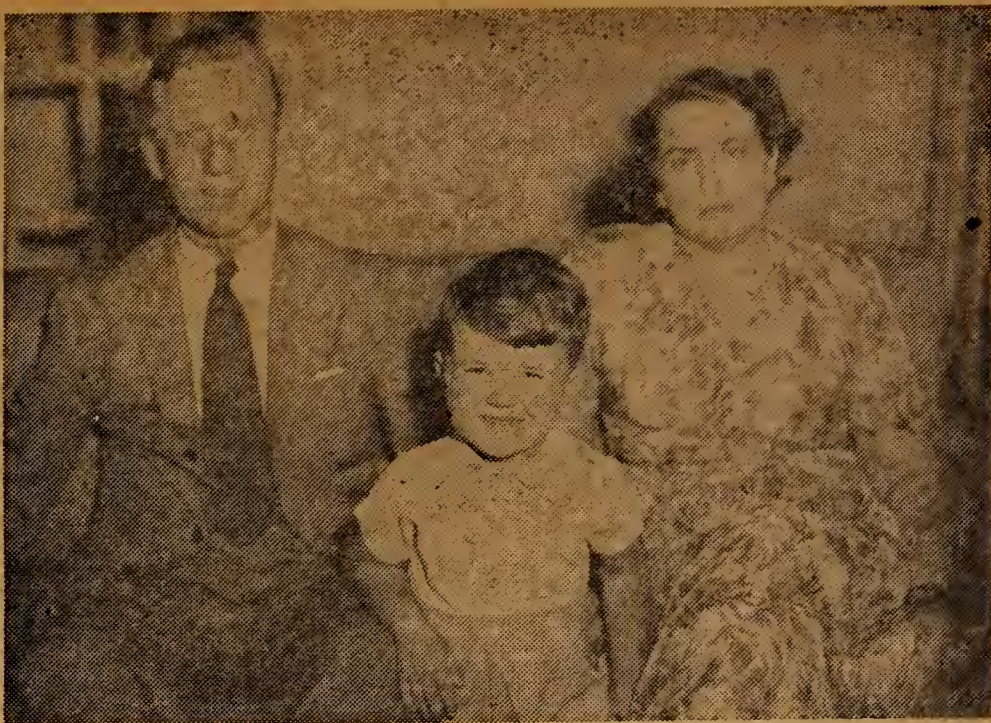
When comparing religious radio programs in England with those in the U. S., he commented, "There are always good religious programs. We have two Sunday broadcasts. One of the things that we have noticed is all of the commercials on the radio. In England, any form of advertising on the radio is strictly prohibited, whether intentional or unintentional. A tax of 30 shillings (about \$10) is collected annually on every wireless set."

The Rev. Mr. Woodward pointed out that there are not too many religious movies in his country. "The demand is not as great in England for religious movies."

Billy Graham Crusade

Of the Billy Graham Crusade in England he viewed, "I think it had some effect on the people. About 12,000 people were meeting in a big stadium every night for six weeks. How lasting the effects will be remains to be seen. The interesting thing is that the evangelist always puts the converts in touch with their own churches.

The Rev. Mr. Woodward attended Kingswood School in Bath, and was graduated from Handsworth College in Birmingham. He and his family are returning to England this week.



Shown above are the Rev. and Mrs. Max W. Woodward and young son, Peter, of Harrow, England. The Methodist preacher has completed a five-week pastorate at University Methodist Church in Baton Rouge under an exchange program sponsored by the World Methodist Council. Dr. William E. Trice, pastor of University Methodist, has been filling the Rev. Mr. Woodward's pulpit in Harrow.

TV "Minutes of Prayer" Series Produced

New York (RNS)—A cross section of 365 one-minute color non-sectarian prayer films for TV, believed to be the first of their kind, were previewed for the press at the Guild Films Company here.

Called "Minutes of Prayer," the series was prepared by Hollywood producer Lew Kerner, who said he was advised by clergymen. He has spent three years on the project and completed 224 units so far.

The 16 mm films will be distributed to commercial TV stations for spot broadcasting on their public service time and to religious groups or local churches.

Each prayer is recited by an unidentified person against a background of music by either choirs, organs, orchestras, or soloists. To obtain the proper pictorial background, Mr. Kerner took his cameras to churches, synagogues, temples, museums, farms, factories, schools and well-known "beauty" spots.

A spokesman for the Guild Films Company, which will dis-

"Presbyterian Life" Attains One Million Circulation

Philadelphia (RNS) — Presbyterian Life, official bi-weekly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., has reached a circulation of 1,00,000, it was announced here by Dr. Robert H. Heinze, its associate general manager.

The millionth subscription, beginning with the August 10 issue, went to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franz of Turtle Creek, Pa., members of Beulah Presbyterian church in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Heinze said the publication has the largest circulation of any Protestant religious journal in the world and is the first to have a million subscribers.

Robert J. Cadigan of Swarthmore, Pa., is the magazine's editor and general manager.

tribute the films, said the color photography will create as much of "a worshipful mood," as the spoken words. He added that more than 200 stations have already expressed interest in telecasting the series.



The Rev. Max W. Woodward polishes one of his speeches in the study of University Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. The Rev. Mr. Woodward was much in demand as a speaker to religious and civic organizations throughout his stay in Louisiana.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. D. W. POOLE, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, will be the featured speaker at the Bluff Creek Camp Meeting July 21-28. His son, Frank Poole, will be the song leader. Week night services begin at 7:30 p.m.

REV. KARL D. WOOD, pastor of the Kentwood Methodist Church, was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Amite, Sunday morning, July 21, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. James E. Christie, who was on vacation.

REV. J. T. GARRETT, pastor of the Centerpoint Methodist Church, was guest preacher in revival services held at the Quitman Methodist Church, July 15-21. Services were held twice daily at 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. Troy Garrett is pastor of the church.

REV. ISAAC PATTON, pastor of the Downsville Methodist Church, will be guest preacher in the annual revival meeting at the Harmony Chapel Methodist Church, on the Harmony Chapel-Bethlehem Charge, where Rev. T. T. Lowe is pastor. The revival will begin August 4 and close on August 10.

REV. ROBERT DeBUSK, JR., pastor of the Oil City Methodist Church, is guest preacher in revival services now being held at the Bethlehem Methodist Church on the Harmony Chapel-Bethlehem Charge, where Rev. T. T. Lowe is pastor. The revival began on July 22 and will continue through July 27.

A. C. CLEMONS, JR., was re-elected chairman of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church, Jennings, at a recent meeting of the group. Others named were: Judge M. D. Miller, Jr., vice-chairman; Harvey Laing, secretary; and Roy Dommert, treasurer. Rev. Kenneth G. McDowell is pastor of the church.

REV. OTIS W. SPINKS, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, installed members of the Official Board of the church at the morning worship service, Sunday, July 14. Officers for the ensuing year are: Hugh Stanly, chairman; and Curtis Coco, secretary. Church School Superintendent is Luther R. Rone, and C. A. Posey is charge lay leader.

REV. FRED S. FLURRY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, was guest preacher in revival services held at the Arcadia Methodist Church, July 8-14. Rev. "Bill" Mann of First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, led the singing. Services were held twice daily at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. R. L. Peyton is pastor of the church.

REV. JOLLY B. HARPER, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, was guest preacher in a six day revival service held at the First Methodist Church, Bossier City, which began on July 7. Rev. Bill Sirman, pastor of the Curtis Park Methodist Church, Bossier City, was in charge of the song service. Rev. Alfred M. Brown is pastor of the church.

DEWEY BAKER is the newly elected chairman of the official board of the Lake Providence Methodist Church for the ensuing year. Other officers are: Jack L. Holt, vice-chairman; Mrs. F. M. Terral, secretary; and Mrs. F. A. Babb, treasurer. J. D. Blue, is the Church School Superintendent. Rev. C. R. McCammon is pastor of the church.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, July 14, between the hours of 4 and 6, an informal reception was held at the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, honoring Rev. and Mrs. Estill Allen, Jr., and their family. The Rev. Mr. Allen assumed his duties as Minister of Christian Education of the church in June. Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor of the church.

REV. JAMES E. CHRISTIE, pastor of the Amite Methodist Church, was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Fordyce, Arkansas, Sunday morning, July 21, where the Rev. Mr. Christie's father, Rev. A. J. Christie, is pas-

tor. Rev. and Mrs. James E. Christie and Ken are on a vacation trip to Arkansas and Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the Amite Methodist Church met Thursday night, July 4, at the home of Eugene McMichael with Phillip McMichael as co-host. After a supper of shrimp, corn on the cob, salads, relishes, and watermelon for dessert, a business meeting was held with 14 in attendance.

REV. P. M. CARAWAY, Chaplain at the Confederate Memorial Hospital, Shreveport, was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, Sunday, July 21, at which time he baptized Dianne, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Stone Caraway. The Rev. Mr. P. M. Caraway is a former minister of the church and father of the Rev. Mr. Stone Caraway, associate pastor of the church. Rev. Fred S. Flurry is pastor.

REV. E. P. DRAKE, pastor of the Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, is on vacation visiting his son and family in Los Angeles. In his absence, Rev. A. M. Baker and Rev. Ed Morgan will fill the pulpit. The Rev. Mr. Drake, who is a member of the Board of Hospitals, will visit several Methodist sponsored hospitals and attend a meeting in Montana on his way. He will also take part in the baptism of his new granddaughter while in Los Angeles.

A GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY was held at the Pollock Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, June 23. Rev. A. W. Townsend, superintendent of the Alexandria District; Rev. M. H. Hockenhull, pastor; and Rev. Roy L. Garrett, pastor of the Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church, Alexandria, participated in the service. Others taking part were M. Regions, chairman of the building committee; Charles Cook, chairman of the finance committee; and Mrs. John Clark, building committee treasurer.

REV. WALTER C. MASON, retired member of the Louisiana Conference, died in a West Monroe hospital July 17 following a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, Friday morning, July 18. Burial was in the Plain Dealing cemetery under the direction of the Kilpatrick Funeral Home of West Monroe. A native of Virginia, the Rev. Mr. Mason had held pastorates in Horton, Ferriday, Clinton, Trout, Marksville, Plain Dealing, and in Monroe and West Monroe. His only survivor is a daughter, Mary Ella Mason, a student at Louisiana Tech in Ruston.

A RECEPTION was held Sunday, June 30, following the evening worship service of the First Methodist Church, Oakdale, honoring the new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Clark W. Bell. Greeting the guests in the receiving line were Rev. and Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Omaha Tonn, president of the W.S.C.S. The serving table was covered with a white cloth and held a lovely arrangement of blue and yellow daisies in the center. Sandwiches, punch and cookies were served the eighty guests. Mrs. Carl Chandler presided at the punch bowl. The reception was sponsored by the members of the W.S.C.S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the church.

A VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL was held at the Douglas Methodist Church, June 10-14. The staff of teachers for the school were as follows: Miss Julia Faye Leachman, director; Mrs. Cathrine Ambrose and Mrs. Edd White, Nursery; Mrs. Shirley Chandler and Mrs. Inez White, Kindergarten; Mrs. Pearl Chandler and Mrs. Leta Holstead, Primary; Mrs. George Goodwin and Mrs. Dorothy Chandler, Juniors; Miss Dola Leachman and Miss Dianna Baker, Music; Mrs. Bobbie Owen and Mrs. Doris Leachman, recreation; Mrs. Bobbie Jean Holtzclaw and Mrs. Nora Holtzclaw, substitutes. Mrs. Ruth McDaniel, Director of Children's Work, was a guest for the closing program. Rev. George Goodwin is pastor of the church.

OPEN HOUSE was held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 30, by Rev. and Mrs. Frank C.

Lankford at the Methodist parsonage for members and friends of the Lutchter-Reserve Charge. Arriving guests were greeted at the door by Messrs. Allen Fowler and Calmus George, with the following ladies alternating: Mrs. Frank Szubinski, Mrs. M. R. Quilter, Mrs. A. R. Roberts, Mrs. T. W. Melius, Mrs. J. A. DeMond and Mrs. George Greenwood. They were welcomed into the living room and requested to register in the guest book by Mrs. Ed Hames, Miss Rose Stagg and Miss Carla van der Kwast. Mrs. Allen Fowler, Mrs. Amos McClellan and Mrs. Joe Sullivan alternated at the silver coffee and tea service while Mrs. Stanley Cruthirds, Miss Irma Baker and Mrs. William Middleton presided at the punch bowl at the other end of the table.

REV. DR. HAROLD T. PORTER, Pittsburg, Pa., has been selected to direct ministerial recruitment for The Methodist Church. Dr. Porter, minister of Mifflin Avenue Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, since 1954, took his new position July 15. His headquarters will be in Nashville. In the newly created position within the office of theological education, Dr. Porter will seek to expand seminary enrollments and provide more trained ministers for the churches. As director of ministerial recruitment, Dr. Porter will lead a recruitment program sponsored by the Department of Ministerial Education of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Methodist Board of Education in cooperation with the 10 Methodist theological schools, the Methodist Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, and the Methodist conference boards of ministerial training and qualifications.

ACTIVITIES of the Pioneer Circuit include a Vacation Church School held at the Pioneer Methodist Church, July 15-19, with 45 pupils and 5 workers in attendance. Miss Ann Carlisle was the director. Other workers included Mrs. Annette Head, Mrs. Nellie Traweek, Mrs. Lou Emily Nickolson and Mrs. Ruby Cook. The young people of the Forest Methodist Church presented the morning devotional on July 7 using the subject, "The Love of Jesus." The average attendance of the MYF is 15. Revivals are planned for the Pioneer and the Forest Churches, with Rev. James Harris, district superintendent of the Monroe district, preaching at the Pioneer church July 28 through August 2, and Rev. J. P. McKeithen, pastor of the Ferriday Methodist Church, preaching at the Forest Church August 11-17. Rev. Cecil C. Mims is pastor of the Pioneer Circuit.

THE CURTIS PARK Methodist Church, Shreveport, is trying out a new venture in a Sunday Evening Fellowship for the entire church. Rev. W. V. Sirman, pastor, said the program would be given a six weeks trial, starting each Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Norman Bale is general chairman of the program. Mrs. Bale will direct the recreation, and Mrs. Robert Henkle will be chairman of the food committee. Special guest speakers for the six weeks, and their subjects are as follows: Rev. R. L. Cooke, vice-president of Centenary College, who will discuss the Centenary College program; R. H. Nelson, "The Church School;" R. P. Lay, "The Layman's Work;" Rev. P. M. Caraway, chaplain of Confederate Memorial Hospital; Dr. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary, Board of Education, "The Holy Land;" and Prof. W. F. Pledger, "Mission Fields of the Church." The program began on July 7.

REV. A. B. CAVANAUGH, pastor of the Gretna Methodist Church, and his family are on vacation. Guest speakers during his absence include Rev. T. E. Davis, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Gretna at the 8:30 a.m. service, and Rev. Arthur M. Baker, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, New Orleans, at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, July 28. Rev. Marvin H. Corley, pastor of the Keener Methodist Church, at the 8:30 a.m. service, and Dr. Virgil D. Morris, superintendent of the New Orleans District, at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, August 4. Rev. Tom O. Crosby, Jr., pastor of the Luling Methodist Church, at the 8:30 a.m. service, and Rev. Louis Everline, pastor of St. Mark's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Gretna, at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, August 11. The evening services are sponsored by the W.S.C.S., The Friendship Class and the Young Adult Class of the church.

Lutcher-Reserve Parsonage Open House Held

Rev. and Mrs. Frank C. Lankford held open house at the Methodist parsonage, Sunday, June 30, from 3 until 5 p.m., for the members and friends of the Lutcher and Reserve Methodist churches.

Arriving guests were greeted at the door by Messrs. Allen Fowler and Chalmus George, with the following ladies alternating: Mrs. Frank Szubinski, Mrs. M. R. Quilter, Mrs. A. R. Roberts, Mrs. T. W. Melius, Mrs. J. A. Demond and Mrs. Geo. Greenwood. They were welcomed into the living room decorated with floral arrangements consisting of gladioli, dahlia and asters. They were requested to register in the guest book by the ladies presiding there; Mrs. Ed Hames, Miss Rose Marie Stagg and Miss Carla van der Kwast.

The guests were then invited to refreshments in the dining room. The table, covered with a lace cloth, was centered with an arrangement of yellow carnations and white gladioli. At one end of the table Mrs. Allen Fowler, Mrs. Amos McClellan and Mrs. Joe Sullivan alternated at the silver coffee and tea service. At the other end of the table Mrs. Stanley Cruthird, Miss Irma Baker and Mrs. William Middleton were at the punch bowl.

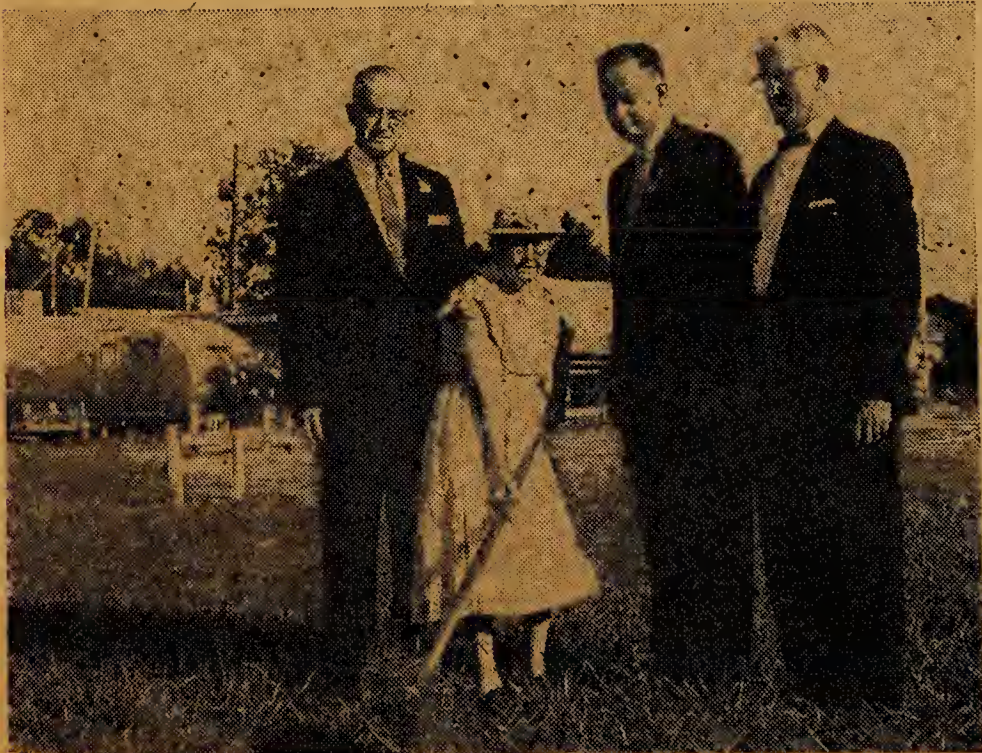
The good fellowship that prevailed, the fine spirit of cooperation and the friendly welcome extended made the affair one that will long be remembered by the people of the Lutcher-Reserve Churches, a spokesman said.

TRINITY METHODISTS SHREVEPORT

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is of frame structure, covered with brick siding. Plans are to use it temporarily for educational and fellowship hall space until the next unit of the Master Plan is built.

Members of the Building Committee are: Truly Whittington, Chairman, Morris Key, W. A. Shumate, Mrs. W. A. Shumate, Mrs. Claude Bagley, Mrs. Albert Bart-

Those participating in the Trinity Ground Breaking Services included, L to R, Dr. B. C. Taylor, Shreveport District superintendent; Mrs. Annie Casey, Trinity's oldest charter member; Rev. Tracy Arnold, Trinity pastor; and Truly Whittington, chairman of the Trinity building committee.



Boyce Methodists Report Activities

June was a memorable month for Boyce Methodist Church—Vacation Church School was held, three new members added to the roll, and two very successful "Family Nights" were held.

The Vacation Church School was held for one week, with 83 persons enrolled. Mrs. Ross Shenk was director; and other leaders were Mrs. Pitto Eversull, kindergarten; Miss Cecilian Maude Nolan and Miss Dianne Joyner, primaries; and Mrs. Ray Nation, juniors. Mrs. C. O. Hall was secretary. The WSCS was in charge of daily refreshments. A nurse was provided for smaller children with Miss Mildred Woods in charge.

Approximately 80 men, women and children met for a covered dish supper and songfest, to welcome the new members and to close the Church School.

LAYMEN CHALLENGED TO GREATER SERVICE AT NAT'L. CONF.

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we must be prepared to see our surplus capital drained off to supply the needy areas of the world. . . In the second place we must be prepared to supply a vast army of educators, technicians, engineers, administrators, publicists, scientists, and social engineers for service in the retarded and backward areas of the world."

Other speakers at the conference included Kinsey Merritt, Elizabeth, New Jersey, prominent Methodist layman; Dr. Marshall T. Steel, Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, and Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, general secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, the sponsoring agency of the conference.

Roland M. Shelton, Little Rock, Robert P. Lay, Shreveport, and Charles Stuck, Jonesboro, are the lay leaders of the Little Rock, Louisiana and North Arkansas Conferences of this Area, and were instrumental in the Area's large delegation at the conference.

Schmid, Sr., W. L. Simmons, Sr., Roy Carroll, Joe Simpson, John Carlquist, and Richard Peck.

Bayou Blue Church Observes 50th Anniversary

Sunday June 30, St. James of Bayou Blue, Rev. Ira Roberson, pastor, celebrated its 50th anniversary with a dinner on the ground at 12:30 p.m., and a French program followed.

Rev. E. J. Martin, the youngest preacher from the church, presided over the program.

The same songs and scripture that were used at the first service were again used for this celebration. The church history was presented by Rev. A. D. Martin, the first minister from this church.

The highlight of the program was honoring the oldest members of the church who were at the first meeting. The flowers on the altar were in their recognition. Those who were presented with flowers were: Mrs. Ursin Matterné, 99, unable to be present, Mrs. Johnny Porche, 95, and Mrs. Albert Martin, 85.

In respect of the devoted leadership, a corsage was placed on the altar in honor of Miss Ella K. Hooper. Although she was not present for the organizing of this church, it is felt that she played an important role in keeping the church alive.

Epps Minister, Wife, Honored On 25th Anniversary

The Rev. and Mrs. J. B. McCann were honored guests on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, July 7, at the Epps Methodist Church. Hosting the affair, which was a complete surprise to the honorees, were members and friends of the Epps and Floyd Methodist churches.

Clyde Ingram, extension service poultry specialist, who is a special friend of the church membership, presented the couple with a white, split carnation corsage and boutonniere which were pinned on them by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Smith, when the McCanns were invited to come to the front to the sanctuary.

A buffet meal was served in the recreation room. On the service table was the silver punchbowl at one end and the three-tiered wedding cake at the other. The centerpiece was an arrangement of pink and white asters in a silver container, which was flanked with silver candelabra, holding pink tapers.

The centerpiece was a gift from Mr. Ingram, and the cake was a gift from the children of the couple.

The honorees were presented with two silver coffee and tea services, one from the church membership and friends and the other from their own children and grandchildren.

The McCanns declared that the occasion will be outstanding among their happy memories.

Present to share their happiness were the following relatives; Mr. and Mrs. William Swefford and children, Billy and Patricia, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Joffe, all of Memphis, Tennessee; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lain and son Frank of Alexandria.

Centenary Choir Plans 14th Annual Training Camp

The 14th annual summer training camp of the Centenary College Choir will be held at Hodges Gardens, the 4,300-acre parkland developed by A. J. Hodges of Shreveport near the town of Many.

Young singers of Dr. A. V. Voran will be at the gardens from August 29 to Sept. 7, marking the first time that the annual program has not been held at Beeneaire, the summer home of the Beene family of Shreveport. Beeneaire is located on nearby Lake Bistineau.

The Centenary College Choir has entertained several times at Hodges Gardens since the sylvan showplace was developed on a segment of the more than 70,000 acres of timberland owned by the A. J. Hodges Industries in Sabine and Vernon parishes. The choir presented a twilight musicale from a floating barge in Hodges Lake last May, and the Centenary songsters have been featured in two consecutive Easter sunrise services at the gardens.

Last Easter, one segment of the choir sang at Hodges Gardens while the others presented the Easter morning services at Kadena Air Base, halfway around the world on Okinawa.

Despite the change in location, Director Voran says the schedule will remain unchanged at the camp. Intensive rehearsals, wholesome food and a well rounded program of recreation will serve to weld the students, both musically and psychologically, into a well-integrated singing unit in advance of the fall concert season.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL IN SESSION AT MT. SEQUOYAH

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pastor, First Methodist Church, Kingsville, Texas; Dr. Everett Tilson, associate professor of Biblical theology, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee; and Rev. Robert M. Cox, staff member of the department of Christian Education, General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee.

Among those leaders directing afternoon discussion groups is a Little Rock minister, Rev. John Hassler, Little Rock Conference director of youth work.

Dr. B. F. Jackson, director of audio-visual services for the General Board of Education, is instructing daily classes in audio-visual resources in Christian education.

This year's Willson lecturer is Dr. George A. Warmer, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Oakland, California. The series of lectures is made possible for the leadership school by the J. M. Willson family of Floydada, Texas. Dr. Warmer is speaking each evening, Tuesday through Thursday, at 7:30. The theme to be carried through the series of lectures is "The Christian Family."

Mt. Sequoyah, where an Indian chief once held council with his braves, is sometimes known as the summer "capitol" of the Methodist Church's South Central Jurisdiction, embracing Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Nebraska, Texas, Louisiana, Missouri, and Kansas.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Anacoco

On Sunday afternoon, July 14, the Anacoco, La., MYF Sub-district met at the Merryville Methodist Church with representatives present from First Church and Wesley Church, DeRidder; First Church, Leesville; Holly Grove Church; and Merryville Church. In the business session, conducted by President Kay Gormley of Leesville, a new vice president and Sub-district counselor were elected. Barbara Farque, of First Church, DeRidder, was elected vice-president; and Rev. L. C. Rouse, pastor of the Merryville Church, was elected counselor. Committees were also appointed to plan the Sub-district retreat to be held in the late summer.

An original dramatic worship service, written by Delton Pickering, Youth Director at First Church, DeRidder, was presented to the group by the young people of that Church. The presentation was entitled "The Voice of God is Calling . . . You."

Rice Belt

Grand Avenue Methodist senior youth were hosts to the Rice Belt Sub-district July meeting at Stuttgart, Ark.

Billy Boyd Smith, Gillett, presided over the business session and announced that Rayanne Heien, a conference officer, had attended the executive council planning meeting of the Little Rock Conference.

Mary Sue Grandgeorge led the group singing and gave the devotional.

The program was in the form of a mock trial "The Big Decision." G. W. Sorrells was judge; Boyce Core, defense attorney; Glenn Duke Robnett, defendant; and Beverly Robinson, jury spokesman. Sherry Brown was the narrator and those serving on the jury were Ginger Wheeler, Harriet Hoskyn, Kenneth Martin, Sondra Wood, and Carolyn Chalfant.

Mrs. Raymond Heien, Sub-district counselor, directed the recreation.

Groups represented were from First Methodist Church and Grand Avenue, Stuttgart, Lodge Corner, DeWitt, Gillett, St. Charles, and Bayou Meto.

Batesville

The Methodist Youth Fellowship held its Sub-district meeting at the Central Avenue Methodist Church in West Batesville, Ark., July 8th.

Rev. Harold Brent, pastor of Bethesda-Cushman Methodist Churches, led the devotional on "How Can I Prepare for my Life?" Rev. Brent emphasized the importance of preparing oneself educationally in life. He was introduced by Sue Leonard of Central Avenue Methodist Church.

The program was presented by members of Batesville First Methodist Church who attended the Youth Assembly. Program participants were Mary Murphy, Louise Conboy and Barbara Meacham.

Discussion groups, for the purpose of training one in his local church, followed the discussion.

Sue Leonard of Salado concluded the evening's program with recreation.

President Jack Magness of Newark, announced the forthcoming August meeting. Jo Puckett is reporter.

Hope District Youth Attend Summer Rally

The Hope District summer youth rally was held Monday, July 8, at the First Methodist Church in Ashdown. The meeting started at 6:00 p.m. with recreation led by Miss Marilyn Lee of Prescott.

The evening meeting opened with a song, prayer, and collection. Following this the minutes were read and approved and the roll was called with 195 in attendance. This total number represented the following Sub-districts: Gallaway, 41; Miller-Little River, 74; Polk, 17; Kelley-Sevier, 21; and general, 29.

Also at this time the Sub-district presidents were asked to give progress reports on their M.Y.F. Jerry Rodgers, District President, presided over the business meeting.

Following the business meeting, Rev. F. Gladwin Connell, the guest speaker, gave the introduction to the discussion groups which were based on three questions: What is God like? How does God speak? What does the Kingdom mean?

The youth then went into nine discussion groups led by: Mrs. Zollie Bennett, Texarkana; Mrs. A. J. Davis, Texarkana; Miss Marilyn Lee, Prescott; Miss Gwenith Williams, Poteau, Okla.; Mrs. Lynden Williams, Poteau, Okla.; Mr. Bill Gentry, Hope; Miss Zollene Bennett, Texarkana; Miss Marilyn Clay, Nashville; and Mrs. P. A. Escarre, Prescott.

Rev. Mr. Connell gave the message, "I Believe and I Know."

The meeting was closed with the M.Y.F. benediction.

Barksdale MYF Group Holds Christian Adventure Week

The week of June 24-29 will be a week that the Intermediate MYF of Barksdale Methodist Church, Bossier City, Louisiana, will not soon forget. During this week this group of young people and their counselors truly had a Christian adventure, a spokesman said.

Students-in-Industry Seminar Underway

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The first Students-in-Industry Seminar sponsored by the National Conference of Methodist Youth now underway, began June 12 and will conclude August 24 in Detroit.

Purpose of the project is to prepare college and university students to better understand and serve the working man in an industrial community, said the Rev. LeRoy O. King, Nashville. He is a projects secretary of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, which has its headquarters here.

It is expected that most of the students will work at manual labor at prevailing rates of pay, said Mr. King. With the help of a Methodist committee in Detroit, they will secure their own jobs.

After working hours, the students will have discussions, lectures, films, and forums. Prominent leaders of labor, finance, management, and the church will be resource persons.

The project is being sponsored in cooperation with the General Board of Social and Economic Relations of The Methodist Church and the Detroit Methodist Conference's boards of social and economic relations and education.

Registration for the seminar was limited to 22 persons. Some who are participating are not currently college students, but have been and plan to resume their college work. The project is for both men and women.

Mrs. James Gentry, the counselor and the person most responsible for this week, was completely "sold" on this type of program for her intermediates. She said, "This is the first time we have ever had this week of fellowship, study, worship, and fun in our young church. I have never experienced such rapid spiritual growth as through this week of adventure with our Intermediates."

The group had as Study Leader, Miss Carrie Myrick who is a senior at Northwestern State College. Their study was "Day After Tomorrow," adventuring with boys and girls throughout the countries and islands of Southeast Asia.

Airman Francis Henly, who is stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base and just back from Guam, led the worship service each evening. He had many pictures and gifts, and many interesting things to tell of that island.

Miss Marcella Flint, who is a Junior at Centenary College, came back from Baton Rouge to lead the recreation. Marcella is no stranger to this group for she worked with them each Sunday evening during the past school year.

"These leaders cannot be praised enough for their untiring efforts of patience and love; for their capabilities so fitted to build better Christian young people. So many talents wrapped up in a week for this group was so much more than one could ask for but it was a week the group was so thankful they could have," the report stated.

The intermediates made a scrapbook of all their activities. They did this to help them in their planning of big things for next year's Christian Adventure Week.

Suppers were prepared each evening by the Adult Sunday School Classes, W.S.C.S., and mothers of the intermediates. A camping trip and a cook-out climaxed the week.

The following young people participated in this experience: Royce Adcock, Mary Anne Du Bois, James Gentry, Kay Goss, Billy Don Hall, Ernst Hovey, George Kemper, Sandra King, George Meek, Mark Rape, Dickey Shores, Sandra Swenson, Bill Talley, Ray Taylor, Jimmy Whitaker, Marcie Waddle and Otto Bandera.

The Rev. Fred O. Shirley is pastor of the Barksdale Methodist Church.

Pottsville MYF Holds July Meeting

The Pottsville MYF had its regular meeting July 7 at 6 p.m. The group enjoyed a picnic lunch and practiced a play they presented during the evening service of the church.

Mrs. J. N. Thompson and Mrs. Lady Weatherston attended the meeting and assisted with the program. Mrs. Thompson helped direct the play, and Mrs. Weatherston was organist.

Nine members and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheeler, counselors, attended the meeting. Barbara Kimberlin was a visitor, according to the report from Barbara Lea Race.

YOUTH LEADER PROPOSES

'TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR TEEN-AGERS'

Kingston, N. J. (RNS)—A church youth leader has drawn up "Ten Commandments for Teen-agers."

Tate V. Zytoskee, director of youth activities of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, presented the "commandments" to 300 young people attending the group's 54th annual camp meeting here.

The following are Mr. Zytoskee's rules for teen-agers:

1. *Thou shalt have good, clean Christian fun—lots of it.*
2. *Thou shalt have many friends.*
3. *Thou shalt think of thy body at 15 how it shall be at 50. Treat it accordingly.*
4. *Thou shalt attend church regularly; it shall be as oil on thy troublesome youthful waters.*
5. *Thou shalt not call thy parents "squares" for thou art only removed a few years from parenthood thyself.*
6. *Thou shalt keep thy face toward school, for it will make thee wiser than thy unschooled fellows.*
7. *Thou shalt lift up thy voice against all evil; it will make a real man of thee.*
8. *Thou shalt keep from becoming a slouch or a fashion plate; the Lord disliketh both.*
9. *Thou shalt mix Christian principles more with thy daily life.*
10. *Thou shalt not bow thy knee to "Elvis" (Presley) or "Frankie" (Sinatra) or "Tab" (Hunter); God alone is worthy of thy worship.*

**CONTRIBUTORS TO MT. SEQUOYAH "BETTER BEDS"
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Katherine Croom, Miss Fern Cook, Reba Dawson, Mrs. L. L. Dickerson, Mrs. H. C. Faber, Cora Hile, Mrs. Leslie Horton, Mrs. Gordon Hixson, Mrs. Keefe, Pauline Leman, Mayne G. Lipscombe, Mrs. W. H. Lewis, Josephine Maestri, Mrs. A. M. McKennon, Mrs. Alex Mitchell, Edna Earl Massey, Anna Rose Miller, Mary Frances McAlester, Margaret Nance, Frances Oxley, Charlotte Patterson, Mrs. Putman, Gertie Stiles, Willie Tomlin, Mrs. Sam Wakefield, Violetta Wakefield, Lillian Winfrey, Mrs. R. S. Wilson, Mrs. L. Wert Wish.

Jonesboro District—\$62.00

Jonesboro District Guild Meeting, Mrs. J. E. Arnold, Bay W.S.C.S., Mrs. James Blankenship, Mrs. Jess Brown, Mrs. L. N. Hagler, Mrs. A. C. Hudnall, Mrs. G. F. McClelland, Mrs. Eugenia Mills, Harrisburg W.S.C.S., Black Oak W.S.C.S., Pleasant Valley W.S.C.S., Miss Mildred Osment, Mrs. Olen Shockley, Jane Shannon, Mrs. Dewey Stotts, Weona-Center View W.S.C.S., Mrs. Ray Worthington, Truman W.S.C.S.

Paragould District—\$62.00

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Searcy District—\$51.50

Antioch W.S.C.S., Bald Knob W.S.C.S., Mrs. Vera Bone, Mrs. M. D. Cothern, Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Mrs. James Hugh Garrett, Heber Springs W.S.C.S., Mrs. C. C. Hunnicut, Mrs. Howard Johnson, Miss Edith Martin, Dr. Pearle McCain, Mrs. C. V. Olmstead, Mrs. Earl Overstreet, Mrs. John Pate, Rev. and Mrs. James W. Workman.

Mrs. Pearce wishes to express her appreciation to the individuals, the Wesleyan Service Guild units, and the Woman's Societies of Christian Service who contributed to this worthwhile project for Mt. Sequoyah.

Recapitulation:

District	WSG & Mbrs.	WSCS & Mbrs.
Batesville	\$ 10.00	\$ 44.75
Conway	.....	38.52
Fayetteville	5.00	71.00
Forrest City	53.00	150.00
Fort Smith	116.79	61.95
Jonesboro	15.00	47.00
Paragould	13.00	49.00
Searcy	.....	51.50
Totals	\$212.79	\$513.72
GRAND TOTAL	.....	\$726.51

No. Ark. Conf. WSCS Spiritual Life Committees Plan To

'Tell Arkansas About Christ'

The theme, "Tell Arkansas About Christ," is an appealing one to the women of the North Arkansas Conference. For the spirit of the theme's emphasis is the heart of the objectives of our women's Committees on Spiritual Life Cultivation.

Our objectives include cultivation for more meaningful participation in prayer and worship experiences, the study of the Scriptures with the special emphasis placed this year upon the Gospel of Mark, and the encouragement in the use of good literature for spiritual uplift. Included in the work of local committees, in cooperation with the Commissions on

Prayer Retreats

Batesville	October 28, 29
Conway	September 9, 10
Fayetteville (on Mt. Sequoyah)	August 27, 28
Fort Smith (Shore's Lake)	September 23, 24
(Fort Smith)	October 31
Forrest City (Bear's Lake)	September 11, 12, 13
Jonesboro	October 15, 16
Paragould	No date set at this time
Searcy (Antioch)	September 25, 26
(Clinton)	October 2

Membership and Evangelism, is personal service, evangelistic work, stewardship emphasis, and cooperation with the total church program.

The plan of the Board of Evangelism's program for the year was presented in the Spiritual Life Clinic at the recent School of Missions. Fruits of the Pilot Prayer Retreat, which members of the Spiritual Life Committee will attend, are to be the retreats, planned for each district. Local committees are being encouraged to cultivate for more prayer groups and cells within their local societies and communities. Fall emphasis is to be upon enrollment in the Fellowship of Intercession, Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, and attendance of the District Retreat.

Spiritual Life secretaries of the Woman's Society of Christian Service can be effective channels of promotion and instruction for the evangelistic efforts of the church, as they have opportunity to cultivate more intensely these specific objectives relating to evangelism. It is good that each group within the church have its own plan for attaining the goals of evangelism. But we must all—ministers, laymen, women, youth, and children, unite with one mighty voice to TELL ARKANSAS ABOUT CHRIST!

MRS. H. H. FULBRIGHT
Secretary of Spiritual Life
North Arkansas Conference

**Fayetteville Dist.
Has Officers'
Training Day**

Officers' Training Day of the Fayetteville District Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at the Springdale First Church July 2, at 10 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by the district president, Mrs. Lillian Fountain who presided through the program. Mrs. Robert Moore presided at the piano. Mrs. Roy Bagley led the morning prayer.

Mrs. R. K. Bent, district secretary of spiritual life, gave the devotional, based on "Togetherness."

This was followed by introduction of pastors' wives, and introduction of new district officers.

Miss Mary Chaffin, deaconess, who has just been transferred to Fayetteville District was introduced.

Mrs. Fountain gave an inspirational talk stressing the importance of the local women.

The roll call showed 143 members from 25 societies were present. Each district officer gave instructions and recommendations on his line of work.

A love offering was taken to be used in sending a young person to Mt. Sequoyah for Youth Conference.

The women of the hostess church served lunch. The afternoon session opened with a "sharing time" of the morning's workshop. One woman from each line of work gave a short report.

Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, conference president, was the inspirational speaker for the afternoon.

The meeting adjourned after the benediction by Mrs. Gilstrap.

**Miss Betty Sue Harris
To Wed**

The approaching marriage of Miss Betty Sue Harris to Samuel H. Drake on Sunday, August 4, at the St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, has been announced by Mrs. Susie Bennett.

Miss Harris will be remembered as a graduate of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, and who after further training at Scarritt College, Nashville, received her assignment as a U.S.-2 at Bethlehem Center, in Ft. Worth.

Mr. Drake, now serving with the US Army, was a teacher at the Dunbar High School, Little Rock, when he entered the service. He is also a graduate of Philander Smith, and did graduate work at Iowa State.

Miss Harris was sponsored by the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, and by the Ft. Smith Dis-

**Little Rock Conf.
Vice President
Named**

Mrs. Alvin Stone, Arkadelphia, was elected vice president of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service at a meeting of the group's executive committee at Mt. Sequoyah during the Conference's School of Missions.

Mrs. Stone, who formerly served as president of the Arkadelphia District, succeeds Mrs. George Meyer who moved to the North Arkansas Conference when her husband was appointed pastor of the First Methodist Church, Russellville.

district Woman's Society. Miss Harris will continue to work at Bethlehem Center following her marriage and during Mr. Drake's tenure of service with the Army.



Vacation Church Schools Held

New Iberia

The First Methodist Church, New Iberia, Louisiana, began its Vacation Church School on June 10, and it continued two weeks. There was a total of 136 pupils from the nursery through the intermediate departments who received certificates, and 34 workers. The themes for each department were as follows: "Friends Near and Far," Kindergarten; "Our Families," Primary; "Meet Your Neighbors," Junior.

Mrs. John Michael and Mrs. David Phillips were co-directors for the Children's Division, and Mrs. Park Druhot directed the Youth Division. Mrs. Phillips was also in charge of the refreshment period. The following workers assisted: Nursery, Connie Blackstock, Sue La Bauve, Rebecca Stockstill, and Jennie Williams; Kindergarten—Mrs. Vernon Huckaby, Mrs. David Stear, Mrs. Homer Robinson, Mrs. Clarabelle Williams, Mrs. Elvin Grimsley, Mrs. Robert Smith, and Mrs. V. L. Adams; Primary—Mrs. Carl Pontremoli, Mrs. Shellie Waites, Mrs. Wesley Stockstill, Mrs. H. D. Walker, Mrs. Charles Ford, Mrs. Jack Marting, and Mrs. James Murff; Junior—Mrs. Adam Williams, Mrs. Elvin Grimsley, Mrs. George Dorr, Mrs. Carl Winders, Mrs. Troy Williams, and Mrs. W. H. Hill; Intermediate—Mrs. Ross Walters, and Mrs. C. D. Zlomke.

Mrs. Palmer Williams was in charge of handicrafts and Mrs. Earl Voelz, Rebecca Stockstill, and Jerry Fuller directed the music.

A picnic was held at the city park in New Iberia on the morning of the last day of the school. Everyone participated in various games planned by several of the workers.

The highlight of the entire school was the "Sharing Program," held on the evening of Friday, June 27. During this time, each group shared some of the important lessons and worship programs that they learned in their class sessions. This included a skit, litany, Bible verses, and special songs. Certificates were given out to the students who had perfect or near perfect attendance. At the close of the program, everyone adjourned to Fellowship Hall to see the many projects the classes had completed.

The missionary project this year was a love offering taken each day and sent to Miss Gretchen Elston through the W.S.C.S. for her to use in her work in Japan.

The leaders felt that the Vacation Church was very successful. Rev. W. R. Wendt is pastor of the church.

Concord

Vacation Church School was held at Concord, Ark., Methodist Church, June 17-21, with an enrollment of 62. There were 15 adult workers, and the director was Mrs. Walter Hank.

The kindergarten class, "The Bible," was under the supervision

LR Conference Schedules Young Adult Session Aug. 2-4



REV. LOUIS AVERITT
Director



FRANCIS ROBINSON
Conference President



REV. RICHARD MURRY
Resource Person

The Young Adult Conference for the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Church will be held August 2-4, at Camp Tanako, according to an announcement from the Conference Board of Education.

Theme for the session is "The Young Adult Group—A Redemptive Fellowship." Cost for the conference is \$6.50.

The Rev. Louis Averitt, Little Rock, is director for the session; Francis Robinson, also of Little Rock, is conference president; and the Rev. Richard Murry, Texas Conference Director of Adult Work is resource person.

The announcement stated those who will attend should be present for the first meal at 6 p.m., Friday; however, if impossible to be there at that time, the announcement urged those attending to please come

on Friday night in order to be present for a full program Saturday. Camp will close immediately after lunch Sunday.

Towels, bed linens, including pillow, toilet articles, flashlight, and light blanket should be brought. The \$6.50 per person includes meals, insurance, and registration. Costs for single meals are: breakfast, 50 cents; and lunch and supper, 75 cents. There will be a special price for children attending with parents.

Camp Tanako is located between Hot Springs and Malvern. Take Highway 270 and watch for Camp Tanako signs.

Those who plan to attend should send name, address, church, and position held in the local church to Dr. Roy E. Fawcett, 1723 Broadway, Little Rock, Arkansas.

of Mrs. Dorothy Stocks, assisted by Mrs. Marvin Moore, Mrs. Bandy, and Mrs. Sullivan.

The primary class, "Love One Another," was under the supervision of Mrs. K. Caperaton, assisted by Mrs. Herschridr. The junior class, "Meet Your Neighbors," was supervised by Mrs. Charles Harris, assisted by Mrs. Fred Begeman, Mrs. John Depriest, and Mrs. Dela Rawley.

The intermediates studied "Exploring the Bible," supervised by Mrs. Dorothy Clement, assisted by Mrs. Jewel Moore.

"This was one of the best and most interesting Vacation Church Schools the church has had, and offerings taken during the week were sent to the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock," according to reports.

The graduation service was held Sunday morning with handicrafts and other exhibits on display. The Rev. Albert Elder is pastor.

Centennial, El Dorado

A daily Vacation Church School was held at Centennial Methodist Church, El Dorado, Ark., June 17

through June 21. Enrollment for the school was 18 with an average of 16 in attendance.

Mrs. W. C. Hunter, Jr., was in charge of the school. The Kindergarten group was taught by Mrs. James Launius, assisted by Mrs. Coke; Primary group by Mrs. Hunter; and the Junior group was taught by Mrs. Perry Bolding.

Refreshments were served each day by Mrs. J. T. Bolding, Mrs. Mack Cook and Mrs. Morris Barbaree. On Sunday night a sharing period was held for the parents.

Rev. J. T. Bolding is pastor.

Spring Creek

The Vacation Church School of the Spring Creek Methodist Church on the Calico Rock Charge was held June 17-26, with an attendance of 27.

The courses for the department were as follows: Kindergarten, "My Home and Family," with Mrs. Junita Peck, Mrs. Esther Contrell and Mrs. Wilma Taylor as teachers.

Juniors: "Meet Your Neighbors," with Mrs. Ethel Peck and Mrs. Alfie Peck as teachers; and Mrs. Francis Gilliam and Mrs. Edith Langston as assistants.

Intermediates: "God's World and

Ours," with Mrs. Pauline Lindsey and Mrs. Atlantic Estes as teachers, and Mrs. Esther Lee Contrell as assistant.

Mrs. Pauline Lindsey, Nancy Gustanson and Diane Lindsey were in charge of the music. Classes took turns with the devotional each day. Mrs. Earl Mason was the Church School Director. The Rev. Otho Strayhorn is the pastor.

Caddo Heights Church Reports Meeting

The Fellowship Class of the Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport, combined business and social activities at the group's recent regular class meeting.

The group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Hanes, new members who moved from Jacksonville, Tex., for ice cream and cake following a business session at which Don Saunders, class president, presided. Pete Moss was in charge of serving the ice cream.

The Class presented Clyde A. Black, teacher, with four volumes of J. B. Phillip's interpretation of the New Testament. Louise Ellis, class reporter, said all present had a "wonderful time."

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DR. J. J. MICKLE

Dr. Joe J. Mickle:

Educated in S.M.U., Dallas, and Columbia University, New York. Major field of interest—history and political science.

Lived in Japan from 1921 to 1941; student of the Japanese language for three years and a teacher of commercial subjects and treasurer of Kwansei Gakuin University, Kobe, Japan.

1941-1945, Associate Executive Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and its Committee on East Asia, New York. President of Centenary College since 1945.

Mrs. Marvin T. Judy:

B.S., Central College, graduate work at Emory and Washington Universities; public school teacher and county music supervisor; has taught in Jurisdiction and Conference schools of missions.

Mrs. D. W. Poole:

M.A. in Religious Education, Scarritt College; has taught in conference schools of missions.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron:

B.A., Louisiana State University; and did graduate work at Scarritt College and Iliff School of Theology; former member Board of Mission; former Jurisdiction and conference secretary of Missionary Education; has taught in conference schools of missions.

COURSES:

Japan:

Instructor—Dr. Joe J. Mickle
Dr. Hamako Hirose

Christ, The Church and Race

Instructor—Mrs. Marvin T. Judy

Social Witness of Local Church in Ecumenical Movement:

Instructor—Mrs. D. W. Poole

The Gospel According to Mark:

Instructors—Miss Mildred Osment, Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Mrs. W. W. Paxton

WORKSHOPS:

1. Parliamentary Procedure and Leadership Responsibilities in the Woman's Society of Christian Service
Mrs. C. R. Caldwell, Mrs. Wideman Watson
2. Techniques for Group Discussion and Action on Current Issues
Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Mrs. D. W. Poole
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DR. HAMAKO HIROSE

Dr. Hamako Hirose:

Dr. Hirose is president of our Woman's College in Hiroshima, is an excellent teacher and speaks English fluently. She is in great demand in educational and church circles as a speaker and a leader. She attended Central College, Fayette, Missouri, receiving her A.B. degree. She spent the following year in George Peabody College where she received her M.A. degree. Miss Hirose was one of the first group of Crusade Scholarship students from Japan in 1948. In 1950 she was granted the degree of Doctor of Education by Columbia University. Since her return to Hiroshima in 1951 she has presided over Hiroshima Jogakuin, as the school is now called.

Mrs. W. W. Paxton:

A graduate of Mansfield and Scarritt Colleges with graduate work at the University of Houston; served as a missionary in Cuba and among Latin Americans in Texas and Florida.

Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.

A graduate of Virginia State Teachers College and Duke University, and was the first president of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service. Taught high school; former member of the Woman's Division; has taught in conference schools of missions.

Miss Mildred Osment:

College training; former conference secretary of Missionary Education; has taught in conference schools of missions.



MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, JR.



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Missionaries In Korea Sometimes Double As Army Chaplains

Because there are an insufficient number of military chaplains to serve the many posts and needs of the U.S. Army stationed in Korea, some thirty or more American missionaries have from time to time been called into this ministry in that land. There are so many remote, isolated units, and chaplains are often responsible for several out-lying posts, that the missionary is asked to fill in some of these gaps.

Among those serving in this way are two Methodist missionaries; the Rev. Carl W. Judy, of Charlestown, W. Virginia, and the Rev. Jack Aebersold of Louisville, Ky. They minister to service personnel in and around Wonju, and in forward units near the de-militarized zone. The GI's have been most responsible to these civilian ministers. Some have expressed it, "It is like a touch of the hometown minister."

Besides conducting two and sometimes three services, and taking some time chatting and counseling with the men, these missionaries often fly over 150 miles each Sunday. This assistance enables the chaplain of the Military Advisory Group to guide and counsel the more than 100 Korean chaplains attached to the First Republic of Korea Army.

Because of this work with the American Chaplain Advisor, General Sun Yup Paik (formerly commander of the 1st Army — now Army Chief of Staff) recently presented letters of appreciation to Mr. Aebersold and Mr. Judy, noting as follows:

"I present this letter of thanks to you to express my warmhearted appreciation for: civilian missionary service, relief work, assistance to advisory chaplain assigned to First Korean Army, devoted services to men in the front-lines in leading worship services and counselling, help to the First Korean Army Headquarters chapel, relief work both physically and spiritually to soldiers' families. This work as an American missionary has been of great merit, not only to the Korean nation, but also for the development of the military forces. (Signed) Paik Sun Yup, Commanding General, First Republic of Korean Army."

Recently, President and Mrs. Syngman Rhee, General and Mrs. Paik, and other government officials attended the service at the U. S. Army chapel where Mr.

Ministers Return From Visit To Communist China

Hong Kong, (RNS) — Four Australian Presbyterian ministers arrived here from a two weeks' visit to Communist China with apparently little to say about religious conditions there.

The Rev. E. J. O'Rourke of Perth said the Chinese Protestant ministers the group talked to appeared to be honest when they said they were free to practice their religion. He was interviewed along with the Rev. Alfred Dickie of North Essenden, Victoria, another spokesman for the group.

He said the chairman of the Methodist Mission in South China told him that the seven Methodist districts there would be merged into a single conference in 1960.

Mr. O'Rourke said the pastors were critical of the government in "some ways," as Australian ministers are of theirs.

"But," he added, they appear satisfied with life in China."

Mr. O'Rourke said Bibles were printed in Communist China after the Red take-over, and there seems

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Aebersold was conducting services. This was the second time that Mr. Aebersold had Korea's Chief Executive in his services.

Refugees Present Challenge For Churches

The misery and despair of the world's hundreds of thousands of refugees herded in European and Middle East camps and wandering in Kong Kong streets is the greatest challenge ever to face the churches, relief experts were told recently.

Meeting in Eastbourne, England, 150 representatives from 35 countries heard grim reports from critical world areas. It was the annual meeting of the World Council's Division of Inter-Church Aid and Services to Refugees. Dr. Edgar H. S. Chandler, refugee director, warned that "the case load is still about 150,000, just as it was a year ago." "If the interest of the world had held just another few weeks," another official declared, "we could have liquidated the whole program of Hungarian refugees in Austria. As it is, the glamor has disappeared, the money is mostly gone: but the refugees still come."

Attention was also focused in Eastbourne on the 13,500 refugees still in 25 Yugoslav camps. Plead-

Taylor University Honors Methodist Bishop

Bishop Ralph E. Dodge, Methodist bishop of Angola, Mozambique and Southern Rhodesia, has been named the "Alumnus of the Year" for 1957 by the Alumni Association of Taylor University, Upland, Ind. Bishop Dodge was graduated there in 1931.

The award was accepted June 7 on behalf of Bishop Dodge by his son, Ralph E., Jr., who is a student at Taylor. The presentation was made at Taylor's Alumni program "in appreciation of outstanding achievements and recognition in the field of Christian statesmanship."

Until his election to the episcopacy last fall, Bishop Dodge had been executive secretary for Africa and Europe of the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions. He formerly was a missionary to Angola.

ing on their behalf, church relief workers reported that 2,300 have given up hope of resettlement and returned to Hungary where their fate is uncertain.

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MISSIONARIES DISCUSS THEIR NEW ROLE

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"His role is one of constant adjustment to a maturing church in hitherto 'mission lands' and of sensitivity to the changing needs of the people in the countries where he works."

The five-member panel discussed "The Role of the Missionary" after seeing a playlet designed to point up the problems and frustrations often faced by the Western missionary in countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. The panel included executives of the Methodist Board of Missions, missionaries to India and Korea, and the Bolivian principal of a Methodist school in La Paz.

The panel closed a day in which the 340 missionaries had studied the missionary as "The Messenger" in the over-all assembly theme "Communicating the Gospel."

Miss Clara French, panel chairman and a mission board secretary for China and Southeast Asia, set the tone by saying that in days gone by the missionary could almost choose his place of service and his exact type of work.

"In recent years and especially since the birth of new nations after World War II," Miss French said, "the people of the younger churches are increasingly filling the places of leadership, places formerly filled by missionaries. The indigenous church has assumed the leading role and this has taken some of the 'glory' and prestige from the missionary. For this very fact, however, we can say, 'Hallelujah!'"

"The concept of missions is passing, which called for missionaries to administer and control Christian bodies in non-Western lands. The day of inter-church partnership between East and West is here."

In this new partnership situation, the missionary finds that he is the co-worker, counselor and often the servant of the church in

Asia and elsewhere, said the Rev. Robert V. Marble, missionary to India. This sometimes makes for confusion and even frustration on the part of the missionary, he added.

"But out of this period will come a glorious new day," Mr. Marble said. "The missionary should be happy to have a vital part in the growing partnership and fellowship of Christians East and West."

Along a similar line, Miss Peggy Billings, missionary to Korea, said the missionary must take care lest he consider his plan of work God's plan for the world. Success in doing a job must not replace obedience to God, she added.

Dr. Mario Salazar, principal of the American Institute (Methodist) of La Paz, characterized the missionary as one who must show compassion and concern for the suffering and the oppressed.

"He should be sensitive to the needs and aspirations of the people and the country to which he goes," Dr. Salazar said. "This is the kind of ministry the people of Bolivia need. The missionary should also make it possible for nationals to assume leadership and responsibility."

The Rev. C. Melvin Blake, a Board secretary for Africa and Europe, added that "it is the national co-worker who sometimes stabs the missionary and the sending church awake to blind spots in their Christian character."

MINISTERS RETURN FROM VISIT TO COMMUNIST CHINA

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to be enough for the 800,000 Protestants there.

Mr. Dickie said the Chinese people had shown "great courage" in undertaking the task of national reconstruction.

The four Presbyterian ministers were part of an original group of ten who went on the China visit. The other six have remained on the mainland to visit other areas.

WORLD COUNCIL TO HOLD SERIES OF MEETINGS

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cent global survey made by Dr. Oscar Lee, executive director of the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A.'s Department of Racial and Cultural Relations.

The work of the Council and its various agencies will be discussed. The part played by the Council in the Hungarian emergency and the work of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees will be featured.

LISTS MISSIONARY ACHIEVEMENTS

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own destiny, even to the extent of determining how Western mission funds will be spent. We must take the hand of our younger brothers in Christ, ministering to their needs, heeding their requests for help and working with them as partners in the task of worldwide evangelism."

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LESSON FOR AUGUST 4, 1957

RUTH: THE FOREIGNER IN THE MIDST

READ THE FOUR CHAPTERS OF RUTH.

MEMORY SELECTION: *The stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself.* Leviticus 19:34 (RSV)

We study today the fifth lesson in the thirteen lesson series which presents Old Testament personalities as "Valiant Servants of God." In studying this week, "Ruth: The Foreigner In The Midst," we feel that it is very significant that, in these five lessons, two of the "Valiant Servants" presented have been women. This indicates that, from early times, women have played very important parts in the building of the kingdom.

Our lesson today is taken from the Book of Ruth which is one of the most beautiful, enchanting stories of its kind ever written. We do not know who wrote this masterpiece of literature. Neither are Bible students altogether clear as to just why it was written. The story evidently had a basis in fact and someone may have written it to preserve for posterity a record of one of the most interesting personal interest stories of any day. Someone may have written this short story to impress Israel with the manner foreigners should be treated in their midst. It may have been written to preserve a record of just how Ruth and Boaz happened to be ancestors of the Christ. Since the book does not indicate the purpose for which it was written we are left to draw our own conclusions.

A Story Without A Villain

Those who read present-day literature, or are familiar with the plots for television, radio and the movies, can hardly imagine a story without a villain in it somewhere. Apparently those who write our stories or prepare the plots for our entertainment seem to feel that the villain is essential to attract the interest of the public.

In Ruth, however, we have one of the most beautiful, interest-gripping stories ever written with no semblance of a villain. All of the characters of the story are pictured at their best. Ruth is the devoted daughter-in-law and the gentle bewitching lady. Naomi is the faithful wife and devoted mother whose life was saddened by the loss of her husband and two sons. She is especially solicitous for her daughter-in-law Ruth and counsels her in her courtship with Boaz that she might conform to the customs of the Israelites in her widowhood, in selecting a husband. Boaz, the other principle character in the story is the honorable gentleman of wealth who is attracted to a lady of character regardless of her nationality.

Hence we find that one of the greatest stories of all time stands on its own merits in portraying, dramatically, incidents in the lives of its characters without the necessity of "props" of any kind to

add interest to a story and where all of the principle characters are shown at their best.

When Tragedy Strikes

In its arrangement in the Bible, the book of Ruth follows immediately after the Book of Judges. The last verse in the Book of Judges gives us something of the picture of conditions generally in Ruth's time "when the judges ruled." This last verse in Judges reads: "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes." That statement does not picture a very stable, orderly society. Hence it is a matter of gratification to find so many great characters living such notable lives under such conditions. The day in which Ruth lived, and the conditions which prevailed, may account for some of the rather unusual customs which prevailed.

The Book of Ruth begins with the record of a famine in Canaan, which made it necessary for some to go elsewhere to find food. It was a similar famine which forced Jacob to send his sons into Egypt to buy food. This was the beginning of tragedy.

As a result of this famine, Elimelech, with his wife Naomi and his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, were forced to go into Moab for food. They had not been there long when Elimelech died. This was tragedy number two. The two sons married Moabite girls. Naomi, with her sons and their wives, continued to live in Moab for ten years. Then the final tragic blow fell; the two sons of Naomi died and were buried in this foreign land with their father. After the ten years were past and her husband and two sons were dead, Naomi "heard in the country of Moab how that the Lord had visited his people in giving them bread." With this knowledge she decided to return to Bethlehem in the land of Canaan.

A Time of Decision

This was truly, for Naomi and her two daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth, a time of decision.

It was, of course, a major move on the part of Naomi, after living for ten years in Moab, to decide to return to her native land. Returning home as she did, after losing her husband and two sons in a foreign land, she said to her friends, "I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me home empty." The name Naomi meant Pleasant or Delight. On her return home Naomi told her people to call her Mara, which meant bitter, "for the Almighty hath dealt bitterly with me." It was truly a great decision to return home under such circumstances.

It was a time of decision, also,

for the daughters-in-law. Naomi's decision to return home made it necessary for the daughters-in-law to make a very important decision. They both seemed to be devoted to Naomi. The question they faced was whether to go with Naomi, when she returned to her former home, or to remain with their own people in their own country. Despite the fact that they were wives of her sons and associated with her for ten years, Naomi still considered them Moabites and strongly and apparently sincerely advised them to remain in their native land with their own people.

After an urgent appeal, Orpah did return to her people and is lost sight of, so far as Biblical records are concerned. With Ruth it was entirely different. No more impressive pledge of love, loyalty and devotion is recorded than the declaration of Ruth in deciding to go with Naomi. "Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God; where thou diest, I will die and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me." That statement was written centuries before the birth of Christ, but as a declaration of deathless loyalty it has not been excelled, if equalled, by any writer since that day.

The Result of An Effective Witness

These words of Ruth were not lightly or impulsively spoken. They were the expression of a feeling that went deep as life itself with Ruth and the pledge was literally fulfilled. Ruth gave up her home, her people, her native land and even her religion to fulfill this vow.

What was it that prompted her to make such a far-reaching decision? It is our feeling that it was the result of a faithful and effective witness of the true religion which Ruth had seen in Naomi and her family. She seemed to sense the fact that Naomi's religion and Naomi's God were of such infinite value as that they would be worth the complete sacrifice she was making of all ties with home, country and religion.

That happened also a long time ago, but it holds an impressive lesson for us who live today. Have we, by the manner of our lives, impressed those about us that the Christian religion is so valuable and so vitally important as that they readily give us whatever in their lives separates them from Christ in order that they may live the abundant life of the Christian?

A Commendable Spirit of Tolerance

The subject of our lesson today is, "Ruth: The Foreigner In The Midst." In order to realize the high significance of the reception Ruth received in Canaan, it is necessary to keep in mind the long-time enmity that had existed between the Israelites and the Moabites. Nevertheless, when Elimelech, with his wife and two sons went into Moab on account of the famine, they apparently were well treated. Hence it was, also, that Ruth was well received by the Israelites when she came into Canaan.

Even in that early day, there seemed to be a tendency to judge

people by character instead of race. Elimelech and his family were foreigners in Moab but they were good citizens and were given a place in the life of the Moabites and even inter-married with them.

When Ruth came into Canaan, she too was a foreigner but there was a very commendable spirit of tolerance that led the Israelites to recognize the nobility of character and attractiveness of personality of Ruth. There is no evidence of the slightest prejudice or discrimination against Ruth because of her nationality. Christian America could learn a very helpful lesson from these Moabites and Jews.

Courtship And Marriage of Ruth and Boaz

It was a custom among the Jews that the next of kin had a responsibility for the widow of a kinsman who had died without children. We have an example of this custom, in the New Testament, when the Sadducees put the question to Jesus about the seven brothers who, from the oldest to the youngest, all had the same wife and all died without children.

Hence it was that Ruth came to the attention of Boaz, the wealthy farmer; when she went to glean in his fields. Gleaning also was the custom among the Israelites. It was the custom and privilege of needy people to go into fields and follow after the reapers and pick up the grain they left behind.

There was something so attractive about Ruth that as soon as Boaz saw her gleaning in his field, he told her to glean only in his field and ordered the young men there to treat her with respect. He also ordered the reapers to purposely leave grain behind where Ruth was gleaning. Boaz was a kinsman of Elimelech and early assumed his rights as a kinsman to protect and care for Ruth. Naomi discovered this interest of Boaz in Ruth and immediately saw the possibilities of Ruth becoming the wife of Boaz, even though she was a Moabitess.

Some features of the courtship of Ruth and Boaz, following the commendation of Naomi, were not exactly in keeping with accepted customs in our day but, properly observed, they were proper in the time that Ruth lived. If we read the record of their courtship, we will see that Ruth did not exactly play "hard to get." Since Ruth wanted Boaz as a husband and Boaz wanted Ruth as a wife, the courtship soon culminated in a happy and very significant marriage.

God No Respector of Persons

It was the Apostle Peter, in Acts 10:34 who said, "I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." We see evidence of this fact in the marriage and the results of the marriage of Ruth and Boaz.

A son was born to the marriage of Ruth and Boaz who was named Obed. Obed was the father of Jesse who was the father of David. Thus we have it that Ruth, the Moabitess, was the great-grandmother of David and an ancestor of Jesus the Christ. This must have been in accord with the will of God or it would have been otherwise.

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Above is shown one of the three planes which flew 57 Louisiana Methodist laymen and ministers to the Second National Methodist Men's Conference at Lafayette, Indiana. The conference was held on the campus of Purdue University, July 19-21. The above plane took on passengers at Lake Charles, Shreveport, and Monroe.

Broadmoor, BR, Begins New Unit

Ground breaking ceremonies were held for the new Educational Building of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, on Sunday, June 30. Two years ago, June 26, the church was organized.

Participating in the ceremonies were Rev. D. W. Poole, district superintendent; Col. W. C. Hornsey, chairman of the official board; Otto Ginn, contractor; Rev. J. P. Woodland, pastor; and representatives of various organizations of the church.

The new building will house the Children's Division. It will contain 4,000 square feet of floor space. This is the second unit of a proposed five unit over-all plan. The first unit, a fellowship hall, was occupied Oct. 4, 1956.



Pictured left to right, are: Rev. D. W. Poole, district superintendent; Otto Ginn, general contractor; Rev. J. P. Woodland, pastor; and Col. W. C. Hornsey, chairman, official board.

Pastors' School Scheduled Aug. 26-30

Dr. Kenneth Pope,
Houston Pastor, Is
Guest Preacher

The Louisiana Conference Annual Pastors' School will be held on the Centenary College Campus, Monday through Friday, August 26-30, according to Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Ruston, chairman of the conference pastors' school committee.

Leaders of the school have announced that the preacher for the week will be Dr. Kenneth Pope, pastor of First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas. Dr. Pope will speak twice daily, each morning and evening, in sermons especially for ministers.

Dr. Donald Holter, Evanston, Illinois, and Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Nashville, Tennessee, are instructors for the school. Dr. Holter, a professor at Garrett Biblical Institute, will teach a course "Christianity and the Awakening World." This course concerns the religions of the Middle East along with other modern cults and their relation to each other and Christianity. Dr. Adkins' course is on the "Local Church." Dr. Adkins is the general secretary of the Local Church Division of the Methodist General Board of Education. His emphasis will be on religious education and the pastor's role in the program of the church school.

An added feature for this year's school, according to Rev. Mr. Harper, is the holding of three afternoon discussion groups, from four until five o'clock, which will serve as workshops for pastors.

On Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Carl Lueg will speak on the "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons," after which he will lead a discussion on this theme. Dr. Lueg is pastor of the First Methodist Church in Lake Charles.

On Wednesday afternoon Rev. George Pearce of Natchitoches, will lead a discussion and speak on pastoral work. According to school leaders, this will include such pastoral functions as visitation, sick and hospital calls, and counseling.

Dr. W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge, will lead the Thursday afternoon workshop period, speaking and directing the discussion on the theme "Using the Methodist Ritual." This includes such matters as conducting worship services, receiving church members, and officiating at marriages, funerals, and christenings.

Rev. Clyde Shaw, Alexandria, will present a brief period of organ music before each evening service in which he will depict the history of hymn singing in American churches. Rev. James Skinner,



DR. KENNETH POPE

Louisiana Youth Attending School of Alcohol Studies

Miss Anna Clark Whitaker, Vivian, winner of an essay contest on temperance sponsored by the Methodist Church's Louisiana Conference boards of temperance and education, is attending a National School of Alcohol Studies at Adrian College, Adrian, Mich., July 29-August 4.

"Alcoholism has become the nation's second largest health problem and education is one of the best preventatives," said the Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooten, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, in announcing the school.

Purpose of the school, Dr. Hooten said, is to provide basic information about "the alcohol problem in the light of Christian beliefs, current social pressures, and the scientific and spiritual factors involved."

He said the youth group will be given "positive answers, facts and techniques and trained as leaders in a program of education and action among Methodist Youth Fellowships of their home churches.

About 150 key youth leaders and Methodist directors of youth work are expected to attend the school.

Miss Whitaker is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. James C. Whitaker of Vivian.

Montgomery pastor, will be the song leader.

Several important meetings have been scheduled during the week of the pastors' school and a large enrollment is expected this year.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. W. D. MILTON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, was guest preacher in revival services held at the Choudrant Methodist Church, July 28-August 2, where Rev. George P. Goodwin is pastor.

REV. ROBERT CRICHLLOW, pastor of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Bogalusa Kiwanis Club Thursday evening, July 18.

REV. JOE McCLAIN, pastor of the Pine Grove-Pleasant Valley Charge, was guest preacher in revival services held at the Whitehall Methodist Church, July 14-21, where Rev. Paul Cas-sels is pastor.

HOMECOMING DAY was observed Sunday, July 14, at the Pine Grove Methodist Church. Rev. J. Phil Woodland, pastor of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was the guest speaker for the occasion. Rev. S. E. Sterrett is pastor of the church.

REV. W. D. POOLE, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, and the office of Bishop Paul E. Martin announce the following appointments: Rev. Robert Townsend to St. Helena, and Rev. Mike Corrigan to Loranger-Coopers Chapel.

REV. R. H. HARPER, retired member of the Louisiana Conference, who now resides at Lafayette, was guest preacher at the Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, at both morning worship services, Sunday, July 14. Rev. R. E. Walton, pastor of the church, and his family were on vacation.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the First Methodist Church, Minden, met in the Fellowship Hall of the church for a supper meeting, Monday, July 15. District Judge James Bolin was the guest speaker. H. L. Bridges is president of the organization and Nick Love is program chairman. Rev. Dan R. Robinson is pastor of the church.

DR. G. W. POMEROY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest preacher in a series of revival services held at the First Methodist Church of Plaquemine July 22-28. Tom Milliken of Baton Rouge led the singing and rendered special solos for the services. Rev. W. P. Fraser is pastor of the church.

REV. AND MRS. E. R. HAUG announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Eva Lynette, to John Roark Monk, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Roark Monk of Leesville. The marriage will be solemnized on August 30 at the Henning Memorial Methodist church in Sulphur, where the Rev. Mr. Haug is pastor.

REV. J. C. SKINNER, pastor of the Montgomery Methodist Church, is the guest speaker in revival services now in progress at the Oak Grove Methodist Church, Effie. The revival began on July 24 and will continue through August 3, according to the pastor, Rev. John Sayes. Services are being held each evening at 7:45 o'clock, preceded by prayer groups at 7:30.

MEMBERS OF THE MEN'S CLUB of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, heard a report on the recent second National

Conference of Methodist Men held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, by delegates Jesse O. Morgan, president of the local club, and J. A. Trickett. The reports were given at the monthly meeting of the club July 24. Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor of the church.

MRS. FREDDA FINK has announced that the Summer Day Camp of the Metairie Methodist Church was held from July 29 to August 2, at the Metairie Playground. The camp was open to all children from five to twelve years of age. A full program of songs, Bible lessons, crafts, and games was under the direction of Mrs. Fink and six assistants. Transportation was furnished those attending.

MEMBERS OF THE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN of Lafayette gathered and sorted clothes, which were later placed in boxes marked with the type of clothing it contained, and shipped them to the Cameron area. The group heard the Salvation Army needed help and offered their services. Mrs. R. R. Branton, wife of Rev. R. R. Branton, superintendent of the Lafayette District, is president of the organization.

HOMECOMING DAY was observed at the Southside Methodist Church, Monroe, Sunday, July 14, according to the pastor, Rev. Lea Joyner. The church has had a remarkable growth and now has 460 members, and a Sunday School enrollment of 290. The property is valued at \$110,000 and has an indebtedness of only \$19,000. The church has six organized choirs and two men's quartets. The budget for the year is \$17,000.

THE MEN'S BIBLE CLASS of the Homer Methodist Church elected the following slate of officers for the ensuing year: president, L. C. Davidson; first vice-president, C. O. Maddox; second vice-president, Marion Camp; secretary, A. T. Gibson, Jr.; greeter, O. Fomby; usher, Ed. Stinson; song leader, J. M. Tarpley; assistant song leader, L. R. Anderson. Mrs. Reuel Coleman, Sr., plays the piano for the class. Rev. Donald Risinger is pastor of the church.

REV. WILSON WATSON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Eunice, will be guest preacher in revival services to be held at the Tangipahoa Methodist Church, August 5-11. Services will be held each evening, Monday through Saturday at eight o'clock. The closing service on Sunday, August 11, will be followed by a dinner at the church. Pew captains have been appointed to help stimulate attendance. Rev. Angus L. Carruth is pastor of the Tangipahoa church.

REV. SPENCER APHEATONE, pastor of an Indian Mission in Oklahoma City, Okla., was guest speaker at the services of the First Methodist Church, Bossier City, Sunday, July 21. The Rev. Mr. Apheatone, with his wife, also appeared at the MYF meeting where they sang a number of Indian songs and answered questions at an Indian-style supper. He is the uncle of Anita Longhorn, an Indian student at Southeastern State College, who is studying by means of a scholarship given by the Bossier City church, where Rev. Alfred M. Brown is pastor.

REV. R. H. JAMIESON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, and former pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church in New

Orleans, was honored in New Orleans, Tuesday, July 9. The Rev. Mr. Jamieson was presented with a certificate of merit by DeLesseps Morrison, Mayor of New Orleans, and a golden key to the city. The certificate was awarded as the result of many years of work with the Mayor's anti-vice committee where he served as vice-chairman and as a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan-New Orleans, Crime Commission. Rev. and Mrs. Jamieson lived in New Orleans eleven years.

THE ELTON METHODIST CHURCH combined family night activities with an old fashioned pounding party for the new minister and his family. Family night, which is observed in the church each quarter is celebrated with a covered dish supper and a sing-song in the church annex. After the usual activities on Sunday evening, July 14, Rev. and Mrs. Don Hall and their two-year-old daughter were ushered into a Sunday school class room where the array of gifts were displayed. The gifts included a variety of food items plus household accessories and other items. Hostesses for the event were: Mesdames Walter Tietje, Sr., Walter Tietje, Jr., Odom Manuel, Rudolph Tonn, and W. W. Thompson.

REV. AND MRS. J. J. DAVIS were honored at an open house at the new parsonage of the Stone Avenue Methodist Church, Monroe, on Friday evening, July 19. Approximately one hundred guests called, including Rev. J. T. Harris, superintendent of the Monroe District, and several other ministers and their wives. Flower arrangements throughout the house, and particularly centering the refreshment table, were made by Mrs. W. T. Sones. Assisting in receiving the guests, and conducting the tour of the parsonage were: Mrs. M. B. Hearne, Mrs. Noel Henderson and Mrs. E. E. Price. Presiding at the table throughout the evening were Misses Rosemary Sones and Ann Hopgood.

GARY WALTERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Walters, Monroe, has left for a five weeks stay in the Dominion Republic, where he will be a work camper at the Cuba Work Camp, sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement, in cooperation with the Board of Missions. Gary is a ministerial student at Centenary College, Shreveport, and was one of two chosen from the state of Louisiana to make the trip. Leaving by plane from Miami, Florida, a 24 hour stopover was made in Kingston, Jamaica, for sight-seeing. The work camp will be located at two different places on the Republic and the return trip home will be by way of another route, giving time for sight-seeing in that area.

RECENT MYF ACTIVITIES of the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, included a lawn party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hood on Saturday evening, July 27. A weiner roast and scavenger hunt were the highlights of the evening. The Senior MYF of the church enjoyed a progressive supper Saturday evening, July 20. The appetizer course was served at the home of the Misses Lucille and Reine Bienvenu and Mrs. Rose McCullough, the salad course on the patio of the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Sartor, Jr., with Mrs. Brent Seale in charge, and the main course was served at the home of Dr. and Mrs. N. D. Franklin. After the dessert course, served by Mrs. H. H. Haynes, a lawn party was enjoyed at the Franklin home. In general charge of plans were Delton Pickering, educational director of the church and Miss Joanna Haynes and Butch Franklin. Rev. R. H. Jamieson is pastor of the church.

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Far-Reaching Influence Expected From National Mens' Conference

By Methodist Information

Who can estimate the far-reaching influence of the 2nd National Conference of Methodist Men held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., July 19-21?

This quadrennial meeting, sponsored by the General Board of Lay Activities, touched directly some 4,000 men who had come from all over the nation and from Cuba and the Philippines.

But who knows how many lives will be touched indirectly as a result of the week-end so filled with high hours of inspiration?

Judging by the number of men who were taking notes during platform addresses and the quotations carried in mass communications media, one can multiply the audience many fold. The seed of good thoughts sown at Purdue will be scattered far. One hopes it will bring forth "good fruit."

Many delegates will recall and share with those "back home" such words as these from speakers at Purdue:

"There is no more room in the world for a prejudiced Christian than for a heretical person."—Dr. Roy L. Smith, noted author and lecturer.

"Unless the true message of a redeemed soul and life becomes the result to justify the 'boom' through which we are passing, it may well become a big religious 'bust'."—Kinsey Merritt, vice president of Railway Express.

"Misunderstanding between parents and children, more than meanness, causes most of the trouble between the generations."—Dr. Marshall T. Steel, pastor of Methodism's largest church, Highland Park in Dallas, Texas.

"There is nothing quite so powerful as the simple speech of a man who is telling others what Christ has done for him."—Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles.

To many, the give-and-take of the discussion groups will be the high point of the program because of their practical suggestions on stewardship and more effective lay activities.

Almost unanimously delegates seemed to feel that this year's conference was much more helpful and significant than the one held in 1954. Incidentally, the attendance this year was more than double the 1954 total.

Here are some of the comments we heard about the campus to indicate that men were determined to go back home and put their ideas and inspiration to work:

"We are going to have real programs at our Methodist Men—not just meetings." . . . "There are some little pastorless churches near ours that need reviving, and we laymen are planning to help our ministers do it." . . . "Stewardship means a lot more than money to me now!"

And if the men did not write down specific things to do or resolve in their minds to set greater goals for themselves and their churches, General Secretary Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago on Sunday morning issued a soul-stirring challenge to win others for Christ, to start new men's groups, to provide scholarships for worthy students, to help establish new churches, to supply lay speakers for vacant pulpits.

Most delegates will soon forget standing in long lines on hot days waiting for registration packets or for their meals, but they will long remember quiet moments of prayer and the early morning communion led by Bishop Matthew W. Clair.

They will remember, too, the trained voices of quartets singing some of the old ballads and the great hymns of the faith.

And what man can ever forget the touching climax in Purdue's Music Hall when thousands of voices united in singing as a parting prayer: "Blest Be The Tie That Binds?"

Thus girded by a new awareness of the power of the fellowship and strengthened by a higher sense of divine companionship, four thousand Methodist men went forth to be better persons and to make a more effective witness in the workaday world.

A Lift For Living

By Ralph W. Sockman

THE SPUR OF AN IDEAL

We sometimes speak of ideals as if they were all good. But they are not. The gangster has an ideal—that of being a big shot in the underworld. It is not enough to say, "Live up to your ideals." We must make sure our ideals are valid.



There is a certain poignant sadness about the fact that men never fully attain their ideals. In the great 11th chapter of Hebrews about Abraham, Noah, Moses and those other heroic spirits who lived by faith, the author of the Epistle says they "all died in faith, not having received the promises." There is a pathos about that.

But I'll tell you something sadder: to struggle toward an ideal and come within reach of it only to find it false and worthless. Contrast those noble pilgrims of God who glimpsed His promises from afar, followed them and died in faith, with Cardinal Wolsey as Shakespeare pictures him in his famous soliloquy

crying, "Had I but served my God with half the zeal I served my king, he would not in mine age have left me naked to my enemies."

Yes, worse than to pursue a noble ideal and come a little short of it is to spend sacrifice and life following toward a goal only to find in the end that it is false. Therefore it behooves us to insure the validity of our ideals at the start of our careers. And this is a service which religion is designed to render to youth.

So many young people have the mistaken idea that religion is just a kind of moral strait jacket put on them by their elders in order to make them behave. What a difference it would make if youth could see that

The Layman's Column

By Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference

and plains between these old cities. But that's exactly what we did. In fact, that's the manner in which our party celebrated July 4th this year. We flew non-stop from London to Rome. We had been invited to a tea party at the American Embassy in London, given for all U. S. citizens, but we had to pass it up. There must have been plenty to attend, though, judging from the tremendous number of tourists all over Europe this summer.

The southern part of England looks like a beautiful green mosaic from the air. Field boundaries are very irregular and different crops have different shades of green. Our final look at England was a lovely memory. After a short ride over the English Channel we were over northern France. A different pattern of fields this time, with straighter lines. But this did not last long. Soon we were looking down at hills which became higher and higher. We were travelling at 21,000 feet and the day was clear so we had a beautiful view of the foothills of the Alps. Soon the passengers were calling to each other to see the mountains. Far below, Lake Geneva lay like a green jewel. Ahead we saw miles of snow-capped peaks. Mont Blanc was plainly visible from the left side of the craft. Mountains, glaciers, high bare crags were everywhere except in the valleys where we sometimes saw a small village with its houses huddling their red-tiled roofs together as if in preparation for the hard winters that they must have.

After seeing the Alps, a broad valley, then the Apennines rose again, but not so high. These soon fell abruptly into the sea and there was Genoa below us. I thought of old Christopher Columbus and how he might have appreciated the speed that we were using to cover the ground. Then we were over the beautiful blue Mediterranean. Soon we saw the bleak island of Elba (wasn't Napoleon exiled there for a while?), then the island of Monte Christo jutting right out of the water. Now we were over land again . . . we were over Italy. The engines changed their whine to almost a whisper and then we felt the wheels bump the ground. We were on land again. It was the Rome airport.

I can't tell you much about our interesting experiences in Rome without taking far too much space. It is a city which mixes great age and glittering present. My hotel room has air conditioning, remote control electric switches, and yet I look out my window at part of the old Roman Wall, which carries a date of the 4th century B.C. Rome is a city of beautiful fountains; a city of truly great paintings and sculpture; and a city that respects its catacombs and the Appian Way, where Paul once walked. Roman people seem happy and agreeable. If you shrug your shoulders and say, "no thanks" to the hundreds of postcard sellers, they will probably give you a laugh as they leave you. They will end up talking to you in English better than you will hear in New York. There are thousands of tourists here too, and some of them are friendly. Many are a bit frightened at their distance from home and their language barrier. But if you know either French or Spanish, you can catch on to Italian without much trouble.

true religion is not something put over on them, but something put over to them; that religion furnishes a framework of values, a set of time-tested findings by which they can test the validity of their ideals.

David Starr Jordan was wont to ask his students at Leland Stanford University to picture themselves as persons they would be meeting at 60. Would they be the kind of persons they would want to meet and live with the rest of their days? The atomic age has not changed the true goals of character.

Another spur is that of creative endeavor. We want to be somebody worth being. And we also want to do something worth doing.

We live to work. Does some reader think my statement wrong? Many might say we work to live. To them work seems a necessary drudgery preliminary to the pleasure of living. Or we say, "I'll endure this job until I'm 60. Then when I retire, I'll begin enjoying life." A schoolteacher once said to me, "I've got only six more years of this work. Then I'll start living."

Well, there's something wrong when we think of our work as a painful prelude to the pleasure of living. Maybe a part of the fault is in the nature of our work, for some tasks are very tedious and uninspiring. One of our social problems is to put a creative element into our mass production work, for work is never inspiring unless it has something which expresses our own individuality. But if we really set ourselves to it, most of us can find some creative work during our waking hours.

It makes a vital difference whether we find our satisfaction through our work or whether we get it only from the money and comforts which work gives us. If the latter, then we shall keep ever seeking shorter hours of work. We have now pretty generally reduced the work schedule to the 40-hour week and we hear talk in some quarters of a four-day week.

How well are we using this lengthened leisure? The frightening death tolls on our highways, the increasing rate of major crimes and juvenile delinquency, the mounting number of psychiatric cases would indicate that mere shortened hours of work are leaving us less contented and happy.

When we see meaning and goals in our work, we find zest under almost any conditions. Several weeks ago the small town of Cameron, La., was lashed by a devastating avalanche of water. Television viewers witnessed scenes challenging the imagination. A reporter interrogated the county sheriff, a man perhaps in his late 60's.

"Sheriff, how long do you think it will take to rebuild Cameron?"
"Only about three years." There was no note of despair in his voice. Rather a note of high hope. One can wager that the victims will not watch the clock. They see a goal.

FLYING FROM LONDON TO ROME

It still seems unreal to think of flying in a turbo-jet plane at 325 miles per hour from London to Rome, after we have read all our lives of the soldiers in ancient times who marched painfully and slowly across mountains

Religion At Work In Centenary College

By Margaret McDonald

Activities on the Centenary College campus bear out a recent contention of Dr. Theodore A. Distler to the effect that "God has returned to the American campus."

Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of the Methodist related college in Shreveport, said he has been heartened by the rising interest in religion and religious programs among students.

Dr. Distler, executive director of the Association of American Colleges, Washington D. C., commented on the religious aspects of campus life at a recent meeting of trustees of Protestant church-related colleges at Lake Junaluska, N. C. He observed that "religion was in retreat on the American campus" about thirty years ago and that "the church-related college, with a definite commitment to one form or other of Christian faith, was very much on the defensive."

"But times have changed—or at least are changing," Dr. Distler asserted. "Whatever the cause, there can be no doubt that God has returned to the American campus."

The Methodist Student Movement, with its three-fold purpose of worship, study and service, undoubtedly is among the most active groups on the Centenary campus, Dr. Mickle said. Its membership has been increasing steadily, and last year it totalled about 150 students, the majority of them active participants in all MSM-sponsored projects.

The group sponsors an annual "Hobo Day," when members perform odd jobs throughout the city to raise funds for the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund. This project has been so successful that it has been given coverage in the Shreveport press and has attracted favorable attention from persons of all denominations.

In April, 1956, the MSM members also conducted a drive for textbooks which were sent to Korea for use by college students in that war-ravaged country. Students and faculty members of all denominations gave their support to the project, and hundreds of books were collected.

A series of lectures on religious topics was presented last year with the MSM again spearheading the project. Since these lectures, given by prominent Methodist clergymen and lay leaders, were open to the public as well as to Centenary students, many local residents gained a new insight into, and understanding of, the doctrines of the Methodist church.

Dr. Mickle also noted that members of the MSM carried out a project of filling Easter baskets for chil-

dren in one of the wards of the Confederate Memorial Medical Center; sponsored the showing of Methodist-produced films on such social problems as alcoholism; presented a concert by the Wiley College Choir of Marshall, Tex., annually for two successive years; presented panel discussion programs where all were free to express their views on religion; and contributed generously to local charities, such as the United Fund,

Red Cross and church charities.

"All of this activity," Dr. Mickle said, "certainly indicates a growing consciousness of the importance of religion on the part of the students, as well as an ever-increasing sense of social responsibility. They are making God a vital part of their daily lives, and this is something the purely secular college campus cannot possibly encourage to so great an extent as the church-related campus does."

The annual observance of Religious Emphasis Week, the yearly Willson Lectures and frequent chapel addresses by prominent religious leaders are offered by the college as a means of encouraging this trend, Dr. Mickle said. Expanded courses in Bible and religion, taught by thoughtful persons with deep religious convictions of their own, also lend impetus to the growth of religious interest at Centenary College.

Although the Methodist Student Movement is the largest and most active of the denominational groups on the campus, similar organizations for students of other denominations also are functioning actively at Centenary.

"It is very heartening, too, to see how well these denominational groups cooperate in the true Christian spirit," Dr. Mickle observed. "Students of all denominations have been joining for several years to sponsor 'Quest,' an evening devotional program meeting three or four nights a week in the Brown Memorial Chapel. The Centenary Ministerial Club also boasts a membership composed of students representing the various faiths."

The purely social organizations of a decade or two ago no longer are the groups around which campus life revolves, the college president declared. Today, it is the religious groups which are sponsoring the majority of the campus functions, and it is from their memberships that the campus leaders are beginning to be drawn in increasing numbers."

Last year, six of the eight students selected for listing in "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities" were active members of the MSM and the remaining two were members of other denominational

Laymen Hear Many Witnesses For Christ

Lafayette, Ind. (MI)—About 4,000 men from many walks of life heard a former big league ball player, a newspaper columnist, a one-time alcoholic, and others tell here how Christ has influenced their lives.

Jackie Robinson, Dr. George W. Crane, and four others gave personal testimonies in a dramatic program at the second National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University July 20.

Others who offered their testimonies in the program were an airline pilot, Edward Doudna, Wheaton, Ill.; a trade union leader, Charles Ehnborn, Chicago; a farmer, J. N. Vallow, Kinmundy, Ill.; and Roy Black, a businessman of Nettleton, Miss.

groups. Two members of the MSM won the achievement awards in the national leadership award program of Kappa Sigma fraternity. Almost without exception, class officers, class favorites and officers of other campus groups were, first of all, members of the MSM or other denominational organizations. They also were well represented among those whose scholastic averages warranted listing on the dean's honor roll each semester.

The annual MSM retreat at Caney Lake, the occasional district and state-wide meetings of Methodist youth groups and other conferences of religious groups all were well attended by Centenary students, and these served as inspirational experiences from which students derived new enthusiasm for religious activities.

Meanwhile, plans for a meditation room in the new Moore Student Center, now under construction on the campus, have been completed at the request of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Moore, of Shreveport, donors of the building. Dr. Mickle said the meditation room, located in the geographical center of the campus, will serve the needs of both students and faculty members seeking a quiet place in which to pray and find quiet inspiration.

Dr. Mickle said he agrees heartily with Dr. Distler's statement that "it is perfectly clear that the widespread demand among the present college generation for something that purely secular education has been unable to offer them presents Christian teachers, especially in the church-related college, with a challenge and opportunity such as they have not had before" in his lifetime.

This challenge and this opportunity, Dr. Mickle concluded, places on every Christian the obligation to support the church-related college by lending it business advice and talent, by employing its graduates, by helping it to influence legislation to safeguard its welfare and by lending it much-needed financial support.

"We, as Christians, must consider it our sacred duty to encourage our young people in this movement back toward religion," Dr. Mickle asserted. "Every church congregation must be made to see the necessity for church colleges and to feel the responsibility for lending church colleges their active support."



Dr. Joe J. Mickle, President, Centenary College

The Holy Spirit Is At Work In Africa

July 15, 1957
Lodja, Belgian Congo

UWANDJI AKUTSHULWELI NYUMA K'OLOLO—"The Lord pour upon thee the Holy Spirit." There was a solemn hush as the familiar words in the service of the ordination of Elders were intoned in the Otetela language. It was Sunday morning during the session of Central Congo Conference held at Lodja. The beautiful church was packed, and eager listeners were standing outside throughout the entire service. The church was decorated with large palms in wooden containers and huge baskets of Solomon's Scepter, a gorgeous delicate pink-colored flower; these provided a splendid setting for a service that held great meaning both to the men in the classes and to the Africans and whites gathered there. The men who were ordained wore white trousers and shirts and black ties. Their wives were attired in dresses of vivid colors. Although there were dozens of tiny babies present, there was a holy quietness as Bishop Newell S. Booth, following a stirring sermon, led in the impressive service in which Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of Denver and I were privileged to participate.

Evangelistic Spirit Is High

"The Lord pour upon thee the Holy Spirit"—that is happening with great power in the Central Congo Conference. Especially is this true in the Lodja District. Revival meetings have been held, attended by thousands of earnest seekers for salvation. In many places large brush arbors were built to accommodate as many as three thousand persons, who came night after night. The altars were full of penitents sobbing as they confessed their sins and gave up polygamy, wine, charms, fetishes, and the practices of witch doctors. Probationers and full members were received into the church. The people gave large offerings as well as free labor in building a number of new mud church buildings. The spiritual awakening has reached such proportions that the native church has become self-supporting, and the paid preachers in that district alone now number more than 150. In addition, consecrated laymen are offering themselves for service in villages which have no regular preachers.

Much Has Happened In Fifty Years

What is happening here is all the more amazing when one recalls that when Bishop Walter Russell Lambuth and Professor John Wesley Gilbert came here less than fifty years ago they found a fierce cannibal tribe living in the heart of the wild upper Congo, untouched by civilization. At that time the African of the Congo basin did not use or even know of the existence of the wheel, his many languages had not been reduced to written form, and he practiced cannibalism because he believed that by eating his enemy he gained his strength. Sleeping sickness, malaria, and water-borne diseases sucked the life energy where they did not kill. Witch doctors terrorized superstitious and credulous minds. There was not a single road in this section of Africa, which is in itself one-third the size of the United States, nor a single city. The food was as primitive as the land. "Professor Gilbert and I had chumbi, dried ants, palm worms, and fried caterpillars for our New Year's dinner, and, later on, more than one meal of monkey meat," said Bishop Lambuth.

Resources And Opportunity

Africa possesses the fabulous resources demanded by a scientific age—uranium, rubber, cobalt, manganese, industrial diamonds, chromium, lead, zinc, iron ore, and bauxite; and the surface of its mineral wealth has scarcely been touched. Extensive geological surveys are in progress all over the continent. The tribesman whose wealth consisted of his cattle and his women has a rich potential in the land beneath his feet. An ill-fed, disease and fear-ridden race is on the verge of an awakening that is explosive in its possibilities. The opportunity of the church for leadership almost defies the imagination.

Our Interpreter

We have had as our interpreter as we have delivered addresses to the Conference a man who is an illustration of the amazing achievements of the Batetela people in one generation of contact with Christian teaching. John Wesley Shungu, a son of Africa and a product of a Methodist mission school, has not faltered as he listened to a speaker and then translated the message to his people. This radiant personality would have no difficulty in mingling with representatives of Western culture. He could be heard with profit by leaders of religious thought in the world today. The Lord has poured the Holy Spirit upon him.

From Brussels To The Congo

Our flight from Brussels to the Central Congo, though a tiresome one, was thrillingly interesting. We had experienced a delightful day in Brussels. Sunday morning Mrs. Martin and I went at 9:30 to the English-speaking service in our Wesley Church. There we met The Reverend and Mrs. Kenneth Jones and their two sons. He is serving as pastor while

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spending the time required in Brussels of all our missionaries to the Congo. What an attractive couple! We were not surprised at all that she came from New Orleans; and we were delighted to know that two of our New Orleans churches—Lake Vista and St. Mark's—would share in their support. We had the noon meal together, and then they took us for a car trip to Waterloo and a number of other places of interest. The remembrance of that terrible battle at Waterloo seemed in sharp contrast to the peace and tranquility of the green fields and lovely villages of Belgium.

The great Sabena airliner left Brussels at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, July 8. At 9:30 that night we circled Athens for an "Arabian Nights" view of the ancient city of learning. The multi-colored lights of the City on the Bosphorus provided a sight beautiful beyond description. It had been twenty-three years since we first saw Athens. We were served refreshments at the airport, and while we were seated at a table a man approached us and asked if I were Bishop Martin. He told me that he was Dr. Clayton Curtis, a representative of the U. S. Public Health Service in Ethiopia; he was returning to Ethiopia from the funeral of his mother, which had been conducted by Dr. Aubrey G. Walton in Little Rock. We have yet to visit a place where we fail to meet someone we know.

Meet Bishop And Mrs. Phillips

The next morning at four o'clock the plane landed for refueling at Khartoum in the Sudan. As we left the plane for a moment to stretch ourselves, we met Bishop and Mrs. Glenn R. Phillips of Denver, who are here at the Conference at Lodja. You can imagine how thrilled we were to see them. They will leave us Wednesday, but we will meet again in August for a trip to Victoria Falls.

On To Lodja

As we flew from Stanleyville to Lodja, we looked down upon jungles as dark and green and impenetrable as the ocean bottom. Occasionally we would see a thin wisp of smoke and the outline of buildings made of sticks daubed with mud and having a grass roof. Life goes on in the bush as it has for centuries. Poverty, disease and fear lurk everywhere like the lions, leopards and boa constrictors in the still dark forest.

And then came the never-to-be-forgotten moment. The plane was landing in the midst of a cotton and coffee-growing region, in Lodja, the chief town of the Sankuru district. We looked out the windows at the crowd awaiting to give us a wonderful welcome. Bishop and Mrs. Booth headed the group; but of no less importance to us were our own Edith Martin (North Arkansas) and Norene Robken (Little Rock). It is a rich blessing to be with these great leaders.

Traveling By Automobile

Thursday we leave by car on a trip that will include the other main mission stations—Katoko Kombe, Minga, Tunda, and Wembo Nyama. The trip will not be easy over the dirt roads; but won't it be interesting? It cannot be said of us, as was said of Lambuth and Gilbert, "They crossed rivers—(though we will cross great rivers in little boats)—waded swamps, braved fevers, camped in cannibal villages, treated four hundred patients, met fifty chiefs and visited 200 villages on the long journey."

But I trust we may humbly repeat the words of Bishop Lambuth: "We came under the Great Commission to do the will of Him who sent us. Our daily prayer is not so much for personal protection as for wisdom and grace to do the things which are well pleasing in His sight."

We carry you in our prayers, and particularly do we remember the ones who have suffered at Cameron. We were pleased to learn of the arrival of George Burden Wayland.

The Lord pour upon our dear ones at home the Holy Spirit.

JURISDICTION LEADERSHIP SCHOOL HELD



Glancing over some classroom reading material at the recent Jurisdiction Leadership School, at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, are (from left): Miss Fern Cassel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Conference director of adult work; the Rev. Robert M. Cox, Nashville, Tenn., staff member of the Methodist General Board of Education, Department of Christian Education of Adults; and the Rev. Louis Averitt, Little Rock, Conference director of adult work. The leadership school, together with the institute of church music, attracted more than 300 Methodists from the church's South Central Jurisdiction, embracing Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Missouri.



Institute of church music leaders get together for a planning session in the parlor of the Woman's Building on Mt. Sequoyah at the recent Jurisdiction Leadership School. Left to right (standing) are Mrs. Bliss Wiant, Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. Dr. Austin C. Lovelace, Evanston, Ill.; and J. Edward Moyer, Westminster, Md. Seated are the Rev. Dr. Bliss Wiant; Mrs. Madeline Ingram, Lynchburg, Va.; and Mrs. J. Edward Moyer.

College Students Give Volunteer Christian Service

About 150 Methodist college students—both young women and young men—are giving volunteer Christian service this summer in eight missionary service projects at home and abroad. The projects, including work camps and community service programs, are under the joint auspices of the Methodist boards of Missions and Education. Announcement of the projects was made by the Rev. R. Claude Singleton, New York, director of student work for the Board of Missions. The young persons will undertake a variety of

activities, ranging from carpentry to child care and from teaching food canning to leading worship services. Five of the projects will be new this year, one will be an enlargement of a project begun in 1955, and two will be continuations of projects held for the last several years. The new work camps will be in Hawaii, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and near San Marcos, Tex.; Calexico, Calif., and Frakes, Ky. A combination work camp and travel seminar in Europe has been expanded from 25 to 50 students and will be the largest of the eight projects. Former work camps to be held again this year are in Cuba and Mexico.

Monticello District Holds Junior Camp

The first of two Junior Camps to be held at Camp Keener in the Monticello District met during the week of July 8-11.

Rev. J. Pershing Miles of Eudora served as director of the camp, and he was assisted by the following counselors: Rev. Ralph Sewell, Rev. Richard Poss, Rev. W. W. Barron, Mrs. Charles Ashcraft, Felix Thompson, Miss Sally Smith, Miss Nancy Englerth, Miss Carlynne Booles, Miss Elizabeth Norris, Miss Pat Ford, Miss Kathryn Spore, and Wiley Barron. Camp managers for the summer are Rev. Roland E. Darrow and Rev. Harould Scott.

The program recommended for Juniors by the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church was carried out. Various activities were performed in the several "homes in the woods," using the study book manual, God at Work in His World. Sixty-two campers and their counselors attended.

The second Junior Camp was held at Camp Keener, July 22-25.

Methodist To Head Recreation Workers

Washington, D. C. (MI)—A Chicago Methodist minister, the Rev. William R. Vernon of Chandler Church, has been elected chairman of a new national organization for church recreation workers.

The professional society was created as a section on Recreation in Religious Organizations by the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation at a four-day conference here on "Education for Leisure."

Has Sermon Accepted For Publication

Reconciliation with God and worship are the "pearls of great price" to be found in religion, Dr. Webb D. Pomeroy contends in a sermon bearing that name.

Dr. Pomeroy, acting head of the Bible department at Centenary College, has had his sermon, "Pearls of Great Price," accepted for publication by the Ministers Research Foundation of Los Angeles, Calif. The Foundation has published a number of Dr. Pom-

Woman's Society of Christian Service

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

(Miss Sheila Nuttall, Rural Deaconess in the Louisiana Conference, has prepared an outline of the Woman's Society of Christian Service work for the year, and the Louisiana Conference Town and Country Commission is distributing it to the pastors and presidents of the local societies. The Woman's Page will carry this outline one month at a time during the remainder of the year.)

August

All Officers: This is a month of preparation. Secure needed materials through secretary of Literature and Publications. Spend time in study. Make plans. Hold necessary committee meetings.

Student Work: Subscribe to Motive for students in college.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Yellville Woman's Society of Christian Service has made such an increase in membership that it has now divided into two circles; chairmen are: Mrs. John Q. Adams and Miss Annie Laurie Clark. Mrs. Milton Summerour is president of the society.

The regular monthly meeting of the WSCS of the Joiner Methodist Church was held at the church, July 16. The following officers were installed by the pastor, the Rev. J. H. Holt: president, Mrs. E. B. Crutcher; vice president, Mrs. A. L. Eifling; treasurer, Mrs. L. E. Speck; and recording secretary, Mrs. O. L. Jenkins. At the close of the meeting, cookies and punch were served.

eroy's sermons previously.

In the sermon, Dr. Pomeroy notes that there is a tendency today to evaluate religion in terms of fellowship, security and social values. He mentions the early martyrs of the church and suggests that their evaluation of religion was quite different. The unique values of religion, he maintains, are spiritual rather than social.

Crafts Featured At Conway District Camp



Rev. O. D. Peters, instructor in crafts at the recent Conway District Intermediate Camp, at Camp Aldersgate, is shown here with two of the Campers, Dixie Nations of Atkins and Chris Meyer of Russellville. The Rev. Mr. Peters is pastor of the Dardanelle Methodist Church.

225 To Attend National Conference Of Methodist Youth

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — About 225 leaders of the National Conference of Methodist Youth are expected to attend the seventeenth annual sessions of the organization August 17-23 at the University of Denver, Denver, Colo.

The National Conference of Methodist Youth links more than 1,500,000 high school and college age members of Methodist youth and student groups.

The delegates will nominate a new national projects secretary, elect officers, discuss possible new action projects in areas of need, and consider other business matters.

The speaker for worship services will be the Rev. Dr. Edward C. Hobbs, a professor at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.

Paul Bosley, New York City, president of the organization, will preside.

Attending the meeting will be national and regional officers of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and the Methodist Student Movement and representatives of the denomination's general boards and agencies.

The National Conference of Methodist Youth has its headquarters in Nashville. Its work is directed by two projects secretaries.

Chidester Group Reports Activities

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Chidester had a "Surprise Painting Party" recently and painted the kitchen of the church.

Miss Polly Beavers and Miss Nancy Beavers made the curtains for the room. During the month of July the youth fellowship had speakers on different vocations. Dr. L. E. Drewery spoke on "The Medical Profession"; Miss Bessie Benton on "The Field of Teaching"; Mrs. Janet Childs on "The Nursing Profession"; and Mrs. Tom Benton on, being a "Christian Housewife."

Plans are being considered for the youth to build a city park which is badly needed in Chidester.

Monette MYF Names Officers

A candlelight service was held July 14, to install the newly elected officers of the Monette MYF. The officers are: president, Ann Blankenship; vice-president, Judy Eaker; secretary-treasurer, Margaret Bley; reporter, Cheryl Melville; and the following area chairmen: faith, Nancy Evans; citizenship, Iris Ellis; and witness and outreach, Don Kernodle.

POTTSVILLE MYF MEETS

The Pottsville MYF had its regular monthly meeting, July 14. Eleven members, two counselors, and the pastor were present. Carol Sinclair was a visitor.

A business meeting was held, and a program was presented. The Rev. Elsworth Watson closed the meeting with prayer. Barbara Lea Race is the MYF reporter.

A Letter From The Little Rock Conference MYF Publicity Chairman

Dear Publicity Chairmen of the Local, Sub-district and District:

Congratulations on being elected as Chairman of Publicity! You have been given a big job and one with a lot of responsibility.

You and I have a lot in common, because you see, I'm your Conference Publicity Chairman. I need you to help me do my job. The way the Little Rock Conference Youth progress this year is up to you. Having trouble getting people to your MYF meetings? Sub-district? and District? It's your job to let them know when and where the meetings will be.

Have you tried putting out a Newsletter? I'm happy to report that four of the six Districts have Newsletters! I think this is wonderful and I feel that this brings our Conference closer together.

I would like for you to send me your names and addresses and tell me what church, sub-district and district you are in. I'm looking forward to hearing from each of you. Remember our Conference work depends upon us!

If at any time I can be of help to any of you, please write me. My address is Dumas, Arkansas. I'm at your service.

Conference Publicity Chairman
Mary Ruth Price

Camden District Workshop, Rally Held

About 150 MYF'ers attended the Camden district workshop and rally sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Carnes Park in Camden Monday afternoon.

The Rev. Virgil Bell called the group together at 3 o'clock and Miss Pat Rickey led some fun songs. Study groups convened with classes being held for instruction in the duties of the officers of the local and Sub-district MYF.

The Rev. Howard Childs of Chidester and Clarence Evans, of El Dorado, district president, conducted the sessions on the duties of the president. Instructions for the chairmen of Christian Faith were presented by Miss Pat Rickey of El Dorado, and the Rev. Gerald Fincher of Bearden. Miss Martha Mitchell and the Rev. Rayford Diffie of Waldo conducted a session for the chairmen on Outreach. The sessions were followed by swimming and other recreation.

At 6:30, a picnic supper was served. In the business meeting that followed, Clarence Evans presided. Miss Carolyn Stewart of Magnolia was elected treasurer. The group voted to pay one-half of the expenses of the district president to attend camp at Mt. Sequoyah.

Miss June Gray of Magnolia gave the devotional.

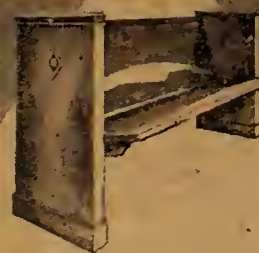
District officers attending were

Clarence Evans, president; Frieda Dial, secretary; Carolyn Stewart, treasurer; Ann Alspaugh, reporter;

and Jack Vandegrift, representative to the Conference Council.

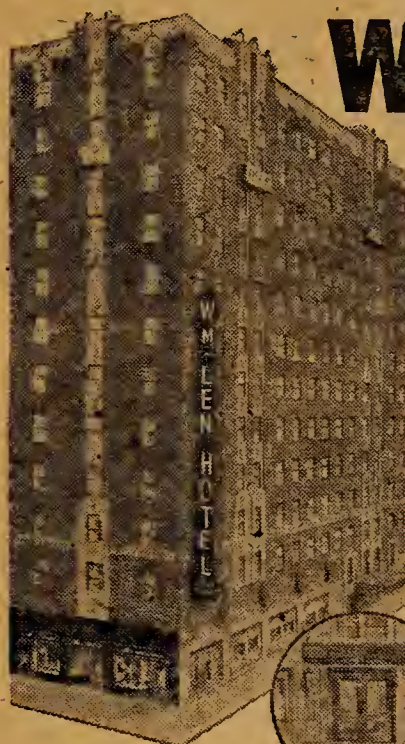
One of the projects chosen for the year is the promotion of Power and Concern. Miss Gray is in charge of the district's promotional program. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

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LESSON FOR AUGUST 11, 1957

HANNAH: KEEPING FAITH WITH GOD

READ CHAPTER 1 OF 1 SAMUEL.

MEMORY SELECTION: "I will pay my vows, that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. Psalms 66:13-14 (RSV)

Today we study the sixth of the thirteen lessons of Unit VIII. These thirteen lessons are all studies of "Valiant Servants of God," as found in the Old Testament. It is of interest to note that three of the first six characters studied are women. The incidents of this lesson, as in the two previous lessons, are part of the record of Israel under the Judges. Our lesson subject is "Hannah: Keeping Faith With God." A study of Hannah's life will give evidence that she was truly one of the great mothers of Old Testament times.

Hannah was the favorite wife of Elkanah, an Ephraimite who is pictured as very religious, despite the fact that he had two wives. The second wife was named Peninnah. We are told that Elkanah loved Hannah but no mention is made of his love for Peninnah. The second wife, whom some writers think Elkanah married because Hannah was childless, bore him several sons and daughters.

Peninnah, possibly jealous because of Elkanah's love for Hannah, quite frequently "provoked her sore . . . because the Lord had shut up her womb." It was thought to be a mark of the displeasure of God for a Hebrew wife to be childless. Consequently this was the most sensitive spot in Hannah's life and the chiding of Peninnah made the deep hurt of sorrow and disappointment all but unbearable.

It was the custom for Elkanah to go up to Shiloh each year "to worship and to sacrifice unto the Lord." While the law did not require it, it was his custom to take with him his two wives and the children of Peninnah, when he went to worship at Shiloh.

The Importance of Family Worship

This custom of carrying his entire family with him in his annual trips to Shiloh to worship indicates that Elkanah was a very religious man and his manner of worship there indicates also that he felt every member of the family should have an active part in the worship experience. When the time for the sacrifice came, Elkanah would give a portion of the sacrifice to each member of the family in order that all might have a personal part in the sacrifice and worship experience.

Because of his special concern that all members of the family have a part in the worship at Shiloh, we are made to feel that Elkanah was also concerned about family worship at home. If family worship was important in Elkanah's day, it would be hard to overemphasize the importance of family worship in our day. In that early time, life was simple and worship of God appeared to be the

normal thing to do. In our day, life is extremely complex and distractions so numerous and claims on our time so pressing that it is easy for us to neglect a proper recognition of God in our homes, thus creating in the minds of our children the impression that worship of God is relatively unimportant.

It is inviting religious disaster for a child to grow up in a prayerless home and be sent out in a prayerless society without the steadying, undergirding strength family worship would give. It may be that our manner of life today does not lend itself to the form of family worship of former days. Nevertheless the quiet, reverent recognition of God at mealtime would have a wholesome influence. It would be hard to visualize a home where it would not be possible to read the daily devotional found in the UPPER ROOM and either read the prayer found there or pray a prayer of our own.

We were talking to a grown young man one day about being Christian. No mention had been made of his family or his home. However, the young man said this which we have never forgotten: "I never heard my father or mother pray." While we were talking to him about the importance of the surrender of his life to Christ, he was thinking about a vacant place, religiously, in his home that he seemed to feel should have been filled.

Hannah Believed In The Power of Prayer

When the scourge of Peninnah's chiding was added to the deep hurt of her own secret sorrow and sadness over the fact that she was childless, Hannah seemed to feel that the one real source of relief was in prayer. So far as the record goes, she did not discuss her situation with her husband or even with Eli, the high priest at Shiloh. She simply knelt on the temple floor and silently prayed to God. She prayed for God to give her a son. In her prayer she vowed a vow that, if God would give her a son, she would "give him unto the Lord all the days of his life."

While Hannah's resort to prayer in her distress was highly commendable, it is plainly evident that her prayer was born of mixed motives.

(1) She wanted a son because there was a sense in which she felt that she had failed her husband. Elkanah, like all Jews, felt that the future of his family and even the continuing of his own life in Jewish tradition was dependent on having a son or sons to carry on the family's work of the future.

(2) She wanted a son in order to

stop the continuous, irksome chiding of Peninnah who was making life miserable for her because she was childless.

(3) She wanted a son to dispel the feeling in her own heart and in the minds of those about her that her barrenness was a mark of the displeasure of God.

In all of these incentives there was an element of selfishness which caused her to turn to God in prayer. It was very commendable of her, however, to resort to such earnest, sincere prayer as a way out of her difficulties instead of following many other courses that might have suggested themselves to her. While there was an element of selfishness that caused her to turn to prayer, there was, very definitely, a sacrificial unselfishness in the vow she made to God while praying. She asked nothing for herself except the fact of motherhood and the joy of having a part in the advancement of her people. She was willing to sacrifice the joy of the companionship of her first-born, if God would but crown her life with the experience of motherhood.

Bargaining With The Lord

It was difficult for Hannah, and it is difficult for us, to pray to God without embodying in our prayer the bargaining element. Hannah was saying to the Lord, "If you will give me a son, I will give him back to You." If we will follow our own praying, we will often discover this same conditional element in our prayers. We can hardly refrain from the feeling that we can gain favors from God by making concessions of some character to Him. When we pray in that spirit, we are overlooking the goodness, mercy and love of God who is ever ready to pour into our lives the riches of His grace when we are in an attitude to receive His blessings.

We are in a rather awkward position trying to bargain with the Lord, since anything we might offer Him already belongs to Him. It was Jesus who said: "When ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." Under such conditions, we should realize that we are in no condition to bargain with the Lord. We already owe Him more than we can pay in a lifetime. Any vows we make to God or any consecration of life we make to God should be wholehearted and unconditional. When God answers our prayers that are mixed with selfishness, it is not because of what we have offered to God in a spirit of bargaining; it is because of the mercy, the unmerited favors of God.

Hannah Kept Her Promises To The Lord

Since Hannah's prayer and vows were not born of the highest motives, we might expect her to be careless in keeping her promises. Possibly the most commendable thing about this prayer and the vows Hannah made is the fact that she literally kept her vow.

It was an indescribable sacrifice for her to carry her first-born to the temple, when he was just a child, and leave him there for the rest of his life. It appeared that Hannah only saw him once a year after that.

We might raise the question in our minds as to the right of Hannah to determine, even before his

birth, that her son would be a full-time servant of God in the temple. In our day, at least, we feel that we should leave the call to full-time service in the hands of God.

Nevertheless, in a sense, Hannah did here what we Methodists do in the consecration of our children to God in baptism. So far as we are able, we dedicate them to the service of God and pledge ourselves, "in every way, by precept and example . . . to lead them into the love of God and the service of our Lord Jesus Christ." Infant baptism is but a continuance, in the Christian religion, of the custom, in the Jewish religion, of dedicating children to the service of God. As Hannah kept her vows with reference to her child, so should we, when we dedicate our children to the Lord.

Vows We Make Are Sacred

The memory selection for today teaches us that vows we make are sacred. The Psalmist says, "I will pay my vows, that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble." He is saying that the fact that the trouble has passed in no way weakens the necessity of fulfilling the vow.

We make many vows before God that are sacred. Those vows we make in times of distress should be held inviolate when the trouble has passed. Any vow we make to God should be final and unconditional. Hence it should be kept, if possible, regardless of circumstances.

The vows we make before God and man at the time of our marriage or on uniting with the church are voluntarily made and are as binding as vows made by man can become. To treat any such vows lightly is to give evidence of a lack of sincerity or a lack of strength of character that should cause us grave concern.

So far as vows we make to God are concerned, we should keep in mind that such vows are simply a recognition of an obligation to God that already existed even before we made the vow. That is to say that we do not avoid such obligations because we have made no vows. The individual, who knows God's will and refuses to make vows that embody God's will in his life, is equally responsible before God with those who, in recognition of God's will, do make vows. We do not increase the weight of an obligation simply because we recognize it, accept it and attempt to meet it.

The Kingdom Needs Full-Time Workers Today

There is a crying need all about us today for men and women who are willing to accept the call of God for full-time service in His kingdom. It is our feeling that, for every need, God has called someone to meet that need. We do not believe that God would project his kingdom on earth without making plans for an adequate leadership. The reason that there are not enough Samuels ready to do full-time service in the church lies in the fact that there are many who have been unwilling to answer the call of God.

It is not ours to call people into full-time service in the church; it is our responsibility to pray that those whom God has called may surrender their lives to His call. It is our responsibility, also, to give personal encouragement to any who may be hesitating to answer that call.

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Oak Ridge Observe 150 Years Of Methodism

Oak Ridge will celebrate 150 years of Methodism in that community with a special week-long observance during August. The Sesquicentennial will begin with a sermon by Monroe District Superintendent, James T. Harris, on Sunday morning, August 11th.

Rev. George Cagle, pastor of the Bonita Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon Sunday night with Rev. James Poole, pastor of the Newellton Union Church, speaking Monday night. Tuesday night, Rev. W. D. Milton, pastor of the First Methodist Church of West Monroe, will preach. The Wednesday evening observance will be held on the Oak Ridge High School campus and a basket picnic will precede the preaching service. Rev. Jack Midyett of the Haynesville Methodist Church, will bring the message. Rev. Midyett served the Oak Ridge church during his early ministry and a large number of people from over the state are expected at the picnic and outdoor services. The preacher for Thursday night will be Rev. Samuel Percy Emanuel, now pastor of the Castle Manor Methodist Church, New Orleans. A historical pageant, "Blow Ye the Trumpet," will be presented on Friday night, August 16. This will also be an outdoor event.

Descendants of ministers of the Prairie Jefferson (now Oak Ridge) Methodist Church are being sought for this week's observance. Many have come to light. Some have been astonished that people they have known all of their lives are descendants in their pioneer families. Special honors and mementos are being prepared for these people who attend this pageant on Friday, Aug. 16.

Families of the earliest ministers are nearly all in other states. Among the ministers who served from a hundred to fifty years ago are many with family connections in surrounding areas. Two of the earliest ones are Reynolds Trippitt and James L. Wright. Others before 1860 were Alexander E. Goodwin, E. W. Griswold, Uriah Riley, John Pipes, and Joseph H. Stone. During the war and reconstruction ministers were Captain Charles W. Hodge, William Haislip, Samuel Haws, D. P. Cullen, Henry T. Lewis, Joel T. Daves, Warren Williams and George Jackson. Toward the latter part of the eighteen hundreds were those serving included Nathan Sweetland Cornell, Thomas Scott Randle, Enos B. Foust, J. F. Patterson, Charles E. McDonald, and J. F. Wynn. At the turn of the century we find record of Robert A. Davis who has a grandson Robert Crichelow, minister at Bogaloussa; B. H. Sheppard,

Work Begins On Hurricane Struck Church At Cameron



Workers are pictured dismantling the Cameron Church which was damaged beyond repair by recent hurricane Audrey. Materials salvaged will go into the new parsonage as sheeting, sub-flooring and rafters. Approximately \$48,000 has been received in the restoration fund for Cameron-Grand Chenier charge.

Raymond Church Restored Following Hurricane Audrey Damage

The Raymond Methodist Church, located in the Lake Charles District, was taken off its foundation, pushed aside, and badly twisted and damaged by the recent hurricane. At first it was feared the church was lost, and would have to be torn down and rebuilt, but the strong desire to save it urged the minister and congregation to attempt to restore it.

This was successfully done. A new, firm foundation was laid, the church lifted, moved in place, and placed thereon. The old roof, torn by the storm, was renewed, and all the interior was replaced with white celestex ceiling and gray wallboard. It is again attractive, inviting, and worshipful.

The Service of Rededication was observed Sunday morning, July 21. The bulletin of the service carried the following message by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Krumnow:

"For sixty-three years our church has stood against the winds and storms. Then, as if to test the faith of our people, hurricane 'Audrey' came along and took it off its foundation, badly twisted and damaged it. Our people had a faith equal to the task. The Church is restored completely, and once again, invites the people of this community to come and worship."

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H. W. May, W. F. Henderson and P. H. Fontaine.

Messages concerning these families may be sent Mrs. W. M. Nolan at Oak Ridge. Mrs. Nolan is chairman of the Sesquicentennial. Pictures and relics of these men that will be loaned for exhibit will be carefully protected.

SW Ecumenical Institute Scheduled August 26-30

Thousands Expected To Attend Sessions At SMU

Three of the world's great churchmen will be in Dallas this month to speak to thousands of ministers, laymen and theological students.

Dr. Martin Niemoeller of Germany, who won international recognition for his resistance to the Hitler government, will be one of the famous speakers.

The other world-known speakers, in addition to thirty Southwestern leaders, will be Dr. Leslie E. Cooke of England, associate general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Dr. J. Russell Chandran of India, principal of the United Theological College of Bangalore.

Their appearances in Dallas will be in connection with the Southwest Ecumenical Institute, to be held at the Southern Methodist University Coliseum and other air-conditioned campus buildings August 26-30.

Institutes, sponsored by the World Council of Churches, are being held in four key areas of the nation—Boston, Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth and Philadelphia-New York.

Ministers and laymen of all denominations from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico are being invited to register for the sessions, whose general theme is the "Ecumenical Movement and the Local Church." Housing accommodations will be available on the campus for out-of-town registrants.

Registrations are being taken at Southwest Ecumenical Institute, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, in Dallas. There will be three types of sessions.

Two mass meetings will be addressed by Dr. Niemoller and Dr. Chandran on nights of August 26 and 29.

Dr. Niemoeller, Dr. Chandran and Dr. Cooke will speak at daily inspiration meetings.

The workshops will be conducted by Southwestern leaders on such subjects as mental health, race relations, alcoholism, juvenile delinquency, industrial relations, public education.

Seminaries helping to sponsor the institute are Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin; Brite College of the Bible, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth; Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, Austin; Graduate Seminary of Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma; Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas.

Centenary's New Theatre Building Formally Opened

The completely modern \$378,000 Marjorie Lyons Playhouse of Centenary College was opened formally last Thursday with a gala performance of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "The King and I" and with brief, but impressive, ceremonies.

The building is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Charlton H. Lyons and their sons, Charlton, Jr., and Hall, and their families to the college. It was named in honor of Mrs. Charlton Lyons, Sr., long a patron of cultural activities in the city.

Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, gave an address of appreciation and welcome and then introduced five-year-old Marjorie Lyons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hall Lyons and namesake of the woman whose name the theater bears. The youngster severed the

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. JAMES L. STOVALL, pastor of the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church, is attending the Jurisdictional School of Evangelism at Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville, Arkansas, August 5-8.

REV. LOUIS HOFFPAUIR, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Crowley, has announced that the Sunday morning services of the church are now being broadcast over radio station KSIG.

DR. G. W. POMEROY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest preacher in revival services held at the Plaquemine Methodist Church, July 22-28, where Rev. William Frazer is pastor.

THE LINCOLN PARISH singing convention was held at the Harmony Chapel Methodist Church Sunday, July 21. James Nolan of Ruston is president of the Lincoln Parish Singing organization. Rev. T. T. Lowe was host pastor.

REV. J. C. SKINNER, pastor of the Montgomery Methodist Church, was guest preacher in revival services held at the Oak Grove Methodist Church, Effie, July 24-August 3, where Rev. John Sayes is pastor.

REV. JIM McLEAN, director of religious activities at Centenary College, Shreveport, was the guest preacher at the morning service of the First Methodist Church of Many Sunday, July 21. Rev. John B. Koelemay is pastor of the church.

REV. JAMES T. HARRIS, superintendent of the Monroe District, preached in revival services held at the Kilbourne Methodist Church July 21-28. Following the closing service of the revival open house was held at the new Kilbourne parsonage. Rev. John B. Bell is pastor.

REV. ELDON L. REED, pastor of the Lakeview Methodist Church, Port Arthur, Texas, showed slides of the Holy Land, in color, at the McGowen Memorial Methodist Church, Jeanerette, Wednesday evening, July 31. Rev. A. M. Martin is pastor of the church.

REV. W. R. IRVING, JR., pastor of the Ingle-side Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, was guest preacher in revival services at the Ida Methodist Church, July 21-26, where Rev. E. A. Keasler is pastor. Mrs. T. J. Lay of Gilliam directed the music for the revival.

REV. JOLLY B. HARPER, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, was guest preacher at the Homer Methodist Church, Sunday, July 28. In his absence Rev. Avery Lee, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ruston preached at the Trinity Church.

REV. PORTER M. CARAWAY, Chaplain at the Confederate Memorial Hospital, Shreveport, was guest speaker at the Sunday morning worship service, July 28, of the Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, where Rev. Ira W. Flowers is pastor.

REV. PIERCE McKEITHEN, pastor of the Ferriday Methodist Church, was guest preacher in revival services of the Little Creek Methodist Church, on the Little Creek-Union Charge, held July 21-26. Rev. E. W. Corley is pastor of the charge.

REV. RALPH CAIN, pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest speaker at

the meeting of the Older Youth Discussion Group of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, Sunday evening, July 28. He used as his subject, "Christ, College, and the Church." Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor of the church.

REV. ROBERT ED TAYLOR, pastor of the Zachary Methodist Church was the guest preacher in revival services held at the Slaughter Methodist Church. The revival began on July 29 and continued through August 4. According to the pastor, Rev. G. H. Corry, the Slaughter church has recently been painted on the outside.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK was held at the Gueydan Methodist Church, July 11-16. All youth between the ages of 12 and 23 were invited to participate. Guest ministers were in charge of the worship service each evening. Snacks, fun, fellowship and worship were enjoyed during the week. Rev. George W. Harkins is pastor of the church.

REV. SPENCER WREN, pastor of the St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the Chapel speaker for the Youth Activities Week of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, July 28-August 2. The Rev. Mr. Wren also preached at the evening worship service of the church on Sunday, July 28. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor of the church.

REV. JACK H. MIDYETT, pastor of the Haynesville Methodist Church, and Mrs. Midyett will be on vacation the first two Sundays in August. Guest ministers who will occupy the pulpit on these two Sundays are: Rev. Tracy Arnold, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Shreveport, August 4, and Dr. W. L. Doss, Jr., retired member of the Louisiana Conference, August 11.

J. B. TUBB, Adam Hebert, Walter Bruner, and Donald Harrington, represented the Men's Club of the Rayne-Branch Charge at the National Conference of Methodist Men, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, July 19-21. They gave reports on the Conference at both churches on the charge on Sunday morning, August 4. Rev. D. T. Williams is pastor of the charge.

MRS. HELEN R. MARSHALL, assistant professor of voice at Centenary College, will attend the Oglebay Institute Opera Workshop, Oglebay Park, Wheeling, W. Va., during the month of August. Mrs. Marshall said a number of Centenary music students also are planning to attend, among them Marguerite McDowell of El Dorado, Ark., and Iris Lorch of Shreveport. Mrs. Marshall taught voice during the summer session at Centenary College, which began on June 4 and closed on August 7.

MISS PAT ALEXANDER was guest speaker at the morning worship service of the Sterling Methodist Church on August 4. Miss Alexander is a member of the church and is home on vacation from teaching in a Methodist Mission School in Cuba. She is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Alexander. According to a report from her pastor, Rev. W. M. Allen, "Miss Alexander has done an outstanding piece of work while in Cuba, teaching in our own Methodist School, and bringing the good news of Christ to her students."

GUEST SPEAKERS for the Youth Revival at the Tallulah Methodist Church, are: Sunday, August 4, Rev. Oscar Cloyd; Monday, August 5, Rev. James Pogle, pastor of Union Methodist Church, Newellton; Tuesday, August 6, Rev. Lael Jones, pastor of the Mer Rouge Methodist Church; Wednesday, August 7, Rev. Ben Oliphint, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, Monroe; Thursday, August 8, Rev. Norman Simmons, pastor of the Oak Ridge Methodist Church. On Friday, August 9, there will be a dedication service. Rev. William F. Mayo is pastor of the church.

REV. AND MRS. ROBERT H. JAMIESON will be vacationing in California August 6-23. Guest ministers who will supply the pulpit at the First Methodist Church of DeRidder in the Rev. Mr. Jamieson's absence will be: Sunday morning, August 11, Rev. Sam Nader, superintendent of the Lake Charles District. The evening service will be held by Delton Pickering, Youth Director of the church. Sunday morning, August 18, Chaplain Kenneth L. Bohannon. The evening service will be in charge of Bill Tracy, superintendent of the Youth Division. Rev. and Mrs. Jamieson will visit his parents and other relatives and friends.

REV. G. ELDRED BLAKELY, pastor of the Morningside Methodist Church, Shreveport, and Mrs. Blakely sat in the congregation of his former pastorate, Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, on Sunday, July 28. As a tribute to the Rev. Mr. Blakely, who had served the church as pastor five years, the choir sang his favorite hymn, "Ivory Palaces" as a special number. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. P. Drake, who was vacationing in California, the service was presided over by John Eagan, chairman of the Official Board. The guest minister was Rev. Eddie Morgan, Educational Director of Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans.

A VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL was held at the Slaughter Methodist Church July 22-26. Thirty-two of the 37 pupils enrolled received certificates. Miss Wilda Douglas was the director and also teacher of the Junior High Class. Other adult workers included Miss Gladys Young, in charge of opening exercises and the story hour. Mrs. John Peairs and Mrs. Mack Laws, Beginners; Mrs. Carlene Morris, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Dan Rice, in charge of music; Mrs. J. M. Beauchamp, Primaries; Mrs. J. M. Stott, Juniors. In addition, several of the youth assisted in handicraft work. An offering of \$23.33, taken during the week, was presented to the American Bible Society. Rev. G. H. Corry is pastor of the church.

REV. JAMES W. LAWTON has been employed by the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church as Minister of Education. The Rev. Mr. Lawton assumed his duties on July 1. He finished at Louisiana State University in 1950 and Perkins School of Theology in 1953. After graduating from seminary, he was pastor of West Lake for two years, and for the past two years has been pastor at Zwolle. He will take courses at LSU during the coming year in preparation for entering LSU Medical School. After completing his course in medicine, he will become a medical missionary. During the next year while he is taking courses at LSU he will be employed on a full-time basis at the church. He is married and has two children. Rev. James L. Stovall is pastor of the church.

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How Would You Spend More Leisure Time?

IF the results of a recent Gallup Poll can be taken as an authentic basis, its results are a sad commentary on the spiritual life of the United States which supposedly is in the midst of an all-time religious boom. Dr. Gallup's organization quizzed the nation's citizens recently as to how they would spend their extra leisure time if the work week were cut back to 32 hours from the present 40. If the results actually reflect a current point of view, the present religious boom hasn't stirred many people to want to devote additional time to more participation in church programs and activities.

The first question asked of all adults questioned was "What's your best guess, if the work week is cut down to 32 hours, how will workers spend their extra time?" More than 75% answered that their best guess ranged from various recreational activities and relaxation to getting a second job. There were no answers that hinted at service activities or church programs.

Men now working at a regular job answering the question about how they would spend the extra free time had about the same answers as those to the first question, suggesting that the answers to the first question had been very close to accurate.

A third set of answers came from women now working at a regular job. Their answers suggest that working women would be more altruistic with this additional time, although even their answers leave, we believe, much to be desired.

The chances are that when and if the 32 hour work week becomes a reality, the actual way the additional leisure time is used will not follow the pattern that these answers suggest. Answers given today are today's estimate. However, any serious examinations of the poll's results should furnish food for thought for churchmen for some time to come. Only one per cent of the women answered that they would devote this extra time to church and community activities. These activities were not even mentioned in the first two sets of answers.

As we see it, church leaders have a serious task confronting them of bringing American people to a new sense of appreciation of the use of "time" so that a larger amount of it may be devoted to activities that are socially beneficial, spiritually stimulating, and unselfishly devoted to more creative activities.

A Lift For Living

By Ralph W. Sockman

HOW SECURE SHOULD WE BE?

The search for security is as old as the story of Genesis and as fresh as the daily paper. And our generation is perhaps more security-conscious than any of its predecessors. The perils in our international situation, the uncertainties of our complex economic life, the prevalence of accidents in our high-powered age, all tend to intensify the search for security.



Yet the question arises, how secure should we be? In an absolutely safe world the great virtues of faith and courage would have nothing to live on, for these involve risk. If all our ancestors had played safe, each generation following the cut-and-dried plans of its fore-runners, there would be no history worth recording, for the record of each century could be written in one word, "ditto"—which might be pleasant to schoolboys in their studies, but would be mighty poor history to live.

When men think only of being safe, they stifle the urges of adventure and advance. Yet where is the point at which security ceases to be a blessing and stimulus and becomes a sedative and curse?

In the 21st chapter of Proverbs is this brief word, "safety is of the Lord." What safety does the Lord want us to have, and what security does He help us to get?

The first answer which I suggest is that the Lord would have us be secure enough to be calm. The safety which is of the Lord begins in an inner core of calmness.

It has been well said that most of the trouble in the world has been caused by people who were having trouble with themselves. When a person is at odds with himself, he is quite likely to be at cross purposes with those around him.

With persons or nations, the first place to start in the search for security is within. Allan Hunter tells of a friend who watched a small lemur when a dog came into the room. The little monkeylike creature was so terribly frightened that its long tail became violently agitated. But only for a moment.

The tail had to be brought under control. Otherwise the little animal's

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
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However, the passengers in the big plane were among the most interesting we had met. There was the young girl who had been in Paris for a year to study. She certainly was glad to come home. There was the girl from Thailand (Siam) who had been in college in Iowa for two years. How homesick she must have been many times! Then there was the mother and FIVE children who were flying from Nebraska, to their husband and father, an engineer in Iran. By this time, more than before, we were conscious that we were strangers in a strange land. But we had already found that a smile and an offered hand will work wonders with anyone, whether he speaks your language or not.

Our trip through the Holy Land is much too short. We have been traveling by car and even though we see many interesting things and people, we all long for more time to spend at places which deserve much more than a short look. But there is also a great disappointment in visiting much of this land. Either it has been exploited to the point that it is discouraging, or it is cursed with the overtones of tragic distrust that are always present. But it is still worth the trouble. Driving one day we went from Beirut to Damascus, where we stopped for several hours, then south to Amman, the capital of Jordan. At Damascus we were treated to a real near-east carnival. It was a day before the Arab celebration similar to our Christmas. The old part of the city was jammed with small booths selling all sorts of things from colored cloth to candies and cakes. It is more unique than pretty, though. There are a number of smells that would not appeal to the fastidious. But one sees at a place like this a lot of things that he has only read about in books. Probably the most interesting person is the soft drink salesman who carries his wares in shiny pots slung over his back. He has small cymbals that he often clangs to announce his presence. The customer is poured a potion from the large container into a small metal saucer. He drinks, then hands the saucer back, which is used immediately for the next customer. Unsanitary? Don't be silly. I really think a germ would be afraid to show his head. It might be unhealthy for him.

Leaving Damascus, we crossed two national borders that day. The formalities of customs and clearances always take time, but if you don't like it, better stay home. The best weapon to use on the officials is a disarming smile and a question about the soldier's family. They can all talk some English and they are anxious to talk with us. The sights of that day were straight out of the past. Humble little donkeys jogged by, much overloaded before their masters climbed on them; dignified camels crossed, coming from nowhere, and going the same place, it seemed; now a herd of forty camels; now a true "threshing floor"; the wheat harvest is in full swing and we saw it threshed just as it was done three thousand years ago. We arrived at Amman in time to hear the boom of cannon announcing the holiday celebrations. I thought a new war was starting. But here we are, safe and sound in Jerusalem. I am writing this in the lobby of a very modern hotel on the Israel side of the city. Several of us went swimming in the hotel pool last evening. What a life!

energy would have been consumed in wagging its unruly tail. Apparently sensing this, the lemur grabbed its tail and held it firmly in its paws until the terrifying experience could be assimilated.

We human beings, I think, can see the parable if not the parallel. When we confront a danger, we so often start wagging our tongues or shaking our knees or restlessly rushing about until, flustered and frightened, we lose control of ourselves, and that increases the danger.

Hence the first prescription for adequate security is to attain calmness within. Hear the Psalmist saying, "The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved. Be still and know that I am God."

Second, may I suggest that God would have us be secure enough to be courageous. A certain amount of security is essential to the cultivation of courage. When a person feels insecure, he may do daring and reckless things, but he lacks the fortitude which can stand up to life.

To be at our bravest we need the security which comes from trustworthy home ties, from the fidelity of fortifying friendships, from the stable laws of a strong government, from confidence in the God whose everlasting arms are underneath us.

Third, I believe God would have us be secure enough to be creative. A certain degree of security is necessary in order to develop and release the creative powers of a person. Consider the shy little girl who hides her face behind her mother's dress when a stranger is being greeted on the street. But in the home, surrounded by understanding and appreciative parents, that little girl blossoms out and becomes her free and responsive self.

Or think of the businesswoman who lives under the shadow of impoverished old age. She cannot give her best to her work. Old is the saying that necessity is the mother of invention, but sordid poverty is not the soil from which come our greatest advances in business and our noblest inspirations of life.

A friend of mine is retiring from a recognized position of religious leadership. He was born in Australia of humble parents. His father could hardly read and write, but his mother encouraged him in his studies. She gave him the confidence that he could be somebody worthwhile. She provided the garden wherein the tender sprouts of his childhood grew strong enough to be transplanted to America. Here he grew and developed with self-confidence to give him assurance and enough dependence on God to keep him humble.

RAYMOND CHURCH RESTORED FOLLOWING HURRICANE DAMAGE

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The Raymond Methodist Church has been, for these many years, a landmark and a source of inspiration for the people of this community and for many who have come and gone during that period of time. Being located as it is, in the wide open prairie, now a great rice producing community, it served as a landmark for those who in the early days of settlement traveled from the north to the south, and travelers headed for the little town of Jennings would often look for the steeple of the church for miles ahead in order to determine their bearing, and be sure of their way. The steeple now bears a large lighted cross which can be seen for miles in either direction at night. The cross was given by one of our church families. A wonderful thing about the cross is that during the twelve years since it was installed it has never failed to glow, and it was not harmed by the storm.

The Raymond Church was one of the first Methodist Churches to be organized in this southwest territory. In the year 1889, after having met as a Sunday School since early 1888, the group of settlers of this community, under the direction of Brother W. H. Cline, organized the church. One of the charter members, Brother Earl M. Brown, who helped to build the present building five years later, still lives, and while feeble due to age, is still active in the church and witnessed the restoration of the building.

The organization of the Raymond Church goes back to that time when the territory was being settled by people who, in the most part, came from the North—Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and other states. The land was homesteaded and the occasional clump of pine trees in the open prairie country to be seen today were planted by the settlers in "tree claims" by which, for the planting of a certain number of trees, the government granted an acreage of land to the settler.

The planting of rice came to be the chief crop of the community. The crude methods of oxen plow and "providence" rice—providence in that if it rained enough the rice would mature, and if not there was no crop—came to be the chief source of livelihood, coupled later with cattle. The present methods of the use of large tractors and seeders—even airplanes—for the planting and fertilizing, and the modern combine indicate a long step of progress in the methods of producing rice.

But just here we are interested in the faith of these people which induced them to build this church which has stood for so many years an inspiration to all.

This was made possible largely through the interest of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the field of missionary work. The Historical Records of the old Gulf Conference reveal that in the spring of 1888 Bishop Mallalieu appointed Rev. W. H. Cline of the South West Kansas Conference to take charge of the vast Lake Charles Region.

And what a region it was! It was later described by Rev. Cyrus A. King in the Journal of the Gulf Conference as follows:

"Territorially we have an extensive field, bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the north by the Red River and the Texas and Pacific Railroad, on the west by the Great Northern railroad, leaving

Houston and Galveston in the Austin Conference, and on the south by the Gulf of Mexico. The field embraced southwest Louisiana and Southwest Texas and is nearly 300 miles east and west and 200 miles north and south, covering about 50,000 square miles. A country generally believed by our northern brethren to be principally swamps, inhabited by alligators and swarming with mosquitoes, but, really, when explored, found to be one of the most beautiful, healthful and productive portions of the United States. Here is boundless wealth of timber of the best quality, both soft and hardwood. Here the orange blossom perfume the air and flowers delight the senses as the years roll by. Our numerous lakes and streams teem with choice fish, while our coast furnishes oysters and crabs in great abundance. Brethren we have a goodly heritage. A field, we have, in which we may use to the glory of the Master all our God-given strength. A field that ought to call to our aid many of the noble men of the North, the hearty co-operation of the entire church and generous appropriations of funds from all our benevolent societies, and we must sincerely believe will pay in the near future, a large per cent on all such investments."

Brother Cline must indeed have regarded this country as one "healthful" since he was seeking better health at the very time he was appointed to the territory. The climate, he records later, did prove beneficial, restoring him to the extent to make it possible for him to do service in the Master's cause. He was able to organize in a very short time the work at Raymond and in addition, mostly in one year, 1889 the work at Crowley, Ebenezer, Lake Charles and other places. He later became the Presiding Elder and took charge of the expansive work along the Watkins railway, and labored to the extent that in the year 1889, as recorded by the Journal, "he had organized nine charges extending from the historic Teche on the east to the beautiful city of Lake (Lake Charles) on the west, and from the Gulf Inland eighty miles to Oberlin, a new and thriving town on the Kansas City, Watkins and Gulf Railroad."

Regarding our own church at Raymond, we read in the Journal of 1894: "Fairview (now Raymond, which name was changed when a post office was put in) to the north of Jennings twelve miles and outlying appointment has resolved to build a church. They will do this without debt, and such a church as will cost \$2000.00."

The work of the Reverend Cline and the appeal of Reverend King were both rewarded in that there was displayed a new interest in this territory of the Southwest as a field of missions. The newly organized works received the help of able leaders, and they made good progress. Probably the glowing reports of the wonders of the country written by the good Brother King did much toward inducing these to come South and give the new work a try, and on coming they too liked the country and stayed.

As often happens with rural communities, there came a time when our community of Raymond suffered from neglect. The old settlers who built the church were gone, and seemingly there were no children to take up the work where the fathers left off. This condition resulted in a silent church. No longer was

Sunday Night Fellowships Emphasize Missions At Coushatta

The First Methodist Church of Coushatta has received a "boost for Missions" because of the recent Sunday Night Fellowships under direction of the Commission on Missions, Mrs. John Bundrick, chairman, and the Commission on Education, F. A. McCarty, chairman.

Each age group in the church met in respective classes for the presentation and study of mission materials related to the recommended church study. The kindergarten age group, led by Mrs. Pat Thompson, Mrs. Doris Cranford, and Mrs. Doris Driever, studied "How Children Travel." The primary and junior groups, led by Mrs. Alexa Osborne and Mrs. Fred Schwendimann, studied "Sandy and Mr. Jalopy"; and the intermediates, led by Mrs. Lucille Willis, Mrs. Bobbie Brown, and Douglas Fowler, studied "It Happened This Way." Good attendance was noted in each group and this added to interest of the school.

Youth and adults met together

under the leadership of Mrs. Dave Foster, F. A. McCarty, and Mrs. John Bundrick. The material studied was "Mission: U. S. A." Evening devotionals were led by Mrs. Ira Campbell, Mrs. Oscar Ogilvie, Mrs. Henry Bethard, Jr., and Mrs. Aswell Conley. Sharing in various presentations were Mrs. Clarence Edgerton, Jr., Mrs. Edgar Gaddis, Mrs. Dave Foster, Mrs. John Rabbie, a panel of youth composed of Fred Schwendimann, Jerry Fowler, Edna Huckaby, Frances Cannon, Doris Cranford, Virginia and Joe Bobbitt. Two filmstrips, "The Church Beyond our Window," and "Strangers in Their Own Land," were shown during the school.

Following the period of study, a Fellowship Hour was held each Sunday night. Refreshments were served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Wesleyan Service Guild, The Kelley Sunday School Class, and the Young Adult and Senior Youth Sunday School Classes. Rev. Fred Schwendimann is pastor of the church.

There had been no resident pastor for years. The physical property needed much repair. There was much to be done. But the entire community seemed to say with the acres of ripening rice on either side of the church, "the harvest is ripe, put ye in the sickle." The parsonage family have had a rich and rewarding experience through the years working with a people of great faith. God has loved us and helped us beyond ability to express, and it has been a great joy to work with a people so anxious to keep alive the spirit of Christ in this community.

So, once again, you will see the white steeple with its lighted cross lifted high. Once again on Sunday morning our people will be seen heeding the invitation to worship in their church, old, loved and familiar. And, once again, those who pass by will be in some small way reminded that God is alive, and the church which acted as a guide for their fathers through the roadless prairie will guide them in their way.

CENTENARY'S NEW THEATRE BUILDING FORMALLY OPENED

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ribbons to release the curtains across the stage.

Special guests at the opening night were members of the Centenary College board of trustees, Mayor and Mrs. James C. Gardner of Shreveport, member of the Summer Theater board, prominent civic and business leaders and representatives of the press, radio and television.

Members of the Centenary Women's Club and women members of the Summer Theater served punch in the beautifully landscaped patio of the theater between acts.

An illustrated brochure was distributed to members of the first night audience to commemorate the event. Formal dress was worn, but street dress will be worn for the remainder of the musical's run, expected to be several weeks. Joseph B. Gifford, director of both the Centenary Playhouse and the Summer Theater and head of Centenary's department of speech and drama, directed the lavish musical. James Hull Miller, associate professor of drama, is technical director.

Plans for the new theater were announced last July, and construction was begun immediately. The Werner Company of Shreveport was awarded the construction contract, and Samuel G. Wiener and Associates, Shreveport architects, designed the building with Miller as consultant. The Shreveport Beautification Foundation landscaped the patio, and landscaping of the grounds is slated as soon as weather conditions permit.

The structure, which boasts every innovation for the successful production of all kinds of entertainment, has attracted national attention in theatrical circles. In addition to its stage and lighting equipment, it contains completely modern facilities for the speech and drama department, offices for the staff, wardrobe and properties rooms, dressing rooms and a spacious lobby.

Choosing Between The Secular and Sacred

By Judge Duval Purkins, Attorney, Warren

A nationally known journalist in his book tells of the speech of a Greek Lawyer, Aeschines, prosecuting a case in Athens in 330 B.C. In those days, writes the author, ancient Greece had experienced a series of startling national and international episodes. The times were remarkably like the times in our nation today. The people were bewildered. In his peroration, Aeschines made this statement: "Our lives have transcended the limits of humanity. We are born to serve a theme of incredible tales to posterity?"

The President of a small church college in his book tells how the schools and colleges in America were founded, financed and nurtured by the pioneer Christians and Christian Churches of America. The author points out that as followers of Jesus their program of education with its emphasis on religion is what has made our people rich and our nation great today. Then, the author notes what all thinking people must know; and that is, with few exceptions, that religion and religious influences are largely ignored in our marvelous present program of modern education. And so the author concludes with these words: "Thus it is—and it is becoming clearer—that modern society and educated men, especially, have to choose between the secular and the sacred view of life."

The two ideas I have just tried to convey pose this question: In our atomic and technological era, what is the correct theme of service we as professed Christians should pursue in writing our incredible tale for posterity?

Our great church at its last General Conference launched a quadrennial plan, called, "Higher Education Emphasis." It means we should restore in the program of educating youth that sacred view of life accepted and practiced by our forefathers. As laymen, ministers and as a Church we should underwrite our own Hendrix College. We should aid, assist and encourage the Wesley Foundation Work in our tax-supported Colleges and Universities.

Therefore, with discernment and wisdom, our Commission has recommended six simple projects for us to adopt and follow through. There is no call for personal sacrifice. They offer us a program for a concerted, methodical and organized effort by which each church, each member, each minister and each District Superintendent can contribute to the restoration of the sacred view of life in our Methodist program for educating our youth.

As an Alumnus and Trustee, it is easy for me to understand and know Hendrix College does, and should, belong to the Methodists of Arkansas. In my day in Hendrix we learned much from the books. But more, we got from the vision of a Dr. Millar; the spiritual mind of a Prof. Greene; what the Bible means from a Prof. Rennison; and, inspiring patterns of conduct, thought and behaviour impressed upon us by a Prof. Simmons, a Prof. Burr, a Dr. Staples and the others on the Faculty and Campus like them. These men not only taught us how to think, but also, how to live. We have forgotten most of the lessons from our books, but that which rubbed off on us from our contacts with and their concern for us far excels in value anything gotten out of the books. In our day at Hendrix, the Administration and Faculty emphasis was on the sacred-view of life. Those Educators personally concerned themselves about us. It was a human touch. Nor was there anything

missing in academic learning or instruction. Two of my college mates received Oxford Scholarships. Hundreds of them have excelled in the areas of Science, Education, Religion, Medicine, law, politics, Christian homes, Churches and Business. Better than that they are now, and, long have been, Christian leaders in the communities where they work.

Hendrix College is and should be the powerhouse of Methodism in Arkansas. But, to utilize its highest potentials may call for some change in the thought and behaviour of both those who direct it and the Methodists to whom Hendrix belongs.

Today, we, like the mass of society are a herd-like and superficial folk. In that mass may be found some who are Educators, but there are more of us who pay lip service only to our unique evangelizing Methodist Church. We skim over that which is enduring and lap up that which is temporary.

In recent years, I have heard a lot of idle chit-chat about Hendrix. Some have said it has been lost to the Methodists to whom it belongs. If we have lost what we won, then, the fault is ours. It is declared as a major purpose in its Charter that Hendrix College is "To carry out the plans, past and future, of the conferences of the Methodist Church in Arkansas for the development of Christian Education through the institution."

One of the recommendations of your Commission is that the Administration and Faculty of Hendrix College be required to hammer the fact, on and off the campus, that Hendrix belongs to the Methodist Church. Equally important, it is recommended that Hendrix College be supported, spiritually and financially, by the members of the Methodist Church.



Last year Hendrix College had 470 students. Diplomas were awarded to 89 young people. There were a few honorary degrees. We of the mass in Methodism are not much interested in honorary degrees. They have their place in our present educational practices, but actually they are none other than that which we call "gestures." Whether Hendrix did its job well in 1956 and 1957 will be measured by the thinking, behaviour and work in the future of those eighty-nine young graduates.

We need to develop a Church Conscience that Hendrix belongs to us—the Methodists of Arkansas. As Methodists we should develop a burning zeal to give Hendrix our enthusiastic concern and supply it more financial aid.

It costs a lot of money to prepare a child to live in the world of today. Some think it costs too much to send a child to Hendrix. Those persons do not know the tremendous expense required to maintain an accredited college. In passing, let it be remembered with pride that Hendrix is recognized as one of this country's fifty leading small colleges.

A few years ago, I heard the Dean of the Arkansas Medical School say it costs the taxpayers of Arkansas \$90,000.00 for each Freshman accepted for training in that institution.

Last year, the cost of operating Hendrix was approximately \$300,000.00. Despite what many think that an excessive charge is exacted of each student, the total of the sums paid by the students was less than 45% of the amounts necessary to maintain and operate the College.

For the past five years, I have heard its annual financial reports. I do not believe there is a bank or business in Arkansas whose fiscal affairs are more carefully and competently managed than are the fiscal affairs of Hendrix.

One reason that it costs so much for the student and that its program must be somewhat restricted is the fact we Methodists have failed to support financially the only institution we own and operate as a place where a boy or girl may receive a Christian Education.

Why the other 55% of cost for a college? If I purchase an automobile today for \$2500.00, despite my use or non-use of it, at the end of one year, its value has depreciated at least \$420.00. We call that depreciation. But, there is a converse term in fiscal accounting called "Appreciation." "Appreciation" may be said to be an "unearned increment." In human life, there is no such equivalent unless there is put into the mind and heart of a human in the process of his education that which makes his life of greater value to society. In educating our youth God's way, we must supply the money for "Appreciation" in Christian values.

It is the quadrennial plan of the General Conference of our great church for us Methodists to get going this thing, I am now calling "Appreciation." As Methodists we have it within our power to make possible "Appreciation" in educated men and women by giving them in addition to specialized training a conviction of the plan of God in our every day life.

I appeal for a Methodist conscience concerned about and for Hendrix. Such a conscience can arise from a religious emphasis on higher education through Hendrix and Wesley Foundation Work. I am urging the unanimous adoption of the report of the Commission. Not only should the six recommendations be adopted, but also each Methodist, including the President and every member of the Staff and Faculty of Hendrix, should create a feeling in every Methodist Home and on the College Campus that Hendrix is our source of power to keep Methodism at work forever for the on-going of God's plan for mankind.

Let us expect of its President, Staff and Faculty a program of education of the mind and heart that will fit one to live fully in our materialistic world. With specialized knowledge, let each student be taught by Faculty behaviour and personal contact there is a greater source of power for man than that of a trained mind. It can come only from an acceptance of that sacred view of life that this is God's world.

Natchitoches Scouts Receive Awards



From left to right are: Hampton Carver, Larry Fisher, Lamar Bates, and George Pearce, Jr., pastor.

"God and Country" Awards were presented to scouts Lamar Bates, Hampton Carver, and Larry Fisher of Troop 60 at the 7:30 p.m. service Sunday, July 28, at First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, Louisiana. Others participating in the presentation ceremony were Boy Scout Executive Hal Bynum, Scout Masters Don Hargis and Cary Johnson, Jr., Fellowship Workers Mrs. C. C. Glass and Mrs. Marjorie Watkins, Sunday School Teacher Mrs. A. E. Slack, and parents Mr. and Mrs. Grover Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Carver, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fisher.

To achieve this award a boy must be at least of the rank of first class scout, must maintain regular habits of prayer, Bible reading, giving to his Church, and attendance at services and youth groups. He must have a good knowledge of the beliefs of his Church, its organization, its missionary program, and the place of the Church in the community life. He must perform definite service projects for his Church upon a regular basis for the entire year.

Hot Springs 1st Church Has Vacation Church School

The Vacation Church School of First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, was climaxed Friday morning, July 26, by a worship service and closing exercises. Certificates were presented to 74 of the 89 enrollees.

Many parents and friends of the children saw them dramatize the themes of the School. The Kindergarten wore costumes from many lands to illustrate their theme—"Friends Near And Far." The Primary group illustrated its theme with a lovely booklet on "Family Life," which they had made during the week. The Juniors carried out their motif of "Meet Your Neighbors" by making several articles representative of many lands.

The following teachers and workers were presented with a red carnation by four young ladies from the Junior group in appreciation of the whole School:

Junior Department—Mrs. James Monk, Mrs. W. G. Beasley, Mrs. Harry Bischof, Miss Kay Monk; Primary Department—Mrs. H. J. Brennes, Mrs. Madge G. Humphreys, Mrs. Kent Miller, Miss Clara Anderson, Miss Angela Confer; Kindergarten Department—Mrs. H. G. Elliott, Jr., Mrs. Ray Smith, Jr., Miss Carolyn McAdams, Miss Linda Underwood, Miss Donna Groom; Secretary, Mrs. Frank Housley; and Refreshments Chairman, Mrs. Wm. A. Woodcock.

Refreshments were served at the

Monticello District Holds Junior Camp

The Monticello District Junior Camp No. 2 was held at Camp Keener on July 22-25.

The camp was very capably directed by Rev. John P. Miles of Eudora. He was ably assisted by the following counselors: Rev. Ralph Sewell, Rev. Richard Poss, Mr. Hal Richardson, Miss Sally Smith, Miss Linda Rice, Miss Nancy Englerth, and Miss Kathryn Spore. Various work in leathercrafts was provided by Rev. W. W. Barron and Wiley Barron.

The program suggested for Juniors by the General Board of Education was carried out. The study book, *God at Work in His World*, was used by the four groups in their respective "homes in the woods." Despite rain, a cookout was enjoyed by the 50 campers on the last night of camp. The major objective in the camp was to increase the campers' knowledge of how God works in nature.

At the close of camp an offering, totaling \$15, was taken to be used in helping the Junior Department of the Cameron, Louisiana, Methodist Church which was recently destroyed by Hurricane Audrey.

closing exercises by Mrs. William A. Woodcock and her able crew of Junior youngsters to the parents and friends of the pupils.

The School was under the direction of Mr. Stanley R. Reed, educational assistant, and Rev. E. D. Galloway, pastor.

Lake Charles District

The Executive Committee of the Lake Charles District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. L. H. Cashen in Westlake. Mrs. Robert Compton, president, called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Roy Dugas.

New district officers who were welcomed to their first meeting were: Mrs. Alton Granger, secretary of Supply Work; Mrs. Ethel Merritt, secretary of Spiritual Life; and Mrs. Roy Dugas.

Reports from the District Officers were given. Mrs. McGrede, district treasurer, reported that the District had met its Pledge to Missions with the 4th quarter's report showing \$1,495 for Life Memberships. Mrs. Cashen, promotion secretary, stated she was working diligently with the small societies. There are twenty-nine organized societies. Mrs. Dugas, secretary of Missionary Education, discussed plans for a Fall Seminar. Mrs. Haines, Student secretary, reminded the group of the "Blue Cards" which are to be sent by August 1. She told of the new Student Center for the Wesley Foundation at McNeese College. Mrs. McCarthey, former secretary of Literature and Publications, gave a report of the sale of literature at the Zone and District Meetings during 1956-57. Mrs. Draughenbaugh, Missionary Personnel, discussed Christian Career Clinics and a possible tour of the projects in our state.

Officer's Training Day was held at each of the Spring Zone Meetings. The attendance was good and most of the District Officers attended all the Zone Meetings and promoted their line of work. Literature was sold before and after the meetings. Zone No. 1 was held at Prospect Church. A meditation was presented by Mrs. Compton. The ladies of the host church served a delicious dinner to the group. Zone No. 2 met at Simpson Church in Lake Charles with Dr. D. L. Dykes, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Shreveport, bringing the devotional. Films were shown to the group. Zone No. 3 met in Gueydan with Rev. S. A. Seegers bringing the morning meditation.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Merritt. A delicious dinner was served by Mrs. Cashen assisted by Mrs. Spates and Mrs. Holden.

Christian Vocations Service Held

On Sunday, July 21, at 7:30 p.m. a Christian Vocations Service was conducted at the First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, Louisiana. Mrs. J. S. Mitchell, local district secretary of missionary personnel for the Woman's Society, introduced the two young people who have committed themselves to full time Christian service. Brief testimonies were given by the two young people, Kayla Bernard and Roger Williams. The pastor brought the message on the subject "The Outfield and The Infield," representing the work of the Church at home and abroad.

Those persons who have gone out from this Church are: Rev. Robert Parrott, Associate Pastor,

RESOLUTION

Resolutions of respect for Mrs. Louise Andrews, member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Chicot Methodist Church.

Whereas God in his infinite love and wisdom has seen fit to call to her heavenly home, on Wednesday May 29, 1957, our beloved fellow member and sister in Christ. We, the members of Chicot Woman's Society of Christian Service, do form the following resolutions:

First, realizing our loss is her eternal gain. Second, we miss her sweet, cheerful presence in our society and church. Third, we extend to her husband and children our sincere sympathy and pray that God will bless and guide him so that he will bring them up in the Methodist Church, and that they will accept Christ and have the faith and love for God that was their mothers. Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be filed in the minutes of the Chicot Woman's Society of Christian Service, and a copy be sent to the Louisiana Methodist.

Cabot Church Honors Women

A brief talk by Mrs. C. T. Carri-gan, Woman's Society membership chairman, Sunday morning, July 28, prior to the eleven o'clock service at the Cabot Methodist Church, closed the July activities for "Women in the Church," being observed in that church.

The monthly program began with a sermon, "What the Woman's Society of Christian Service Means to Our Local Church," by the pastor, the first Sunday in July. Each following Sunday a brief talk on the work of the Society was made by one of its members.

A picnic supper was held on the church lawn, Wednesday night, honoring the women of the church who are not members of the Woman's Society, the men of the church, and the pastor, the Rev. John S. Workman and his family.

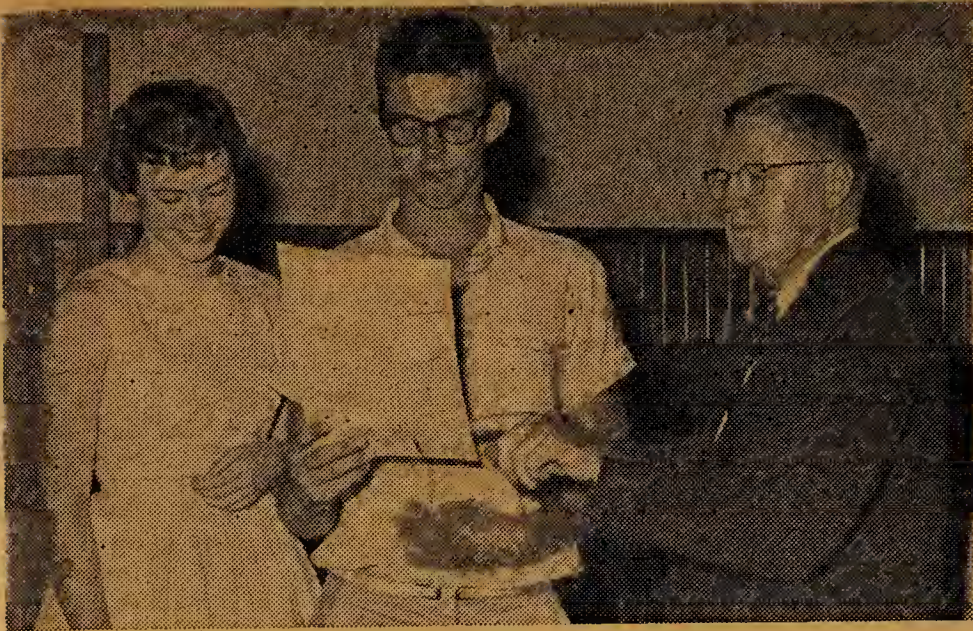
Mrs. W. T. Barnwell, president of the local society, acting chairman, spoke words of welcome to the group followed by response from O. C. Kinley, president of the Men's Fellowship organization of the church. The invocation was given by the pastor.

Immediately following the supper, Mrs. S. L. Rea, chairman of Local Church Activities, spoke words of welcome to the Workman family, the Rev. Workman having been re-appointed as pastor at the annual meeting of the North Arkansas Conference. Mrs. Rea also presented them with a box containing a miscellaneous shower of gifts from the members of the church.

The evening closed with the group of about 100 singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" led by Mrs. Workman.

Munholland Memorial Church, New Orleans; Carlos Welch, Missionary to India; Betty Boydston Carpenter, Wesley Foundation Director Harwich Epworth Church, Massachusetts; Rev. Henry Rickey, District Superintendent, Conway, Arkansas; Eldon Porter, Baptist Minister; Rev. James Poole, Newellton; and Frank Poole.

Alfred Wasson Sub-District Names Officers



Vice president, Diana Deweese, Springdale (left) and president, John Harris, Rogers (center) plan with Rev. Raymond A. Dorman, Fayetteville, who preached the sermon of dedication and installed new officers of the Alfred Wasson Sub-district in a June meeting at the Wiggins Memorial Methodist Church. Other officers elected are: secretary, Jerri Rainwater, Springdale; treasurer, David Dubell, Rogers; corresponding secretary, Georgia Jamison, Wiggins Memorial; and the following area chairmen: faith, Diana Deatherage, Fayetteville Central; fellowship, Alan Beauchamp, Fayetteville Central; citizenship, Wayne Holt, Wiggins Memorial; outreach, Judy Tucker, Springdale; witness, Martha Nan McKinney, Fayetteville Central; Sub-district counselor, Mrs. Charlie Jamison, Wiggins Memorial.

Rice Belt Sub-District News

The Intermediate Rice Belt Methodist Youth Fellowship Sub-district met at Almyra July 22.

The youth from Almyra presented the worship service. Those taking part on the program were Linda Knoll, Frances Vos, Joan Kestner, Margaret Shrum, Bonnie Neukam, Larry Doyle, and Jackie Findley.

At the business meeting it was decided that the next meeting would be at DeWitt in September.

After the business meeting, recreation was directed, and refreshments served by Almyra. Thomas Bormann is reporter.

Pottsville MYF Meets

The Pottsville MYF had its regular meeting July 21. The group met in the Presbyterian Church with the YPCU.

Rev. Kenneth Craig spoke at the meeting on "Foreign Missions." Rev. Craig was the evangelist who was conducting a revival.

The meeting was closed by the YPCU Benediction. MYF reporter is Barbara Lea Race.

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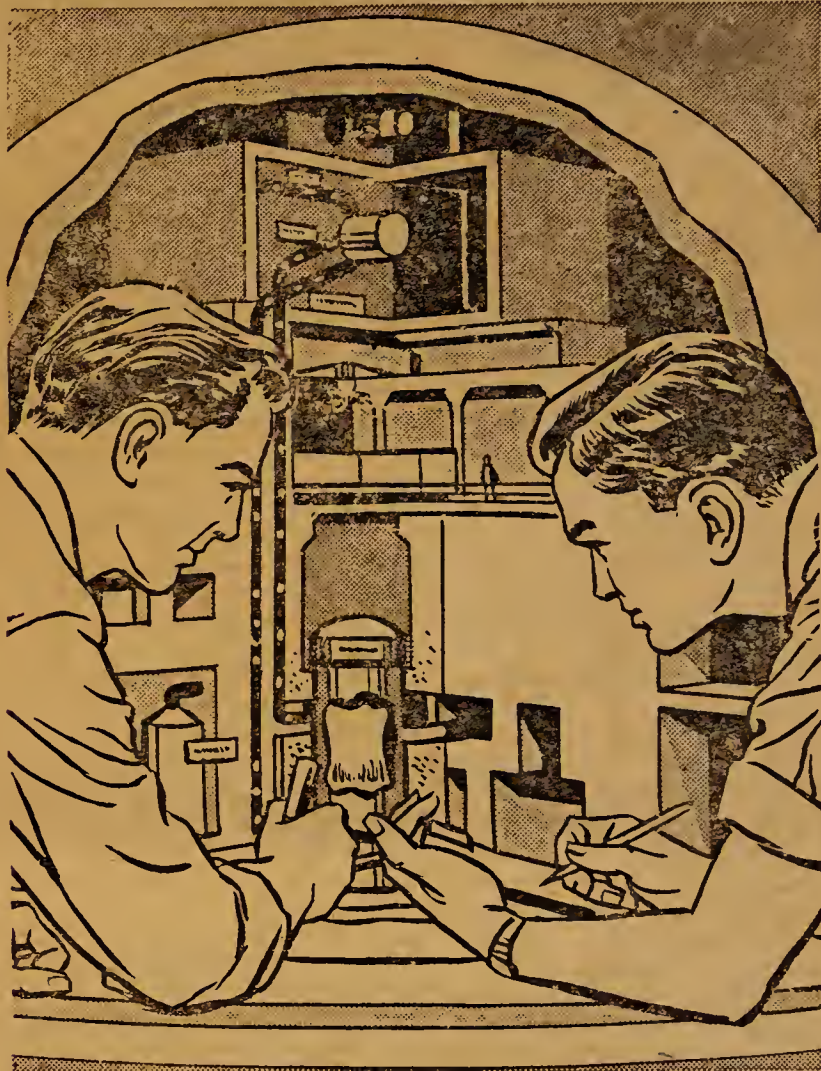
Hot Spring County Conducts Youth Activities Week

The Rev. Bob Scott, pastor of Primrose Methodist Church, Little Rock, was the inspirational speaker during the second annual Hot Spring County Youth Activities Week which was held July 29-August 2. The event was sponsored by the Hot Spring County Methodist Group Ministry and met in local churches in the mornings and in First Methodist Church, Malvern, in the evenings.

The purpose of the week was to

give fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth to the young people of Hot Spring County. In the local churches, the youth worked on projects to benefit their church. During the evening sessions, they had suppers, classes, and recreation followed by a worship service conducted by the Rev. Mr. Scott.

Well-trained adult workers with youth offered courses to interest all those attending. Among guest leaders were Mrs. Melton Teague, Arkadelphia, Little Rock Conference W.S.C.S. Secretary of Youth Work, and Mrs. Sue Hudson, Magnolia. Dale Meyers was reporter.



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These are two of the new "atomic men" in the business of producing electricity. In the illustration, they are studying a small-scale model of an atomic reactor designed for an atomic-electric power plant.

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LESSON FOR AUGUST 18, 1957

JONATHAN: NOBILITY IN FRIENDSHIP

READ I SAMUEL 18:3-4, 19:1-7, 23:15-18.

MEMORY SELECTION: *A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*—Proverbs 17:17 (RSV)

Throughout this entire quarter we are studying "Personalities of the Old Testament." The general subject for the thirteen lessons in Unit VIII is "Valiant Servants of God." Today our subject is, "Jonathan: Nobility In Friendship."

Since The Last Lesson

Last Sunday we studied something of the life of Hannah, one of the great mothers of early Israel. Her prayer for a son; the birth of Samuel and his dedication to God for full-time service in the temple made an interesting lesson.

Many things have happened in Israel between the time of that lesson and the time in Israel's history from which our lesson this week is taken. Samuel grew to manhood and succeeded Eli as high priest at the temple. He was also the last and the greatest of the Judges of Israel.

Samuel was directed by the Lord to anoint a king to rule over Israel. Two different reasons are given for this change in the government of Israel. In one account it is indicated that Israel rebelled against God and demanded a king to rule over them, as was common in the tribes about them. In another account the writer says that out of pity for the Israelites God wanted them to have a king.

While Samuel's rule over Israel as a Judge was also involved, nevertheless, Samuel moved, under the leadership of God, to choose a king for Israel. Saul, the son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin was chosen by the Lord to be king, and was anointed king by Samuel.

Saul, as king, soon set about the task of delivering Israel from the hands of their enemies. While Saul was made king, the Lord, through Samuel, tried to direct his activities for the best interest of his people. However, Saul became proud, selfish and ambitious and so displeased God that he was rejected by the Lord as Israel's king. Samuel was told by the Lord to anoint another as king of Israel. The choice fell on David a shepherd, son of Jesse, grandson of Ruth. David was anointed king by Samuel, while Saul was still ruling Israel, and did not really become king until the death of Saul, some years later.

Saul had many disappointments in his efforts to free Israel from the enemies about. He became despondent, discouraged and melancholy. His servants, seeing his condition, recommended that he have a musician to sing and play for him in his moments of despondency. Saul agreed and David was selected to play the harp before

Saul when his evil spells possessed him. In the beginning this seemed to be the answer to the problem.

The change in Saul's attitude toward David seemed to come as a result of the victory David won over the giant, Goliath. With the armies of Israel and the Philistines encamped on adjacent mountains, Israel was humiliated by the fact that Goliath came down in the valley between the mountains and daily challenged any man of the army of Israel to combat. We are all familiar with the story of how David asked for the privilege of fighting Goliath the armored giant. With a sling and stones gathered from a brook he crossed, David met Goliath and killed him with a stone from his sling. Seeing their champion killed by a mere boy, the Philistines turned and fled with the armies of Israel in hot pursuit. After that, David's life was in almost continuous danger in the courts of Saul.

Beautiful Stories of The Bible

The history of the development of Israel is filled with some of the most beautiful, fascinating stories to be found in all the range of literature. The story of the birth and life of Moses, the story of Joseph, Ruth, Hannah and other heroes in the early life of Israel thrill each new generation of Bible readers. In our lesson today we study something of the friendship between Jonathan and David. This is the world's classical example of the most beautiful, unselfish, deathless friendship of which we have a record.

Jonathan and David Make a Covenant

After David's victory over Goliath, Jonathan, the son of Saul and heir apparent to his throne, was so drawn to David in friendship that our lesson text says "Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul." Jonathan sealed the covenant by giving "to David his own garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle." Such an exchange of clothing was a part of the covenant which made them one in love and friendship.

We are not told exactly what it was that so attracted Jonathan to David. It was likely a combination of things.

(1) The writer of I Samuel says of David, "He was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to." David may have possessed a very winsome, charming personality which attracted Jonathan.

(2) David was a poet and musician and is called the "sweet singer of Israel." These characteristics

may have drawn Jonathan to David.

(3) This friendship followed closely upon David's victory over Goliath. There may have been an element of "hero worship" as Jonathan looked on a lad who possessed such courage and skill and faith in God as to offer himself to do battle with a man who was feared by every other man of Israel, including the king.

(4) It is evident that Jonathan loved David for what he was since he had nothing to offer a king's son except friendship and loyalty.

This friendship, sealed with a covenant, lasted through calm and tempest. This was no "fair weather" friendship. In testing times Jonathan was faced with conflicting loyalties between his own father, who was also his king, and his love and loyalty to David. When the real tests came, Jonathan's friendship for David prevailed over every other claim on his life.

The Basis of True Friendship

Our memory verse says, "A friend loves at all times." This means that true friendship does not change with changing circumstances.

(1) True friendship is evidenced by what we are willing to do for our friend—not on what we think a friend is able and willing to do for us. We often say of one who seems to be a loyal friend, "He would give the shirt off his back to a friend." That is exactly what Jonathan did in his love and loyalty to David.

(2) True friendship is based on unselfishness. Real friendship gives without thought of reward or repayment. Real friendship finds its greatest joy in making the object of its friendship happy.

Enmity of Saul Based On Insane Jealousy

Saul, with the rest of the Israelites, was highly pleased with the spectacular victory David won over Goliath. It not only saved Saul, the leader of the army, embarrassment, it possibly saved his army from defeat. Consequently, Saul began to inquire more about David and had him brought into his presence. We are told, after the inquiry, that "Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house."

And then something happened that changed the whole picture. After the battle, following the killing of Goliath, David with the others returned when the Philistines had been defeated. After their return, Saul heard the women singing a song that changed his whole outlook toward David. The women sang, "Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands." The Record says, "Saul was very wroth and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom? And Saul eyed David from that day forward."

There was born in the heart of Saul that day a spirit of jealousy that was never again entirely dispelled. Saul was jealous, not only because of the praise given David by the women, he was jealous of the ties that knit the soul of Jonathan, his son to David. He was conscious that Jonathan was will-

ing for David to be the heir of the throne instead of himself. This insane jealousy made of Saul a half-demented weakling while David and Jonathan grew in stature because of their beautiful friendship.

There are few if any experiences of life more disconcerting, more destructive of poise and balance or more self-destructive in other aspects of life than a spirit of jealousy. A spirit of jealousy pays about the poorest dividend of any emotion we may possess.

A Time When Only Friends Can Speak For Us

All of us, who live very long, will discover that times frequently come in our lives when only our friends can speak for us. Unless, in such times, we have friends who are willing to speak for us, as Jonathan spoke for David, our cause must go unchampioned. Anything we may say for ourselves, at such a time, is usually ineffective and sometimes even hurtful. There is always a suspicion of selfishness when we try to speak for ourselves in times of crisis. When our friends speak for us there is always an element of unselfishness in their words that makes them much more effective than anything we are able to do or say.

What This Unselfish Friendship Cost Jonathan

(1) Jonathan's friendship for David cost him a break in relationship with his father the king.

(2) It cost Jonathan the possibility of becoming king himself. He found it necessary to voluntarily take second place that David might have undisputed claim to first place. This friendship made it necessary for Jonathan to choose between his own legitimate interests and a beautiful friendship. He chose friendship.

(3) David finally became a great king and was king of Israel when its powers reached their peak. Ever after, the restoration of the Kingdom of David was a political and religious goal of Israel. David became immortal as the "sweet singer of Israel," the greatest of Israel's poets and a warrior of renown. Back of all and beneath it all was the unselfish friendship of Jonathan which made it possible.

Jonathan paid a great price for his friendship with David. In so doing he gave to the world one of the most beautiful examples of unselfish friendship which has ever been recorded.

Friends Should Be Carefully and Prayerfully Chosen

Because our friends and associates so largely determine the character of life we live, there is nothing to which we should give more careful attention than the choosing of intimate friends.

Luke, in 6:12-13, tells us that Jesus spent the night in prayer before he chose the twelve apostles. These were to be with Jesus for the rest of His ministry and He chose them with great care. It is not always possible to have just the people we most want as our close personal friends. However, it is possible for us to omit from personal friendships those we should not have as intimate friends. We should have a friendly attitude toward all people but bosom friends should be carefully chosen.

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Arkansas-Louisiana Area representatives at the National Youth School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action at Adrian (Mich.) College July 29-Aug. 4: Left to right—Miss Carol Cooley, Russellville, Ark.; Miss Mary Ruth Price, Dumas, Ark.; Miss Toy B. Baker, Ft. Smith, Ark.; Miss Emogene Dunlap, Washington, D. C., staff member of the Board of Temperance and co-director of the school, a native of Arkansas and former youth work director there; Miss Ethel Lu Teague, Arkadelphia, Ark.; Miss Anna A. Whitaker, Vivian, La.

Youths Represent Area At National School of Alcohol Studies And Action

Why do people drink? What are the effects of alcohol on the human body? What does drinking do to society?

These and many more down-to-earth questions were explored at the Fifth National Youth School of Alcoholic Studies and Christian Action at Adrian (Mich.) College July 29-Aug. 4.

Ninety-three youth leaders and adult counselors from 30 states and the District of Columbia attended the school, which was jointly sponsored by the youth departments of The Methodist Church's Boards of Temperance and Education.

Answers to the problems came as speakers carefully outlined the personal and social consequences of the use of alcoholic beverages. Old-fashioned oratory which some still associate with the temperance movement was absent. In its place were facts from medical science, safety council reports, social agencies and other research. They were presented by lecturers and workshop leaders in the best teaching techniques.

Students filled notebooks with usable material. Workshop sessions, discussion groups, and browsing tables loaded with resource books all added to the process of finding answers to major questions in the field.

But the students were not at Adrian merely to amass facts and learn statistics on the problem of drinking. They had come to seek answers to such personal questions as these: How can I face social pressures to drink? How can I help other people? What can I do back home? They were there to try to find and develop the Christian point of view.

The Rev. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton of Washington, D. C., general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, gave the concluding address at the Sunday morning dedication service. His message set the tone of commitment to the

task ahead in personal Christian living and effective social witness in the every-day world.

The school was by no means a somber series of studies or speeches. It had its hilarious hours of fun and fellowship and its enriching times of worship and guided meditation, giving a practical demonstration of alternatives to alcohol in wholesome fun and the uplifting worship.

Co-directors of the school were Miss Emogene Dunlap, director of youth work for the Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C., and the Rev. Joseph W. Bell of Nashville, Tenn., staff member of the Board of Education's youth department.

Trueblood Names Two Developments Of The Times

Lake Junaluska, N. C. (MI)—Two "striking developments of our times" are the "clusters of small prayer groups springing up across America and the great, new Christian emphasis on our daily work," Dr. Elton Trueblood, distinguished Quaker author and lecturer, said here.

He spoke twice during a three-
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Young Adult Workshop Next Week

Miss Anita P. Harris, Field Secretary for young adults, General Board of Missions, will be the resource leader for the Louisiana Conference Young Adult Workshop, scheduled to be held next week, August 23-25 at Camp Brewer, the Louisiana Conference camp.

Miss Harris is former president of Colegio Bennett, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and recently came to the Board of Missions as a staff person of the joint committee on missionary personnel.

Walter McLean, Baton Rouge, is president of the Conference Young Adult fellowship. Rev. B. E. Bond, Shreveport, is serving as program coordination for the young adult conference program.

The workshop, according to conference leaders, is to furnish opportunities for a teacher for young adult work in regular churches, and to make young adult class a redemptive fellowship. Registration will be on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the workshop is expected to be concluded following lunch on Sunday.

Other leaders of the workshop included Mrs. Jim Tamborson, Shreveport, Rev. Don Alverson, New Orleans, Mrs. G. W. Charleston, Dr. Bently Sloane, Shreveport.

Gentilly Youth Have Christmas In July

People passing on the street in front of Gentilly Methodist Church last Sunday night listened twice as the strains of "Silent Night" came from the candle lighted sanctuary to fill the hot summer night. What they were hearing was the closing hymn of the "Christmas In July" program being presented by the Senior MYF of Gentilly. The idea was based on the belief that the spirit of Christmas should be kept alive all year round instead of a few weeks every December.

The young people had decorated the church with the colors of Yuletide and candles, and handled the entire program. Patricia Carlin was the organist and the program director was Patricia Albright. Jack Himebook was the choir director and the choir was made up in entirety of MYF members who had spent several nights of the past few weeks practicing the music.

Scriptures that fit in with the music were read by Mary Lou Jones, Adolph Assenheimer, and Don Munson. JoAnn Bell was the program leader. Featured soloists were Drayton Freeman singing "O Little Town Of Bethlehem," Jeanne Smith singing "Ave Maria,"

Scholarship In Memory of Meth. Pastor Announced

A \$2,000 endowment for scholarship purposes has been established at Centenary College in memory of a Methodist minister who died in 1952.

The donor, a resident of the Shreveport area, requested anonymity and said merely that she wished to establish the fund to perpetuate the memory of the late James C. (Jim) Sensintaffar, a Methodist minister in the Louisiana Conference at the time of his death on Jan. 9, 1952.

The donor said income from the sum, to which she plans to add additional money from time to time, should be used to provide for a scholarship for a student wishing to prepare himself for some phase of full-time Methodist work. She requested only that if, and when, any children of Mr. and Mrs. Sensintaffar, who now resides in Jonesville, should decide to attend Centenary, these children shall be given preference in awarding the scholarship.

Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, also announced establishment of a scholarship fund in memory of the late Douglas F. Attaway, publisher of The Shreveport Journal at the time of his death several weeks ago. The Shreveport Kiwanis Club, whose work with children Attaway had supported during his lifetime, established the scholarship, which will pay \$300 a year to some needy student wishing to attend Centenary.

Dr. Mickle expressed the thanks of the college to those instrumental in the establishment of both scholarship funds.

Joyce Harris with "O Holy Night" and Mr. Himebook who sang "Infant Holy." Other numbers were sung by the whole choir along with several carols with the congregation.

The scripture readers read portions of the Bible relating to the birth of Christ between musical portions of the program. In line with the MYF program of mission work, the offering taken was to be sent to the "Warren Baby-Fold Mission" in India.

Although many young people of the church worked to make the program a success, the church is especially thankful to Mr. Himebook and several other men from nearby Camp LeRoy Johnson who worked with this venture and are active in other MYF work at Gentilly. The well-filled congregation thoroughly enjoyed the "Christmas in July" program and it is hoped that it will be an annual affair at Gentilly.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. JAMES T. HARRIS, superintendent of the Monroe District, preached in revival services at the Pioneer Methodist Church, July 28-August 2, where Rev. Cecil Mims is pastor.

REV. HENRY T. ISGITT, pastor of the Converse Methodist Church, was guest speaker in revival services held at the Cooley Methodist Church the second week in August. Rev. Grafton Shaw is pastor of the church.

REV. A. M. MARTIN, pastor of the Jeanerette Methodist Church, was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, New Iberia, Sunday evening, July 28, where the Rev. W. R. Wendt is pastor.

REV. W. D. KLEINSCHMIDT, retired member of the Louisiana Conference, was guest preacher at the Thibodaux Methodist Church Sunday, August 4, where Rev. Robert Miller is pastor.

REV. R. R. BRANTON, superintendent of the Lafayette District, preached at the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, Sunday morning, August 4. Rev. Fred S. Flurry, pastor of the church, Mrs. Flurry and Fred were on vacation.

REV. BYRD L. TERRY, pastor of the Salem-Hilly Charge, will be guest preacher in revival services to be held at the Antioch Methodist Church August 12-18. Services will be held daily at 7:30 p.m. Rev. L. M. Sawyer is pastor of the Simsboro-Antioch charge.

REV. SAM NADER, superintendent of the Lake Charles District, preached in revival services held at the Live Oak Methodist Church, Watson, August 4-9. Bob Johnston was song leader for the revival. Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, Jr., is pastor of the church.

REV. ROBERT GALATAS, pastor of St. Claude Heights Methodist Church, New Orleans, was guest speaker at the vesper service of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Sunday, August 11. Dr. A. M. Serex is pastor of the church.

ON SUNDAY EVENING, August 25, a concert of sacred music will be presented at the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, by Frank Poole, son of Rev. D. W. Poole, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District. Rev. R. H. Jamieson is pastor of the DeRidder church.

MRS. C. E. McLEAN, 104 Calvin, Ruston, Louisiana, reports that she still has fifty-two copies of "Reversing History," written by Rev. C. E. McLean and published in 1953. The book is an adventure story for teen-agers and the price of the remaining copies is \$1.50.

BOBBY TURNAGE has been secured as choir director at St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans. Mr. Turnage has had many years experience in the field of church music and is presently engaged in re-organizing this phase of the church program. Rev. Harvey G. Williamson is the pastor of St. Paul's church.

DR. L. D. HAUGHTON, superintendent of the Methodist Home Hospital, New Orleans, is recovering following surgery July 25 at the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. Dr. Haughton is now convalescing at his home. According to

reports Dr. Haughton will resume his work and outside activities September 1.

REV. ANGUS L. CARRUTH, pastor of the Tangipahoa Methodist Church, is the guest preacher in a Youth Revival at the Ingleside Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. The revival began on August 11 and will continue through the 16th. Rev. Mr. Carruth will also preach in revival services at the Methodist Church in Brookeland, Texas, August 19-25.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD of St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans, has approved the purchase of a new church parsonage for its minister, Rev. Harry G. Williamson. In the near future, after the necessary legal matters have been completed, the Rev. Mr. Williamson and his family will occupy the new three-bedroom, two-bath home.

REV. GEORGE ROSS, pastor of the Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest preacher at the Wesley Youth Sub-district Revival held at the Faith Methodist Church, Natchitoches, August 5-9. Rev. J. C. Skinner, pastor of the Montgomery Methodist Church led the singing. Rev. Odell Simmons is pastor of Faith church.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College, won one of the grand prizes in the 1957 photo contest sponsored by The Shreveport Times. Dr. Mickle took the \$25 award in Class A for a picture of his granddaughter. The same photo won in one of the weekly divisions of the contest. Dr. Mickle previously has won other prizes in the annual competition.

NEW CHURCH FURNITURE has recently been installed in the Quitman Methodist Church, including: new pews, choir screen, communion rail, kneeler pad and communion table. The approximate cost of the furniture was \$3,200. "We are very proud of the progress that has been made at the church and we are looking forward to the best year that we have ever had," said the pastor, Rev. Troy Garrett.

ROBERT J. GENINS, administrator of the Missouri Delta Community Hospital, Sikeston, Mo., has been named to the staff of the Methodist Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, effective September 1, according to Dr. Robert Mayfield, general secretary of the board. Mr. Genins will be associate secretary of the every-member canvass, in the department of stewardship and finance, director of which is Dr. Edwin A. Briggs.

MRS. JACK I. KELLEY, department superintendent, reports that the Children's Division of the Scott Memorial Methodist Church of Eudora, Arkansas, sent a check to the Cameron, Louisiana Methodist Church, in connection with their project of World Service Day offerings. They hope that the money will be useful in a small way in the rebuilding of their church after the hurricane. Rev. John P. Miles is pastor of the Eudora church.

DR. AND MRS. GUY M. HICKS announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Winifred Jane, to Mr. Frank Cecil Jones on Sunday, the 25th of August, at the First Methodist Church of Alexandria. The wedding will be held at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Jones is a member of

Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, is a graduate engineer from Louisiana Tech, and active in church and Wesley Foundation. Friends are asked to accept this as their personal invitation to the wedding.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College recently attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Methodist Board of Education, held in conjunction with the 13th annual Institute of Higher Education at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Mickle also attended the meeting of the advisory committee, of which he is secretary, and the personnel committee, of which he is a member. He returned to Shreveport in time to participate in the ceremonies marking formal opening of the new Marjorie Lyons Playhouse on August 1.

REV. FRED SCHWENDIMANN, pastor of the Coushatta Methodist Church, was guest preacher in revival services held at the Pine Ridge Methodist Church July 29-August 4. The Vacation Church School was held in connection with the revival. A worship service was held each morning Monday through Friday, from nine until nine-thirty o'clock. This service was open to all persons and also served as the opening devotional for the Church School. The Pine Ridge Church is on the Tangipahoa Charge where Rev. Angus L. Carruth is pastor.

REV. HENRY C. BLOUNT, JR., pastor of the Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, was guest preacher in the annual revival at the Doyline Methodist Church July 28-August 2. Gordon Thompson, Shreveport was in charge of the song service. Highlights of the meeting included the special music by the Doyline choir, Mr. Thompson, and the Broadmoor Methodist Church choir of Shreveport. There was one addition to the church by profession of faith, and many people made a rededication to the church. Rev. L. J. Futch is pastor of the church.

REV. J. T. GARRETT, pastor of the Chatham Methodist Church, was guest preacher in the annual summer revival held at the Quitman Methodist Church, July 15-21. Rev. Jimmie Pyles, pastor of the Sibley Methodist Church and Rev. Troy Garrett, pastor of the church, led the singing. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Gloria Graham of Del Rio, Texas. Other members of the community and congregation also assisted in the special music. Miss Emily Watts was pianist for the services. A number of people were converted and reclaimed during the revival. According to reports received, everyone who attended was greatly blessed and the church was revived. The attendance was the best in many years.

MAJOR JOHN B. WHITFIELD, Juvenile Department of the Monroe Police Department, was guest speaker at the Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, climaxing the recently completed study, "Youth in a Responsible Society," by the Wesleyan Service Guild of the church. Major Whitfield, who has been with the Police Department for seventeen years, and is specially trained in this field, spoke on the causes and prevention of juvenile delinquency. A lively question-and-answer session followed the thought-provoking address, after which the group enjoyed an hour of fellowship in the church parlors. Special guests for the occasion were members of the Monroe First Church Guild, Youth and Men's groups and members of the W.S.C.S. of Memorial church. Rev. W. Ralph Cain is the pastor.

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The Indifferent Must Become Different

ONE of the greatest obstacles which the Christian movement has encountered in every generation is indifference. From the very beginning of the Christian era, the task of proclaimers of the faith has been to help the indifferent become different, to manifest an active and committed interest in the great redeeming movement. Indifference is found today as in the past, both inside and outside the organized church, with the inevitable result that those outside the fold see too little difference between their own indifference and that of many who profess to be followers.

Jesus was perhaps never more forceful in his recorded utterances than when he denounced those of his day who professed to be leaders in the Hebrew tradition, but who were at heart really indifferent to those matters which counted for the most. It was this indifference that simply tore at the great heart of the Man of Galilee who, when he approached Jerusalem for the last time, wept because of the indifference of the people who inhabited the home of the prophets.

There are many hopeful signs today that multiplied millions of the indifferent are showing signs of interest. The trouble now, as in the past, is not that people actually disbelieve, or do not see the value of the church or the faith that is being taught. Caught up in so many interests and with no particular emergency at hand that has driven them to the wall of despair, such people carry on, indifferent to the very faith that would give zest and meaning to all of life.

Dr. Thomas Carruth, staff member of the Board of Evangelism, told Arkansas evangelism leaders recently on Mt. Sequoyah of a group of Korean Christians who have been praying together in the early hours of each day for a number of years. They had seen life at its worst, and this prayer fellowship is evidence that they are different, not indifferent. A Canadian Christian leader recently observed that the great new interest in religion, in mass evangelism and visitation, membership, attendance, etc., is really a revival within the Church, and that as yet it has reached comparatively few people who have not had some relation to the Christian movement.

As we begin a year of evangelism, "Tell Arkansas and Louisiana About Christ," it may be the part of wisdom to realize frankly that the field of greatest opportunity at the outset is within the ranks of our own "numbers." When indifferent Methodists become different, their witness among the indifferent, who have no particular faith, will be one of the greatest voices in the telling of America about Christ.

A Lift For Living

By Ralph W. Sockman

ARE YOUR SUPERSTITIOUS?

Most of us would deny it. A superstition is a belief resting on emotion or fear rather than on reason. It is a kind of cobweb in the corner of the mind, and we like to think our mental attics have been swept clear of such cluttering falsehoods.

Of course, we might plead guilty to a few trifling superstitions. Many of us dislike to sit down at table in a company of 13, or to live on the 13th floor of a hotel. Some have a strange fear of Friday; others avoid walking under ladders. But by and large we pride ourselves on not being gullible or credulous. We no longer believe in ghosts or witchcraft.

And the feeling is widespread that religion, as well as ignorance, has been responsible for keeping superstitions alive. The man on the street and the student on the campus are inclined to look upon the church as the home of many fears. The charge is not without foundation. The church must frankly confess to having harbored many an irrational idea which should have been discarded with the Dark Ages.

But how much freer from superstition is the street than the sanctuary? How much less tormented by fear are Europeans and Orientals in this day of dictators than were their ancestors in the time when Dante wrote his "Inferno"? And here in America if we could analyze the contents of a typical mind, would the proportion of falsehood found therein be much smaller than in the days of our grandfathers? We know more, but we also know so much more that isn't so.

Despite the spread of education, we are still the easy victims of subtle propaganda. We are bedeviled by a swarm of foolish ideas, stinging fears and false ideals.

With all respect to the amazing powers of the human mind, we have to admit its limitations. We can talk ourselves into believing almost any-



The Layman's Column

By
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North Arkansas Conference

through the heart of Israel, the new nation of the Jews. Some other day I can tell of the marvelous progress that is being made to cause this land to blossom as it is doing, but right now I prefer to tell of the many interesting places that we saw . . . places that you and I have read about in the Bible and wondered how they looked.

We first rode from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, on the sea coast of the Mediterranean. On the way we saw the valley where David and Goliath met. A little farther along is the town of Ramla, in the land formerly called Arimathea, where Joseph of Arimathea grew up. It is a fertile section and is still a place where people make more money than the average over there. Then we went to Tel Aviv, the new and more widely known name of the city that we read about called Joppa. It was here that Simon the tanner lived, though of course we did not know the house. Leaving Tel Aviv, we passed through the Valley of Sharon. Even though they have no roses there, the valley is a rich and productive land. Now we were riding one of the oldest roads in the world, The Road to the Sea. It has felt the heel of caravan travelers and of warriors for four thousand years. Jesus walked this road, without a doubt. Soon we passed the Mount of Megiddo and then the plain of Asdraelon, sometimes called today the Bread Basket of Israel, because of the large amount of wheat they raise. This plain was once a swamp. Now it is the most fertile part of Israel. Next we saw Mount Tabor, and the valley beyond where the River Kishon flowed, where Deborah led the Jews to victory over the Canaanites; and after passing through the Valley of Naphtali (the land supposedly given to that tribe), we came to the Sea of Galilee. This is truly a beautiful body of water. You can see across it, so when Jesus crossed it in a small boat it was no wonder that the people followed Him. The lake is about 5 or 6 miles wide and about 10 or 12 miles long, with hills rising up from it on every side except the southern tip, where the Jordan comes out from it. The towns of Tiberias, Magdala, Capernaum, Chorazin, Bethsaida are all close together on the northwest shores. Nazareth is only a day's walking journey away. To a people who walk long distances, this was not a bad walk at all.

We had lunch at Tiberias, eating the St. Peter fish, the most plentiful fish in the lake. It reminded me of a large bream like we catch in Arkansas. After looking at a number of spots that carry great sentiment and interest for the Christian, we drove west to Nazareth and to Haifa, on the western end of Mount Carmel, where we are spending the night. It truly has been a day filled with wonders and high moments, and shared by seven men, all of whom were intensely interested in knowing all the facts. We were quite fortunate in having one of the finest guides whom we have had on this whole trip. He did a great job for us; we all thanked him sincerely.

A very unusual detail of the trip was that the body of our bus bore the name of "ARMBRUSTER, FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS." Take notice, you Fort Smith friends, that your products are doing a creditable job on the other side of the world, and that the very mention of it made me think a bit more of my home state that I love so much.

thing. We can deceive ourselves with wishful thinking. We can be scientists in the laboratory one day and savages the next. We can fool ourselves with what Galsworthy called our "cockeyed cocksureness." All these states of mind may be called "wisdom" at the time. And being thus "wise in our own conceits," we superstitiously call many things foolishness which God calls wisdom.

One of our superstitions is that we are afraid to trust the power of God. We fool ourselves as to what is weak and what is strong. Saint Paul said "God hath chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the wise." We think ourselves very expert in this matter of strength. We have become specialists in power.

We have learned how to improve on the slow forces of nature. We no longer leave the lazy currents of rivers to their natural pace; we change their channels, we dig millraces, we build Boulder Dams. We do not leave fruits and vegetables to ripen with the seasons; we speed them with hot-houses. We try to put "punch" and "pep" into the processes of nature and human nature.

But there are some processes into which "punch" cannot be put. One can hardly speak of putting it into one's love, or friendship, or sympathy. No, in growing the fruits of the spirit, which are love, joy, peace and their like, the Creator has to keep to His old pace of "first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear."

There are some areas in life where we cannot say "step lively" to the Almighty. We may grow mushrooms in a hothouse, but we cannot rear oak trees overnight. Hence, we who have become so clever in generating horsepower and building time-saving devices often fool ourselves in discounting God's old-fashioned inner quiet forces.

Another superstition is that we are afraid to trust what is not yet established and recognized. We think we know what is real and what is not, and we are determined to be realists. We have seen so many foolish optimists chasing rainbows. We are going to face facts. But in all this, we may forget that it is as possible to fool ourselves by believing too little as by believing too much. There are pessimistic fools as well as optimistic ones. I once heard it said, "a pessimist is a person who isn't happy unless he's miserable and even then he isn't happy."

We should not cling to superstitions which outrage reason. But we should remember that faith outruns reason. Wise is the man who knows the difference between superstition and faith.

WE SAW THE SEA OF GALILEE

Today has been another hard, hot day, but it has been most rewarding for us all. We rode in a comfortable air-conditioned 12-passenger Chrysler bus from Jerusalem to Haifa by way of the Sea of Galilee. This ride took us

Pastor Delivers Opening Prayer In Congress Recently

The opening prayer in the U. S. House of Representatives Tuesday, August 6, at noon was delivered by the Rev. W. D. Boddie, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Rayville.

This privilege for the Louisiana minister was arranged by Louisiana Fifth District Congressman Otto E. Passman, host to the Rev. and Mrs. Boddie and their three children for their visit to the Capital.

Accompanied by Dr. Bernard Braskamp, chaplain of the House, the Rev. Mr. Boddie was introduced to the membership by Speaker Sam Rayburn.

This was his invocation:

"Almighty and Eternal God:

"It is with prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving for the blessings and challenge of our day and time that we talk with Thee just now.

"For Thy divine guidance of these elected Representatives of the people we earnestly pray. Bless all these here in our Nation's Capital responsible for the operation of our government, that each may be willing to lean on Thine everlasting arms.

"Grant, O God, that in all legislation enacted Thy will shall be done.

"Let none here, nor any of Thy people, ever forget that 'Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.'

"This, we pray, in the name of Him who is the Prince of Peace.

"Amen."

Reports On Nat'l Men's Meeting At First Church, N. O.

A report on the second National Conference of Methodist Men held recently on the campus of Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., highlighted the regular monthly meeting of the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, New Orleans.

The report was presented by William J. Michon, president of the club. The meeting was held on Friday evening, July 26.

The meal, "shrimp boil," was served by the following men: Clyde Shaw, Robert Ruano, William Cook, Jack Simpson, Asa Chandler, and Harry Miller.

The devotional for the evening program was presented by A. F. Hanson.

According to leaders of the organization, the Reservation Committee has been responsible for continued good attendance at the monthly meeting. Members of this committee included P. D. Hodge, chairman, Mr. Miller, Ed Saunders, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Michon.

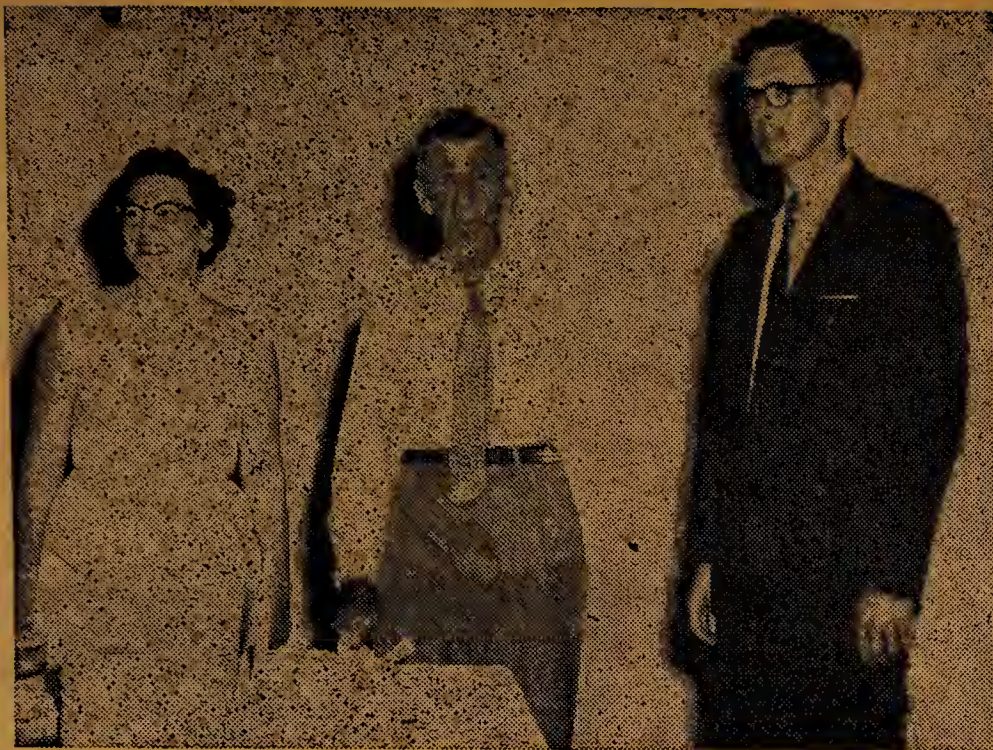
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day convocation of Methodist church workers from throughout the South, Aug. 2-5.

"Religion is centered in prayer, and the small prayer fellowships being formed in neighborhoods, office buildings and industrial plants are enabling thousands of Americans to find a satisfactory religious experience for the first time," Dr.

Bastrop Church Observes 1st Birthday



Pictured above, L to R, are Mrs. Louis Eppinette, president of the Woman's Society of the Memorial Methodist Church, Bastrop, C. A. Crosley, oldest member of the Memorial Church, and Rev. Brady Foreman, Memorial Church pastor. Mr. Crosley is about to cut the birthday cake, symbolizing the first anniversary of the new Bastrop Church.

The birthday celebration was observed on Sunday evening, August 4, at which time Rev. James T. Harris, superintendent of the Monroe District was the guest preacher.

Included among those attending were Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Staples. Rev. Mr. Staples is pastor of the First Methodist Church at Bastrop which cooperated in the establishing on August 5, 1956, the Memorial Methodist Church organization.

During the past year the membership has grown from the original 41 members to a present membership of 107. There are 162 persons presently enrolled in the church school and the organization owns property in the eastern section of Bastrop.

Memorial Methodist was a 1000 Club project last winter, and plans are nearing completion for the beginning of construction of the first unit of a church plant.

LOOK Takes A Look At Methodists

Hartzell Spence, noted author and former editor of "Yank," makes early American Methodism live again and tells the world of its current outreach and activities in LOOK magazine's September 17 issue, on newsstands September 3.

The 6,000 word article is a "reader bonus" and is entitled THE METHODISTS, the first in a series on "The Story of Religion in America."

A three-dimensional painting of the trompe l'oeil type by Aaron Bohrod, symbolizing Methodism, will open the nine-page story. It

Trueblood said.

Professor of philosophy at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., and formerly chief of religious information for the United States Information Agency, Dr. Trueblood urged the Methodist workers to organize prayer cells in their home churches and communities.

He said he was "tremendously impressed" by the rapid growth of an awareness of a Christian vocation among doctors, lawyers, merchants, insurance salesmen and "in all walks of life."

is further illustrated by photos taken by LOOK photographers of modern circuit riding in Idaho, home missionary activities on Oklahoma Indian reservations and the ceremonies opening the denomination's latest multi-million dollar church.

The adventures of pioneer itinerant preachers as recounted by

Mr. Spence make lively reading. His descriptions of the diverse and widespread services currently being rendered by missionary, education and philanthropic agencies will bring new knowledge about their church even to best informed Methodists.

Southside, Monroe, Has Homecoming On 5th Anniversary



The Monroe Southside Methodist Church choir, pictured above, R. L. Jones, director and Mrs. W. P. Stewart, organist, sang for the homecoming service, July 14.

The church celebrated its fifth birthday. It was organized July 13, 1952. The church now has a membership of 472, a church school enrollment of 275, an active Woman's Society of Christian Service with three circles, a Methodist Men's organization, an Altar Guild, the four commissions organized and active, six organized choirs with a director for each (and each has regular rehearsal periods), and a property evaluation of \$110,000.00. The church debt is approximately \$19,000. A new church school building is under way, and last week the sanctuary and nursery were air conditioned. The Rev. Miss Lea Joyner is the minister of the church.

Pollock Methodists Report Activities

The Methodists of Pollock report they have welcomed the Rev. Marvin H. Hockenhull and family to the church and community. The minister was appointed to Pollock at the recent session of the Louisiana Annual Conference. Bob and Patty Hockenhull have been welcomed as members of the MYF.

The report also stated that the new sanctuary is completed and other work is in progress. Mr. Till, building committee chairman; Mr. Region, official board chairman; and the pastor expressed appreciation to all who worked on the new sanctuary.

The Pollock Wesleyan Service Guild sponsored a "Chicken-in-Basket" dinner July 20, and proceeds will be used for repairing and remodeling the parsonage. The group also met at the parsonage Aug. 1, for a regular meeting which was highlighted by a shower for the parsonage.

The MYF of Pollock had a watermelon and soft drink stand at one of the church dinners to raise money for purchasing a television set for a member of the MYF who has polio.

Mr. Turner, Sub-district counselor, Kathleen Gates, Patsy Hearn, and Gloria Fay Kelley went to the Liberty Chapel July 28, to assist in organizing a MYF in that church. The three girls also attended the MYF conference held at Centenary College in June.

Among those attending the senior and older youth camp at Camp Brewer June 17-22 were Kathleen and Patsy; and Patsy also attended the MYF workshop at Caney Lake July 22-29. Several planned to attend the junior camp at Camp Brewer during the last week of July.

The Pollock Methodist Church's official board elected Mrs. John Jones to handle publicity and news releases to local papers and The Louisiana Methodist.



Oak Ridge Methodist Church

Oak Ridge Celebrating

150 Years Of Service

SUNDAY, August 11th, was one of the greatest events that has taken place in the history of Oak Ridge, for the people there and elsewhere in North Louisiana celebrated the one hundred and fifty years of Methodism in the territory.

In 1807, Gabriel and Hannah Griffing requested from the Mississippi Conference that a Methodist minister be sent them in their new home located at Prairie Jefferson (now Oak Ridge) in what was part of Ouachita Parish at that time. That year, Elisha Bowman was appointed by the Western Conference to fulfill this mission and he found places to preach at Fort Miro, Island DeSard and Mer Rouge but only in Prairie Jefferson did he find a sufficient number of church people for an organized church. He formed a society in the home of Jeremiah Griffing and from this start the Methodist Churches in Bastrop, Mer Rouge, Planterville, Monroe and even Claiborne Parish (then called Natchitoches) received their backing. Aunt Hannah Griffing of this group was known as the "Mother of Methodism in North Louisiana."

A complete list of the 34 circuit riders who served the Jefferson church prior to 1947 has been provided for the Louisiana Archives and will be listed in the brochure being printed for the celebration.

In 1847 the Louisiana Methodist Conference was organized and in that same year the post office was established in the Prairie Jefferson territory. During the 13 years following this the church lost some of its early vigor but some of the faithful and far seeing members began a drive for a building to house the Methodist (they had been worshiping with the Presbyterians and Episcopalians in a union church building, which is the present Episcopal Church in Oak Ridge.) In 1860 heirs of William David deeded two acres of land to erect a building and the building program began. During the War Between the States, the partially completed building was used for wounded and convalescing soldiers.

After the war, even though the members of this church had lost nearly all their wealth and were having financial difficulties, they raised \$2500.00 to complete this Methodist Church. The large one-room structure was provided with two front doors, the men using one door and the women the other. Down the center of the church were tall and massive pillars with a partial partition and pew walls separating the seating sections. These old marks of division are now missing from the remodeled church.

In 1878 a parsonage was built and in 1889 "Aunt Pony" Randle collected money for the church bell, which when it arrived was housed separately from the church. In 1906 a vestibule entrance with belfry was built at the front of the church with one wide front door. In 1934 a new 6-room parsonage was erected.

The present educational building was added to the church in 1951 and in 1952 plans were made for the restoration of the church building. In 1955 the old building was renovated. Ceilings were lowered, center posts removed, room at entrance replaced by colonial gallery and columns, but all of this work has been placed within the old church frame.

Through all these past years the Oak Ridge Methodist Church has never claimed a minister as hers alone, having been coupled with other churches in conference affiliation. It is a fitting tribute for this one hundred and fiftieth birthday of Methodism in Oak Ridge, that the church in 1957 became a full time charge. Some of the former pastors, of which they number 82 with Rev. Norman Simmons being the 83rd, will return during the week of the Sesquicentennial to preach each night.

There are twelve of the former pastors living: J. Martin Alford, Robert W. Vaughan, P. H. Fontaine, A. C. Lawton, W. D. Milton, Jack H. Midyett, A. M. Wynne, G. H. Corry, William Irving, Jr., Samuel P. Emanuel, George Cagle and James Poole.

Special tributes were paid to some of the outstanding persons in the history of this wonderful church for the week of the Sesquicentennial. Aunt Hannah Griffing, Aunt Pony Randle and William Davis were some of the older ones remembered. One of the outstanding ministers remembered was Rev. Dan C. Barr who lived in this community and did so much for Christianity for 38 years.

Besides the church services each night through Thursday, there are many other events which make this week an outstanding one. On Monday, August 12th, was an historical tour and on Tuesday afternoon was a special prayer time. Wednesday night there was an old fashioned basket picnic supper on the grounds of the Oak Ridge High School. The climax was the pageant on Friday night.

Special exhibits are being arranged for display throughout the entire week.

Centenary College To Be Represented At Training Conf.

Centenary College will be represented by a delegation of seven persons at the South Central Regional Leadership Training Conference to be held August 24 through 31 at Camp Egan, Okla.

The conference is sponsored by the department of college and university religious life of the Methodist church and is designed to train officers of the Methodist Student Movement for local campus program.

Rev. James McLean, sponsor of the Centenary MSM group, will attend the event. Students also planning to participate in the conference program are Linda Scurlock, Center, Tex.; Judy Parker, Shreveport; Marcella Flynt, Baton Rouge; Harold Price, Logansport, and Bradford Mayo, Lake Charles. Warren Lee Livingston, a 1957 graduate of Centenary, also is planning to attend.

The theme of the conference will be, "The Christian Faith Confronts University Values." Dr. Everett Tilson of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School will be platform speaker. A well rounded program of worship, recreation, discussions and workshops has been planned.

Hicks Scholarships At Centenary Awarded

John Robert Scalf, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Scalf, Sr. of Shreveport, has been awarded the second of two Mamie B. Hicks scholarships to Centenary College for the 1957-58 school year.

The scholarship, which carries a valuation of \$250 for the year, is one of those established by Mrs. Hicks in memory of her husband, the late Sam B. Hicks. The scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding music students. Miss Linda Walters of Shreveport, who will serve as accompanist for the Centenary College Choir, was granted the other Hicks Scholarship.

Young Scalf, whose family only recently moved to Shreveport from Ruston, was graduated from Ruston High School last May. He was a member of the National Honor Society there and played first trombone with the school band. He also served as drum major, was presented in a number of piano recitals and was active in athletics.

The Hicks scholarship fund is administered by a committee headed by Edwin F. Whited, which works in cooperation with the college scholarship committee, headed by R. Leonard Cooke.

Within a few hours of the earthquake that struck the Valley of Mexico, the following cablegram went from Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, general secretary of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., to Bishop Rolando Zapata of the Methodist Church of Mexico:

"The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief sends condolences and prayers. We are ready to help in meeting needs of Methodists for food, clothing, medicine and shelter because of earthquake tragedy. Please cable us collect."

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

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Camp Brewer
July 23-25

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Rev. B. E. Bond, Shreveport
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Miss Anita Harris, Board of
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LR Conference Schedules Conference Council Meeting

The first annual Little Rock Conference Council on Christian Education will be held at Camp Tanako, Little Rock conference camp, Friday and Saturday, August 30-31, according to Dr. Roy E. Fawcett, Little Rock Conference Board of Education executive secretary.

Expected to attend the two day meeting will be the Little Rock Conference district superintendents, members of the conference Board of Education staff, the various district age group directors, and certain other invited leaders. Also, according to Dr. Fawcett, wives of husbands of members of the conference council expected to attend will also be invited.

In making the announcement concerning the conference council meeting, Dr. Fawcett pointed out that the purpose of the meeting was to plan the program for the three age groups for the fall and winter months, and to discuss ways and means of promoting this program.

Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Little Rock, chairman of Little Rock Conference Board of Education, will preside at the council sessions. Rev. Charles Richards, also of Little Rock, is the board secretary.

Leaders in the program presentation other than Dr. Shamblin and Dr. Fawcett are: Dr. E. Clifton Rule, Pine Bluff, Dr. W. Neill Hart, Camden, Rev. James Major, Dr. Fred R. Harrison, and Dr. Arthur Terry, all of Little Rock.

Rev. John Hassler, Little Rock, is the conference director of youth.

Dr. Fawcett also said that the Board of Education expected to announce a new conference director of children's work and adult work in the near future.

The conference council meeting will open at 4 p.m., August 30, and leaders expect to adjourn following lunch on Saturday.

Vacation Church Schools

Markham Methodist Church, Little Rock, had its Daily Vacation Church School, July 22-28 with commencement exercises Sunday evening, July 28. Fifty certificates were awarded for attendance, with 40 gold stars for perfect attendance.

Workers in the school included, Mrs. Paul Rippier, general superintendent; Mrs. Grace Lowry, Mrs. H. D. Rabjohn, Jr., Mrs. Lucille Clake, kindergarten group; Mrs. Lois Plunkett, Mrs. Otis Shelton, primary department; and Mrs. Floyd Martin, Mrs. Charles Tucker, and Mrs. Walter Kelly, junior department.

Mrs. Henry Saugey was in charge of refreshments and Miss Karen Jacobi was in charge of recreation.

Leaders reported that it was a very successful Vacation Church School and was enjoyed very much by everyone.

Asbury Methodist Church, 17th and Neeley Street, Batesville, reports a vacation church school was held recently. Rev. Cyril Wilson is pastor, and Mrs. McKinley Huddleston served as director. The ten-day session had an enrollment of 47 children and 17 adult leaders.

Leaders included: kindergarten—Mrs. Nell Reed, Miss Frances Mil-

Annual Council of Evangelism Meeting Set For October 17-22

NASHVILLE, TENN. (MI)—About 500 leaders of The Methodist Church's evangelistic work are expected to attend the annual meeting of the national Methodist Council of Evangelism October 17-22 at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis, Minn.

The delegates, mostly ministers, will be chairmen and secretaries of boards of evangelism of Methodist conferences, secretaries of evangelism of Methodist districts, and others with special evangelistic assignments.

Evangelistic needs, opportunities, and responsibilities will be studied, and possible methods of evangelism will be devised to be promoted nationally by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

One of the principal speakers will be an English Methodist minister with an unusual record of "bridging the gap between pavement and pew." He is the Rev. William Gowland, industrial chaplain of the Luton Industrial Mission and Community Center, Luton, Bedfordshire, England.

At Luton, Mr. Gowland has, among other things, become chaplain to a jazz club with a membership of 600 youth. He has spearheaded a lay program to seek non-churchgoers in pubs, hostels, dance halls, and other places. Also, in the interest of evangelism, he has headed house-to-house visiting, and open-air forums, taken the gospel into factories, and organized community centers and clubs.

Mr. Gowland formerly was pastor of a large Methodist church in Manchester, but he took a much smaller church in Luton in 1954 in order to concentrate on the "man on the street." Meanwhile, the small church has grown rapidly, and 12 classes are held each week to teach and train "inquirers."

The Council of Evangelism, an auxiliary of the General Board of Evangelism, was organized in 1955. Its membership is open to persons from every sphere of the church's life.

President of the council is the Rev. Dr. George A. Fallon, Lakewood, Ohio. Vice-presidents are Ben Cannon, Tyler, Texas, and the Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Lamb, Memphis, Tenn. The Rev. Gordon Pratt Baker, Nashville, is secretary, and D. E. Jackson, Nashville, treasurer.

ligan, Mrs. Betty Patterson, Mrs. Polly Shelton, Mrs. Betty Calvary, and Mrs. Garnet Reynolds; primary—Mrs. Elsie Drown, Miss Barbara Patterson, and Mrs. Robbie Hall; juniors—Mrs. Una Foster and Mrs. Laura Patterson; intermediates—Mrs. Lillie McClure, Mrs. Jewell House and Bro. Wilson.

Chairman of transportation was Mrs. Betty Patterson; chairman of refreshments, Mrs. Laura Patterson; and music chairman, Mrs. Cyril Wilson.

250th Chas. Wesley Anniv. Observed At Junaluska

Lake Junaluska, N. C. (MI)—The surrounding hills echoed religious music of two centuries ago as Methodists attending the church's southeastern summer assembly July 30-31 celebrated the 250th birthday anniversary of Charles Wesley, author of 6500 hymns.

"O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise," a Wesley hymn still popular among all denominations, was the opening number of a hymn festival directed

810 Broadway Address Passes

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — That Nashville address known by Methodists around the world — 810 Broadway—will be changed after 53 years.

The Methodist Publishing House building at that address was sold July 9 to the University of Tennessee, and all the Methodist offices there will be moved to the new Methodist Publishing House building nearing completion at 201 Eighth Ave., South, Nashville.

The Methodist Publishing House was expected to vacate all the Broadway building except the first floor book store by August 5. The book store will remain there until next January 1.

The Broadway building now houses the national headquarters of the Methodist Publishing House, the mail order house serving the southeastern part of the U. S., Editorial Division of the Methodist Board of Education, bishop of the Nashville Area, and the district superintendent of the Nashville district.

The University of Tennessee paid approximately \$450,000 for the five-story building, it was reported. The building will accommodate a number of the university's activities serving Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

The building at 810 Broadway was built in 1904 by the publishing house of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

In the near future, a news story will be released about the publishing house's new building, which is being constructed to provide more adequate accommodations for the growing publishing interests of the church.

by the Rev. Dr. Harry L. Williams of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

"It is our wish that the Wesley observances this year not only commemorate one of the greatest hymn writers of all times but serve as the commencement of a Methodist revival of congregational singing," Dr. Williams said.

One of the principal speakers was the Rev. Dr. Deane Edwards of New York City, a minister of the Reformed Church in America and president of the Hymn Society of America.

A highlight of the festival was a workshop in congregational singing led by Dr. Earl E. Harper, director of the School of Fine Arts at Iowa University and a member of the Methodist Commission on Worship.

During the two-day festival the congregation sang more than 20 Wesley hymns under the direction of Dr. Harper and Glenn Draper, the assembly's director of music.

The life of Charles Wesley as "minister, man and musician" was reviewed by Dr. Harper and the Rev. Dr. Philip S. Watters, pastor of the Washington Square Methodist Church in New York City.

Hot Springs Youth Hear Norway Leader

The Senior High Fellowship of First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, had as guest speaker Sunday evening, July 28, Agner Yelguson, a young teacher from Bergen, Norway.

Norway, being the land of the midnight sun, is certainly different from our own section of the globe, the speaker said. The sea is the main source of living for the Norwegians. Seafood is as important to them as beef and pork are to Americans. The shore rises several thousand feet straight up, and the sea is as deep as the mountains are high.

The living quarters of the city are apartment houses several stories high because there is less space between mountains for the cities to grow. Bergen, a city with the same population as Little Rock, covers about one fourth the area. Only four per cent of the people till the soil.

The schools of Norway are unlike our public schools. The boys and girls are separated in classes and men teach all the grades above the first and second. A teacher is with the same group up to ten years.

The State Church of Norway is the Lutheran, and it is by far the majority church. The curriculum of the schools includes Christianity. Agner attends the First Methodist Church in Bergen, which has 750 members.

When asked his impression of America, Mr. Yelguson replied, "The speed of the people is much greater." He taught the group a song in four languages. His presentation was delightfully refreshing and enlightening.

Miss Linda Underwood was in charge of the program and W. S. Venable is the Senior high counselor.

Mr. Yelguson was a guest in the home of the pastor, Rev. E. D. Gallo-way.

Other Youth News

Youth Activities Week was held at the Harrisburg Methodist Church, July 17-21. Miss Kay McSpadden, Hendrix College student, and Youth Worker of the church, was in charge of the program which consisted of group singing, discussions, recreation and worship.

Mrs. C. W. Stinson led a discussion on "The Life of Christ" on Wednesday evening. Rev. J. T. Byrd, pastor of the church, spoke on "The Christian Home" on Thursday evening, and Dr. A. J. Forestiere spoke on "Preparation for Marriage" Friday night. A picnic was held on Saturday.

A worship service was planned for Sunday using the theme of the week, "But The Greatest Of These Is Love." Carlyn Cranford, Youth Director of the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church of Jonesboro; Jackie Wright, Youth Director of the Weiner Methodist Church; and Bob Terry, Youth Director of the Marked Tree Methodist Church were invited to assist in directing the recreation.

Christian adventure week was held by Intermediates of the First Methodist Church and the Grand Avenue Methodist Church of Stuttgart, Arkansas, during the week July 8-12.

The theme for the week's program was "making our group Christian." During the project period each day,

Methodist Youth Go To Austrian Workshop



leather and copper crafts were taught. Approximately 35 Intermediates attended each session.

Church leaders of the two churches have announced that youth activities week will be held at the First Methodist Church August 26-30. The theme and study for the program will be "I Serve." Bob Francis of Hendrix College and Dallas, Texas, will be the leader.

The Pope County Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship is having its annual week of youth activities this week, Monday through Friday nights. The first night session was held at the First Methodist Church in Mena, and the closing session will be on Friday evening with a picnic in Janssen Park.

The theme for the week of activities, discussion groups, worship, and recreation, is "I Serve."

Rev. Gladwin Connell, director of youth of the First Methodist Church in Mena, is the inspiration speaker for the week's program.

The Grayson Methodist Church had a showing of the film on the Life of Martin Luther on August 2nd. The showing was preceded by a period of refreshment and fellowship. Much was revealed of the mental anguish and trials experienced by him who did so much toward bringing the Protestant Reformation into full development.

This film is highly recommended to churches who wish to know more of their Protestant heritage. It can be had on a free will offering basis from the Methodist Publishing House.

Members of the Grayson MYF journeyed to Monroe to see the movie on the Ten Commandments at the Delta Theater on July 30th. Frank Robinson and Rev. C. Ed. Henkel acted as counselors with the following young people attending: Jerrilyn Brown, Don Burns, Linda Johnston, Linda Gale Mercer, Fox McKeithen, Jay McKeithen, Rebecca McKeithen, John Ivy Patterson, Jerry Richardson, John Frank Robinson, Mary Robinson, and Elmer Smith.

The MYF of St. Paul's Methodist Church in New Orleans presented two one act plays to a packed audience on Thursday evening, July 29th. The proceeds from this endeavor is to be channeled to the MYFund.

the centers, across the border from Hungary, into which hundreds of Hungarian youth fled after the recent uprising in that country. The meeting room will serve, among others, some scores of refugees still in the city.

During their stay in Europe, the group will visit England, West Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, and France. The camp-seminar is sponsored jointly by the Methodist Church's Board of Missions, and its Methodist Student Movement.

The party is expected back on American soil in August.

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LESSON FOR AUGUST 25, 1957

AMOS: CRUSADING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

READ THE BOOK OF AMOS.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Seek good and not evil, that you may live.* —Amos 5:14

We are studying this week the 8th lesson in Unit VIII. All lessons of this Unit are studies of Old Testament characters under the caption, "Valiant Servants of God." The subject of today's lesson is "Amos: Crusading For Righteousness." It will help us in our study to review some of the major events in the life of the Jews since our last lesson.

On the death of Saul, David, who had some time before been anointed king by Samuel, became king of Israel. In his reign Israel reached its high point as a national power. On the death of David, he was succeeded in the rulership of Israel by Solomon. While Solomon is often credited with being the wisest of men, he did some rather foolish things. The most notable event in his reign, possibly, was the building of the Temple at Jerusalem. Much of the material for the temple had been secured by David before his death.

When Solomon died his son, Rehoboam, became king. Because of his tyrannical attitude toward his subjects, the Kingdom of Israel was divided into the Northern and Southern Kingdom. Jeroboam, an overseer of some building operations under Solomon, became king of the ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom. At the time of our lesson, about one hundred and fifty years later, Jeroboam II was king of the Northern Kingdom. In the Southern Kingdom the king, at the time of our lesson, was Uzziah. It was during the reign of these two kings, more than seven hundred years B. C. that Amos prophesied.

Who Was Amos?

Amos was a native of Judah. His home was at Tekoa, which was only a few miles south of Jerusalem. He was a herdsman, a tender of sheep and a pincher of sycamores. This pinching of sycamore buds was supposed to hasten the ripening of the fruit.

Amos was the earliest of the prophets whose writings have been preserved. He initiated one of the greatest movements for personal righteousness in Jewish history. Amos, as a herdsman and tree dresser, lived apart from the priestly guilds at Jerusalem. He did not know too much about ecclesiastical verbiage. This possibly accounts for the clarity of vision and directness of speech and the independent nature of his prophesy. He prophesied in Israel in the 8th century B. C.

Amos Makes Diplomatic Approach To His Subject

Let us keep in mind that Amos, while a native of Judah, was delivering his prophesy in Bethel of the Northern Kingdom. Bethel was about twenty or twenty-five miles

north of Tekoa. Since Bethlehem and Jerusalem are almost on a line between the two towns, Amos may have passed through both of these towns on his way to Bethel.

Let us keep in mind that Amos was not a native of the Northern Kingdom. He was, in a sense, an intruder there when he began to prophesy in Bethel. For this and other reasons, Amos was very diplomatic and subtle in his approach to the things he wanted to say to Israel. This introduction to the subject of his address to Israel is found in chapter 1 and the first five verses of chapter 2. He uses the fixed formula, "Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of —and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof."

Instead of beginning at once his discussion of the evils of Israel, Amos begins by announcing punishment the Lord was to send on seven of the countries surrounding Israel for their sins. We might insert in the blank in the above formula Amos used the name of Damascus, far to the north of Israel. Anything God might do to Damascus would be all right with Israel, providing it was bad enough. Using this same formula as an introduction, Amos announced the pending punishments from God for Gaza, far to the southwest of Israel; Tyrus to the northwest of Israel; Edom, far to the southeast; Ammon across the Jordan to the east; Moab to the southeast. Since the people in all of these places were enemies of the Jews, it must have highly pleased the people of Bethel to hear that they were to be punished.

Then Amos came closer home and declared with the same formula as an introduction, that Judah to the south of them was to be punished for its sins. Because of the break that had come between the Northern and Southern Kingdoms of the Jews, the people of Bethel, in the Northern Kingdom, were glad to hear Judah included in the list of the tribes and nations about them that were to be punished by the Lord. After this rather lengthy introduction to his "sermon," Amos reached the subject and object of his prophesy. Using again his introductory formula, Amos declares "Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of ISRAEL, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof."

With that statement the "cat was out of the bag." Israel was soon aware of the fact that all Amos had said about the punishment of others was but a "shock absorber" for what he was saying about the sins of Israel. It is quite probable that the people who heard Amos

began to feel much as did the little girl whose mother, in teaching a Sunday School class, was making a practical and very personal application of the lesson. The little daughter said, "Mother you are off the subject."

Sins of Israel Against Which Amos Spoke

(1) Amos denounced the oppression of the poor by the wealthy. Along with oppression was often gross injustice suffered by the underprivileged. Wealth and extravagance existed side by side with abject poverty.

(2) On all sides was evidence of sinful selfishness. While some slept on beds of ivory and ate only the lambs of the flock and the calves out of the stalls and dressed extravagantly, the poor were often driven to sell themselves or their children for food.

(3) Another sin of which Israel was guilty, according to Amos, was drunkenness. They "drank their wine out of bowls" instead of cups or glasses. Small vessels would not hold enough to satisfy their thirst for wine.

(4) Amos speaks against the vice and immorality which was rampant in Israel.

(5) Israel was guilty of such gross hypocrisy in their worship of God that the Lord, through Amos, declares, "I hate, I despise your feast days . . . though you offer me burnt offerings, I will not accept them; neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts." Their religion was but a form which lacked the sincerity and consecration necessary to acceptable worship.

If Amos would condemn the drinking of their self-made wines of that day, we could hardly imagine what he would say about the conscienceless, commercialized liquor traffic of our day which sold America more than \$9,000,000,000 worth of intoxicating drinks in 1955. Amos would have plenty to say about a supposedly Christian nation which allows liquor dealers to make more than 4,000,000 hopeless alcoholics and many million more problem drinkers merely for the sake of commercial gain. It is not likely that Amos would stop with the denunciation of the liquor traffic in America. He would almost surely have something to say to us about the other sins of America that equal or excel every sin he denounced in Israel.

Great Truths To Which Amos Gave Emphasis

Amos was not only the first of the prophets whose writings have been preserved, he was also the first of the prophets to proclaim some of the great truths that undergird the religious life.

(1) Amos was the first of the prophets to declare outright that God is the one and only God. Leaders before him gave emphasis to the might, and power of God but, while they recognized God as the only God Israel should worship, they seemed also to accept the fact that other tribes and nations also had gods. Amos declared that the God of the Jews is also the God of all people everywhere. Amos prophesied that Jehovah, the God of the Jews, will visit punishment on the nations that surround Israel for their sins just as He will punish Israel, His chosen people. For the various nations of the earth, Amos recognized only one God who

would reward and punish all alike according to their way of living.

(2) Amos was the first of the prophets to declare the necessity for social justice in the dealings of man with man. The rights of the underprivileged could not be ignored simply because they were poor.

(3) A corollary of this demand for social justice, as taught by Amos, is the fact that privileges imply responsibilities. Those who have special powers or means are responsible for the "have nots" about them.

(4) Amos made clear, in his writings, the necessity for personal and individual righteousness. He thought of Israel, not as a unit or body of people who had special claims on Jehovah, their God. For Amos, Israel was made up of individuals, each of whom were individually responsible to God for the way he lived.

(5) Amos taught that individuals everywhere must live up to the light they have morally and religiously and that a failure to do so would bring punishment for sin to Israelites just as to any other people.

(6) Among a people where worship was formal, ritualistic and largely a routine performance, Amos declares that such worship is distasteful to God and that God will not accept worship, as meaningful, unless it is a sincere, earnest effort from the heart to worship and serve God. Such a sermon today should be helpful.

(7) Another truth which Amos emphasized was the fact that Israel could not sin with impunity simply because they were the chosen people of Jehovah. He taught that God would allow Israel to be destroyed, if the people continued in sin. This they did not believe. What happened to Amos, as a result of this character of teaching, we do not know. However, in later years Isaiah and Jeremiah both suffered violently because they both declared this same truth to the Jews. Tradition tells us that Isaiah was killed and the Bible tells us Jeremiah was imprisoned for foretelling the destruction of the Jews because of sin.

Amaziah Wanted The Preacher Moved

Amaziah, the priest at Bethel, told Amos to go home and prophesy in Judah, since the people of Israel did not like his preaching. This must have been somewhat of a natural reaction, since it is quite prevalent even down to our day. When the preacher is direct and pointed in his preaching about sin, instead of asking, as did the disciples on the night of the Last Supper, "Lord, is it I?" we too often begin to pass resolutions and sign petitions to have the preacher moved, and we are not too much concerned about whether he is sent to Judah or Jericho, just so he is sent.

Amos Felt Called of God To Speak

When Amaziah advised Amos to go prophesy in Judah where he might get more for his preaching, implying that he was a professional prophet who prophesied solely for gain, Amos declared that he was not a prophet or the son of a prophet. He was a layman who had heard the voice of God saying, "Go, prophesy unto my people Israel." This he was doing without fear or favor.

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Two Conference MYF Workshops Held Recently

Two very successful youth workshops have been held in the Louisiana Conference during the summer. One was held at Camp Brewer near Alexandria, July 15-20 with Rev. John Kellogg, Elizabeth, serving as dean. Miss Amy Cabanies of Olla was the youth representative who helped to plan for the workshop. The other workshop was held at Caney Lake, near Minden, on July 22-27, with Jim Lamberson of Shreveport, serving as dean. Spiller Milton of West Monroe was the youth representative at that workshop.

The purpose of both of these workshops, according to conference leaders, was to train local church MYF officers, and adult workers with youth. Each MYF officer, adult worker with youth, and the staff have learned better how to use the plans, program, and resources of the church for meeting the needs of youth and creating a vital Christian fellowship among youth.

There were experiences throughout the week which helped each of them to discover ways and means of planning and carrying out the program of a local MYF. Each person was assigned to a group in keeping with the size of the group with his local church. They learned which literature was appropriate for their size church and how to use it.

Everything that was done throughout the week was an experience in how one might plan better for his local MYF.

There were 94 young people and 15 adults attending the Youth Workshop at Camp Brewer. There were 88 young people and 14 adults who attended the Youth Workshop at Caney Lake. Those at Caney Lake were very fortunate in having with them Mrs. Lee Chupco from Okmulgee, Oklahoma, as one of their resource persons. Mrs. Chupco is the wife of a minister in the Indian Mission Conference of Oklahoma. Leaders felt that each person who attended these workshops went home with a greater understanding of what it

SMU Chaplain And Preacher To Students Named

Dr. J. Claude Evans of Columbia, S. C., editor of S. C. Methodist Advocate since 1952, has resigned to become chaplain and preacher to the University at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, effective September 1.

Dr. A. C. Holler has been named his successor, according to Dr. Compton of Columbia, chairman of the Advocate Board. The 120-year-old weekly is the official organ of the South Carolina Annual conference.

Felicity, N. O. To Establish Historical Exhibit

A long cherished ambition of Felicity Methodist Church at Felicity and Chestnut Streets, New Orleans, will be realized November 1 with the establishment of a Historic Exhibit, according to Rev. Minns S. Robertson, pastor.

The exhibit will be contained in the historic Slave Gallery, which has been preserved from before the Civil War. Records, books, pictures, and other items of interest to New Orleans Methodists will be featured in addition to those things especially concerning Felicity Methodist Church.

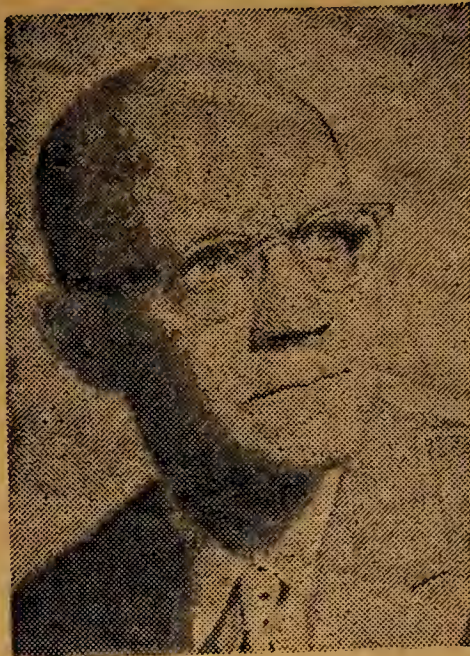
Felicity, which observed its centenary in 1950, is the oldest Methodist church on its original location in New Orleans and is a landmark of great interest in the history of New Orleans Methodists. At one time the largest Methodist church in the city, Felicity had three of its pastors become bishops

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means to be a Christian witness in his own local church.

Below is pictured the young people who attended one of the two workshops held in the Louisiana Conference this summer. This group met at Camp Brewer, near Alexandria, July 15-20.

The second workshop was held at Caney Lake, near Minden, July 22-27. A picture of the young people attending the second workshop will be published next week.



DR. J. CLAUDE EVANS

Education Board Completes District Staffs

Several changes have been made in the personnel of the district educational staffs, according to Dr. Bentley Sloane, Shreveport. According to Dr. Sloane, each of the eight districts of the Louisiana Conference now has five members on its Christian Education staff: directors of children's work, youth work, adult work, general church school work, and camping. These teams promote the full program of Christian Education in the district and sub-districts. All of these eight district staffs make up the various age group conference councils which meet from time to time to plan age group activities and emphases.

A number of changes have been made in the staffs for the year 1957-58, according to Dr. Sloane, who is executive secretary of the Louisiana Conference Board of Education. The changes are as follows:

In the Alexandria District, Mitchell Reames of Natchitoches replaces Rev. George Pearce, Jr. as district director of adult work with Rev. Mr. Pearce now serving as volunteer conference director. J. B. Cochran of Bunkie has been

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Pastors' School Set For Next Week

Centenary College will be host to the annual Pastors' School of the Louisiana Conference of The Methodist Church Monday through Friday, August 26 through 30.

Dean of this year's event will be Rev. Jolly B. Harper, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church of Rus-

Special Conference Session Announced

Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, has announced that there will be a special session of the Louisiana Conference Monday evening, August 26, at 7:15, in the Brown Memorial Chapel on the Centenary College campus.

Bishop Smith has episcopal supervision over the Arkansas-Louisiana Area during the absence of Bishop Paul E. Martin, who is on a missionary tour in Africa.

According to Bishop Smith, the special conference session is being called for the purpose of clearing the sale of the home of the executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education and also to consider the recommendation for the purchase of a new home for the executive secretary.

Bishop Smith pointed out in announcing the special session that its members will include all ministerial members of the conference and the lay members elected for the previous session of the annual conference, which met in May (paragraph 627, Methodist Discipline).

Bishop Smith will preside at the special session.

ton. The Board of Education of the Louisiana Conference and the Department of In-Service Training of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church co-sponsor the five-day program.

Rev. R. Leonard Cooke, vice president of Centenary College and former pastor of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, is in

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YOUTH WORKSHOP 1957 - CAMP BREWER

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

DR. R. H. HARPER, retired member of the Louisiana Conference, preached at the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, Sunday morning, August 11, where Rev. Fred S. Flurry is pastor.

REV. DELTON PICKERING, Youth Director of the First Methodist Church of DeRidder, was a featured speaker at a Methodist youth rally at Vidor, Texas, Thursday, August 8.

DR. NATHANIEL H. MELBERT, pastor of First Methodist Church, New Orleans, was the devotional speaker Monday through Friday, August 12-16, at The Church House, New Orleans.

REV. J. W. MATHEWS, pastor of the Ponchatoula Methodist Church, was a guest preacher in revival services held at the Lee's Landing Methodist Church the week of August 5-11, where Rev. Carey Martin is pastor.

A FAMILY NIGHT PICNIC was held recently on the spacious lawn of the parsonage of the Slidell Methodist Church, with 180 persons in attendance. Rev. W. H. Giles is pastor of the church.

REV. BARRY BAILEY, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, preached in revival services held at the Longstreet Methodist Church, Shreveport, July 29-August 2, where Rev. Harold McClung is pastor.

REV. STONE CARAWAY, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, preached at both the morning worship services at the Abbeville Methodist Church Sunday, August 11, where Rev. R. M. Bentley is pastor.

REV. BYRD TERRY, pastor of the Hilly-Salem Charge, was guest preacher in revival services held at the Antioch Methodist Church, on the Antioch-Simsboro Charge, August 12-18. Rev. L. M. Sawyer is pastor of the charge.

THE MEMBERSHIP of the Church Point Methodist Church enjoyed a Family Night Service, Sunday, August 4. After the supper there was a devotional message by the pastor, Rev. Joe H. Robinson, and a song service.

REV. MARVIN H. CORLEY, pastor of the Kenner Methodist Church, New Orleans, was guest preacher for revival services held at the Bethel Methodist Church, Deville, August 12-18, where Rev. John Sayes is pastor.

DR. B. C. TAYOR, superintendent of the Shreveport District, preached at the morning worship service of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday July 28, in the absence of the pastor Rev. George Harbuck who was on vacation.

REV. LUMAN DOUGLAS, superintendent of the Ruston District, and the office of Bishop Paul E. Martin announce the following change in appointments: Rev. Robert DeBush from Oil City to Chatham; and Rev. L. M. Sawyer from Simsboro to Oil City.

A VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL was held at Slidell Methodist Church August 4-11, with 131 enrolled. A program was presented on the closing night, Sunday, August 11, by the pupils with a capacity attendance. Rev. W. H. Giles is pastor of the church.

REV. KARL WOOD, pastor of the Kentwood Methodist Church, will be guest preacher in revival services to be held at the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, Ponchatoula, the week of September 2-8. Rev. Carey Martin is pastor of the church.

REV. JEROME CAIN, pastor of the Istrouma Methodist Church, was guest preacher in revival services held at the Bethel Methodist Church at Indian Mound August 5 through 11. Mrs. Lynn Keyser directed the choir for the services. Rev. Ted Smith is pastor of the church.

REV. ANDREW J. CHRISTIE, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Fordyce, Arkansas, preached at the morning service of the First Methodist Church, Amite, Sunday, August 11. The Rev. Mr. Christie is the father of the pastor of the church, Rev. James E. Christie.

DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, executive secretary of the Board of Education, Shreveport, was the guest speaker at the July meeting of the Men's Club of the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church in Bunkie. Dr. Sloane spoke and showed colored slides of his trip to the Holy Land. Rev. J. J. Caraway is pastor of the church.

DR. J. G. SNELLING delivered the Communion Meditation on the first Sunday in August at the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church in Bunkie. Dr. Snelling, retired minister of the Louisiana Conference, lives in Bunkie and is the Honorary Associate Minister of the church. Rev. J. J. Caraway is pastor.

ALGY ROSE, layman of First Methodist Church in Opelouses, was the speaker in the Church Point and Petriville Churches Sunday morning, July 28. The pastor, Rev. Joe H. Robinson, with his family were vacationing in Florida, where they worshiped at the Northwood Methodist Church of West Palm Beach, Florida.

CHAPLAIN KENNETH L. BOHANNON of Fort Polk, preached at the morning worship service of the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, Sunday, August 18. Rev. Bill Tracy, superintendent of the Youth Division of the church, and a local preacher, will preach at the evening service. Rev. Robert H. Jamieson, pastor, and family were vacationing in California.

THE MONROE EXCHANGE CLUB entertained the children of the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home Saturday, August 10, on an all day outing at Forsythe Park. Lunch was served picnic style with swimming and other activities scheduled for the afternoon. The wives of members of the club assisted in the day's outing. Dr. C. B. White is superintendent of the Home.

COMBINED evening worship services for the Trinity and Grace Methodist Churches, Ruston, are being held during the month of August. Meeting site is the Wesley Student Center Chapel on the La. Tech campus. Rev. Jolly B. Harper, pastor of the Trinity Church, and Rev. Henry Blount, pastor of the Grace Church, will alternate in conducting the services.

DR. VIRGIL D. MORRIS, superintendent of the New Orleans District, preached at the eleven o'clock worship hour at the Gretna Methodist Church, Sunday morning, August 11. Rev.

T. O. Crosby, Jr., pastor of the St. John Methodist Church, Luling, was a guest preacher at the 8:30 a.m. service. The pastor, Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh, and family were on vacation.

REV. JOHN W. WOOD filled the pulpit at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church on Sunday, July 28, while the pastor, Rev. Robert B. Crichlow, and his family were attending the Wesley Hymn Festival at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Rev. D. W. Poole, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District will preach at the Bogalusa Church at the evening service, August 18. His son, Frank Poole, will render special music for the service.

THREE MEMBERS of the Centenary College faculty will attend the annual national meeting of the Modern Language Assn. on the campus of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis. Those attending are Dr. E. M. Clark, head of the English Department; Dr. John R. Willingham, professor of English, and Dr. I. Lee Morgan, assistant professor of English. The event will be held September 9 through 11.

THE OAK PARK METHODIST CHURCH, Lake Charles, is featuring the youth choir at the recently inaugurated early worship service held at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday. The choir is composed of 20 members, and is under the direction of Mrs. D. E. Edgar. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday evening at which time mothers of the members assist in directing recreation and fellowship after rehearsals. Rev. H. A. Gibbs is pastor of the church.

REV. BEN YOUNGBLOOD, associate pastor of the Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest preacher at both morning services at the Park Avenue Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday, August 11. The pastor, Rev. Douglas L. McGuire was preaching each evening at the annual Assembly of Florida Conference MYF presidents, in Leesburg, Florida. Bishop John Branscomb, of the Florida Conference was the speaker for the morning services.

REV. LEONARD COOKE, vice-president of Centenary College, preached at the First Methodist Church, Monroe, Sunday morning, August 11. Miss Pat Alexander, a former member of the church, now serving as teacher in a Methodist Mission School in Cuba, spoke at the evening worship hour. Miss Alexander is home on vacation, and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Alexander of Sterling. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, pastor of First Church, Monroe, was on vacation.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES were held Sunday morning, August 4, at the site of the proposed educational building of the Covington Methodist Church. Miss Myrtle Morgan, superintendent of the children's division turned the first spade of dirt. Among those participating in the service were: Joe Howes, chairman of the official board; Alton Smith, superintendent of the church school; and Henry Mayfield, chairman of the building committee. Rev. Robert C. Carter is pastor of the church.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES for a \$32,000 addition to the Barksdale Methodist Church in Bossier City, were held Sunday, August 11. Among those participating in the service were: Dr. B. C. Taylor, superintendent of the Shreveport District; the pastor, Rev. Fred Shirley; J. D. Swenson, building chairman; Mrs. C. W. Shirley, oldest member of the church; and Emily Anne Bowden, 9, youngest member of the church. The building will house classrooms and nurseries.

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We Should Be Making Friends

THERE is something fundamentally wrong with a nation's foreign policy if its primary consideration is its own self interest and security, and if its stated intent is to carry this out regardless of whether or not the policy makes any friends for the nation. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, for whom we have the utmost respect and admiration, surely must have not fully realized the full import of a recent statement given during a recent congressional committee hearing when he stated that the State Department policy was not to make friends for the United States, but that its concern was the nation's own security.

There is evidence that this policy has been the guiding light in many of the nation's international affairs. One of the fruits of such a policy is the resentment and prejudice manifested against this nation by many nations whom we have been trying to help. Many persons who have travelled abroad report amazement that there is so much feeling against this nation, especially among nations which have been the recipient of much aid from United States taxpayers. We learned months ago that dollar diplomacy is insufficient in this day when so much depends on mutual understanding and helpfulness.

We are not discounting the placing of our own national security high among our concerns. We believe that our leaders have correctly recognized the need for keeping our nation and other nations of the free world militarily strong as a deterrent to aggression by the communistic bloc. On the other hand, for this point of view to become the primary basis for all international relationships to the possible exclusion of developing mutual understanding and friendliness among nations is inconceivable.

Our national and international programs of foreign aid, student exchange, participation in the United Nations, etc., should be based on a desire to increase understanding and friendliness among the peoples of the world. Our own security should be a secondary consideration. It is to be hoped that as friends are made through assistance that they will be helpful if difficulties arise. Technical assistance should be offered, for example, because people of an undeveloped country need such assistance, and we have the help they need. A program of assistance which is based on any other foundation is a program built on sand which is likely to prove of doubtful benefit when storms arise.

Christian leaders who have long supported various programs of assistance will likely be raising many questions about America's foreign policy if Secretary Dulles' statement is any revelation of the true nature of this policy. The State Department could very well take a page out of the book of the Christian missionary enterprise as to why help people who need help.

A Lift For Living

By Ralph W. Sockman

TRUSTEES OF TIME

What time have you? At that common question, our tendency is to look at our watches. We assume we are asking the time of day. But listen for a deeper tone of meaning.

The query may well mean, What time of living have you? Who can tell? There is no use in looking at our watches or calendars to learn what time we have left for living. Time is a deposit which each of us carries in the bank of God and no one knows how much balance anyone has.

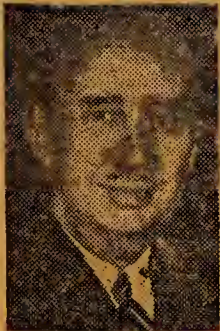
In these days of global confusion it behooves us to reappraise the old fundamentals of living. Let's consider this common commodity of time. Each of us, rich or poor, young or old, has 60 minutes to spend every hour. No government regulation can determine the values we get for the time we spend. We are all trustees of our own time, responsible to God who leases to us the use of our bodies and our world.

And it may be assumed we all share the desire expressed by Saint Paul in his letter to the Ephesians: "Make the very most of your time, for these are evil days."

When we think how much suffering is spread throughout the world and how much danger lurks around the corner in this atomic age, the impact of Saint Paul's admonition should alert us to the value of time.

If we do really wish to make the very most of it, may God help us, first of all, TO TELL TIME.

One of the milestones in the life of a growing child is the point when



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By Charles A. Stuck
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thought of the vast difference in time between the modes of transportation that we saw. Because as we sped along the paved highway in a 1955 Plymouth and a Bel Air Chevrolet, we passed numbers of people astride the little donkeys that one sees everywhere. We were traveling back to the hotel where ice water in a thermos jug awaited us in each room, while we saw women dip muddy water out of the Tigris River into five-gallon cans, put the cans on their heads and then walk a mile or more to the tents or the mud huts occupied by their families. Then as a final experience, we actually sat on the bank of the Euphrates River, drinking Coca Colas and enjoying the shade of the date palm trees. But just in case you might think that we are taking life too easily, here are facts about Baghdad weather. At noon it is between 105 and 112 degrees. We landed at the airport just after noon. Nights are some cooler, dropping in temperature to about 75, and the ceiling fan makes the room comfortable enough if you are not too particular. The surprise came yesterday when our driver said that it was not hot enough here to ripen the dates quickly. He said it is just right in Basra. Basra is our next stop!

The ruins of Babylon are worth the discomfort that it requires to see them. Here on the broad plain of the Tigris-Euphrates valley there have appeared more great civilizations of man than on any other part of the earth. Because Babylon is not just a city. It would be better described as a sort of geographical area, some eight or 10 miles in diameter. The Sumerians had an era there about 4000 B.C. Then came some five or six later civilizations—Accad, Babylon, Assyria, and others that I cannot remember. When a new king came to power he would just fill in the old palaces and gardens with dirt and build on the same site. We saw three levels of civilization among the ruins. These long-vanished cultures have yielded priceless relics of their times, some of which I saw in the Louvre Museum in Paris. Unfortunately many of them have been destroyed or taken away by vandals, but an astounding amount remains, and there has been no exploitation of the site, so that the visitor has a look at genuine streets of ancient cities—dens for lions (remember Daniel?), and stone stairways which were trod by men and women of the far-distant past. A custodian is there who acts as a guide. He is an Arab with flowing robes and a neatly clipped English accent as easily understood as you will find over here.

Iraq seems to be making economic progress. Despite the fact that she has a long way to go in such matters as housing and some measure of conveniences for women, there are evidences of a growing economy. We have loaned and given them a lot of money, but they are mixing our money with a great deal of their own sweat and dreams to improve their lot. It's a terribly hot country, but these people seem to be able to endure it and not complain. I'm glad I came to this fascinating oriental nation so far removed from us in miles as well as in customs.

he learns to tell time. About the first thing a grownup does when left to entertain a child is to show his watch. And it is rather humbling that most children find the faces of our watches more interesting than our own faces.

When a child grows up, he seems to come further under the spell of the timepiece. We modern Americans seem ever more time-conscious.

We live and move and have our being in the presence of clocks. The progressive shift of population from the soil to the city has transferred us from the timing of the seasons to the staccato of train schedules and time clocks. Yet with all our watching of clocks and calendars, we need God's help in reading their signs.

And if we are to make the very most of our time, may God help us also to save it.

How we welcome every new timesaving device! Some years ago while attending a convention, I noticed a man in the hotel walking around with an instrument slung over his shoulder which roughly resembled a piccolo with a short fishing rod attached.

I asked him what it was and he said a "walkie-talkie." I was very much impressed. With it he could send and receive messages from other committeemen carrying similar devices in another part of the hotel. What an amazing timesaver! No phoning, no paging.

But if the invocation at the convention luncheon had taken more than the minute or two allotted for it, the busy men assembled there would have thought their time was being wasted. Prayer to God strikes so many people as a waste of time while "walkie-talkies" appeal to us as time-savers.

Yes, we turn to gadgets but not to God for timesaving. We need His guidance into worthwhile use of the time which our machines are saving for us.

Time is not a fixed quantity. It is a qualitative thing. While 60 seconds measure the same on the hands of all clocks, their length may vary greatly in the minds of men. An hour spent in the waiting room of a hospital to hear the outcome of an operation seems like an eternity; an hour spent by two lovers together flashes by in a second.

I know a father whose son died young. That father feels he must somehow carry on his son's work, and he does double duty with tireless energy.

Christopher Morley wrote a whimsical poem about a man hurrying up to the gate of heaven as if he thought he might be late, whereupon Saint Peter said not "Take your time" but "Take your eternity." Have we learned how to use time so we shall know what to do with eternity?

"BY THE RIVERS OF BABYLON . . ."

CORRECTION

In the issue of August 15 it was reported incorrectly that the new sanctuary under construction at Pollock had been completed. The Louisiana Methodist regrets this editorial error. The news item should have read "The foundation of the new sanctuary is completed and other work is in progress."

PASTORS' SCHOOL SET FOR NEXT WEEK

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charge of campus arrangements. He said from 150 to 200 Methodist ministers from all sections of the state of Louisiana are expected to attend, and many will be accompanied by their wives.

Dr. J. Richard Spann, director, will attend from the general board offices in Nashville, Tenn. Also expected to assist with the program is Rev. Luther Booth, pastor of the Winfield Methodist Church and chairman of the board of managers.

This year's platform speaker will be Dr. Kenneth Pope, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Houston, Tex. Dr. Pope, who will preach twice daily, represents one of the largest Methodist churches in the United States.

Dr. Doland Holter and Dr. Leon Adkins will teach the courses on "Christianity in an Awakening World" and "The Work of the Local Church," respectively. Dr. Holter is from the Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Ill., and Dr. Adkins is executive secretary, division of the local church, General Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Holter's course is designed to find answers to the question: "Can the modern church meet the challenge of the new, dynamic movements throughout the world, such as communism and the other living religions?"

The course to be taught by Dr. Adkins has been planned to assist pastors in understanding the basic functions of a local Methodist church and in carrying forward the quadrennial emphasis on an effective local church. Theology and trends in Christian education also will be discussed in this course.

Ministers' workshops are slated for 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as follows: "Sermon Preparation and Preaching," Dr. John J. Rasmussen, pastor of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport; "Pastoral Counseling," Dr. D. L. Dykes, pastor of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, and "Using the Methodist Rituals," Dr. W. E. Trice, pastor of University Church, Baton Rouge.

Rev. Clyde Shaw, pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church in Alexandria, will review "The History of Methodist Hymn Singing" and will play the Jones Memorial Organ in the Brown Memorial Chapel at 7:15 p.m. nightly, and the preaching service will follow at 7:30 p.m.

The opening day schedule calls for registration at 10 a.m. and an opening assembly at 2 p.m. in the chapel. Class periods will be at 2:30 p.m. and again at 3:30 p.m., and supper will be served in the college cafeteria at 6 p.m. The platform speaker will address the

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named director of general church school work.

In the Baton Rouge District, Rev. L. W. Taylor of Lottie replaces Rev. George Harkins as director of youth work, and Rev. Hugh Baker of Baton Rouge, First Church, has been named director of camping.

In the Lake Charles District Rev. Ray Branton, Lake Charles, has replaced Rev. Robert Crichlow, Bogalusa, as director of youth work.

In the Monroe District Rev. Brady Forman of Bastrop replaces Rev. Eskel Tatum, Oak Grove, as director of youth work.

In the Ruston District Rev. Jolly Harper of Ruston replaces Rev. Frank Tucker of Springhill, as director of adult work and Rev. Rupert Coles of Farmerville replaces Rev. Dan Robinson of Minden as director of camping.

In the Shreveport District Rev. Ben Youngblood, Mangum Church, Shreveport, has been named Director of General Church School Work.

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of Methodism: Holland T. McTyeire, Linus Parker, and John Christian Keener.

Rev. Robertson, who is the author of the historical novel, TO GOD ALONE, has accepted the responsibility of preparing a historical pamphlet to be given to visitors and for mailing purposes.

pastors in the chapel at 7:30 p.m.

The schedule for the remaining days of the conference calls for a 7:15 a.m. morning watch, 7:30 a.m. breakfast, class at 8:45 a.m. and again at 9:45 a.m. and a platform hour at 11 a.m. in the chapel. Rest and relaxation will occupy the afternoons until the 4 p.m. workshops, and supper will be served at 6 p.m. The organ recitals and preaching services will conclude the daily programs.

Many Centenary Students Have Several Reasons For Being Careful

Centenary College will boast a number of students who'll be minding their P's and Q's with exceptional care come September.

Four incoming freshmen will have parents on the faculty to keep them under close surveillance, and another is the daughter of the assistant registrar. The campus population also will include relatives of a number of other faculty and staff members.

Should Smith Thompson Hickcox get into any trouble, he'll be called up before his father, Charles A. Hickcox, dean of students and the man in charge of disciplinary problems on the campus. Young Hickcox, who plans to major in either physics or chemistry, was graduated from the Taft School in Watertown, Conn., last spring.

Elizabeth Ann Rice, who has just been graduated from Byrd High School in Shreveport, won't be going in for any student pranks, either. Her father is head of the department of physical education and acting director of athletics at Centenary and, furthermore, Dr. Sidney Rice is a man with the muscles to enforce his commands, if necessary.

Then there's Alwynelle Parker Self, whose mother is assistant professor of mathematics on the campus. Alwynelle, who was one of the outstanding science students at Byrd High School, fortunately is also strong in mathematics. She, too, will be a freshman at Centenary.

Edward Talmadge Pledger, another incoming freshman, is the son of Dr. W. F. Pledger, former mis-

Woman's Society Concludes Annual School of Missions

By Margaret McDonald

The 1957 School of Missions and Christian Service, concluded Friday on the Centenary College campus, was termed "highly successful" by both officials and participants.

Meanwhile it has been announced that the 1958 event will be held August 11 through 15, again on the campus of the Methodist-sponsored college.

Four classes were included on this year's schedule, as follows: "The Gospel According to St. Mark," Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Miss Mildred Osment, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., and Mrs. G. W. Dameron; "Japan," Dr. Hamako Hirose, president of the Methodist Women's College in Hiroshima, Japan, and Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary College; "Christ, The Church and Race," Mrs. Marvin T. Judy, and "The Social Witness of the Local Church in the Ecumenical Movement," Mrs. D. W. Poole.

Departmental clinics were as follows: President, Mrs. C. N. Cadwallader; Vice president, Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy; Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. McSweeney; Promotion, Mrs. Lee Tidwell; Missionary education and service, Mrs. F. C. Haley and Mrs. Lonnie Clark; Christian social relations, Mrs. Maurice Tatum; Spiritual life, Mrs. W. W. Paxton; Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Minza Rabun; Children's work, Mrs. S. E. Richardson, and Supply work, Mrs. C. B. McGowen.

Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Haley conducted the workshop on "Drama and Audio-Visuals in the Church," and the workshop on "Techniques for Group Discussion and Action on Current Issues" was conducted by Mrs. Pomeroy, Mrs. Poole and Mrs. Tatum. Mrs. C. R. Caldwell and Mrs. Wideman Watson were in charge of the workshop entitled, "Parliamentary Procedures and Leadership Responsibilities in the Woman's Society of Christian Service."

Missionary hours, held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, were as follows: Tuesday, Miss Mary Sue Brown, Miss Hazel Cooper, Mrs. Cadwallader, presiding; Wednesday, Dr. Hamako Hirose, Miss Anne Coucoules, Mrs. Rabun, presiding; Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brunson, Mrs. C. H. Giessen, Mrs. McGowen, presiding.

"A larger staff and increased enrollment have made this the largest School of Missions in the history of the Louisiana Conference,"

Mrs. F. C. Haley of Homer, the dean, declared. "The quality of work in classes, clinics and workshops, the missionary inspiration and the warm fellowship of the group combined to produce a highly successful school."

Credits were issued to a total of 253 persons who completed the classes, and highest attendance was recorded for the class entitled, "The Gospel According to St. Mark." A total of 126 persons enrolled for the class, and 112 completed it and received certificates to that effect. Ninety-one persons enrolled for the course on Japan, and 80 received credit for its completion. The course on "Christ, The Church and Race," drew an enrollment of 37, of whom 32 received credit. Thirty-five persons enrolled for the course on "Social Witness of the Local Church in the Ecumenical Movement," and 29 received credit.

The offering for missions amounted to \$175.03, and a love offering of \$38.66 was given to the staff of the college cafeteria.

Attendance by districts was as follows: Alexandria, 13; Baton Rouge, 31; Lafayette, 16; Lake Charles, 11; Monroe, 30; New Orleans, 10; Ruston, 28, and Shreveport, 165, for an overall total of 304. In addition, many Shreveport residents attended some of the events.

Mrs. C. N. Cadwallader, president of the Louisiana WSCS, said she was "delighted" with the 1957 School of Missions.

sionary to India and now professor of Bible and sociology at Centenary. Young Pledger, who has been employed during the summer on the construction of the new Moore Student Center at Centenary, already knows what it's like to be under the close scrutiny of his father. Dr. Pledger passes the construction job several times daily on his rounds of the campus.

Dalna Elaine Worley is the daughter of Mrs. Edna Stiles Worley, assistant registrar, and also has a brother, Russell, on the campus to make certain that she keeps her grades up to par. Furthermore, three of her uncles, all Shreveport physicians, are graduates of Centenary, not to mention three aunts and more cousins than she can count. Her mother, also a Centenary graduate, is wise to all the student tricks, too, and it won't be easy for Dalna to put anything over on her.

Linda Scurlock of Center, Tex., who will be a sophomore in the fall, is the "kid sister" of John Scurlock, assistant professor of physics. Charles Hower of Little Rock, Ark., slated to start his junior year, is a nephew of Bryant Davidson, head of the department of history and government. Margaret Phelps of Shreveport is the granddaughter of Professor Emeritus William G. Phelps, who had 26 years of keeping students in line.

However, perhaps the student least likely to get into trouble is Windene Nicklaus of Amarillo, Texas, who will be a junior this year. Her uncle can always keep her in line. He's none other than the college president, Dr. Joe J. Mickle.

"This Is My Father's World"

August 6, 1957
Elisabethville, Belgian Congo

"NZAMBI KANGA KETE NYE"—"This is my Father's world . . ." It was the closing hymn in the service Sunday night in the village church at Wembo Nyama. Shadows danced across the dark faces of the worshippers seated on benches made of rough planks across hewn logs in a building lighted by two Aladdin lamps. The district superintendent, the gifted John Wesley Shungu, mentioned in my article written from Lodja, presided and interpreted my message to the attentive congregation. As he presented me he reminded all of us that Bishop Walter R. Lambuth first came here and won the friendship of Chief Wembo Nyama, who gave 200 acres of land for the mission station. Among the group who greeted us after the service were a wrinkled old man and a white-haired woman. In the flickering light their faces glowed as they told us they knew Bishop Lambuth; and the old man drew himself up with pride as he said he was a hammock bearer for Dr. D. L. Mumpower, one of the first missionaries to the Congo.

From Stanleyville To Elisabethville

"This is my Father's world . . ." In the last month we have been touring that part of it which belongs in the Belgian Congo from Stanleyville to Elisabethville, where we arrived late yesterday. It has been an exciting journey as we visited all of the mission stations in the Central Congo Conference and also saw back-country village life. That you may have some appreciation of the number of these villages: there are 20,000 tribes within one day's journey from Minga, the last station we visited.

We have used many types of transportation as we made our trips. We have crossed rivers in a watu, a dugout which is hollowed out of a great tree. In these rivers are crocodiles and hippopotamuses, and the rivers are infested with the dangerous tsetse fly, which causes sleeping sickness, one of the most deadly of African diseases. (Incidentally, Mrs. Martin and I took the inoculations against this disease, for safety.) We have driven from four o'clock in the morning until two o'clock the next morning, over dusty roads full of holes and sharp curves. We have ridden on bicycles in villages, and yesterday we traveled in a modern plane from Luluabourg to Elisabethville, a distance of a thousand miles, in three hours. A few years ago that trip took the missionary thirty days. To say that ours has been an exciting journey is really an understatement.

It was in 1871 that Henry M. Stanley was commissioned by James Gordon Bennett of the old New York Herald to find Dr. David Livingstone, the British missionary and explorer, from whom nothing had been heard since he disappeared into the unmapped vastness of Darkest Africa five years earlier. That event was an adventure into the unknown which thrilled the entire world. Up to this time the only outsiders who had penetrated the region were Arab slave traders.

After the death of Livingstone, Stanley continued his explorations. The vast land which he discovered—one-third the size of the United States (Africa contains about four times the area of the United States)—lies athwart the equator. The Congo river curves in a great arc 3,000 miles into the interior.

The Belgian Congo Today

Considering its size, the Congo is not heavily populated; there are twelve million natives and 90,000 whites. The area is unhealthy: sleeping sickness, malaria, leprosy, yaws, elephantiasis, and other tropical diseases are prevalent; and despite the lush natural vegetation, it is not a rich agricultural region.

A million natives now live in cities and towns, but the remainder are still scattered in almost inaccessible places. The temperature remains in the eighties pretty much all the year around. But the thing that makes it unpleasant is that very fact—the dreadful monotony. Soon it begins to sap the white man's vitality and wears on his nerves.

The wealth will never be in agriculture. The soil has been leached by milleniums of tropical downpours. Timber grows in inexhaustible amounts, and some of it is fine hardwood; but the real wealth lies in its mineral resources. Out of the Congo came the uranium for America's first A-bombs; and more than half of the West's supply is reportedly mined there today. The Congo provides three-fourths of the free world's cobalt (vital in jet engines), three-fourths of its industrial diamonds, and the richest copper ore found anywhere. As if this were not enough, an untouched area near the Atlantic coast is believed to hold even more fabulous underground deposits than those being worked today. Mason Sears, the U. S. representative on the United Nations Trusteeship Council, said, "Africa has become the key continent of the world."

Half of the Congo's 900,000 square miles of territory is covered by forests—a dense equatorial jungle which is almost totally useless to man.



Village Scene Near Kivu, Belgian Congo

Contrary to popular belief, the jungle is not a paradise where the hungry man has only to reach out his hand. The native diet is based on the casava root. It is dried, ground into a paste, and then cooked. Monkeys are widely used for food, and fish are very popular. Peanuts, rice and pineapples have been introduced in recent years, and palm oil adds richness and flavor to the food.

Colonialism

A few words should be said about how the Belgians run the country. Since 1909 it has been administered through the Belgian Parliament in Brussels. No one votes in the Congo. Even those who leave Belgium for the Congo, either as missionaries, government officials, or businessmen, automatically give up their political rights. In this respect they find themselves on the same footing as the natives.

The policy can perhaps be described as enlightened colonization. The level of health, wealth, and education among the natives, though terribly low as related to ours, compares more than favorably with any similar area in Africa today. The visitor is impressed that the Belgian government is trying to do something to improve the lot of the natives and that the natives as a whole approve the policy, though they are beginning to look for the day of self-rule. A ten-year plan begun in 1949 is directed toward an orderly and efficient development of the Congo. As a result, schools, hospitals, bridges, etc., are going up everywhere.

I have been impressed by the fact that natives operate locomotives and river boats and are teachers and policemen. The man who cashed my traveler's checks in Tunda was an African, and most of the bookkeepers and typists in the bank were also natives. The Belgian government tries to see that a white man never does a job the native is capable of performing.

Past And Present

These facts have been indelibly impressed upon Mrs. Martin and me as we have given a month to a section which our Church has aptly called a "Land of Decision." It would be difficult to say which mission or village impressed us most. But that Sunday night in Wembo Nyama provided a blending of past, present and future. We could imagine Bishop Lambuth and Doctor Gilbert, after their arrival at Luebo, turning their faces toward the uncharted land of a tribe of unevangelized natives called the "Atetela," sometimes called "Batetela." The journey was replete with interest, though beset with hardships, privations and dangers. Their caravan consisted of sixty carriers loaded with tents, cots, food, medicine, and other equipment. Their pocketbook consisted of sixteen sacks of salt and many bales of cloth selected with a view of pleasing the native eye. Money was worse than useless, except to hang as a pendant from the native's neck.

The caravan wended its tedious way over hill and dale and through swamps, wading rivers and fighting Africa's teeming carnivorous insects. Each day Lambuth and Gilbert prayed and asked God, "Is this the place?" Until they had traveled 750 miles by hammock and on foot, finally reaching the long palm-bedecked village of Wembo, God had led them further afield, answering "Not yet."

At what proved the journey's end, they were met by a six-foot two-inch high, 225 pound native chief, who received them first sullenly and with suspicion. Fortunately, in the party of bearers was an old friend of the Chief's, and soon he opened his heart to the

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Belgian Congo Girl



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visitors, giving the Bishop two goats and two bags of rice, and he ordered a feast prepared for his new white friends.

After spending four days there, they were convinced the Lord said, "This is the place." The chief begged them to establish a mission there, promising not only to give the land but to protect the mission. Here was the site of the first work of the M. E. Church, South, in Africa.

On the night before the Bishop and Gilbert left to start on the return trip to America, the chief and the Bishop mounted a tall ant-hill to see the surrounding plain on which was to be established the mission. There in the moonlight the chief exacted a promise from the Bishop. "Promise me that when eighteen moons have gone over our heads, that our shadows shall fall again side by side in the moonlight." The Bishop promised, and the chief said he would keep a record of time by cutting notches on a stick—one notch for each full moon until eighteen notches were cut.

The Bishop saw upon his return to America he could not make it back in that time, so he wrote the head of the Presbyterian mission at Luebo to send overland runners to the chief saying he would require twenty-four moons. When he received the message the chief said, "It is well. The white man keeps his word."

Early in 1914, the day before the chief was to have cut the twenty-fourth notch on his stick, the Bishop, with Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Mumpower, the J. A. Stockwells from Lake Charles, Louisiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Bush, arrived in Wembo Nyama. A smile of genuine pleasure spread over the broad face of the chief as he grasped the hand of the Bishop and gave him the African greeting "Moyo"—"Life to you."

Before this time, there was not a single paragraph written in the native language. There was only a spoken language handed down by word of mouth from generation to generation.

On August 22, 1915, fourteen adults and two children, the first converts, were ready to be baptized. Rev. J. A. Stockwell and Dr. D. L. Mumpower officiated at the ceremony. The group included Moise Ngandjolo, now the District Superintendent of the Lodja District and the leader in one of the greatest evangelistic efforts taking place today.

And Of The Present

All of that, and more, we were recalling that night in the dimly lighted church in the village of Wembo Nyama. We were reminded that in one Conference last year (there are two Congo conferences) there were 1673 additions who were probationers and 1173 additions by baptism. There are now 727 preaching places in this one Conference, and the self-support has grown to 76.7% of the churches.

We were thinking of the group now engaged in the translation of the Old Testament into the native tongue to give them the entire Bible.

We were recalling the countless schools operated by our Church, giving not only boys but girls an education.

We could see the hospitals and dispensaries bringing healing to suffering bodies and anguished souls who came from all the surrounding villages. We were listening again to Dr. Bitsch-Larsen, supported by a Mississippi Church, one of our gifted surgeons, as he told of operating on a man with elephantiasis that morning and removing a growth that weighed twenty pounds. He told how happy the man was as the doctor said, "You can wear pants again and ride a bicycle."

We recalled countless services, such as prayer meetings at six o'clock in the morning; and a sight repeated over and over again of men going to their tasks in the village, and women with babies strapped on their backs, wending their way before dawn to the fields to work their gardens. It is all vivid to us.

"This is my Father's world . . ." We will leave the Congo in a few days, but we will never forget it. We will not forget the day-by-day life of the missionaries in which they meet courageously the difficulties, disappointments and frustrations that of necessity they must face. The task is often a discouraging one, and only a passion for service and a belief in the triumph of the purpose of God can sustain them. We will also remember the progress that is inspiring. We will always be grateful for the fellowship with two daughters of Arkansas Methodism: Miss Edith Martin and Miss Norene Robken continue to give devoted leadership to the people they have come to love. We appreciated them before we came to the Congo, and now we pay tribute to two lovely women with great talents completely consecrated to their work. Both missionaries and Africans speak of them in the highest terms. Mrs. Martin and I hope we can share the experiences we have had with you, so that you too may see.

The Last Sunday In The Congo

I will conclude by speaking of our last Sunday. We came from Mingo to Lake Munkamba, about sixty miles from Luluabourg, where we were to catch the plane for Elisabethville. It is a beautiful body of water where several missions in Africa have built homes, that their workers may have some needed vacations. It is in Presbyterian territory, and there is a Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lyon of Little Rock



Woman of Leopoldville
Belgian Congo

Woman's Society of Christian Service

LAFAYETTE HONORS GOLDEN AGE GROUP

Golden Age members of the Woman's Society of First Methodist Church, Lafayette, were the honored guests at a covered dish dinner meeting August 6 in the church social rooms.

Mrs. Harold Demande asked the blessing, and Mrs. Eloï Girard presided at the business session in which officers and secretaries gave reports and plans for the year.

Members of the Anna Circle were hostesses and had charge of the program. Mrs. Tom Clark presented a program on Puerto Rico and Miss Emma Bridges spoke of the George O. Robinson School. Mrs. M. Jenkins told of the work of Miss Evelyn Holloway.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Selma Woman's Society of Christian Service held its regular

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE FALL SEMINARS

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT: Aug. 27, St. Andrew's, Arkadelphia
HOPE DISTRICT: Aug. 28, De-Queen

MONTICELLO DISTRICT: Aug. 29, Lake Village

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT: Sept. 6, Winfield, Little Rock

CAMDEN DISTRICT: Sept. 10, Fairview, Camden

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT: Sept. 11, Hawley, Pine Bluff

monthly meeting on August 6, in the home of Mrs. Ervin Lowe with eleven member and one visitor.

Mrs. Irl Lancaster gave a report on the attendance of the School of Missions held in July. She also told of the prayer retreat that was held on Mt. Sequoyah August 1-3.

The September meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. T. W. Scifres.

Norene Robken Writes From Africa

(Miss Norene Robken, of Texarkana, left in September to serve in Africa; she is supported by the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service)

July 21, 1957

Dear Friend:

Last week I went to annual conference at Lodja. The Bishop asked if I'd go to Lodja to take charge of the Girls School there and teach in the Domestic Science School. Naturally I said "yes" as I'm not tied to any one place.

I'll go to Luluabourg about August 2 to take Bishop and Mrs. Martin to the plane. Then I'll go for a couple of weeks to the Lake.

Before I go I hope to be all packed up, so as soon as I come from the lake I can go straight to Lodja.

One of the other girls will leave W.N. and go teach in the Secondary School in South Congo. In fact, not one of us here this past year, will be here in 57-58.

Today I married off one of my dark brunetts. The wedding followed the morning services. The bride was lovely in a rayon satin with veil and pearl head dress, and white Bible with white flowers. Her maid of honor wore a pink net ruffle and flowers on her head and carried a bouquet of pink flowers which had a pink fan for background. She, as the bride,

looked lovely. The groom who has just finished postal school at Lusakambo wore his white uniform. The best man wore navy trousers and white shirt and all the bridal party wore shoes!

I suppose I'll go up to Lodja on Tuesday to take over the school from Lorene Kelly who's leaving on furlough on Tuesday. Rev. Miguel, of Anfol, who was our guest pastor at conference, is here and will go then to catch his plane. I'll go up one day and come back the next.

Bishop and Mrs. Martin won the hearts of everyone at Annual Conference! It is simply impossible to tell you how much inspiration they brought us. The message from Bishop Martin was divinely inspired. Never has any Bishop been a greater blessing to our Central Congo Conference and it'll be a long time before he is equalled! Needless to say Edith Martin and I have bigger heads than before, because he is our bishop. Mrs. Martin, with her gracious way, always did and said just the right thing at the right time! As one of the lady delegates said, "She is a true Mama!"

Send my mail to me at: M.M.C.C., Lodja, Belgian Congo, Africa.

Love,
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have built a lovely home for Presbyterian missionaries there.

I was asked to preach in the morning service. A gifted young Presbyterian missionary—the husband of Dr. A. M. Serex's niece—played the accordion for the service. The congregation was equally divided between Africans and whites. It seemed as if the Lake might have been Galilee. Certainly the same Christ, who loved so much the blessed experiences enjoyed on a Lake, said again "Go into all the world," and the Congo is "my Father's world."

Mrs. Martin and I have carried each day in our thoughts our friends and loved ones in America. Many of you have brought cheer to us by your letters. We wish we might answer each one. There has been no time for letters, and many days there was no postoffice for mailing letters if we could have had time to write. We feel that we have been sustained by your prayers.

God has blessed us with strength for each day and each experience, and we are confident such has been true for you. We have grieved as we have learned that some of you have experienced sorrow. We have rejoiced as we have learned of the birth of babies in our Methodist families. We have offered a prayer for new homes that were being created by marriages. We have remembered you in the various experiences of which we were aware through your letters.

We go now to a new section of Africa, seeking to learn more of our Father's world. Mrs. Martin and I will have much to tell you when we see you; but just now we want to remind you of our appreciation of you and of your devotion to the eternal values.

Youth Activities Week In Area

Jacksonville

The Jacksonville Methodist Youth Fellowship is having Youth Activities Week this week, August 19-23. The Cabot, Bethel and Beacon MYFs have been invited.

There are five workshops centered around "The MYF Above All" and how we can improve it in five fields. Workshop leaders are: Miss Frances Kelley, North Little Rock; Miss Rebecca Plumley, Hope; Bob Bryles, North Little Rock; Miss Mary Pauline Jones, McCrory; and Miss Marilyn Lee, Prescott.

Recreation will be led by Miss Ann Hansen, Little Rock, who attended the Regional MYF Recreation Workshop in Texas last spring.

Robert Francis, Conway, is the inspirational speaker.

Included in this week's activities was an Adult Workers With Youth Workshop.

The Rev. N. Lee Cate is pastor and Mary Mathis is youth director.

St. Paul, Little Rock

Some 74 youth have just completed a full week of activities at St. Paul, Little Rock. The week was climaxed Friday evening, August 16, with a service of Holy Communion and dedication. The inspirational speaker was the Rev. Maurice Webb, associate minister at Asbury, who spoke each evening following the theme "Companions with God."

The youth who assisted in the worship services of the week were Jan Anderson, Bill Sigler, Linda Aldridge, Richard Smith, Phyllis Cox, Vicky Thompson, Logan Slaughter, Judy Coxon, Dwight Hollye.

Adult resource persons who led discussions and assisted with the activities were: Charles Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Sewell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chenhault, Mrs. Libby Bales, Mrs. Raymond Pate, Jack Van Biercum, Mrs. Stewart Dabbs, Mrs. William S. Orr, Mrs. George Moon, Mr. and Mrs. James Sewell and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rice. The Rev. Charles W. Richards is the minister.

Belcano Sub-District

A youth activities week was conducted by the Belcano Sub-district MYF last week, August 12-16, at the Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock. This sub-district included the churches of North Little Rock, Levy, Bethel, and Cato.

The group met each evening at 6 p.m. and included the Intermediate and Senior Youth groups.

Dean of the school was Rev. E. B. Williams, Gardner pastor. Director of recreation was Rev. Norris Steely, Sylvan Hills.

Courses offered and their instructors include Life of Jesus, Rev. S. O. Patty; Christian Vocation, Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe; MYF, Rev. Worth Gibson; Friendship and Marriage, Rev. Archie Boyd; and Meaning of Methodism, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe.

Maplewood-Sulphur

The Maplewood Church and Henning Memorial Church of Sulphur conducted their annual MYF Youth Activities week last week, August 12-18.

Programs were held Monday through Thursday evening at the Sulphur Church, with the week's activities being concluded with a three-day retreat at Camp Brewer. Theme for the week was "Living The Questions."

Rev. Cleburne Quaid of Lake Charles was the platform speaker Tuesday through Thursday evenings.

Approximately 40 young people from the two churches attended the Camp Brewer retreat.

Among other leaders who spoke to the young people were: Rev. Loyd O. Williams, Maplewood pastor, Rev. E. R. Haug, Henning Memorial pastor, and Rev. Louis Copperage, associate pastor of First Church, Lake Charles.

Logansport

A Youth Adventure Week proved highly successful at the Logansport Methodist Church during the last week of July. The average attendance was 35, with a high of 42. Harold Lee Price, Centenary College student, was director for the youth activities, with Nita Blise Perigo serving as his assistant.

The intermediate group met each morning at eight o'clock for activities of various types, and the senior group met for a planning session at nine. Each evening at 6:30 supper was served to the youth groups by mothers in the dining area of the Educational Building. This culminated with a banquet on Friday, the last evening.

Following the evening meal each time there was a song fest led by the director. A forty-five-minute lecture and discussion period was led by a different adult leader each evening. "Being a Christian at Home" was the theme of the week's study.

On Monday evening Mrs. Elizabeth McCasland discussed with the group "The Meaning of a Christian Home." The Rev. Ben Youngblood, Youth Director of Mangum Memorial Church of Shreveport, spoke on "What Happens in the Best of Families." Wednesday evening's discussion was led by Mrs. Bess Perigo on the subject "Just Among Us—Boys and Girls." As a sequel to this discussion came the subject "Among Our Parents" on Thursday evening, with Mrs. Odesa Hortman as leader. Friday evening's program was in the form of a panel discussion with Mrs. Peggy Garland as moderator for a panel of teenagers and a panel of parents. On the panel of young people were: Bill Garland, Mary McCasland, Nita Perigo, and Norrell Thomas, Jr. The panel of parents consisted of Mrs. Frances Alston, Mrs. Bea Ryan, Gordon Russell, and Norrell Thomas.

A recreation period followed the discussion group each evening in the Carroll Recreation Hall. Harold Lee directed the group in active

games and folk dancing. This was followed by a refreshment period, and the evening's activities were brought to a close by a brief impressive devotional.

Mrs. Doris Dowling, youth worker, served as chairman of the hospitality committee responsible for serving supper each evening.

Rev. J. B. Grambling is pastor of the church.

Youth Caravan At Bunkie

During the month of July, a Methodist Youth Caravan spent a week in the David Haas Memorial

Church of Bunkie. Miss Carrie Hatch of Rayville was adult counselor of the caravan. Young people on the caravan team included: Catherine Metcalf, Montgomery, Alabama; Ester Wells, Hamilton, Illinois; Anna Moore, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; and David Hallett, Evanston, Illinois. Forty young people and twelve adult workers with youth took part in the activities of the week which included each night a supper period followed by discussion groups, recreation, and worship. The suppers each night, which were planned by the young people, were prepared and served by circles of the W.S.C.S., Wesleyan Service Guild, and Methodist Men.



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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 1957

JOSIAH: MAKING NEEDED REFORMS

READ 2 KINGS 22:1 THROUGH 23:30; and 2 CHRONICLES 34-35.

MEMORY SELECTION: *I am companion of all who fear thee, of those who keep thy precepts.*

Psalms 119:63 (RSV)

We study today the ninth lesson of Unit VIII. In this lesson Josiah, king of Judah, is pictured as a "Valiant Servant of God," as he is "Making Needed Reforms" in the spiritual life of his people.

More than a hundred years have passed since the time of last Sunday's lesson, when Amos, the first literary prophet, went "Crusading For Righteousness" at Bethel, in the Northern Kingdom. At that time Amos prophesied the destruction of the Northern Kingdom because of their sins. This kingdom included ten of the twelve tribes of the Jews.

Israel refused the warnings of Amos and went on in their sins and also went on to their utter destruction as a nation. The Assyrians came down on two occasions and over-ran the Northern Kingdom and carried its people away into captivity. We hear much about the "lost ten tribes of Israel." Some profess to be quite mystified as to what became of these ten tribes of Israelites. The simple, and we believe the correct answer to that question is the fact that these ten tribes were carried away into captivity and lost their identity by being assimilated into the nations which carried them away as servants and slaves. History has many examples of the loss of identity of tribes and even nations that were over-run by their enemies.

When Josiah Became King

About 640 B.C., Josiah became king of Judah. He was only eight years old when he succeeded to the throne. He reigned for thirty-one years.

When Josiah became king of Judah, the Jewish religion was at about the lowest ebb in its history. Manasseh, the grandfather of Josiah, had been king for fifty-five years, the longest reign of any of the Jewish kings. Josiah's father, Amon, reigned only two years. During the reign of Manasseh, for fifty-five years, the priestly class was persecuted and many of them killed. Strange to say, the worship of Jehovah was officially prohibited during this time. It is thought that Isaiah was killed during this persecution of Jewish religious leaders. Tradition has it that he was cut in two with a wooden saw. Of this period of religious persecution under Manasseh, II Kings 21:16 says: "Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another."

This situation continued through the two years that Amon, father of Josiah, was king. The Record says, Amon "walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served

the idols that his father served, and worshipped them." Hence for fifty-seven years the thoughts of the children of Israel had been turned away from the worship of Jehovah. It was even a crime to worship God.

When Josiah became king, at the age of eight, while he seemed to be under the influence of the priestly class, he did little or nothing to change the general situation until he was eighteen years old.

A Great Revival In Judah

When Josiah was about eighteen years old, he decided to have the temple repaired. For nearly sixty-seven years it had been neglected as a place to worship God. It was likely the influence of the priestly class about him that caused Josiah to plan the repair of the temple.

In the process of the repair of the temple, a Book of the Law, long lost, was found. Some think Hilkiah, the high priest, knew where the Book was all the while and simply used this occasion of renewed interest in the temple to bring it to the attention of the king.

Hilkiah gave the Book to Shaphan, the king's scribe who read it to the king. Josiah was deeply moved and "rent his clothes," as evidence of his feeling about the importance of the Book. Various opinions are advanced as to what part of the Scriptures was found. Without question it did contain some part of the Book of Deuteronomy. Some say it contained all of Deuteronomy, and some say that it contained all of the Pentateuch.

Josiah called together "all of the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant . . . And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord . . . and all the people stood to the covenant." II Kings 23:1-3.

With this unprecedented public reading of the Holy Scriptures, there began a great revival of religion among the Israelites. All of the vessels and altars used in the worship of Baal were burned. All of the high places used in idolatrous worship and even the idolatrous priests were destroyed. This return to the worship of Jehovah was climaxed with the keeping of the passover of which it was said,

"There was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel." Because of his leadership in this great revival of the worship of God, it was said of Josiah, "And like unto him there was no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart."

This was a revival that had as its foundation the truth as it is found in the reading of the Holy Scriptures. We use many methods today to revive true worship of God and to reach the unchurched about us. Our methods and messages must be adapted to the day in which we live and to the people with whom we work but today, as in the day of Josiah, any true revival must have as its basis God's revelation of truth as found in the Bible.

Why Was Josiah A Great Leader?

(1) One reason Josiah was a great leader was the fact that he had an open mind and the power to recognize vital truth.

(2) It was said of Josiah that "He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord." The customs and practices of wicked priests and prophets and kings did not influence Josiah when he finally stood before God's truth. His course was determined by his own faith and purpose. Regardless of almost three score years of wickedness and idolatry in Judah, Josiah determined to do what was right in the sight of the Lord.

(3) Josiah had the will, the ability and the character to lead his people in a great revival of the worship of the true God.

(4) By the personal example of his own life, Josiah gave an example of the character of life he felt God would have his people to live. So fixed was his purpose that it was said of him that he "turned not aside to the right hand or to the left."

The Power Of The Church And Truth To Survive

It may be a little difficult to understand how a nation of people who have spent more than a half century under a leadership that had led in all kinds of wickedness and idolatry and then could, under such a leader as Josiah, suddenly right itself and give itself to the worship of the true God.

This incident in the life of the Jews, under the leadership of Josiah, is an example of the power righteousness and truth have to survive. This is true because, as is stated in the opening clause of our Methodist ritual for receiving members into our church, "Brethren the Church is of God." We should not judge the power of the church by those periods in its history when it seemed on the verge of extinction: rather we should judge the power of the church by its capacity, in such times, to rise out of the ashes of its temporary adversities to new heights of conquest, strength and purpose.

This was not the first or the last time that the church survived attacks which its enemies thought would blot it from the face of the earth. This attack on God's plans began with the beginning. Sin tried to destroy our first parents in the Garden of Eden. They did fall but they did not fail God and He continued to use them in His plans. There were only eight people worth saving at the time of the flood but they were saved and God continued His work through

them. There came a time when Abraham was the only man on earth God could really trust. Nevertheless, through Abraham God's purposes continued to operate. Through Abraham, God raised up a race through which He could speak to the world. It was not man's power but the power of God that preserved the church through the Egyptian and Babylonian bondage.

We should not get uneasy about the church because "the heathen rage and the people imagine vain things." "The Church is of God" and it will survive the worst any power on earth can do to it.

The Church's Place In Reform Movements

The church has no business in politics if, by politics, we mean the promotion of some particular party or the fortunes of some particular, political candidate. Nevertheless, because the welfare of the government and its people depend so much on the character of its officials, the church does have a definite responsibility to give its support to policies and people who will best serve the total welfare of people, whether on a national or local level.

Often, when the church is engaged in a political fight that involves a great moral issue, we hear the statement that, "The church should tend to its own business." In our judgment, the church is never more perfectly "attending to its own business" than when it is in a great fight for moral righteousness in government and moral reform in social life. If the church ever surrenders its right to fight for social, civic and governmental righteousness, where these interests represent the welfare of people, it will have surrendered its reason and right to survive as an agency through which God can work out His purposes.

One Of The Great Dangers Of Church Today

One of the greatest dangers of the church today is the tendency, seen at times, to be willing to enjoy a popularity based on compromise. Popularity in itself is not sin. It may be very commendable and powerful if properly acquired. However, popularity based on a willingness to compromise standards and truth is self-defeating, whether it be an individual or a congregation. Manasseh wanted Judah to be like the other nations about him. In this desire, he was willing to compromise the high mission of Israel and to sacrifice Israel's relation to the God who had made the nation of Israel possible. Little wonder that morality and righteousness all but disappeared under the rule of Manasseh.

The Need For Moral Reform Today

Many centuries have passed since the reform under the leadership of Josiah. Nevertheless, there is still need for courageous souls who are willing to spend themselves for the sake of truth. The Methodist Church was born of a great reform movement in England led by Wesley. If Methodism today is to be worthy of those who gave it life in its beginning and worthy of those heroic souls who have made its present growth possible, it must have a definite, positive, aggressive part in any reform movement worthy of the name that promises a better life and a better way of life for the masses.

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Monroe District Laymen Plan Annual Retreat

The second annual Laymen's Retreat for Methodist Men of the Monroe District will be held at Camp Chemin-A-Haut, Bastrop, Sept. 21 and 22, according to Norman W. Rushing, West Monroe, district lay leader.

Registration for the session will begin at 4 p.m., Saturday. Dr. Kenneth Adams will lead a song service at 4:50; and W. D. Cotton, Rayville, will conduct the devotional. Onar Perry, Bastrop, an associate lay leader in the district, will speak of plans and purpose after which C. O. Holland, Minden, noted Methodist layman, will deliver the address.

During the evening services, Rushing will report on the recent National Conference of Methodist Men held at Purdue; and J. P. Stafford, Mississippi Conference Lay Leader, will speak. The film, "None Goes His Way Alone," will be shown.

George Sherman, Columbia, will conduct the morning watch Sunday to begin the day's program. Charles P. Chisholm, West Monroe, district director of the 1000 Club, will report on that group's work. William Baker, Winnsboro, will give the scholarship committee's report; and Thomas Pitt, Monroe, also an associate lay leader, will lead the Sunday School lesson. An open discussion period will follow, and the final session at 10:50 a.m. will be a sermon by Stafford.

Total cost for the retreat per person will be \$6, and each man should bring pillows, sheets, blankets, and towels. Advance registrations should be sent with \$1, to Norman W. Rushing, 2403 North 9th, Monroe, La. The registrations should be sent now, and should include name, address, and pastoral charge.

Associate lay leaders of the district in addition to those mentioned above, include: L. M. Cooksey, Delhi; D. B. Fiske, Oak Grove; W. B. Glover, Winnsboro; Ted Johnson, Grayson; and R. L. Irvin, Ferriday.

SC Jurisdiction Has Conference On Evangelism

Approximately 300 leaders in evangelism representing the 18 annual conferences in the eight states comprising the South Central Jurisdiction, met August 5-8 at the Western Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, for the annual session of the conference on evangelism.

The leaders registered for the conference on Monday and the conference adjourned Thursday at

Sicily Island Methodists Begin New Parsonage



The above picture was made following ground breaking services for a new parsonage planned by the First Methodist Church, Sicily Island, where the Rev. Fred A. Mead is pastor.

The new building will replace the present parsonage which was constructed in 1902. Those in the picture include, front row, left to right: Mrs. De Leta Peniston, John W. Peniston, Mrs. Sophie Lee Haley, Mrs. Jessie McNair, Mrs. W. S. Peck, Sr. (holding shovel), and the Rev. James T. Harris, Monroe District Superintendent. On the back row, left to right, are: O. G. Winn, Jr., H. C. Peck, chairman of the building committee, and the Rev. Mr. Mead.

The ground was broken Sunday afternoon, Aug. 11, and construction will begin in one month. The parsonage will be modern in every respect.

noon.

The four-day meeting was under the sponsorship of the General and South Central Jurisdiction Boards of Evangelism.

Dr. Cecil R. Culver, pastor First Methodist Church, El Dorado, and chairman of the jurisdictional board, presided at the sessions. Dr.

Culver is also a member of the General Board of Evangelism.

Dr. Kenneth Copeland, San Antonio, Texas, was the special evangelistic preacher, speaking twice daily. Howard Carroll, Barnum, Minn., conducted the song services.

Representatives of the general board who were among the lead-

Says Spiritual Support Necessary For World Peace

United Nations, N. Y. (NC)—The Secretary General of the United Nations, Dag Hammarskjöld, told a meeting of world church leaders recently that global religious forces are essential to the task of building a world at peace.

Addressing 90 prominent churchmen and women from 20 countries at a luncheon at the UN, Mr. Hammarskjöld said: "The United Nations has been called the town meeting of the world, but this is too placid a role. This is more than a parliament. It is a tool in the hands of the people and governments."

The Secretary General went on to compare the work of the United Nations with that of the world's churches.

"What we can do here," he declared, "is of little avail without the support of (the world's) spiritual leaders and those who have the courage to follow them."

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council, who presided at the luncheon, introduced Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, CCIA director.

Declaring that the UN is an indispensable agency in a world of tension and division, Dr. Nolde stated that "the very nature of the United Nations places a heavy responsibility upon Christians and churches in every country."

ers on the conference program included Rev. J. Leslie Ross, and Mrs. Milton Ranloph, both of Nashville, Tennessee.



Louisiana was represented by 12 of its leaders and members of their families at the recent SC Jurisdiction Conference on Evangelism which met on Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, August 5-8.

Among those who attended are those shown above, left to right: Horace J. Eyre, West Monroe; Mrs. Richard Petry, Crowley; Mrs. Raymond Pierson, Crowley;

Rev. Louis M. Coppage, Lake Charles; Rev. Raymond Pierson, Crowley; Rev. W. V. Sirman, Bossier City; Mrs. A. W. Townsend, Alexandria; Rev. James L. Stovall, Baton Rouge; Rev. A. W. Townsend, Alexandria; Rev. John F. Kilpatrick, Pineville; Rev. James T. Harris, Monroe; Rev. Ollie Golson, Melville; and Mrs. James T. Harris, Monroe.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. OLLIE L. GOLSON, JR., pastor of the Melville Methodist Church, attended the Jurisdictional School of Evangelism at Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville, Arkansas, August 5-8.

REV. R. R. BRANTON, superintendent of the Lafayette District, preached at the evening worship service of the Melville Methodist Church, Sunday, August 4. Rev. O. L. Golson, Jr., is pastor of the church.

MRS. BOBBYE GOLSON attended the Louisiana Conference W.S.C.S. School of Missions in Shreveport, August 12-16. Mrs. Golson is the official representative from the Melville Methodist Church. Rev. O. L. Golson, Jr., is pastor.

REV. W. D. BODDIE, pastor of the Rayville Methodist Church, is conducting revival services each evening at the Sterlington Methodist Church, Aug. 26-Sept. 1. The Sterlington pastor is Rev. W. M. Allen.

MR. AND MRS. HAYNIE PHILLIPS will serve beginning Sept. 8, as counselors for the evening meetings of the senior MYF of First Methodist Church Amite, where Rev. James E. Christie is pastor.

REV. ANDREW J. CHRISTIE, pastor of First Methodist Church, Fordyce, Ark., was guest preacher for the morning worship service Aug. 18 at First Methodist Church, Amite, where his son, Rev. James E. Christie, is pastor.

REV. LOUIS COPPAGE, associate pastor of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, preached at the Welsh Methodist Church at a 8:25 a. m. service August 18, and then assisted with the Sulphur church retreat at Camp Brewer at 10:50.

REV. W. D. KLIENSCHMIDT, a retired member of the Louisiana Conference, preached at the Second Methodist Church, New Orleans, August 18. The service was under the direction of Harold Deick and Nick Incrivaglia. Rev. S. P. Emanuel is pastor of the church.

HOMECOMING DAY WAS OBSERVED Sunday, July 21, at Mt. Pleasant Church in the Ruston District. The pastor, Rev. C. K. Brooks, was the speaker for the occasion. A revival followed the next week, and Rev. Troy Garrett, Quitman, was the guest speaker.

REV. ROY MOUSER, pastor of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport, will be the guest preacher in revival services to be held at the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, September 23-29. Rev. W. D. Milton is pastor of the church.

DISTRICT JUDGE A. W. DELFERES was the guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Men's Club, August 21, at the First Methodist Church, Lafayette. The speaker chose as his topic "The Problem of Modern Day Youth." Rev. Fred S. Flurr is the First Church pastor.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS served as counselors in the Lafayette District Junior Camp at Camp Brewer, August 12-16: Ray Jackson, Mrs. Doris Jackson, Miss Peggy Thomasson, and Miss Jolie Thomasson. They were representing the Melville Methodist Church where Rev. O. L. Golson, Jr., is pastor.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, has elected the following new officers: president, Charles S. Boyd, Jr.; vice president, Robert Blowers; secretary, Fred Smith; treasurer, Ray Smith; and program chairman, Bill White. Rev. Harvey G. Williamson is pastor.

MEMBERS OF MYF ORGANIZATIONS OF ST. PAUL'S, New Orleans, visited the Dulac Indian Mission, Saturday, August 24, as a part of their study on missions. The group was accompanied by counselors for the all-day outing. Rev. Harvey G. Williamson is pastor of St. Paul's.

ROBERT P. LAY, Louisiana Conference Lay Leader, was the speaker at the Park Avenue Methodist Men's Club in Shreveport for the August meeting. Mr. Lay gave a report of the National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University, which he attended recently. Rev. Douglas L. McGuire is pastor of the church.

AT A RECENT MEETING, the Zwolle First First Methodist Church elected family night officers. Mayor M. H. Burkhalter was re-elected president for the sixth consecutive year, and others named include Sam Scott, Jr., vice president; and Mrs. Sam Scott, Jr., secretary-treasurer. Rev. Alton Hancock is pastor.

REV. GEORGE PEARCE, JR., pastor of the First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, spoke to the members of the local National Guard unit prior to their departure for North Fort Polk for two weeks' annual summer training. A picture of the minister addressing the men appeared in a Natchitoches newspaper.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of the First Methodist Church, Sterlington, had a dinner meeting at the home of Lewis Gannaway, Monday, August 19. Judge Jesse Heard, West Monroe, was the guest speaker. Scott Horton arranged the program, and Rev. W. M. Allen is pastor of the church.

OFFICERS OF THE MEN'S CLUB of the Ponchatoula Methodist Church were installed at the Sunday morning worship service, August 11, by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Matthews, Jr. Those installed were: president, J. K. Ferris; vice-president, James T. Saint; secretary, Milburn Fletcher; treasurer, C. C. Ragan; and Bobby Tucker, reporter.

REV. GEORGE L. CAGLE, pastor of the Bonita-Jones Charge, preached at the Sunday morning worship service of the Oak Ridge Methodist Church, August 11, as a former pastor taking part in the Sesquicentennial. The Educational Building was built in the fall of 1951 during his pastorate. Rev. Norman F. Simmons is present pastor of the church.

REV. JOLLY B. HARPER, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, was guest preacher in revival services held recently at the First Methodist Church in Homer. Rev. Jack Winegeart, pastor of the Lake Arthur Methodist Church, was song leader, and director of youth activities. Rev. Donald Risinger is pastor of the church.

NEW ORLEANS YOUTH concluded Youth Activities Week with a vesper service at

Lake Vista Church, August 23, following a dinner party. Registration for the week was at St. Luke's, Sunday August 18. Host churches for the week where dinners were served and programs given include Carrollton, Lakeview (Presbyterian), Elysian Fields, and Gentilly.

MISS PAT ALEXANDER, missionary to Cuba, was the speaker at the evening service at First Church, Monroe, Aug. 18. The speaker, a former member of the church, is home on vacation before returning to her field of work. The commission on missions members served as hosts for the evening fellowship hour. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor.

TWO SHREVEPORT students, Martha Jane Ilgenfritz and Helen Louise Cage, have been awarded \$200 scholarships to Centenary College by St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Shreveport. Both are graduates of Byrd High School in Shreveport. Miss Cage will be starting her sophomore year at Centenary in September, and Miss Ilgenfritz will be a freshman.

CITY JUDGE GEORGE FOOTE spoke on juvenile delinquency at a banquet at Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, August 23. The event climaxed Youth Activities Week at the church where Rev. Otis Spinks is pastor. Booty Kelly, MYF member, was master of ceremonies. Other activities for the week included visitation, a picnic supper, a barbecue at the home of the pastor, and a folk festival party.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL is being held Aug. 19-30 at Gretna Methodist Church where Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh is pastor. Superintendent of the school is Mrs. A. B. Cavanaugh; and secretary is Mrs. M. J. Gaspard. Mrs. Joe Isaac and Miss Joycelyn Harper are directing the kindergarten group; Mrs. R. J. Arnold and Mrs. L. H. Ledet the primary group; and Mrs. James Cato and Mrs. G. M. Hutzler the juniors.

HORSESHOE DRIVE METHODIST CHURCH, Alexandria, the third project of the 1000 Club for last year, held ground-breaking ceremonies August 25 at 2:30 p.m. Completion of the first unit, which includes a fellowship hall to be used temporarily for a sanctuary and class rooms, is expected in early December. The church observed the first anniversary of its organization June 17. Rev. Roy L. Garrett is pastor. The congregation is now meeting in the Masonic Home.

REV. LUMAN DOUGLAS, superintendent of the Ruston District, and the office of Bishop Paul E. Martin, announce the following appointments: Robert DeBusk to Chatham; William M. Stokes, Jr., director of the Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech, Ruston; and James W. Jones to Simsboro. In the Shreveport District, Dr. B. C. Taylor, superintendent, L. M. Sawyer, who has been serving the Simsboro pastorate, has been appointed to Oil City. The Rev. Mr. DeBusk previously served the Oil City appointment.

DR. AND MRS. GUY HICKS, SR., with their daughter, Jane, have returned from a visit to their son and family, Dr. and Mrs. Guy Hicks, Jr., in Johnstown, Pa. While there Dr. Hicks preached at the morning service in the historic Franklin Street Methodist Church. A reunion of the Hick's family was later held in Johnstown with Major and Mrs. W. E. Conger, Jr., and daughters, Betsy and Carroll, just returned from Vienna, Austria. Mrs. Conger is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hicks, Sr.; Major Conger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conger, Sr., of Arcadia, Louisiana.

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What Can I Do?

CHURCH people too often base their relationship to the church and its program on the false assumption that what they do or do not do will make little difference in the total ongoing of their church. The truth of the matter is that the answer that each church member gives determines in a large degree the usefulness and service that the church is able to render as well as what the church can mean to the individual himself.

September usually brings a substantial increase in interest in the life of most churches. For many people, vacations are over, schools are opening, and life in general begins to resume its normal pattern. For church people this time of the year means fresh interest in church activities and program. The church leaders being aware of this factor have geared the church's program to meet this revived interest.

What can I do? For one thing, you can redetermine the perspective of life, resolving that first things come first. Life is complicated and complex, and life's demands are many. One of the true characteristics of a Christian is the priority he gives to those activities which count for the most. Such matters as church attendance, active participation in the church's program and the cultivation of those habits which result in deepening one's spiritual life are matters which are deserving of first consideration.

What can I do? Cultivate the facility of seeing the Christian life as an opportunity of serving and loving others, rather than viewing it in terms of what its benefits are to one personally. The rewards of Christian living are many but when they are sought as an end in themselves, the Pearl of Great Price is not really ever possessed. A local church is the blessed fellowship it is because of the unlimited opportunities it offers for serving and understanding others. The church will bless your life in something of the same degree that you serve through it to bless the lives of others.

What can I do? As a responsible Christian, you can develop a faith in the church, its enriching program and especially its mission in the world. If ever there is justification for faith in an activity which for the moment may seem pointless or of doubtful value, it is as this faith in the church is steadfastly maintained. The Church is of Divine origin and God through Christ moves in and through the church to accomplish marvelous wonders. Our small faith or lack of it may give us cause to question at times, but on the whole the number of errors in the course of the history of the Church has been few.

What can I do? Through your activity, your devotion, your true perspective of life, and your faith in the Christian mission, you can be a faithful witness, a desperately needed witness in this day when life's demands are great.

A Lift For Living

By Ralph W. Sockman

LOSING OUR NERVE

We know what we mean when we say a person has lost his nerve. We mean he has lost his willingness to dare the difficult and tackle the dangerous.

Sometimes such loss of nerve comes in a crisis, as in the case of Joseph Conrad's character, Lord Jim. That young officer, trained in the traditions of seamanship, threw honor aside when he joined the cowardly crew in abandoning his sinking ship before waking the passengers. The memories of that deed so ate into the morale of Lord Jim that the portrayal of him by Conrad has become a classic.

Can Christ, the quickening spirit, restore a person who has thus lost his nerve in an emergency? Well, He has. Think of Peter, who on the night of Jesus' arrest went skulking among the shadows, denying he ever knew our Lord. But sometime within the fortnight following the crucifixion, Peter caught something from the Christ which transformed him from a timid, slinking disciple into a radiant, courageous herald of the new gospel. And what happened to Peter has been duplicated down the centuries.

The more dangerous loss of nerve, however, does not come in crises but by slow softening and subtle compromise. Some years ago Harold Begbie drew a devastating description of a former British Prime Minister, now dead. Begbie asked his readers to look at a portrait of the British



The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference

night. We arrived in Bombay at 8:30 Sunday morning, tired and rather untidy. Customs took longer than usual and we did not get downtown until about 10:40 a.m. The church services started at 10 a.m. in Bowen Methodist Church, so we came in as the service was closing. But we had opportunity to meet the pastor and a number of the faithful laymen who had braved the rain. July is the height of the monsoon season and it rains nearly every day. And we found that Methodists in Bombay are kept from church by rain just as they are in the States. The only difference is that some of the members in Bombay have to walk two or more miles and that would keep a lot of American Methodists away from church even in pretty weather.

The most outstanding Methodist work done in Bombay is done by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Probably the best known work is the Agripada Friendship Center, where native women under the fine guidance of Miss Ivy Childs are doing much for the people in that area. We had the opportunity of seeing the Kindergarten class. There were 24 children there who clapped their hands as they sang in their tongue the child's song, "Worship the Lord Jesus." We were shown some of the handicraft which the older girls and the women are doing. It was beautiful work, if you want the opinion of a man. We were all impressed by the weaving, the fine needlework, and the cute little dolls. I wanted so much to bring a little doll home, but could not pack it in my suitcase.

We then drove to the W.D.C.S. Hostel. This is a boarding house for single women who work. At present they are taking care of about 18 women. We had the privilege of visiting in one of the rooms and of meeting a fine young woman who gave us a glowing account of her Christian experience. In this land of many religions, we were encouraged to have her witness. She is a teacher in the public schools. We felt that if we had enough people like her, we could do a great deal for God in Bombay or anywhere in the world. At this same hostel one lady runs another kindergarten, which is operated by the WSCS of a local church. You see, there are nine languages spoken in Bombay, so what one child understands will be a totally foreign tongue to another. In addition to the service that a kindergarten might offer to a child in keeping him off the streets, it also teaches him how to dress properly and how to act as Christians should act. Here in the poor sections we have seen a number of naked children, so many of them do not know much about proper dress because their parents are too busy or too poor. There is another and very valuable thing that these children are learning. In the same kindergartens may be found Hindus, Moslems, Jews, Christians, high and low caste Indians. The Indian child today is learning in these schools that God who loves them loves every other child in the world.

leader when young, lean of jaw and prophetic of eye, and contrast it with a picture of the man in his mellow age, heavy of jowl, with a look of easygoing adjustment in his face. The author then asked: Could you imagine the man of the latter portrait ever tackling anything very tough for the Kingdom of God?

Alas, the tragedy of advancing years too often is that we thus lose our nerve. We rationalize our ailment and call it being practical or tactful or diplomatic. But in reality we have shrunk into our protective shell of prudence. And what we need is the quickening spirit of Christ to revive our ideals and courage.

But there is still another sense in which we lose our nerve. We may lose our very sensitivity to wrong as well as our courage in curing it. When we no longer feel a twinge of conscience at evils that once would have stirred us, then we are losing our nerve.

And the end of that process, according to the gospel, is the unpardonable sin against the Holy Spirit—the condition of becoming so callous we no longer feel the prick of conscience and, therefore, never turn to repentance.

And who is to keep our consciences sensitive to wrongdoing? Of course, when we commit certain flagrant sins, there are many to remind us. If I get beastly drunk, the scorn of my neighbors will rebuke me. If in a burst of anger, I strike my fellow man, he may strike back. But if I only refuse to help my fellow man in his trouble, no one wakes me up by striking me.

If I merely abstain from doing good, there may often be no one to remind me of my sins of omission. That is why these sins of omission are so dangerous and damning. In fact it is these which do damn us, according to Jesus' picture of the Last Judgment. You remember His words, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these." Those were the words of dismissal into outer darkness.

Who, then, is to keep us awake to our shortcomings, our sins of omission? Here is where Christ proves Himself the quickening spirit. He comes to us in the smugness of our complacency when no one condemns us and by the purity of His sinlessness He stirs us to repentance. Alongside His genuine goodness, our little costless virtues look like cheap stage jewelry. He touches our lost nerves of feeling and courage.

When we overstep and trespass on the rights of others, we need God to restrain and chasten us. When we come short of our duty and fail to pay our just debts to others, we need God to quicken our nerve and awaken our sense of sin.

H. G. Wells once pictured Jesus Christ as a mighty moral huntsman sweeping across the landscape of history, digging men out of the little burrows of respectability in which they had ensconced themselves.

This is the vacation season when people are getting away from the rush of things to quiet their nerves. Maybe we better consult the Great Physician to see whether we have lost our nerve.

OUR WORK IN BOMBAY

Our trip from Basra, in southern Iraq, to Bombay took us all Saturday night. We touched down at Karachi in Pakistan, but could not leave the airport since we were transit passengers. Besides, it was very late at

Louisiana Methodist Chaplain Having Varied Career

From combat troops in North Africa, military government units on Okinawa to military hospitals throughout the world, are paths traveled by the beloved chaplain of the 2nd Training Regiment. Chaplain (Major) Leander R. Nease, Jr., the ever friendly Regimental Chaplain, can be seen almost any time or any place within the Regimental Area, giving a friendly tip or note of encouragement to the young trainee mastering basic military training.

Chaplain Nease, a native of Lumber City, Georgia, is a Methodist minister, having graduated from Emory University with BA and BD Degrees. Except for early pastorates in Maryland, he served Methodist Churches in Louisiana until he entered the Chaplaincy in October, 1942.

After a brief course at the Chaplains School he was assigned to the 55th Station Hospital which went overseas in the spring of 1943. He remained with this unit until summer of 1945. During this time, Chaplain Nease ministered to severely wounded soldiers from some of the bitterest campaigns of North Africa and Italy.

Returning to the States in the fall of 1945, he left the Army for about a year. Upon his return to active duty in 1946, he was assigned to Okinawa with military government, where he remained for two years. Returning to the States again he was assigned to Oliver General Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. He remained at this hospital until it closed. Transferring to Fort Gordon and remaining here only a few months, orders sending him to Japan were received. Once again Chaplain Nease found himself administering to the sick and wounded, this time the Korean Conflict. After a brief stay as Post Chaplain at Camp Drew, Japan, he transferred to a convalescent hospital at Camp Omija, near Tokyo, where he remained for two years.

From Japan he was sent to Fitz-



CHAPLAIN LEANDER R. NEASE, JR.

Accepts Position At Lindsey Wilson College

Rev. Jim Woodward, member of the Louisiana Conference who has

simons Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado. In the spring of 1954, overseas orders again, found him with the 16th Field Hospital in Nurnberg, Germany. He remained there three years as hospital chaplain. From this assignment he was sent to Fort Gordon in May, 1957, and assigned to the 2nd Training Regiment.

Most of Chaplain Nease's army career has been as a hospital chaplain, ministering to the sick and wounded. More than half of his military service has been served in foreign lands, with two tours in the Far East and two in Europe. In September, 1944, he visited Egypt and the Holy Land.

Chaplain Nease served as an apprentice Seaman in the United States Navy during the last few months of World War I.

His awards and decorations, besides the World War I Victory Medal are the European Campaign Medal with three battle stars, Korean Service Medal and Occupation Medal.

been serving the Springfield Charge, Baton Rouge District, this summer, has accepted a professorship in the department of religion at Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, Ky. Rev. and Mrs. Woodward have recently moved to Columbia where Rev. Mr. Woodward has assumed his new duties.

Maurepas Church, Springfield Charge, raised \$50 on its building program during the revival in which Rev. Mr. Woodward brought the messages, and various members helped in the services. During that period Mrs. Fred Jones, Sr., gave a communion set to the church in memory of her late husband.

Springfield Church had its revival with Jane Pardue leading the service, Lois Ball playing the piano, and Rev. Mr. Woodward bringing the messages.

Huff Chapel is having its revival, and its offerings are being used for a new communion set and for the building program of the Wesley Foundation at Hammond.

The Rev. Mr. Woodward wishes to express appreciation for several gifts—first, to the Baker Methodist Church for the gift of a refrigerator to Lindsey Wilson College to make

Centenary Choir Opens Annual Training Camp

The 14th annual summer training camp of the Centenary College Choir will open today at Hodges Gardens, a 4,300-acre sylvan show-place near Many, about 94 miles south of Shreveport.

Dr. A. C. Voran, director of the 49-voice singing troupe, said this year's training session will extend to Saturday, Sept. 7. The singers will be quartered in the home that A. J. Hodges, president of A. J. Hodges Industries, Inc., is building for his family on an island in the lake at the gardens.

A program of intensive rehearsals, study of music, recreation and plenty of rest has been planned for the choir members during their stay at the gardens. Purpose of the camp is to integrate new members into the singing aggregation, both musically and psychologically.

The choir will carry its own equipment to the camp, and this year even special camp stationery has been provided. The stationery depicts the traditional "Centenary Lady and Gentleman" and shows a view of the pine-bordered 225-acre lake in the gardens.

The choir's initial camp was held at Caney Lake, but for the past 12 years, the group has spent its summer training period at Camp Beeneaire, the summer home of the Beene family of Shreveport, at nearby Lake Bistineau. However, since the opening of Hodges Gardens, the singers have presented a number of concerts at the site. The invitation to hold this year's camp at the Gardens came as a result of these concerts.

the kitchen equipment complete for the Woodward's new home; second, A. A. Sanchez, for the generous gift of a calf for the deep freeze; and the third, an expression of thanks goes to the Springfield Methodist Church for its gift of \$100 to cover moving expenses to Kentucky.

Rev. Woodward will remain a member of the Louisiana Annual Conference.



Above is pictured the 88 young persons with 14 adult counselors who attended one of the two Methodist Youth Fellowship workshops held this summer in the Louisiana Conference. This group attended the Caney Lake Workshop, July 22-27.

The other workshop was held at Camp Brewer and registered 94 youth and 15 adult counselors.

The purpose of these workshops was to train local church MYF

officers and adult workers with youth, with special emphasis on discussing ways and means in planning and carrying out a local church Methodist Youth Fellowship program.

Jim Lamberson, Shreveport, served as dean of the Caney Lake workshop; and Spiller Milton of West Monroe, was the youth representative in the workshop planning. Caney Lake is near Minden and is operated by the Shreveport and Ruston Districts.

We Flew . . . To Purdue

By
Mike John, Jr., Author of "Think Spiritually"

AND out of our experience, I trust there might be a message of information, inspiration and interest to you.

Early on Friday morning of July 19th, seven of us from the Monroe District in Louisiana stood waiting at Selman Field for the arrival of one of the two chartered DC-3 planes that were to fly some 45 delegates from Louisiana to the National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana.

As we gazed into the west, our plane circled in and with a long, low glide settled safely upon the runway. Pausing long enough for a group picture of the now 23 men aboard the plane, and then with a last minute wave to those we were leaving behind, our plane taxied to the end of the runway and with an opening of the throttle we were airborne and headed north where in the short span of four hours we were going to join others who had preceded us by plane, by car and by train to give Louisiana a representation of 56 men at the National Methodist Laymen's Conference. This very large group was a fine tribute to the untiring, unceasing efforts of our Conference Lay Leader, Bob Lay, a Christian gentleman deeply devoted to his task and responsibility of lay activity.

The quickness and the ease with which friendship and fellowship was formed confirmed in essence that in reality it is only miles that actually separate one Methodist from another Methodist . . . for in our discussion classes it was evident that Methodist laymen everywhere share many of the same hopes, same dreams, same problems, same failures, and all of them irregardless of where they come from, all seek to arrive at the same successful results to their efforts. One of the very stirring realizations of such a conference of Methodist Men is to realize that even as one might take the four corners of a handkerchief and tie them into a common knot at the center . . . so it is possible to gather Christian laymen from the four corners of our great nation and unite them in common purpose and effort at the center of Christian experience.

So here was nearly 5000 laymen gathered together for "big" things for God and for Church . . . as they accepted and adopted as their conference song the challenging "Rise Up O Men Of God," and as one great voice and body stood and sang in personal acceptance of dedication to the overall theme of the conference which was "WORKING TOGETHER WITH GOD."

These words: "WORKING TOGETHER WITH GOD" were to be before our eyes and imparted into our hearing many times before the conference ended.

Upon entering the beautiful auditorium of Music Hall on the Purdue campus, I felt a sense of expansiveness and bigness about me. Designed to seat over 6000 people, the auditorium is efficiently engineered for acoustical projection and maximum use of the effects of lighting. Two things in particular met my eyes and attracted my attention upon entering the auditorium—a tremendous set of seven hi-fidelity loud speakers above the stage, and a stage itself that was immense in width, in depth and in height.

Little did I realize at the very beginning of this conference what religious, intellectual and emotional impact was going to be made upon the lives of all of us present by the Christian personalities who would occupy the seats of honor and responsibility upon that stage.

"WORKING TOGETHER WITH GOD in a World-wide Church" formed the theme of our first general session on Friday night that opened with a welcome message by Bishop Richard Raines of the Indiana Area. As a prelude to the night's main address, Dr. Harold Mohn, General Secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, gave a message of

information as he vividly and historically outlined the highlights of the Methodist Church in its total outreach throughout the entire world. His convincing message of history now being made in the far outreaches of Africa, India, Asia and South America left us with a greater appreciation of our Church as a world-wide Church with a world-wide concern and world-wide responsibility to help guide the destiny of the world.

During this session, and throughout the conference, we were time and time again filled with happiness in song—often through the excellent song leadership of the outstanding Walter Jenkins who was able to thrill our hearts with big moments of inspiration—and sometimes by specific and special music such as the more than 25 singing quartets, and the Ohio Ministers Choir under the direction of Professor Louis Diercks of Ohio State University.

As the main address of the first general session on Friday night, the distinguished Dr. Roy L. Smith, one of the foremost religious minds in America and certainly one of the most prolific minds in Methodism, strode to the podium where in truth and vigor he reminded a spellbound and attentive audience that "THE FUTURE IS UPON US" as he dealt so soundly and intelligently with the responsibilities, the challenges, the duties, the opportunities, as well as the distress and possible destruction that our new atomic age presents to us as a Church, as a Nation, as a World.

"WORKING TOGETHER WITH GOD in an Extra Ministry" heralded the theme of the opening session Saturday morning when Dr. Marshall Steel of Highland Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas gave the main address. Dr. Steel is the pulpit minister on the Methodist Men's Hour, a national radio program heard weekly over more than 300 stations. Using the advice, counsel and wisdom of God's laws proclaimed over 300 years ago under which and by which men should live, Dr. Steel in eloquent and forceful speaking conviction stressed the absolute necessity of a return to the age old laws of righteous and spiritual commandment as the only possible solution to our present day problems.

The time between the Saturday morning session and the Saturday night session was largely consumed in four hours of classroom discussion groups covering a wide range of more than 30 subjects in the areas of Stewardship, Lay Speaking, Lay Activity and Methodist Men's Club. Out of the experiences shared and the principles learned, the delegates were thusly better equipped to serve their local church in their several needs.

"WORKING TOGETHER WITH GOD in the Local Church" underscored the session on Saturday afternoon as by dramatization and demonstration the delegates view the workings and rewards of the Every Member Canvass program of stewardship so vitally needed in every church whether large or small.

"WORKING TOGETHER WITH GOD in Daily Responsibilities" was the keynote of emphasis for the Saturday night session which was presided over by the outstanding Conference Lay Leader of Mississippi, J. P. Stafford, who also served as general chairman for the conference. This was the time and the occasion for such a vast assembly to be inspired by the distinguished lay leader and outstanding Methodist churchman Kinsey Merritt who in the business world is Vice President of Railway Express. It remained for the inspired, personal Christian witness of this renowned lay speaker to inspire all men present to a renewed awareness of his own personal responsibilities to witness for and work with God in the daily pursuits and activities of life.

Closing the night session on Saturday was a moving dramatization on Christian Witness using live personalities as the nationally known

Dr. George Crane, noted author and Methodist layman of Chicago, Illinois, whose articles appear in more than 250 daily newspapers.

The Sunday morning session began early, and ended much too soon. Challenged by the theme this time of "WORKING TOGETHER WITH GOD in Personal Dedication," long before the doors of the Music Hall opened at 5:30 a.m. the delegates were forming into waiting lines for the 6 a.m. Communion Service which was to see over 4000 men as one body receive and partake of the communion elements . . . and to me this was a moment of high revelation as it showed the spirit and deep enthusiasm of men who were anxious to arise from their beds of sleep at so early an hour to render personal dedication to the cause and remembrance for which Christ died upon the cross.

And then just prior to the regular Morning Worship Service, Robert G. Mayfield, Executive Secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, was to dare to challenge our laymen to greater service as lay speakers as we accept the responsibilities and answer the calls to "go and teach." To know Robert Mayfield is to know how and why the General Board of Lay Activities is progressing and expanding so rapidly in the forward march of the Methodist Church. He is a Christian of great vision and deep capacity for work for the cause of Christ and the Church.

Thus we came to the closing hour of the most significant two days in my humble life as a layman . . . the heart-warming message and stirring address by Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Los Angeles, California Area. Deeply impregnated and saturated with the principles of Christian dedication in his own personal witness, Bishop Kennedy inspired and challenged us to our own personal dedication as it pertained to lay witness and lay speaking. His was a total message of the value and the potential of our great church as a ground-swell of lay activity in furthering the Kingdom of God on earth.

Each session had been highlighted by particular or specific lighting effects. But it remained for the closing Sunday morning session to leave in the eyes and hearts of every person present a physical, emotional, inspirational and spiritual sight that will long burn in the memory and in the heart. Upon entering the auditorium Sunday morning our eyes beheld the glory of a purple cross so lighted that from behind the cross itself there appeared the glow of golden light, thus in effect causing the cross to appear both purple and gold. To further add to the majesty of this sight—a cross as tall as the stage itself—fourteen huge candles, arrayed seven on each side of the cross, burned with brilliance and beauty.

It was against such an absorbing background as this that the conference finally stood in its final minute of dismissal as Bishop Kennedy prayed. And as we stood with bowed head, the auditorium lights slowly dimmed down until all that was lighted was the soft light above and over the podium behind which Bishop Kennedy was at the moment closing his prayer . . . and then it was to happen. As the auditorium lights seemed to re-appear very slowly, we were aware that the huge curtain on the stage had slowly closed and that as the lights grew in brilliance there was being caused to appear upon the huge curtain a picture of the head of Christ—tremendous in its size—tremendous in its beauty—tremendous in its emotional and spiritual impact upon the hearts of the men as they slowly, silently slipped outside and made ready to return to the churches and homes from whence they had come to Purdue.

As I filed out of the auditorium, I heard a delegate remark to his companion: "I will long remember what has been said and done here" . . . to which my own heart and mind could but reply: "I will never forget what was said and done here."

Then, as quickly as we had come, we returned via chartered plane to our home state of Louisiana. And as I stepped down from the plane at Monroe, La. to be greeted by my wife and three daughters I was grateful and thankful for a safe trip to Purdue and back, and for an experience in between that caused my heart to say: "Never in my life was I more proud to be a Methodist."

Vacation Church School Held In Bogalusa

The Vacation Church School of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, directed by Mrs. I. J. Williams, met August 19-23, from 8:30-11 a.m. with the closing Sharing Program Friday night at 7 p.m.

Themes for the respective groups were: Kindergarten, "Stories About Jesus"; Primary, "Our Bible"; and Juniors, "Learning to Know the Old Testament."

Teachers and workers in the Kindergarten groups were: Mesdames M. L. Simmons, David Lewis, Julius Seals, Robert Puckett, Earl Gates and B. D. Talley, Jr. Leaders for the Primaries were: Mesdames J. H. Verdel, Hilda Lee, W. A. Page, Earl Crowe, Carl McKay and Coleman Knight. Directing the Juniors' activities were: Mesdames C. A. Traylor, E. J. LaCroix, Corbett Mitchell, R. B. Crichlow, C. D. Brumfield and Mr. Ray Wallis. Nursery workers were: Mesdames C. E. Carr, Frank Graves, Alcouis Stewart, W. D. Norton, and Sam Lancaster.

Activities included a general assembly with Rev. Robert B. Crichlow, pastor, telling a story each morning, study, worship, handwork, play and refreshment time. Licency Committee — Mr. Crichlow, Miss Warrenne Boyd and Mr. Byron Campbell; Refreshment Committee — Mesdames A. B. Rigsby, W. J. Willoughby, C. M. McKay, J. W. Sibley and Mrs. I. J. Williams; Decorating Committee — Mesdames C. D. Brumfield, Hilda Lee, Corbett Mitchell, and Alcouis Stewart.

General helpers were: Misses Warrenne Boyd, Ann Adams, Betty Ann Sibley, Diana Wright, Mary Beth Simmond, Emily Simmons, Diane Cooper, Mary Ellen McKay, Diane Easterling and Jo Dorsey Jones.

All children 12 and under were invited to the school.

No. Arkansas

Training School Dates Set

The Fayetteville District Training School is to be held this year at Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, November 10-14, according to Dr. Ira A. Brumley, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Board of Education.

The Ft. Smith District School will be held at Searcy, First Church, November 17-21.

The Batesville District School will be held at First Methodist Church, Batesville, February 10-14, 1958.

The Blytheville Area School will be held at First Church, Blytheville, February 10-14, 1958.

A good group of courses will be provided in each of these schools. A number of leaders for these courses have already been secured.

A number of additional Second Series Schools will be planned at an early date. Also a large number of First Series schools will be held on an area basis or in local church schools.

Walnut Ridge Youth Activities Reported

A Planning Retreat was where it began, then that was followed up by a Council Meeting and they then were on their way! After these two meetings, the Walnut Ridge MYF began in earnest a summerful of real activity in and out from their church. Five of the group represented them at Senior Camp, Wayland Springs, June 24-28, and took active part in every phase of camp.

Back home the activity did not stop—Monday night was designated for Play Night each week when, besides directed and informal recreation, various outings were planned by the group. This included a trip to Cherokee Village for swimming, picnic supper, with a campfire ending the outing. The Ark-Mo. Power Co. invited the group to their camp, Kilo Vista on Elevenpoint River, for an all-day outing. They had a World Friendship Banquet one Monday night with foods representing other countries.

A Youth Choir was organized and sings at Sunday evening church each Sunday with Miss Clara Weir as director.

These are samples of what they did for their own fun—here is some of what they have done and are doing in service to others, the report said.

A Benevolent Budget was set up including World Service, Student Day, MYF Fund, and Wesley Building at Arkansas State College to be raised by pledges and projects. The first project was a Hobo Day and Car Wash when the girls did jobs at homes and the boys washed cars at the church to raise money for their budget.

Later on, members of the MYF made cookies at the church and delivered them to some shut-ins along with home-grown flowers and Upper Rooms.

The first Sunday night in August, a Candlelight Installation Service was held at the Sunday night church service where the officers were installed and received Communion. This served as a Pledge Service for all MYF members as they filled out their Pledge Cards and placed them on the altar when they received Communion.

The group was in the midst of plans for their Youth Activities Week at the time of this report. It was held August 18-23.

"This will climax the summer's activities but not end them — the activities will go on throughout the year as this MYF continues to work and worship together," the report concluded.

Training School Scheduled For Texarkana Methodists

The courses to be taught and the instructors for the city-wide leadership training school for all Methodist churches in Texarkana, Sept. 22-26, have been announced.

They include: "Guiding Kindergarten Children in Christian Growth," Miss Evelyn Briant, Hope; "Guiding Primary Children in Christian Growth," Mrs. Lloyd Bealls, Tyler; "Guiding Junior

Woman's Society of Christian Service

JOHN WESLEY SUB-DISTRICT

The John Wesley Sub-district of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met with Rock Springs Church on the Dalark charge, Arkadelphia District, August 13 with 23 members present. Mrs. Sherron of Sparkman, chairman, presided.

Mrs. Phil Taylor gave the first session of the study course, "Christ The Church and Race."

Lunch was served on the church lawn. A business session was held in the afternoon.

Manchester invited the next meeting to be held at Manchester Church November 12.

Mrs. Alvin Stone and Mrs. Charles Digby were present from Arkadelphia First Church.

CLARK CO. SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The Clark County Sub-district Woman's Society of Christian Service met Aug. 7 at Okolona. New officers taking charge were Mrs. R. E. Harris, chairman, and Mrs. Bob McGill, secretary-treasurer, both of St. Andrew's in Arkadelphia, and Mrs. Carl Baumgartner of Trinity, as Vice-chairman.

Mrs. Phelps of Okolona gave the devotional and six churches answered roll call.

Mrs. Alvin Stone of Arkadelphia, new conference vice-president, and Mrs. J. A. Gannaway of Arkadelphia, new district president, were visitors and spoke.

A skit about The Methodist Woman and the World Outlook was given by Mrs. Homer Collins and Mrs. Ezra Wingfield of St. Andrew's. The next meeting is to be in November at Trinity.

Monticello District Executive Committee

The officers of the Monticello District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the Southern Hotel, Warren, July 30, 1957 at 10 a.m. for a business meeting and luncheon. Mrs. R. A. Adcock, district president, opened the meeting with a prayer, and presided over the business sessions of the day.

The morning was devoted to a discussion of the work being done in the district, and suggestions for improvements in it were given. Plans were made for the Fall Seminar which is to be held August 29 in Lake Village.

Among the sixteen women present were two conference officers: Mrs. Charles Ashcraft, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, and Mrs. Joe Carmichael, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education.

The following district officers gave reports: Mrs. Irl Lancaster, (Dist. Spiritual Life Sec.), Mrs.

Children in Christian Growth," Mrs. Paul O. Cardwell, Dallas; "Guiding Intermediates," Rev. John Hassler, Little Rock, Conference director of youth work; "Teaching Youth," Rev. Dan Robinson, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Minden, La.; "Adult Work," Dr. Paul O. Cardwell, Dallas; and "Church School Administration," Dr. O. W. Moerner, San Antonio.

Sessions will be held in the Educational Building, First Methodist Church, Texarkana, with Dr. William E. Brown, host pastor.

Pearle McCain To Sail Sept. 9

Dr. Pearle McCain, missionary, will sail Sept. 9 for Japan where she will return to Seiwa College for Christian Workers. She has been in Arkansas on furlough for the past year, and will resume her teaching duties at the college in Nishinomya where she served five years previous to her trip home. Dr. McCain explained that Seiwa College is very similar to Scarritt College located in Nashville, Tenn.

She left Little Rock the last week in August, and will sail from San Francisco on the ship, "Old Colony Mariner," of the Pacific Far East Line.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Conway District will hold its Fall Seminar August 30 at Dardanelle. Registration will be at 9:30. Mrs. C. A. Hughes, president, announces that each one is asked to bring a school girl lunch. Mrs. Ray Wood, Oppello, is the district secretary of Missionary Education, and urges all local secretaries to attend.

The Bonita Society met in the home of Mrs. Maxine French, August 6 with six members present, and Mrs. W. F. Ragsdale leading the program.

The Jones Society met at the church August 14 with ten members present. Mrs. Verner Sawyer was program leader assisted by the pastor, Rev. George Cagle. The Jones Society will join Bonita in the studies for the year.

Harold Scott (Sec. of Promotion), Mrs. Searcy Harrell (Status of Women), Mrs. John Valentine (Treasurer), Mrs. Barnett Miles (Sec. of Youth), Mrs. Kenneth Spore (Sec. of Students), Mrs. Booth Hope (Sec. of Christian Social Relations), Mrs. Paul Teeter (Secretary of Supply Work), Mrs. L. C. Harvey (Sec. of Missionary Education), Mrs. Sam Bond (Sec. of Literature and Publications), and Mrs. Jack Thomasson (Sub-District Chairman).

Mrs. John Valentine, treasurer, reported a previous balance of \$703.47 with disbursements of \$182.32 leaving a balance of \$521.15.

A letter of resignation from the Vice-President, Mrs. Mota Dickham, was accepted with regrets after being read by the secretary.

Mrs. Barnett Miles, Secretary of Youth, moved that a short executive meeting be held preceeding the Fall Seminar, August 29th.

Announcements, other than emphasis on attendance at the Fall Seminar, included: (1) A three day District Prayer Retreat which Mrs. Ashcraft announced would be held the second week of September at Camp Keener. (2) Mrs. Carmichael announced that an Area Workshop of World Understanding would be held in the district, Nov. 13, with the place of meeting to be announced later, (3) and that the program committee would meet after luncheon to plan the program for the Fall Seminar was announced by Mrs. Harvey.

The group adjourned for lunch.

Youth Groups Report Observances

First Church, Camden

The Senior High Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church in Camden has recently completed an annual Youth Activities Week under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Lockett, Richard Waggoner, and other adult counselors.

The program began August 4, and continued for five nights. The fun and fellowship started each night at 5:30 with 45 minutes of project reports. The project for the week was selling a community birthday calendar on which the citizens of a particular area can have their names written under their birthday for 25 cents. The money raised will go toward buying some equipment for the church's proposed new Educational Building.

After the project reports, a committee of mothers served supper to the group and each meal signified a certain country such as China, Hawaii, or Latin America. Immediately after eating, the group enjoyed musical recreation in the form of group singing or guest performers. Wednesday, Bill Shelton, director of the Camden Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Shelton entertained everyone with some songs and novelty numbers.

At 7 p.m. those present went into another room for the evening program which consisted of a panel discussion each night except Sunday when Dr. Francis A. Buddin, pastor of the Camden First Methodist Church, made a talk on "Choosing Our Master." The panels Monday and Tuesday had the theme of "Choosing Your Mission" and were under the supervision of Ralph A. Reed; those on Wednesday and Thursday were directed by Mrs. Thomas Lockett, and the theme was "Choosing Your Mate."

The meeting was closed every night with a short worship service under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Upton. While the program had the theme of "Choosing," the workshops had the theme of "Using," and Evelyn Daniel gave the first devotional on "Using Our Time." Others leading devotionals were John Wheeler, Mary Ellen Hardwick, and Orlando Lockett, who spoke on money, talent, and influence, respectively.

Friday night as a culmination for the entire week, all parents were invited to attend and bring a pot-luck supper. The program consisted of a talk by Mrs. C. B. Stone, and a short skit directed by

Mary Ellen Hardwick and Carrie Burnham.

Harrisburg

Youth Activities Week was held at the Harrisburg Methodist Church, July 17-21. Miss Kay McSpadden, Hendrix College student, and Youth Worker of the church, was in charge of the program which consisted of group singing, discussions, recreation and worship. Mrs. C. W. Stinson led a discussion on "The Life of Christ" on Wednesday evening. Rev. J. T. Byrd, pastor of the church, spoke on "The Christian Home" on Thursday evening, and Dr. A. J. Forestiere spoke on "Preparation for Marriage" Friday night. A picnic was held on Saturday. A worship service was planned for Sunday using the theme of the week, "But The Greatest Of These Is Love." Carolyn Cranford, Youth Director of the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church of Jonesboro; Jackie Wright, Youth Director of the Weiner Methodist Church; and Bob Terry, Youth Director of the Marked Tree Methodist Church, were invited to assist in directing the recreation.

Oak Forest, Little Rock

Oak Forest Methodist Church, Little Rock, held its first Youth Emphasis Week August 11-13 with an average attendance of 52 youth and ten adults. Each part of the program revolved around the central theme "I Believe . . . I Serve."

All three evenings opened with a fellowship supper served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, during which time all announcements and introductions were made. Moving into discussion groups, all led by outstanding leaders from over the city, was the next phase of the program. Each person had the choice as to which discussion group he would attend, provided he was within the age limit.

Leading the Intermediates in the study of "Being Christian" in our Personal Lives were Don Martin from Pulaski Heights and Rev. Edmund Deane from Winfield. Studying "I Believe" with the Seniors were Rev. Irl Bridenthal, Oak Forest pastor, and Rev. Robert Trieschmann, pastor at Geyer Springs; George Cook from Pulaski Heights, and Rev. William Elliott, associate minister at Winfield. "The Christian's God" was the theme of the discussions by the

Monroe District Youth Attend Workshop

Methodist youth of the Monroe District attended a workshop August 23 and 24, at Chemin-A-Haut State Park. The workshop was for all Sub-district and District officers.

During the two-day session, a special emphasis was placed on Sub-district work. Through this workshop, leaders feel that the over-all district youth program was strengthened.

Miss Louise Sharp, Louisiana Conference director of youth work, was present to help lead the various phases of the workshop.

Older Youth, led by Mrs. John Allbright.

A full program of recreation each evening was planned and directed by Rev. John Allbright, chaplain at the State Hospital, and Bill Thrasher, director of activities at Winfield. The evening worship services on "What Price Discipleship?" "Self-Denial," "A Cross to Bear," and "Obedience" — were youth-led with the messages being delivered by Rev. Woodrow Smith, associate minister, Pulaski Heights. The offering taken during the week will be used to aid the Schneiders, German refugee family whom the Little Rock Sub-district has sponsored.

The week's program was under the general direction of Miss Jerine Jones, Hendrix College student who is serving as director of youth work at the Oak Forest Church this summer.

Crossett

Christian Adventure Week for Intermediates was observed in the Crossett Methodist Church August 9-13. The theme of the week was "We Can Change the World."

The lives of four great world citizens, George Washington Carver, Toyohiko Kagawa, Albert Schweit-

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Warren-Fordyce

The program planning committee of the Warren-Fordyce Sub-district met at Hampton August 8. A devotional was given by Ginger Dunn of Faustina and Jean Johnston of Hampton.

The business of the evening was presided over by the president, Woody Harrel of Hampton. Meeting places for the next 12 meetings were designated and programs were assigned to various MYFs.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 26, at 7:30 in Faustina. Fordyce presented the program which was on Outreach. Reporter is Mary Brooks.

Monticello

The Monticello Sub-district MYF met July 29 at the Rock Springs Methodist Church for a fellowship meeting. There were games followed by a watermelon feast. The meeting was closed with the MYF benediction, and the next meeting was scheduled for August 26 at the Mt. Home Methodist Church.

zer, and Dr. Wilfred Grenfell were studied. Work activities included the making of posters, a Christian flag, a display of the United Nations flags, and making worship centers.

Felix Thompson, summer youth director, was the general director of the week with Mrs. Normie Johnson, superintendent of the Youth Division. Mrs. Ike Allen, Intermediate Counsellor, Mrs. Barbara Pierce Parish, and Rev. and Mrs. John Hefley as helpers.

The program also included recreation, hymn singing, and a fellowship supper. On the last evening parents and families of the intermediates had a pot-luck supper on the church lawn, and all enjoyed the closing service in the sanctuary together.

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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 1957

BARUCH: VOCATIONAL DEPENDABILITY

READ JEREMIAH 36:1-8, 22-26, 32.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord.* —Colossians 2:23 (RSV)

We are still studying about "Valiant Servants of God," as exemplified in some of the "Personalities of the Old Testament." Today's lesson is the tenth in the series of thirteen lessons in Unit VIII, covering the entire third quarter.

"Baruch: Vocational Dependability," is our subject for today's lesson. Baruch, the son of Neriah, belonged to the order of the "princes" and, as such, might have lived a rather sheltered life if he had so chosen. Instead he aligned himself with Jeremiah, the "weeping prophet," and so, for about twenty years lived a strenuous life that involved dangers of many kinds to the end of the way. He was Jeremiah's "right hand man" as a scribe and general helper.

Jeremiah began his prophesying in the reign of Josiah of whom we studied last Sunday. Josiah reigned for thirty-one years. He was finally killed in a battle with Egyptian troops that had invaded Palestine. Jeremiah continued to prophecy through the reigns of Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin and Zedekiah. It was during the reign of Jehoiakim, son of Josiah, that events of our lesson took place. Jehoiakim reigned for sixteen years.

Situation In Judah At Time of Baruch

At the time Baruch and Jeremiah lived, Egypt and Assyria were the great world powers. Each was anxious to destroy the other. Palestine was the "bridge" across which they must pass in carrying on their wars. Since Palestine was right between these great powers, it was very difficult for it to remain neutral. There was tendency on the part of the kings of Judah to align themselves with one or the other of these powers.

Jeremiah, who began his prophesying in the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah, and continued to prophesy through the reign of Zedekiah, about forty-one years in all, continuously advised neutrality. Jeremiah felt that Judah's one hope of survival was in righteousness and Godliness and an unqualified trust in Jehovah. This he advocated throughout his ministry and continuously warned against "entangling alliances" with either of these great world powers.

Jeremiah had been preaching in Judah for about twenty years at the time of our lesson. Jehoiakim, king at the time, was indifferent to the advice of Jeremiah, who seemed, not only to be a great prophet, but also a statesman of vision. Jehoiakim was impudent, brazen, defiant.

After his many years of preach-

ing, Jeremiah felt called of the Lord to summarize the heart of his years of preaching in a written message which was to be read in the temple and to people anywhere who would listen. Written messages were very uncommon in that day. This decision of Jeremiah to write out his message was a last desperate effort to awaken the king and the people of Judah to the dangers that threatened them.

A God-Called Layman Helps Jeremiah

Jeremiah was a great prophet but evidently he was not a great writer, if he could write at all. Hence it was that, through Jeremiah, God called Baruch, a layman, to write out Jeremiah's message as he dictated it.

Writing in Baruch's day was a laborious, costly and very uncommon procedure. There were no fountain pens in that day and no ten cent stores where materials could be had in abundance. The preparation of the materials to be used for the writing was a long-time process and the inscribing of the message on the crude materials to be used was even more difficult. Furthermore, the ability to write was very unusual and about as hard to find as the materials on which to inscribe the message.

It was under such circumstances that Baruch was called into service. He was not a prophet and likely lacked the vision of a prophet but he did have a talent that was necessary, if the message of Jeremiah was to reach the people. He could write. And this, at the call of God, he was ready to do.

Everybody Important In God's Work

Sometimes consecrated laymen and lay women watch ministers and other outstanding leaders of the church as they go about their work and feel that there is no real place for them to render service in the work of kingdom building. This experience of Baruch should give all such the consciousness that there is a place in the work of the kingdom that needs them and work that will be poorly done, if done at all, unless they volunteer their services.

The minister is important as a leader in the church but so are members of the Official Board, the superintendent of the Church School, Church School teachers and Baruch the Secretary who makes permanent record of the work done. Jeremiah, the prophet, was important but, important as he was, he was not able to do his lar-

ger work without Baruch to give voice and effectiveness to his message in his day and to make his message a part of the permanent Record of God's revelation to man for all the ages to come.

Behind The Scene In Sacred Writings

We often wonder about the "how" of the sacred writings. Just how were the Scriptures inspired of God and how did they happen to be written.

In the Book of Jeremiah, we have a glimpse behind the curtain as Bible manuscripts are being prepared. Jeremiah had preached to the people of his day until he seemed to feel that he had exhausted his opportunity for effective work in that manner. The Record says that God commanded him to write out the messages that he had been delivering.

Jeremiah decided to put his message in writing, at the command of God. He had a secretary in the person of Baruch to whom he dictated his message and Baruch wrote it down as Jeremiah spoke. Hence, here we have God's command to write, the reason for writing his message and the manner in which it was written. The fact that this lengthy, costly message was destroyed did not stop Jeremiah and his helper. They simply set about reproducing the message with added words. Baruch did the hard work in writing such a lengthy message twice. He also acted as a mouthpiece for Jeremiah in reading the message more than once to different groups.

Some Great Only As Related To Others

It is quite common, in world history, for the names of some people to be preserved for the coming generations of people because their lives were linked with the life of someone who was truly great. John the Baptist is one of the immortals among greats because his life was so closely linked to the ministry of Jesus. The name of Silas will be forever with us, not because of any great thing he did, but because his life was linked to the life of Paul. There was nothing great about Jonathan except his unselfish friendship for David. Being as close to David as he was, has made his name immortal.

It often happens that our best service to the world can be rendered as the helper of someone more prominent than we. We should be willing to accept the opportunity which offers us the largest chance for service even though our service must be rendered in a subordinate position.

Jehoiakim Played To The Galleries

After the message of Jeremiah was read in the temple and before the princes, it was called to the attention of king Jehoiakim by the princes. The king, with the princes, sat as Jehudi read the message in the king's presence.

To show his contempt for the writers of the message, and possibly to impress his court with his own greatness, the king cut the message to pieces as it was being read and threw it in the fire a few pages at a time until it was all burned. He then ordered the arrest of Jeremiah and Baruch.

This was grandstand play on the part of the king. Whether his action impressed his court, we are

not told. Of this we may be sure; it had absolutely no effect on the truth the message contained. Jehoiakim seemed to have solved an embarrassing problem by this procedure. At least he seemed to think so. With the contemptuous burning of the message, and the order of the arrest of the writers, he apparently had done everything that was necessary, under the circumstances, except to heed the message and save himself and his people from destruction.

Truth Cannot Be Stifled By Persecution

The greatest mistake Jehoiakim, or anyone ever made, was to stand in the presence of truth with a closed mind. To attempt to oppose God's eternal plans and purposes with our feeble minds and powers is one of the most foolish things of which man can be guilty. One might as well try to push back the winds of a mighty storm with his bare hands. One might as well stand at the dawn of day and try, with his hands, to push back the rays of the rising sun as to attempt to set aside God's truth and God's plans by any puny efforts he can make.

We cannot destroy truth by burning the books in which it is written or even by burning the people who speak the truth for the Lord. Amos was ordered out of Bethel because the people did not like the truth he proclaimed. This in no way delayed the destruction of which Amos was warning them. Their action also caused Amos to write out his message which, as part of the Bible, still remains as God's truth.

The fact they refused to hear Jeremiah's message, preached or written, did not change the truth he proclaimed. The fact that the message was unheeded only made their destruction more certain and quicker.

Many of the works of Martin Luther were burned, but the truth he proclaimed was untouched by the fires and the Protestant reformation was born. John Wesley's church shut the door and the pulpit to the truth he was proclaiming. Instead of crushing the truth he proclaimed, it but increased the effectiveness of his ministry as he went to the open fields with his message and the Wesleyan revival and the Methodist Church were born.

We have the saying, "Truth crushed to earth will rise again." It is doubtful if anyone ever crushed the truth to the earth. He only thought he did. Truth may be ignored, it may be rejected and even despised but truth survives any effort to crush it. Centuries after the time of our lesson Paul wrote, "God is not mocked." Jehoiakim learned that truth the hard way through his attempt to destroy God's word by burning the paper on which it was recorded.

The Timeless Value of Faithfulness

It is our feeling that we find, in the twenty years of faithful service which Baruch rendered Jeremiah, something of the timeless value of faithfulness. Baruch's faithfulness to Jeremiah gave comfort and encouragement to this great prophet when he had few friends. His writings also made permanent the value of Jeremiah's message.

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Pastors' School Draws Large Attendance

Special Annual Conference Session Held

More than 200 pastors and wives were in attendance last week at the annual session of the Louisiana Conference Pastors' School. Sessions were held Monday through Friday, August 26-30 on the Centenary College campus.

Special Conference Session

Of special interest was the special session of the Louisiana Conference held on Monday evening and presided over by Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, who has episcopal supervision of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area during Bishop Paul E. Martin's absence.

The special session had been called to clear the sale of the home of the Board of Education executive secretary and to authorize the purchase of a new residence. The proposals received a unanimous vote of the conference.

Report On Hurricane Relief

Of unusual interest was the report made by Rev. Sam Nader, superintendent of the Lake Charles District, that more than \$43,000 has been contributed by Louisiana Conference churches to the rebuilding of Methodist churches and a parsonage destroyed by hurricane Audrey at Cameron, and Grand Chenier. Mr. Nader also reported that \$2,946 has been reported to date by Methodist churches of Arkansas, and that a grand total of \$57,298 has been received from all sources toward this project. Rev. Mr. Nader expressed the appreciation of the Methodist leaders of Cameron, Grand Chenier and others for the aid which has been given these stricken churches.

Proposes Home For Aged

The conference also approved a



Pictured above are Dr. B. C. Taylor of Shreveport, Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, and Rev. Jack Midyett, Haynesville, shown conferring just before the convening of the special session of the Louisiana Conference on Monday evening, August 26, in the Brown Memorial Chapel on the Centenary Campus. Bishop Smith has episcopal supervision of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area during Bishop Paul E. Martin's absence. Dr. Taylor was the host superintendent, and Rev. Mr. Midyett is the conference secretary.

resolution presented by Rev. E. P. Drake, New Orleans, chairman of the Board of Hospital and Homes of the conference. The offer of an interested party to make available a site for erection and operation of a home for the aged was given as the reason for the resolution. The resolution is as follows:

Be resolved by the Louisiana Annual Conference on this 26th day of August 1957,

(1) That the completion and opening of a Louisiana Conference Home for the aged is set as a 1957-61 goal;

(2) That the Louisiana Annual Conference authorize Bishop Paul E. Martin and his cabinet to name a committee of five incorporators;

(3) That the committee of incorporators if and when named is authorized to apply to the state of Louisiana for a Charter of Incorporation, and upon issuance to apply to the state of Louisiana for a Charter of Incorporation, and upon issuance of that Charter of In-

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Raceland-Grand Isle Named 1000 Club Project

Raceland and the Grand Isle Methodist Churches in the Lafayette District have been named the first 1000 club project for the 1957-58 conference year, according to Rev. Luman Douglas, Ruston, chairman of the Louisiana Conference Board of Missions. Mr. Douglas also heads the 1000 Club appropriations committee which determines the selection of worthy church extension projects to be assisted by the 1000 Club program.

The 1000 Club is a church extension program, enlisting the support of more than 1000 laymen in Louisiana who contribute \$10 each three times a year on call for a conference designated church extension project. This program, according to conference leaders, makes possible financial help for new church situations when help is needed the most, at their beginning.

The period for this conference call, according to Rev. Mr. Douglas, will be the months of September, October, November, at the close of which it is expected that an amount of \$10,000 will be made available to the Raceland and Grand Isle churches.

New churches at Lake Charles and Bastrop and Alexandria were assisted with amounts of approximately \$9,500 each during the past year through the 1000 club program, according to leaders of the 1000 club committee. This makes a total of 11 new churches in the Louisiana Conference assisted at their beginning through this means.

Rev. Robert Collie is the pastor of the Raceland congregation, which he is serving in addition to

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Church Membership In U.S. Reaches New High

New York (RNS)—Church membership in the United States reached a new high of 103,224,954 in 1956, a gain of slightly more than 3,000,000 over the previous year. This means that 62 out of every 100 Americans of all ages are members of a church or synagogue.

A century ago only 20 out of every 100 Americans was a church member. In the last generation span of 30 years church membership has doubled, while population has risen 40 per cent.

The statistics are from the Yearbook of American Churches for 1958 to be published by the National Council of Churches on Sept. 15.

Of the grand total with religious affiliation, 60,148,980 are Protestants, 34,563,851 Roman Catholics, 5,500,000 Jews, 2,598,055 Eastern Orthodox, 367,370 Old Catholics and Polish National Catholics, 63,000 Buddhists and 20,000 Moslems.

(The Roman Catholic Church considers all persons who are baptized, including infants, to be church members. Most Protestant church bodies count only those young people and adults who have attained full membership, all but a small minority of these being over 13 years of age. The two major exceptions are the Lutheran bodies and the Protestant Episcopal Church which now report all baptized persons.)

The figures are based on official reports provided by 258 religious bodies of the 268 listed in the Yearbook. The one notable body not reporting was the Church of Christ, Scientist. A regulation of this Church forbids "the numbering of people and reporting such statistics for publication."

Dr. Benson Y. Landis, Yearbook editor, said the figures give fresh statistical evidence that the tide of interest in religion — at peak levels in this country since World War II—appears to be rising still higher.

According to the Yearbook, the major religious bodies have developed in about the same relationship to each other during the last 50 years. Thirty years ago, 27 per cent of Americans were Protestant—today the figure is 35.9 per cent. Roman Catholics were 16 per cent of the population a generation ago—today they represent 20.7 per cent.

Of the 258 separate church bodies which reported, 82 account for over 98 per cent—or over 101,500,000—of the total church membership.

The largest Protestant church body is The Methodist Church, with 9,400,000 members and close

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Rev. Jolly B. Harper, of Ruston, is shown below going over the program of the Louisiana Conference Pastors' School with Dr. Kenneth Pope of the First Methodist Church of Houston. Dr. Pope was the guest preacher, delivering sermons each morning and evening during the pastors' school.

Jurisdiction School Of Missions Draws Large Crowd

Arkansas Dist. Supt.
Delivers Keynote Address

Fayetteville, Ark. (MI)—Three hundred persons will see the missionary opportunities of The Methodist Church in new perspective as a result of the South Central Jurisdiction Missionary Conference held here at the Western Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah Aug. 20-23.

Representatives were present from each of the 17 annual conferences and the Indian Mission in the eight-state jurisdiction—Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

In a keynote address, the Rev. Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Fayetteville district superintendent, told his hearers that "missions are not something in the abstract but are intensely personal."

He urged a personalized approach to missions and asked the assembly to follow the church's "ambassadors for Christ" with fervent prayer, dedicated lives of service and adequate support.

"Enough people praying enough can make a big difference in the world," Dr. Bagley declared. "The Christian Church is not in the business of building walls or Iron or Bamboo Curtains. It's in the business of building bridges of understanding."

Much of the work of the conference was carried on in six groups, as follows: district superintendents—Rev. T. Herbert Minga, superintendent of the Denton (Texas) district; board chairmen—Rev. Dr. C. B. Galatas of Marshall, Mo.; conference missionary secretaries—the Rev. W. Darwin Andrus, Bellaire, Texas; district missionary secretaries—the Rev. Jesse M. Layton, Centralia, Mo.; and W.S.C.S. presidents—Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., Houston, Texas, president of the Jurisdiction W.S.C.S.

A special section of the conference was set up for young people, especially Christian outreach chairmen of the various districts. More than 50 attended.

As a practical expression of their own keen interest in missions, this youth group pledged more than \$700 to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief to purchase a new boat to provide the only means of transportation for Korean refugee boys on True Friend Island near Pusan. This action was taken as a result of a presentation made by Miss Elizabeth Lee, staff member of MCOR, New York.

The youth group also provided the majority of the cast for a dramatic presentation on the final evening. They were directed during the week by the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Woodruff and the Rev. Ross Fulton, all of Independence, Mo., and the Rev. and Mrs. Clarence P. Folkins of Lee's Summit, Mo.

The Rev. Dr. Donald E. Redmond, San Antonio (Texas) district superintendent and president of the South Central Jurisdiction Board of Missions, presided over the annual meetings of the board and at several sessions of the conference.

The Rev. Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, Oklahoma City, executive secretary of the jurisdiction, shared in the planning and coordinating of the program.



—Methodist Information Photo

LEADERS AT MISSIONARY CONFERENCES. Some of the leaders at the missionary conferences which climaxed this summer's season at the Western Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, are shown between sessions in front of the Paul and Mildred Martin building.

Left to right, they are: Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Fayetteville district superintendent, who gave the keynote address at the South Central Jurisdictional Missionary Conference (Aug. 20-23) and served as one of the group chairmen at the Jurisdictional Workshop for Chairmen of Local Church Commissions on Missions (Aug. 23-25).

Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, Oklahoma City, executive secretary of the jurisdiction.

Miss Kiyoko Nagi of Japan, Crusade scholar at Scarritt College, Nashville, and one of the leaders.

Dr. J. A. Engle, New York, general secretary of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions, one of the speakers.

Dr. Donald E. Redmond of San Antonio, president of the Jurisdictional Board of Missions, who was chairman of both conferences.

Seminary Students To Visit Boards, Agencies

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—A select group of 20 Methodist seminary students will visit the national boards and agencies of The Methodist Church in five cities between September 8 and 19.

The 20, two from each of the ten Methodist seminaries, will participate in the third National Methodist Scholarship Travel Seminar sponsored by the Methodist Board of Education and other agencies.

Purpose of the seminar is to acquaint the potential future leaders of The Methodist Church with the programs and personnel of the general boards and agencies that serve the church.

The students will be in Nashville September 8-10, Chicago September 11-13, Washington September 14-16, Philadelphia September 17, and New York September 18 and 19.

The travel seminar will be under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, director of theological education, and the Rev. Dr. Harold T. Porter, director of ministerial recruitment, in the Department of Ministerial Education, Division of Educational Institutions, Methodist Board of Education, Nashville.

The students will each be awarded a \$500 scholarship in recognition of their "outstanding qualities of leadership and promise of unusual competence in the pastoral ministry," Dr. McCulloh said.

Says Questions No Longer Asked of Church

New Haven, Conn. (RNS)—The greatest "crisis" in the mission of the church is that the world no longer asks questions of it, a World Council of Churches' official said here.

The Rev. Hahs-Ruedi Weber of Geneva, Switzerland, executive secretary of the Council's Department on the Laity, addressed a consultation on "The Renewal of the Church" here.

"The church is giving answers, often good ones, but to questions the world hasn't asked of it," Mr. Weber said. "To recover the spontaneous mission of the church, we must come so far that the world will ask us questions."

"We must live and serve so that the world will ask us questions as the early Christian Church was asked," he continued. "The service, fellowship, and message of hope preached by the early Church caused the world to look to it for answers."

Says Church-State Separation Does Not Ban Cooperation

Lake Junaluska, N. C. (MI)—The American principle of separation of church and state, guaranteeing both parties freedom from interference, does not prevent them from working together at many points, Dr. Harry W. Seamans, Department of State liaison officer, emphasized at

University Fund Tops \$1 Million Mark

Philadelphia, Pa. (BM)—Cash on hand for the Alaska Methodist University, to be established in Anchorage, has passed the \$1,000,000 mark, H. Conwell Snoke, Philadelphia, coordinator of the university development program, has announced.

The announcement means that of the \$2,000,000 that must be on hand in cash before any construction can start, more than half is on deposit either in Philadelphia or in Anchorage.

Mr. Snoke, who is also treasurer of the Methodist Division of National (home) Missions, said the actual receipts as of July 31 were \$1,228,000. That amount included \$980,000 in the division's Philadelphia offices from Methodist churches and church groups across the United States and \$248,000 in Anchorage from payments on pledges by Alaska residents. The National Division is conducting the campaign for financial support across American Methodism, and a special university committee is handling the program in Alaska.

Mr. Snoke said that in cash, pledges and goals set by Methodist churches and Alaskans there is now a "total expectancy" of \$3,128,000 for the university.

A special contribution to the university came in late July from about 5,000 Methodist laymen at the second National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University in Indiana. In a communion offering, the laymen gave \$4,839 to buy books for the library. The Methodist Board of Lay Activities in Chicago has recommended library books as a financial project for about 10,000 Methodist Men clubs through the country.

The Alaska Methodist University is to be the first four-year, church-related liberal arts college for the territory. The president of the newly-organized board of trustees is Bishop A. Raymond Grant, Methodist bishop of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

a Methodist Seminar on International Affairs here, August 12-15.

"Human beings are the concern of both the church and the government," Dr. Seamans told delegates to the Southwide seminar, sponsored by the Methodist Board of World Peace.

"Most churches in the United States have made the decision that since they are concerned with human beings—their freedom and dignity and the pursuit of justice—they must exert their influence on the political order," Dr. Seamans said.

"Since politics is the art of government," he said, "it is perfectly proper for the churches to let our political leaders know their views."

He recalled that "from the earliest days of our Republic, the churches were exercised about public affairs and from the very start they were in the thick of the struggle for independence. . . the lanterns of freedom were hung from their belfries, and from their pulpits there was preached the gospel of emancipation from every form of human bondage."

To challenge the right of churches to speak out on political matters would be "a mockery of religion," Dr. Seamans said.

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Laymen Called Productive Agents Of Christian Values

New Haven, Conn. (RNS)—Laymen and women are not primarily "a consuming unit of spiritual goods distributed by the minister," but both are productive agents of Christian values, a consultation on "The Renewal of the Church" was told here.

"As such they stand, for better or for worse, in frontier situations in the Kingdom," Dean Walter G. Muelder of Boston University School of Theology, said in an address to 150 delegates to the consultation.

The sessions were held at Yale Divinity School under the auspices of the World Council of Churches, previous to the annual meeting of its 90-member Central Committee. Dean Muelder served as chairman.

"This emphasis of the laity must not be viewed as an attempt to secure larger functions or higher status for them in the local congregations or denominations," Dean Muelder warned. "Neither is it an oblique scheme of recruiting assistants for the clergy," he said.

The main point, Dean Muelder stressed, "is that as Christ came to minister so must all become ministers of His saving purpose according to the peculiar gift of the spirit which each has received."

"The vocation of the church is to serve people in the world and to transform the world," he continued. "To be sure the church has a life of its own and a form of its own, but it does not exist primarily to be absorbed in its own internal problems."

The church should be "outward directed in its ministry to and with the community," said Dean Muelder.

This fellowship of ministry belongs to all of God's people, men and women, laity and clergy together, he emphasized. "The dialogue between one man and another, one group and another, becomes at the same time a dialogue between man and Christ."

During the meeting, study groups examined such questions as the Christian doctrine of marriage, the advantages and disadvantages of organizing men and women in churches into separate groups, and adequate theological education of the laity.

The consultation was organized by two departments of the World Council—the Department on the Laity and the Department on the Cooperation of Men and Women in Church and Society.

Thirty overseas visitors were among those attending the consultation.

Church Construction Continues Upward Trend

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Church construction in July totalled \$75,000,000, an increase of \$2,000,000 over June, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported.

The July figure was a 12 per cent rise over the same month last year when church building amounted to \$67,000,000.

Total church construction for the first seven months of this year reached \$475,000,000. Last year's total for the same period was \$404,000,000.

JAIL POPULATION AT RECORD HIGH

There were more people in prison in this country at the end of last year than ever before; the government reported recently. A report by Prisons Bureau Director James V. Bennett said the ratio of state and Federal prisoners to civilian population was 114.2 per 100,000 as of December 31, 1956. A year ago that date the ratio stood at 114 even. Of the 188,730 persons in penal institutions at the end of 1956, 20,134 were in Federal custody.

A gain in commitments to state prisons during 1956, Mr. Bennett reported, was offset by a drop in the number of criminals sentenced by Federal courts. Most of this drop, he said, resulted from "a fall-off in violations of the immigration law" and reduced use of imprisonment for dealing with immigration offenders.

Quakers Ask Scientists To Search Conscience On Nuclear Weapons

London (RNS)—Forty-three British Quaker scientists called on other scientists in technically-developed countries to "search their conscience" and consider their personal responsibility in aiding their governments to develop nuclear weapons.

In a statement addressed to all scientists, the Quakers said it was an "illusion" to believe that war will be permanently prevented through the possession of "devastating weapons."

"If this method of deterrence should fail," the group said, "there will be not only hideous suffering but also the breakdown of those very social systems which the peoples involved are most concerned to maintain."

The Quakers denied that the ideals which free people value most can be preserved by "methods based on the power to kill and maim millions of people."

Council Head Urges Christians To Be "Do-gooders"

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches, called here upon Christians to be "do-gooders," unconcerned with derisive cynical criticism.

He made the call the subject of a sermon at National Presbyterian church.

"Let us resolve to be Christian, openly, sometimes frankly and brutally opposed to the cheating, chiseling morality that tries to pass itself off as being only realistic and practical," he said.

Dr. Blake, who also is stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., expressed a fear that there is more than a mere weakening of moral standards in the world today. "There is, I am afraid, a much deeper cause for alarm," he said. "There is a tendency towards the complete repudiation of moral standards."

In defending the "do-gooder," Dr. Blake said:

"Too often for complacency the sober man is called a killjoy, the moral man a prude, the honest man a Milquetoast, and the idealist a simpleton. A wastrel is now often called a good fellow. A loose woman is 'emancipated.' A cheat is 'clever' and 'smart.'"

Narrow bigots of past generations, Dr. Blake said, brought unpleasant connotations to words like reformer, charity, and even to the basic word "good."

"Thus," he said, "the label 'do-gooder' is applied with derision. But the label 'Christian' centuries ago also was a critical label."

"A man is called a 'do-gooder' usually when, in his efforts to solve a social problem, he steps upon the toes or threatens the profits of someone who stands to lose an advantage if any change is made. The sad part of this label is that most of us cringe just a little when it is applied to us."

This should not interfere with the works of a "do-gooder," however, Dr. Blake stressed.

The only alternatives, he said are to be: a "chiseler, one who is always busy getting his in this life of ours and doesn't care whom he hurts doing it," or a "lazy hedonist, who lazes through life getting all he can out of it in selfish pleasure," or "a cowardly stand-patter who knows well enough the evils that ought to be eliminated but is afraid to do anything about them for fear of criticism or personal loss."

Congress Approves Clergy Social Security Bill

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—A bill to extend for two years the period in which ministers, missionaries and members of religious orders may elect social security coverage as self-employed persons was passed by the Senate. It previously was approved by the House.

The measure extends the deadline for election of such coverage (except for newly-ordained ministers) from April 15, 1957 to April 15, 1959.

It also provides that clergymen who erroneously thought they were covered as employees of non-profit institutions will have their coverage legalized. Such ministers will have to change over and pay their social security tax on a "self-employment" basis as do other clergymen.

A 1954 amendment to the Social Security Act permitted ministers for the first time to elect coverage as "self-employed" persons.

The approved bill, sent to President Eisenhower for signature, was sponsored by Rep. Burr P. Harrison (D.-Va.). By means of six pages of complicated amendments, it seeks to cover all instances in which clergymen have become enmeshed in the technicalities of the social security law.

The principal provision would give ministers another two years in which to decide whether they want coverage before the social security rolls are closed to them.

By the President of the United States of America

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we are grateful for the faith in which our fathers found their strength, and for the hope which has guided our nation from the earliest days; and

WHEREAS, it is a good thing for a people unitedly to remember their heritage of spirit, and to refresh themselves daily in the divine truth which is their most precious inheritance; and

WHEREAS, in our steady drive for enduring peace among men we must always seek the aid of the Father of mankind; and

WHEREAS, the Congress, by a Joint Resolution approved April 17, 1952, has provided that the President "shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than Sunday, as a national day of prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer;"

Now, therefore, I, Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America, do hereby set aside Wednesday, the second day of October 1957, as a national day of prayer; and I call upon our citizens, each according to his own faith, to unite in prayer and meditation on that day.

In constant dependence upon our Creator for the spiritual gifts required in the conduct of our affairs as individuals and as a nation, let us now ask for wisdom and strength to fulfill the high purposes for which we are called, seeking the welfare of all peoples through a just and lasting peace across the face of the earth, bringing happiness to the home of the humblest family and to the courts of the Almighty. Let us pray with eager expectation that we may be inspired to sacrifice, at home and abroad, to achieve a life worthy of the children of God, for all men, everywhere.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this eighth day of August in the year of

Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-second.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

AF To Reduce Number of Protestant Chaplains

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—The Air Force announced it will diminish its ranks of Protestant chaplains by up to 117 before the end of the year, in keeping with slashes in military personnel.

Protestant chaplains will be reduced in number because their group is the only one currently over strength, the Air Force said. Roman Catholic chaplains are under their quota and Jewish chaplains will meet theirs by Sept. 1.

Chaplains to be released will be selected by a screening board before Nov. 1.

Those released will be permitted to take reserve training in order to keep their commissions in force, and those with more than five years of active duty will get readjustment pay.

Race Relations Is A Religious Issue

EVERY man is entitled to his point of view and to give expression to it. That freedom should be freely granted in a free society, among free people. Such opinion, whether or not intended to influence others, is an inherent individual right. We are practically all in agreement that we have the right to disagree.

W. M. Rainach, segregation leader, had the right to express his satisfaction at the decision of New Orleans Roman Catholic Church leaders not to integrate this fall the Catholic Church's schools in that city. However, we would disagree with his statement that "Race relations is a social issue, not a religious issue." Mr. Rainach was quoted as saying that he expected more and more church groups to give support to continued segregation in public schools.

Mr. Rainach undoubtedly knows that practically all church leaders would take issue with him on his assertion that race relations is not a religious issue. They would agree with him that the issue is social, but they would also insist that it is an issue of primary religious concern. Indeed, there are even those ministers, ardent segregationists, who support their position by Biblical texts, offered as proof that God never intended there should be mixing of the races, socially or otherwise.

An historical examination of most social issues reveals that the beginning of these concerns was a Christian conscience. Whether the issue be temperance, war and peace, housing, working conditions, or such concerns as poverty and disease, people become interested in these matters because their religion has made them sensitive to evils therein. A religion that does not make a qualitative contribution to the society of which it is a part is sooner or later succeeded by one that will.

The great social teachings of the Christian faith have been responsible in a large measure for the social awakening of this century, and one who denies this is simply not facing the facts. Any unmet need in the world is a religious issue, and when Christian people fail to see this they ignore Jesus' teaching expressed in the parable of the Good Samaritan, which, incidentally, has its own racial aspect.

If Mr. Rainach really believes that race relations is not a religious issue, why does he predict that in the future more and more church groups will be supporting continued segregation in all areas of life?

The Vicious Circle

RUSSIA announced last week the development of the ultimate in weapons, the intercontinental guided missile, capable of being launched within its borders and sent to within 12 miles of any target in the world. Needless to say, this announcement alarmed other major world powers, as the perfection of such a weapon is yet unrealized by them.

Whether or not Russia has actually developed such a weapon is questionable. Interested observers suggest the announcement may be premature, being timed to coincide with and influence disarmament talks underway in London. However, the announcement contributed little to reducing international tension, and is further evidence of the utter futility of the world depending upon the development of weapons as the proper course to permanent world peace. Arms races in the past should convince the most skeptical of this.

Meanwhile, testing of nuclear weapons goes on within our own borders, and the controversy continues as to the harmful effect of radioactive fallout. The point seems to be that regardless of which nation may seem ahead in the development of armaments, other nations soon catch up, and the advantage gained is but of temporary value. The vicious circle continues.

The ultimate in weapons which will bring peace is not intercontinental missiles but the Universal message of Christian understanding, hope, trust, and good will. Only this Message can break the vicious circle and usher in that era of peace for which mankind so desperately longs.

The True Picture

AS one looks at the labor situation in general at this 1957 Labor Day season, he is liable to get the impression that the labor movement has come on hard times with questionable leadership having brought the whole movement into a bad state. True it is that congressional committee investigations have brought to light shady practices which need correction. If left unattended such practices could work irreparable all the good which the labor movement has accomplished during recent decades.

It must be remembered, however, that the general public hears mostly about those aspects of labor-management relations which have something unusual about them, disputes, prolonged strikes, plant shutdowns, inconvenience to the public, and mismanagement in union administration. Little is heard of the much larger side of the union movement, the thousands of labor-management contracts which are successfully negotiated, the many honest labor administrators who are faithful to the stewardship entrusted to them, and the many benefits which have come both to workers and employers because of organized labor. These positive aspects grab few headlines, but they more truly reflect the actual labor picture. This perspective must not be lost.

Redeemed Individuals Will Redeem Society

THE announcement is made this week that the tide of interest in religion in the nation is still rising as evidenced by statistics in the 1958 Yearbook of American Churches being published next week by the National Council of Churches. This yearbook will show that 1956 saw a three percent national gain in church membership, with the total membership now at 103,224,954, a gain of more than three million over 1955. It is now estimated that 62 out of every 100 Americans of all ages are members of a church or synagogue.

By comparison with what has often been referred to as the "good old days," today's 62% compares to the 20% of a century ago, and in the past 30 years church membership has doubled while population has increased 40 per cent.

Church leaders have a right to a small degree of satisfaction in this gain, which, in our judgment, is an indication of the current hunger for a satisfying faith. With this many people interested at least enough to be identified with an organized religious group, the opportunity of the church to serve has been greatly enlarged.

However, lest this announcement be the undoing of church leaders, they should ponder well another announcement made about the same time. "There were more people in prison in this country at the end of last year than ever before," it was revealed by the Prison Bureau. According to this Bureau, 188,730 persons were in penal institutions at that time. This figure represents slightly more than one person in every 1000 of civilian population. This is a record high, according to the Bureau reporting. There are plenty of other statistics to show that the general moral and spiritual climate of the nation is far from healthy, despite the record high of church membership reported by the National Council.

The final test of the effectiveness of religion at work in society is not the percentage of its citizens who have identified themselves with organized religion, but rather the quality of life of that society that has been determined by religious forces. Redeemed individuals will redeem society.

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Members One of Another

By Bishop Herbert Welch

THE observance of World-wide Communion Sunday, which is becoming more and more general in The Methodist Church, came to us from the Presbyterians. Its very origin has an interesting suggestion on Christian comity. It is not necessary to unite all the churches into one big Church in order to have "co-operation in action" if only we have "unity of spirit."

Methodism, in God's good providence, has been able to contribute something to other denominations—in doctrinal emphasis, in evangelistic and missionary zeal, in efficient organization. Likewise, we on our part have often been wise enough to follow the lead of others in wholesome and helpful practices and attitudes. That is as it should be: "each for all and all for each."

So this growing habit, with its stress in our one-ness in Christ and our united penitence and reconsecration at the world-circling Table of our Lord, helps to elevate and broaden our thought both of God and of the world, and to cause us to ask: "We are Christians together; now what service can we render to the great company of God's children everywhere? Shall our new dedication lead us, standing, like Paul, 'in Christ's stead,' to reveal and illustrate in some way the world-wide love of God, whom we all adore?"

The Methodists have from time to time been accused of being "activist" Christians. I am glad of it! It is quite in line with vital Christianity and entirely in accord with the mind of Christ, to be asking always, "What shall we do about it?" Therefore we Methodists have seized upon this day of peculiar and sacred interest to invite our people to take the needy world into their hearts by laying on the altar an offering for outstanding needs which are not covered on other days or in other ways.

For the last fifteen years the Fellowship of Suffering and Service has been the object of our freewill Communion offerings, and \$7,000,000 has been thus freely given. The spirit of the Good Samaritan has followed the rescue of the Prodigal Son. "Saved for service" has been our motto. "Who is my neighbor?" has taken on a new significance. Our thoughts, our prayers, our gifts have, like the silent voice of the heavens, "gone out through all the earth," and the Church has been blessed, according to the promise.

Half of this offering for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service is used for a ministry to our boys and girls in the armed forces of the country. Part of this is channeled through our Commission on Chaplains, to shepherd our own and other young people right in their places of service; the other part (under the Commission on Camp Activities) through the churches near forts, posts, and camps to serving these young people in their off-duty hours. The value of such ministries can be measured only in the coming years, as those who are now in the



BISHOP HERBERT WELCH

No one in The Methodist Church is better qualified to make this appeal on behalf of the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. Bishop Welch was Bishop of Korea and Japan during 1916-28. He served as MCOR chairman 1940-48.

Bishop Welch will be 95 years old on November 7. Last June, on the 70th anniversary of his graduation, he delivered the baccalaureate sermon at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.

In the observance of World-wide Communion Sunday, October 6, Methodist churches will receive a special offering for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service.

"youth group" pass into the "young adult" and "adult" groups and assume their rightful places of responsible leadership in church and community. What is saved now becomes the treasure of the future.

The other half of the Communion offering goes to MCOR. Those initials are well known in Korea, in India, in a score of other countries where Methodist benefactions, administered by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, have fallen like "the gentle rain from heaven" upon the parched ground of desperate need—not only for food, clothing, and shelter, but for a Christlike compassion and understanding which will tell the story of a loving Father and a brotherly Savior.

Words, sermons, are an important part of our Christian message to a sad and suffering world, but "sermons in shoes," live broadcasts of love, go to the heart and build up hope and faith. If it is true that "money talks" and if money given and administered in the spirit and the name of Christ is doubly blessed, then whispers the mystic Voice: "The Holy Supper is kept, indeed, in whatso we share with another's need . . . Who gives himself with his alms feeds three, Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me."

The \$17,000,000 committed through these years as a sacred trust to

Lakewood Church, NLR, Begins \$95,000 Bond Sale

The Lakewood Methodist Church of North Little Rock officially began sale of Church Bonds on Sunday, August 25. The total amount of the bond sale is to be \$95,000.00. The money invested in the bonds will be used for the construction of the first phase of the total plant of Lakewood Church. The church, organized in June, 1955, has been meeting in the Lakewood Elementary School.

The Lakewood Methodist Church was conceived in the spring of 1955. The first meeting was held on Sunday, June 5, 1955. Since the time of its organization, the membership of the church has grown from the original 38 charter members to the present membership of 253, representing 114 families. The average church school attendance is 202.

The church building location is at the corner of Avondale Road and Topf Road. This is near the geographical center of Lakewood and adjoins the property of the Lakewood Elementary School.

The lot, which the church owns clear of indebtedness, was purchased at the cost of \$21,000.00. Lakewood Methodist Church is the only Church in the fast-growing Lakewood area. Its growth probability is considered to be very substantial.

The \$95,000.00 bond sale, which the congregation of Lakewood Church has undertaken will make possible the early beginning of construction of the church building. As soon as the total bond issue is sold, bids will be received and construction will begin. The date for beginning the construction is predicted to be December, 1957.

Members of Lakewood church believe that the 6% interest bearing bonds which are now being sold, will have an appeal not only to its local congregation but to interested Methodists throughout Arkansas for three reasons: (1) 6% interest is a respectable rate, (2) the investment is safe, and (3) the investment will help a new church in our conference—a church which began originally as a "Thousand Club" project. Six percent interest will be paid semi-annually on the bonds—on February 1 and August 1.

The bonds are issued in \$100 denominations. All bonds will mature on August 1, 1967—after 10 years have elapsed.

The bonds cannot be called in by the church until after three years have elapsed. All bonds are callable after three years.

Members of Lakewood church have made the purchase of bonds by outsiders even more secure and attractive by signing limited liability notes saying they will "stand good" for the total amount (\$95,000.00) of the bond issue.

The bond issue of Lakewood Methodist Church gives prospective purchasers an opportunity to do two things at one time: (1) to make a safe and sound investment of money at 6% interest, and (2) to help a new Methodist church in a growing area of the conference, where a church is badly needed, by safely investing money at this interest rate. Prospective purchasers of these church bonds are invited to send inquiry to J. H. Woodward, Chairman of Bond Sales Committees, or to Rev. Worth W. Gibson, Pastor, at P.O. Box 1037 Park Hill Station, North Little Rock.

Christianity Seen As Factor In Ghana Independence

Rio De Janeiro (RNS)—Ghana, the world's newest nation, is an outstanding answer to Communist charges that Christianity is an instrument of Western "imperialism," according to a churchman from the former British colony in West Africa.

The Rev. Peter Kewi Dagadu, here for the fourth World Council of the United Bible Societies, said in an interview with Religious News Service that "Christianity, in a very real measure, was an important factor in bringing independence to Ghana."

Mr. Dagadu is general secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana, and a member of the standing committee of the UBS.

He said that "Western control worked itself out of Ghana in the very process of bringing our people its civilization and Christianity."

"Christianity," he explained, "gave the people a full understanding of the meaning of freedom. They could do nothing else but seek to attain it. You cannot seek for freedom until you are developed. By introducing education and evangelism, the missionaries helped open the way for advancement, and that advancement inevitably meant independence."

According to Mr. Dagadu, 25 per cent of Ghana's five million population is Christian, "but there is a steady infiltration of Moslems."

Asked what were the chief problems in his country, he said they were "fundamentally the same as in other parts of the world."

Northeast Airlines Offers Reduced Clergy Fares

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Northeast Airlines announced here it will grant a 50 per cent discount on passenger fares to clergymen travelling in the U.S., effective Sept. 15.

R. B. Stevenson, the airline's assistant director of sales, said the reduced rates also will apply to ministers going to Canada, provided the Air Transport Board in that country approves the discount.

Northeast is the largest line so far to grant reduced clergy fares since Congress passed a law last year authorizing airlines to do so. Other companies now offering lower rates to clergymen include Central Airlines of Washington; Bonanza Airlines of Las Vegas, Nev.; and Cordova Airlines of Anchorage, Alaska.

MCOR from various sources has blessed uncounted thousands; but almost as much, perhaps even more, it has brought blessings to the thousands of thoughtful, dedicated, and sacrificial givers. "God loveth a cheerful giver."

WHY DO WE FEEL CHEAP?

Unless we take our price marks from a higher source than the general public, we are bound often to feel cheap.

What makes us fret over what others think of us? It is usually hurt pride, isn't it? And the cure is to care more for our character than for our reputations. When we look to God rather than to man for approval, slights and insults lose their sting because we are not so afraid of being hurt.



What are some of the situations which make us feel cheap? First, when we violate the social proprieties and do things that are "bad form." We like to be thought well of by others.

I was born on a farm in Ohio. It happens that asparagus was a delicacy never served at our table in my boyhood. When I was a young man of 22, I was entertained at a fashionable home. When the asparagus was served, I ate the tough and stringy white part and left the soft and succulent green tips. I still blush when I think of the smiles on the faces of some guests at that

table who saw my error.

But let's not worry too much about little errors of social etiquette. Remember how young Ben Franklin was laughed at when he arrived in Philadelphia, a poorly dressed and awkward youth. He lived to become Philadelphia's most famous citizen.

We desire to be accepted by those who lift us rather than lower us. We feel cheap when we do that which causes refined persons to look down on us.

I knew a man who had such an inferiority complex he avoided the company of persons abler than himself. To build up his ego he went around with weaker companions. Thus he stunted his own personality. The only way to escape such feeling of cheapness is to give the best we have to the highest we know.

Also we feel cheap when we do something which makes us lose respect

for ourselves. To forfeit our own self-respect is worse than to evoke the criticism of others.

Most of us must confess to occasions where we feel we made fools of ourselves. Perhaps we lost our reserve, became garrulous and talked too much. George Herbert once said: "A civil guest will no more talk than eat all the feast." Or maybe we lost our temper and said something we would give words to call back.

Some years ago on a train I saw two fine-looking men drink themselves into disgraceful befuddlement. When they reached the city to which they were going, the train was held up while they tried to find their overcoats and baggage. One got off at the suburban station of the city without his coat. It was zero weather and no doubt he soon cooled off. But when those two men, who looked like business executives, really cooled off, how cheap they must have felt.

When we look back at such disgraceful moments, we exclaim in disgust at ourselves, "Could I have done that?"

Yet just to feel humiliated is not enough. Humiliation turns us to remorse and remorse is a bitter rehashing of the bad that can't be undone. But God imparts the spirit of humility and lifts us from remorse to repentance.

The humbly repentant man does not sit looking at the bitter past. He turns away from that, saying, "Yes, it's bad, but that's over. God and I are going ahead."

There is another situation which makes us feel cheap: when we use cheap methods to attain our ends. After we have been in any line of work for a while, we learn what we call "the tricks of the trade." And we learn also that we can get away with these tricks without being detected by those outside our specialty.

Suppose I am a teacher. As such, I am dedicated to imparting the truth. But there are pressure groups in my community. To please them I just keep quiet about some facts and slant my teaching in the trend desired.

Or suppose I am a preacher. To draw crowds I preach on safe subjects and avoid any controversial issues. People may not discover my cowardice, but down in my heart I know there is a yellow streak. And I feel cheap.

To keep from feeling cheap, be true to yourself and look to God.

The Layman's Column

By
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METHODISM IN CALCUTTA

Calcutta is by far the most unusual city that I have ever seen. You will not believe me, but here are some of the things that we saw today, our first day here. There are beggars of all ages, many of them children under 10, who hold out their hands with the same little plea, "No papa, no mamma, very, very hungry, sir." There is no way of finding out whether they are really hungry or not, although very few have their ribs showing. Here are 11 cows (I counted 'em) lying on the sidewalk in the heart of the city, knowing that no one will disturb them. We have seen a number of sidewalk barbers squatting in front of their customers who squat also as the barbers shave them or cut their hair. At night there are several persons in every block who are sleeping on the sidewalks while the crowds walk around them. There are rickshaws by the scores and a sort of tricycle rickshaw which is powered by the rider in front . . . we called them "pedishaws." The streets are filled with little taxis that all have a doleful sounding horn something like a calf with asthma.

But there is a good side too. We have the strongest mission work in Calcutta that I have seen anywhere in our travels. There are four churches in the city of Calcutta. One has services in English, one in Hindustani and two in Banghali. These two dialects are the most prevalent in the areas where the churches are located. In addition to this, we operate 4 schools in Calcutta and 6 in the villages surrounding the city. These schools are dealing with over 2500 children and youth. Lee Memorial School is probably the best known of the Methodist schools. In addition to operating a school they also operate a home for orphaned children. When you see the bright faces of the children in the home and realize what the lot of orphan children is in Calcutta, you cannot fail to thank God that we are touching the lives of these, even though they are small in numbers compared with the real need. Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Griffiths are operators of the Lee Memorial School. We were impressed also with the fine spirit of the American and the native workers. Miss Frances Major, a fine young wom-

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

WE HAVE A JUNGLE TO SUBDUE

A couple of highly-placed priests of the Roman Catholic Church, out Chicago-way, have been having a semi-public controversy—mostly through that Church's press—over the "eulogy" one of them gave to a deceased labor leader not regarded by the other priest as a near-saint. My only interest in the discussion is in the points of view represented: points of view not at all missing in Protestant circles also . . .

One Monsignor bases much of his eulogy on the statement (which some appear to question) that the deceased was "a daily communicant for at least 30 or 40 years and possibly even longer." And, in substance, he repeats the old plea (which would stand some re-thinking despite its age) that nothing but good should be said of the dead.

The second Monsignor replies to all this: "To resort to the private religious life of an individual as an argument for his probity in the performance of his official duties is not only bad logic, but wretched apologetics. Good intentions have no value as arguments unless they be supplemented with factual evidence of an objective order." As to speaking only good of the dead, no matter what the known facts, he comments:

an from South Carolina, holds the job of District Evangelist, but she does many jobs, including the distribution of food from Church World Service to about 300 needy Christian families.

One of the many interesting persons whom we met is Mr. Samir Ghosh. This brilliant young layman has only recently accepted Christianity, but has a passion for providing the people of Thoburn Church with good Christian reading materials. His interest has caused many non-Christians to become interested in knowing more about the unsearchable riches of Christ. After visiting with him, I promised to send him all the pamphlets and tracts I could find. If some reader wants to invest a few dollars in Christianity on the other side of the world, please let me know and I'll give you the details. Methodism is on the march in this great city which some day may become one of the great industrial and economic cities of the world.

"A minimum of honesty in thought and fidelity to ethics would reveal that such an axiom has absolutely no place in the examination of the public conduct of men who have served society in an official capacity."

The first thought that must come to almost everyone of us is that there *should* be a very close relationship between a man's religious faith (even his religious *habits*) and his practices in public life, in his home, and in his business or profession. And our first and greatest shock is the realization that these—outward religious appearances and public-community practices—may be quite different in any given individual. The newspaper headline writer likes to seize upon such persons as "choirboy," "evangelist," "deacon," "Sunday school teacher" and the like when a person otherwise respected "goes bad." But the dichotomy is far deeper than that: many seem to be unable to transfer moral and ethical ideas and ideals from one realm of life to another.

There are many men behind bars for crimes against the state who were "ideal" heads of a family, or basically sincere members of our churches. They never thought of themselves as hypocrites, never wanted to be criminals: their religion and their ethics were too narrowly based. Faithful church attendance, punctiliousness in the performance of "religious duties," even "good works" in some restricted area do not constitute the Christian's religious obligation to self and to society. The more complex our society becomes, the more varied the avenues and the lanes of life that call for the "extension" of Christian faith plus Christian action. It is not easy nor simple to be a Christian today—yet that is the challenge to every one of us.

A second thought, perhaps axiomatic to the first, is that while the Christian faith must be learned in the home and in the church, and in the community of friends—and certainly lived there—its practice and demonstration must be also out in what some sociologists call "the jungle of life": in business, in industry, in government, in international relations, in the clash of culture with culture, ideology with ideology. Jesus gave us no detailed blueprints of how this faith in God and man, faith in love and righteousness, faith in the Kingdom of God, was to be translated and applied to great and complex areas of life. He gave us basic principles: we are to take them and pioneer in putting them into practice in these "jungle areas." We are to pioneer in extending Christianity—its beliefs and ethics—out of churchly patter and ecclesiastical merry-go-round into a Way of Life that will subdue the social-economic-political jungle.

Lutherans Caution On Religious Upswing

Minneapolis, Minn. (RNS)—Two prominent Lutherans from Sweden and Japan took a look at the current upswing in popular religion and found cause for concern. Both spoke at meetings in connection with the third assembly of the Lutheran World Federation here.

Said Bishop Bo Harald Giertz of Gothenburg, Sweden, who is chaplain to the King of Sweden:

"Where church attendance is very good, as it is in America, there always is the danger that the pastor tries to give his audience the message they are likely to understand instead of the one they need.

Dr. Chitose Kishi, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan, said of modern religiosity:

"In much of it man is still the center and God is merely a profit-producing agency used to fulfill man's insatiable desire."

Bishop Giertz addressed the assembly banquet attended by 1,700 persons.

He warned Americans that the unprecedented wave of religious interest in this country may prove more of a danger than a blessing.

"Perhaps I am mistaken," the bishop said, "but I got the impression that the American churches today are in danger of making good behavior and Christian morals the essence of Christianity."

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A Handcuffed Prisoner



By
Rev. R. A. Teeter

trembling and helpless in the midst of a hostile crowd. The mob muttered threats of lynching. Armed officers stood by but showed little enthusiasm for defending the prisoner. Fortunately an alert and forceful citizen steered the crowd away from their dark purpose. The man under arrest was taken to jail, brought to trial, declared innocent and set free. The lone citizen won a victory.

St. Paul was often a prisoner. When the mob in Jerusalem threatened to tear him to pieces the Roman commander sent soldiers to his rescue. I can imagine the relief with which the prisoner saw the approach of those disciplined men. At Philippi Paul used his citizenship to obtain his rights. He frightened the city authorities almost out of their wits by letting them know he was a Roman citizen being punished without due process of law. Being a citizen under orderly government is our greatest social boon. It is never to be taken lightly or treated lightly.

Paul's frequent offense to the government was not that of a criminal. It was that of advocating a new kind of faith that challenged all evil and gave dignity to life. It tended to upset the fixed forms and habits of society as it then was.

Canadian Survey Finds Widespread Secularism

Toronto (RNS) — Widespread secularism and a "practical atheism" exists in Canada, according to the report on a survey conducted by 500 prominent men and women of the United Church of Canada.

Findings of the survey, which embraced family, community, economic, civic and political life across Canada, were published in a 120-page booklet here. It was prepared by the Rev. W. G. Berry, director of the Mission to the Nation conducted by the United Church.

The survey was based on reports presented at ten conferences held in centers from British Columbia to Newfoundland during February, March and April. Each conference had four discussion groups.

The conferees agreed that there is too deep a concern among Canadians for economic standing and monetary returns and too much liking for commercial entertainment.

Family life is in danger of breaking down in an age where a television set rivals a washing machine in importance for young brides, they held, and where one out of every three Canadian working women is a housewife.

The groups said that the church had failed to hold the family together and deplored the decline in family worship and the lack of understanding of the real nature of the Christian family and its fellowship.

The rootlessness of many also was blamed for family breakdowns. The report said the mobility of modern life, the trailer camps and the frequency with which some people moved denied a stabilizing influence to the family.

Also condemned were the high cost of living, resulting in working wives, and the commercialization of Sunday which the survey said helps destroy the one day of fellowship available to the family.

"Mass media of communication have helped in the decline," the groups found. "Advertising through radio, television, magazines and newspapers, which frequently has only the desire to covet as its appeal, creates friction and tension within the home."

In their findings on community life the groups urged churches to use newspaper space to present moral issues rather than devotional material.

On the church's role in politics the report said it should strive to train and inspire men and women for leadership in civic affairs and get dedicated Christians to run for office.

That is always dangerous. Society doesn't like to be changed however badly it may need changing.

Paul's aim was for a higher use of citizenship. He started as a law abiding citizen of Rome, the most powerful empire then existing. He became a citizen of the Kingdom of God. That raised him a step higher. He never surrendered his Roman citizenship nor abused it. He simply put it to higher uses. That can always be done by any of us.

Comments

From Our Readers

This publication will publish from time to time letters and comments from our readers. You are invited to send your letters marked for this column. Comments about editorials, articles, program materials, and current issues are welcomed. All letters should be signed.

Editor:

Reading in a recent issue of the Arkansas Methodist of the 125th anniversary celebration in Fayetteville of Methodism stirred me more than usual.

To use Andrew H. Brown's famous saying, "I Feel An Urge Coming On," I want to send congratulations to Fayetteville Methodism in its recent 125th Anniversary Celebration! All Methodists in Arkansas share in the fruits of this wonderful occasion. Those who planned the celebration, and all who helped make it a success, have rendered a distinct service to the history of Methodism in Arkansas.

What the Methodists of Fayetteville have done other Methodists throughout the State can do. Every congregation that has a history of one hundred years can well prepare for and carry out in a fine way a celebration of that fact. The congregations that have been organized fifty years should be proud of half a century of progress and can so state it in a grand celebration. Even a quarter century of life of a church can well be brought proudly to the attention of all the people of the community by a public recognition of such a history.

Church life would be enriched if every Church would hold a historical service at the regular worship hour once every few years to keep alive the historical facts of that congregation. The present, and the future, of every Church is built upon the past. To know and understand the events of the past gives meaning and life to the present, and help plan the future.

Every Methodist Church should have a historian. That person should be continually seeking historical information from various sources and filing it for the day when it will be of great interest to many people.

A few days ago Mr. Farrer Newberry, of Arkadelphia, called me and asked for information about an old Methodist Church near Arkadelphia. He is compiling a his-

"In God We Trust" Added To Dollar Bills

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—The Treasury Department announced that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing had begun production of a new series of one-dollar bills bearing the inscription "In God We Trust."

The new notes will begin to appear in circulation about Oct. 1.

An act of Congress, sponsored by Rep. Charles E. Bennett (D.-Fla.) and signed by President Eisenhower on July 11, 1955, provided that the inscription, which has appeared on coins ever since 1862, shall become part of the design of United States currency as well.

It was agreed at the time, however, that the change in design of U. S. currency would be made in connection with the introduction of a new method of printing currency.

tory of the oldest Methodist Church in Clark County. We are delighted to learn of his work, and wish him well in this important undertaking. It is important, very important that we gather this information in every community in Arkansas before our older people, who built these Churches, pass on and their voices are stilled.

The Little Rock Conference Historical Society has asked that each Church in the Conference appoint a historian and work at this matter of gathering important historical material. We hope every Church has made this appointment. Has this been done in your Church? Are you working at this matter?

Information of Conference-wide interest should be sent to Rev. Kenneth L. Spore, Custodian, Monticello, Arkansas, or to Rev. S. T. Baugh, Secretary, Box 152 P. H. Station, Little Rock, Arkansas, for filing in our fire-proof cabinet in the vault at Methodist Headquarters. Books, pictures of prominent persons, anything of historical interest should be preserved.

Stanley T. Baugh, Secretary
L. R. Conf. Hist. Soc.
Little Rock

Editor:

Just want to tell you how much I liked your editorial, "WE SHOULD BE MAKING FRIENDS." For some time I have felt that Mr. Dulles was lacking in something. He has some fine qualities, but he is too blunt and often says things that would have been better unsaid.

J. D. Montgomery
Hope, Ark.

Editor:

A practice is building up in some of our churches which I deplore, and that is asking for an offering in connection with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The first time this was done in connection with the Communion in our church a man said, "Can't we have ANYTHING without money?" Some others felt the same way.

Let's never mention money in connection with the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper.

I would like to know how others feel about this.

W. L. Calaway
Bethesda

Lutherans Ask End To Production, Testing Of Nuclear Weapons

Minneapolis, Minn. (RNS)—The Lutheran World Federation assembly here unanimously called for an end to the production and testing of nuclear weapons.

It also asked measures to "progressively reduce" all national armaments, and a speedup of international cooperation to develop atomic power for peaceful purposes.

The resolution urged that "more effective mechanisms" be established for peaceful settlement of international disputes and for peaceful change."

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

YOUTH OF THE LIVE OAK METHODIST CHURCH, where Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr., is pastor, recently had a week-end planning retreat at Bluff Creek. Last year's program was evaluated and plans made for the coming year.

REV. AND MRS. JIMMIE CARAWAY announce the birth of a daughter, Ann, who was born Aug. 22, and weighed seven pounds, 14½ ounces. Rev. Caraway is pastor of David Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie.

REV. F. L. HEARNE, SHREVEPORT, retired Methodist minister, preached at the morning worship service of the Fairfield Avenue Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, Sunday, Aug. 25, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. R. McNair Smith, who was on vacation.

GROUND BREAKING SERVICES for the new Lake Charles District parsonage were held at 4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 25. Site of the new building is on 22nd Street, between 4th and 5th Avenues. Rev. Sam Nader is superintendent of the Lake Charles District.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOUISIANA Moral and Civic Foundation, Dr. W. Earl Hotalen, Baton Rouge, spoke at the First Methodist Church, Bossier City, at 10:45 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 18. Rev. Alfred M. Brown is the Bossier City First Church pastor.

REV. C. L. ELLIOTT, retired member of the Texas Conference, taught the Tharseen Class at the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Sunday, Aug. 25, in the absence of Dr. Rodney Cline, his son-in-law. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is the First Church pastor.

REV. LEON T. MARSALIS, Eros, was guest preacher in revival services at the Indian Village Methodist Church, Aug. 11-17. There were five additions to the church on profession of faith, and a number of rededications. The Indian Village church is on the Calhoun Charge and Rev. Abe M. Conerly is pastor.

ALGIERS METHODIST CHURCH held vacation church school Aug. 18-24 with 152 attending. A visitation program was held for the entire church school on Sunday morning, Aug. 25. "A fine display of the work done by the school was enjoyed by 241 persons," according to the pastor, Rev. John T. Redmon.

YOUTH WEEK was observed at First Methodist Church, West Monroe, Aug. 26-31, with four churches cooperating, according to Elmer Fant, youth director, and leader of the week's program. Revival services, with Rev. Roy Mouser, pastor at Cedar Grove, Shreveport, preaching will be held Sept. 23-29. Rev. W. D. Milton is pastor of the West Monroe First Church.

MISS KARIS ROBINSON, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Dan R. Robinson, was married to Rev. Willis Anderson, Sunday, Sept. 1, immediately following the morning worship service at Minden's First Methodist Church where her father is pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Anderson will live in Roanoke, Tex., where he serves as a Methodist minister.

REV. ROBERT PARROTT, associate pastor of Munholland Methodist Church, New Orleans, spoke at the evening service at First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, Aug. 18. He has recently returned from a European tour and visited England, France, Holland, Austria, Denmark, Italy, Switzerland, and Germany. The Natchitoches First Church pastor is Rev. George Pearce.

FRANKLIN POOLE, tenor, presented a sacred concert in the sanctuary of the DeRidder First Methodist Church, Sunday evening, Aug. 25. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Poole, Baton Rouge, where Rev. Poole is superintendent of the Baton Rouge District. Mrs. Mary Fletcher Blankenbaker accompanied Mr. Poole at the concert. Rev. Robert H. Jamieson is pastor of the DeRidder church.

LOCUST GROVE METHODIST CHURCH had a homecoming celebration Aug. 25 which began revival services. Rev. John D. Bell, pastor, conducted the 11 a.m. service and led evening services at 8 o'clock through Aug. 30. Locust Grove is on the Kilbourne Charge. Sunday, a dinner was spread under the shade of a pecan orchard which is close to the church and which is owned by Rodderick Russel.

DR. W. W. PATE, head of the commerce and economics department at Centenary College, was guest speaker at the morning worship hour of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday August 11. He has instructed the Men's Bible Class at the church for the past five years. Dr. Pate's topic was "Economics and Christian Ethics." Rev. George W. Harbuck is pastor of the church.

ROBERT P. LAY, GILLIAM, Conference lay leader, was guest speaker at a meeting of Methodist men at Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, Aug. 20. Lay, who attended the recent National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University, told the group the goal of the men of the Methodist Church is to increase their membership to the one million mark by 1960. Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Sr., is the Carrollton pastor.

WORK ON THE METHODIST PARSONAGE at Franklin which began in May is progressing rapidly and Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Hurley expect to move into the new building sometime in September. The new colonial type structure is brick veneered and contains a living room, dining area, three bedrooms, a study, two baths, and kitchen. It will cost approximately \$25,000, and will replace the former parsonage which was badly damaged by fire in January.

RECENTLY ELECTED OFFICERS who will form the Council of Older Youth-Tech Department, at Trinity Church, Ruston, are Jerry Dyson, president; Monroe Jardell, vice president; Lucy Banks recording secretary; and Bobby Hinton, corresponding secretary. Jimmy Love, Sunday morning worship chairman, appointed by the Wesley Foundation Council also is a member of the Older-Youth-Tech Council. Rev. Jolly B. Harper is the Trinity Church pastor.

MISSIONARY WILSON BOOTS spoke at the morning service at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sept. 1. Sunday evening, he showed pictures taken during the three years he served in Bolivia while supported by the Noel Memorial Church School. Bishop W. Angie Smith, episcopal head of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, delivered the sermon Sunday morning, Aug. 25. Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor of the church.

A JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE was participated in by the Fairview and Sweetlake Methodist Churches of Lake Charles at 11 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 18. Following the service, basket dinners were spread on tables in the church. The day was enjoyed by all, especially the special guests who were 12 Mennonite young men who are currently helping with the rebuilding in the Cameron area. Rev. Garland Dean, Jr. is pastor of both the Fairview and Sweetlake churches.

REV. J. W. MATTHEWS, JR., pastor of the Methodist Church, Ponchatoula, was the guest preacher in revival services held at the Lee's Landing Methodist Church, Aug. 4-11. Rev. Casey Martin, pastor of the church, said there were four additions and "all who attended were greatly blessed." A supper was served at the church on Sunday evening preceding the last service of the revival and the fellowship was enjoyed by all, the report said.

A REVIVAL AT BIRD'S CHAPEL, Marion Charge, closed Sunday, Aug. 25, with Miss Lea Joyner, minister at Southside Methodist Church, Monroe, doing the preaching, and the pastor, Rev. F. C. Collins, leading the singing. Five young people and children were received on

HARRISES TO EUROPE

Rev. and Mrs. James T. Harris of Monroe left August 30 for New York where they will sail tomorrow for Europe to visit their daughter, Mrs. Frank S. Harris, Jr., of Birkenfeld, Germany.

En route to Germany, Rev. and Mrs. Harris plan to visit points of interest in England, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Italy, and France.

At the invitation of the chaplain at Post Chapel near Birkenfeld, Rev. Harris will preach Sept. 29.

They will be guests of Bishop Ferdinand Sigg in Zurich, Switzerland, and Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich in Frankfurt, Germany.

The Harrises' daughter has been in Germany since December, where her husband is stationed at the 98th General Hospital.

profession of faith, and one adult on vows (from another church). "We had 'full house' attendance, enthusiastic singing, heart searching preaching, and fine response and interest by the congregation," the report said.

REV. E. P. DRAKE, pastor of Gentilly Methodist Church, made a second auto trip to the devastated Pecan Island area with donations of clothing and money to the Pecan Island Methodist Church. His car, loaded with clothes and supplies, was the first auto allowed into the area recently over the repaired storm torn causeway, according to the report. In all, members and friends of the Gentilly church, in response to Rev. Drake's appeal, have donated 92 boxes of clothing, toys, etc., and more than \$500 in cash to the Pecan Island congregation.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the New Orleans First Methodist Church Men's Club was held Friday, Aug. 23. The devotional on "Leadership" was presented by Al F. Hanson. The pastor, Rev. N. H. Melbert, talked to the group about future building plans for the church. Pat Ragan was a guest at the meeting; and William Michon, president, presided. A chicken dinner was prepared by Winnie Cook and served by Clyde Shaw, H. L. Bockman, William Cook, Henry Miller, Robert McCreary, Robert Ruano, and Ed Saunders. Fritz Selby is publicity chairman for the club.

A VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL was held at the Luling Methodist Church during the week beginning Aug. 19. A nursery with Mrs. East in charge, was provided. The following were teachers: kindergarten—Mrs. Laney, Mrs. K. Smith, and Mrs. Gillespie; primary—Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Mayfield; and junior—Mrs. LaCour, Mrs. B. Smith, and Mrs. Kelly. The pastor, Rev. Tom O. Crosby, served as director. A special program, including the presentation of certificates, was given Sunday evening, Aug. 25. New junior and kindergarten classes were results of the church school.

ELTON METHODIST CHURCH is now planning a new addition which will include two or three class rooms and a pastor's study. The report said a special fund raising campaign will be launched following approval of the plans by the official board. Pastor of the church, Rev. Donald Hall, and family were honored recently at a family night by "an old fashioned pounding." They received a variety of food items plus household accessories and other gifts. Hostesses for the event were Mesdames Walter Tietje, Sr., Walter Tietje, Jr., Odom Manuel, Rudolph Tonn, and W. S. Thompson, all members of the Woman's Society.

DR. L. KEITH MASON, well-known Shreveport surgeon and lay leader of First Methodist Church, was guest speaker for the monthly supper meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Aug. 27. Dr. Mason recently returned from a Sherwood Eddy Tour behind the Iron Curtain countries of Europe, visiting Russia, Czechoslovakia and East Germany. Among the American scholars and leaders who made the trip was Bishop Dana Dawson. Dr. Mason spoke to the Men's Club about his trip and observations, and illustrated them with slide-film pictures. Rev. K. G. Rorie is Wynn Memorial pastor.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IN U. S. REACHES NEW HIGH

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to 40,000 local churches. A close second is the Southern Baptist Convention with 8,700,000 members and nearly 31,000 local churches. Ranking third in membership is the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., with 4,550,000 members and over 25,000 local congregations.

In major Protestant "family" groupings, Baptists lead with nearly 20,000,000 members of 27 different church bodies. Next are the Methodists with close to 12,000,000 in 21 bodies; Lutherans with 7,000,000 in 19 bodies; and Presbyterians with slightly under 4,000,000 in 10 bodies.

The Yearbook shows that a majority of American Protestants belong to denominations that are constituent members of the National Council of Churches. This agency, with a constituency of 30 church bodies, embraces memberships totaling 37,400,000 — up nearly 700,000 for the year.

Other tables in the Yearbook show: a new peak of \$775,000,000 in church construction, topping the previous year's high by \$40,000,000.

PASTORS' SCHOOL DRAWS LARGE ATTENDANCE

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corporation the committee of incorporators shall become the first Board of Trustees serving until the 1958 Louisiana Annual Conference session;

(4) That the said Board of Trustees when incorporated shall adopt bylaws for operation of a "Home For The Aged" which shall prescribe, among other things, the manner of electing Trustees and their term of office, and report back to the 1958 session of the Louisiana Conference for approval.

Largest Attendance

The attendance at the pastors school was the largest to date since the present arrangement of holding the pastors school apart from the School of Missions which was discontinued three years ago.

Dr. Kenneth Pope, Houston, Texas was the guest preacher, delivering sermons each evening and on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings. Dr. Leon M. Atkins, Nashville, Tennessee, and Dr. Donald Holter, Evanston, Ill., were instructors in the two courses offered. Of more than usual interest were three afternoon discussion groups which served as workshops for pastors. Leaders of these periods and their subjects were, Dr. Carl Lueg, Lake Charles, "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons," Rev. George Pearce of Natchitoches, "Pastoral Work," and Dr. W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge, "Using The Methodist Ritual."

Rev. Clyde Shaw, Alexandria, was organist for the services and presented a period of organ music each evening as a part of the evening services. Rev. James Skinner, Montgomery pastor, was the song leader.

Rev. Jolly Harper is chairman of the Pastors' School Committee, and Rev. Luther Booth, Winfield, is the Dean.

St. Joseph Building Nearing Completion

Construction is expected to be completed about Oct. 1 on the first portion of the new First Methodist Church plant in St. Joseph, according to the Rev. Theron McKisson, pastor. The building site is on Levee Street.

The unit under construction includes eight class rooms, a large auditorium, recreation room, kitchen, and two restrooms. Estimated value is \$35,000, but due to the generosity of a number of suppliers, contractors, and laborers, the actual cost will be some \$20,000, the report said.

A sanctuary will be built at a later date, bringing the total value of the church plant to about \$60,000. For the present, the auditorium-recreation room will be used as the sanctuary.

The structure is a brick veneer building with two ells on either side of the center auditorium containing approximately 3,500 square feet of space. The sanctuary will be added onto the center portion and will be extended forward making a T-shaped building upon completion. It has been built according to the latest standards of modern church construction, according to the report, and is completely insulated with central heating unit with provisions for air conditioning, acoustical tile, and many other features. John W. Baker Associates were architects, and construction has been under the supervision of S. F. Hulls.

At the present, the Board of Trustees of the First Methodist Church consists of C. J. James, president; the late Mrs. Ruth Johnston

Gift 47 Years Ago Results In Baker-Boddie Fund Now

BY MARGARET McDONALD

The gift presented to Centenary College last June 4 by the Rev. D. B. Boddie will be known as the "Baker-Boddie Fund."

The Rev. Mr. Boddie, who retired from the pastorate of the Davidson Memorial Methodist Church in Lafayette in 1956, presented a check for \$230 to Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, at the 1957 meeting of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church. At that time, he explained that the sum represented the amount a benefactor known only as "a Mr. Baker," had given him shortly after the turn of the century.

"It was in the spring of 1910," he recalled, "when things looked blackest to me. I was sweeping floors at Centenary, trying to earn enough money to remain in school. Room and board cost \$15 a month in those days, and I simply didn't have enough money to finish out the year. It

was then that the college president told me a man had offered to pay the room and board for a worthy student."

The benefactor paid a total of \$230 for Boddie, enabling him to remain at Centenary until the close of the 1912 school year. Later, when Boddie was serving as pastor of the Methodist Church in Pineville, he met Baker and learned that Baker's daughter was a member of his congregation.

"I recall that, sometime in 1932, I saved the life of Baker's grandchild, who had fallen into an old cistern. Baker's daughter had two sons at the time, and it was the younger of the two who was almost drowned. I remember that someone held my feet while I reached into the cistern and pulled out the little boy. Then I applied artificial respiration and revived him."

The minister recalled the incident last week while attending the annual Pastors' School of the Louisiana Conference at Centenary College. In an informal visit with Rev. R. Leonard Cooke, vice president of Centenary, he observed that he feels God had a hand in providing him with the opportunity to repay his benefactor by saving the life of his grandson.

Now supply pastor of the Trout Methodist Church, the Rev. Mr. Boddie is eager that some other worthy Centenary student should receive the same assistance.

"My middle name is Baker," he said, "and my benefactor's name was Baker, too. That's why I asked the college to let the fund I started be known as the Baker-Boddie Fund. I plan to add to it from time to time, as I am able, and I hope some other boy interested in becoming a Methodist minister may see his dreams come true as a result."

RACELAND-GRAND ISLE NAMED 1000 CLUB PROJECT

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his regular appointment at Lockport.

Rev. Travis Campbell, pastor at Golden Meadows, is also serving the Grand Isle Church.

More information concerning these churches will be announced in next week's issue.

Maplewood Girl Receives Scholarship

Miss Truly Ann Drake of Maplewood, who will begin her sophomore year at Centenary College in the fall, has been awarded the \$450 Joseph Homer and Julia Bourquin Jordan Scholarship for the 1957-58 academic year. A religious education major, Miss Drake is active in the Methodist Student Movement and in Kappa Chi, the ministerial club. The scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Jackson of Shreveport in memory of Mrs. Jackson's parents.

Lake Providence Names Building Committee

The First Methodist Church of Lake Providence, at a called session on the Quarterly Conference on August 18, unanimously elected a building committee. Keener Howard was elected chairman, H. L. Harkey, vice chairman, and Mrs. W. A. Shirey, secretary. Other members of the committee are: F. A. Babb, W. D. Baker, J. J. Nelson, Mrs. F. M. Terral, Mrs. Wayne Baker, and Ogden Russell.

The committee was authorized to make a study of building needs, to secure the services of an architect, and to proceed with preliminary planning. The findings of this committee will be presented at a church conference in the near future. The Rev. C. Robert McCammon is pastor.

was vice-president; R. T. Treanor, secretary-treasurer and R. O. Terral and R. J. Lancaster, members.

Featured Last Week At Pastors' School



One of the features of the pastors' school last week was the holding of workshop and discussion periods late each afternoon. Shown above is the group which met on Tuesday afternoon to hear Dr. Carl Lueg of Lake Charles lead the discussion on "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons."



Rev. Clyde Shaw of Alexandria was the organist for worship services and played a 15-minute period of Wesleyan hymn music as part of each of the evening services. Rev. Mr. Shaw is shown below playing the Jones Memorial organ in the Brown Memorial Chapel.

Gentilly MYF Group Attends Planning Retreat

The members of the Senior MYF of the Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans, spent the week end of August 9-11 at the Methodist Seashore Assembly in Biloxi, Mississippi, in a planned retreat. Installation of officers and a communion service was held Saturday night by Rev. E. P. Drake, pastor, in a midnight service. Officers installed were, Patricia Carlin, president; Virginia Smith, vice-president; Eileen Griffin, secretary; Loretta Cathey, treasurer; and Barbara Wallace, publicity.

Members of the Gentilly MYF are very active in church on Sunday mornings. They sing in the choir, teach Sunday School classes, tend the nursery and help other classes. The report said their presence is missed when they are away on week ends. The retreat group was under the leadership of Patricia Albright and the counselors were Mr. and Mrs. Herb Lockett, Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Drake, and Mrs. E. N. Carlin.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Galloway-Tolleson

The Galloway-Tolleson Sub-district met in the Brinkley, Ark. Methodist Church August 12, with 44 members attending.

The Brinkley Methodist Youth Fellowship presented a program and showed a film, "Ambassadors To The Hungry," based on the Christian Rural Overseas Program.

Sara McGregos, president of the Sub-district, presided during the business session. Mrs. Paul Parnell, MYF counselor from Cotton Plant, was elected adult counselor for the Sub-district.

The Brinkley MYF won the membership plaque for August, as a result of having the largest number of members present.

After the business session the host group provided recreation and refreshments for those attending.

The next meeting will be held in Clarendon, September 9.

Atkinson-Snelling

Newly installed officers of the Atkinson-Snelling Sub-district (La.) include the following: president, Ethel Robson; vice president, Billy Jon Mulhearn; secretary, Harriet Roberts; treasurer, Dorothy McIntosh; and historian, Ora Ann McKenzie. Ronald Soileau is editor of the group's newsletter, and June Marie Hewitt is assistant editor.

Grace-Curtis

The Grace-Curtis Sub-district met Monday night, August 12, at the Paragould, Ark., Fairgrounds and formed a "Caravan" which continued to Campground Methodist Church where the monthly meeting was held.

The Council met while the others played folk-games and sang outside. Refreshments of cakes and cookies were then served by the ladies of the church.

The committee on Outreach had charge of the program which was on the MY Fund. A skit illustrating the use of the money, was followed by representatives from the different churches bringing their

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

ON BEING AVERAGE

One of the most devastating evaluations which we can make of a person is to suggest he is an average person. How is he on intelligence? "Oh, about average." How is his sociability-quotient? "Average, or so, I would guess." Is he a good church member? "Well, not better, not worse than the average fellow." These answers get across what I mean, don't they? There are a whole lot of people in the average class in any phase of life you want to consider.

The other day I read an article which began by supposing that you were one of the world's average babies born this year. Then it went on to point out what your situation would be, and it is a bit startling to realize what's in store for these average youngsters. Incidentally, Webster suggests that average means, "An estimate of or approximation to an arithmetical mean; the usual, typical, or most often encountered thing, happening, or person of a considerable number."

This year's average baby has only one chance in twenty of being born in the United States of America. His chance of being born with a white skin will not be more than one in three! And, get this, he has not more than one chance in four of being born in at least a nominally Christian community.

Now, if you were one of this year's crop of average babies, and you were born with a colored skin, the chances would be against your survival for more than one year of earthly life. And what's more, if you were to live more than a year, the chances are you would be chronically sick all your short life from such diseases as malaria, tuberculosis, intestinal parasites, and so on. And you would have a two-to-one chance of being weak from hunger and malnutrition. Moreover, your chances against ever learning to read would be four to one. And there are overwhelming odds against your living in anything but a mud hut, with a dirt floor, and no chimney.

Frankly now, doesn't that set you back on your rockers a little? While you're rocking there, bear in mind that your presence in the USA with citizenship as a white-skinned American has defied the biggest chances I've mentioned. If you are well-fed, of reasonable health, can read these words, and live in something more than a dirt house—think of all the other chances you have defied by choosing your parents and your homeland with such incredible insight!

If this is to be something more than a simple essay in English composition, I should get to the point. I haven't yet. My point is, so long as the world's average bab-

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pledges for the coming year to the altar. Billfold size program outlines, containing the MYF motto and benediction, the year's program schedule of both Sub-districts, and the officers' names and addresses, were given to everyone present. Donna Kirk is reporter.

Youth Activity Week Observed

Tuckerman

August 12-16 was Youth Activities week at Tuckerman Methodist Church. The theme of the program was "Tell The Youth About Christ." On the first night everyone enjoyed a sack supper.

Rev. W. M. Womack, pastor, taught the Senior Course which was entitled "Christian Faith and Ways." Miss Lou Harris taught the Intermediate Course "Christian Beliefs"; and Willard Womack, Summer Director of Youth Work, led the nightly recreation. Mr. and Mrs. Clitus Coe were counselors.

Rev. William Hightower, Hoxie, was the inspirational speaker. There was an average of 30 young people per night and on Wednesday night, the Sub-district met and more than 60 attended. Refreshments were served by the WSCS each night.

The program was climaxed by the youth having charge of the Sunday morning worship service. Richard Davis directed the worship program. Willard Womack spoke on the topic "Tell the Youth About Christ." Bobby Dilday lighted the candles. Margaret Shaver read the scripture, and Linda Johnston led the responsive reading. Marinell Coe sang the "Lord's Prayer" accompanied by Mrs. Henry Crandall on the organ. Brenda Turner is reporter.

Hot Springs First Church

The Youth Activities Week of First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Ark., consisted of a trip to the Methodist institutions in central Arkansas. Early Tuesday morning, August 13, the group gathered to tour the churches of the Little Rock area. The members of the MYF from the Methodist Children's Home took the group swimming at Fair Park and the group spent the night at the Home.

Next on the itinerary were the churches and colleges of Conway. Lunch was served by the Morrilton MYF. That afternoon the Hot Springs MYF traveled on to Petit Jean where they stayed at the rustic Mather Lodge. Of course, the group had to see the Winrock Farm and they were allowed to swim in the private lake after touring the model farm.

Thursday afternoon late, the group headed home on the scenic route from Petit Jean to Hot Springs.

The Educational Assistant and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Reed, accompanied the group on the trip. Money to make this trip was raised by the seniors on a work day the week previous to the trip. Rev. E. D. Galloway is the pastor of the church.

CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

Merry Christmas — in August? The MYF of the Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Ark., had a Christmas Party August 9 complete with decorated tree, carols, punch and cookies and games. The MY-Fund booklet, Supply List, was the source for the gift list. Everyone brought a gift to be sent to Marcy Center, Chicago. Carmelita Wooley is president of the MYF.

Mulberry

The Mulberry, Ark., Methodist Youth have just completed a successful Youth Activity Week under the leadership and direction of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Black.

The week began on Tuesday August 20, at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Shoemaker of Hartford as inspirational speaker. Games directed by Mr. and Mrs. Black were followed by a buffet supper sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

On Wednesday morning, the young people prepared and ate breakfast at the church. That night they conducted the devotional service with "Prayer" as the topic. Taking part on the program was Nancy Pacheco who read the scripture and led in prayer. Congregational singing was directed by Phyllis Jackson with Sandra Beardeu as organist. James Carty gave the message for the evening, which was concluded with a solo by Phyllis Jackson. The service ended with the MYF benediction. Following a recreational period, the women of the church served refreshments.

On Thursday accompanied by some of the parents, Rev. and Mrs. Uriah Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Black, the MYFers spent the day at Creekmore Park in Ft. Smith picnicking and swimming. That night the program was highlighted by a talk by Mr. Black on "What You Miss If You Do Not Read the Bible." Again after play period, the youngsters were served by the ladies of the church.

On Friday night, the youth prepared and served dinner to their parents in the church dining hall. Again the ladies of the church served them refreshments after their period of devotion and one of recreation.

On Saturday night, August 24, the week was closed with a Chalk Talk by Rev. Finley of Van Buren. Mrs. Finley, Rev. and Mrs. Smith and visiting parents were served refreshments after the devotional hour.

Wynne

The First Methodist Church in Wynne, Ark., observed Youth Activities Week, August 12-16. The program was set up for the Seniors and the Intermediates of the community, regardless of church affiliation.

Rev. Gail Anderson, pastor at Wheatley, conducted the evening worship services, centering his talks around the development of a Christian character. In addition to the worship services, there were discussion groups for both age groups, recreation, fellowship singing, and each evening's activities began with a fellowship meal.

Floyd Baugus and Mrs. J. H. Johnston, Jr., led the Senior discussion group on "Understanding Myself and Others." Claude Brawner, Jr., Arthur Weeden, and Miss Beverly Brown led the Intermediates in thinking about "My Recreational Needs."

The fellowship singing each evening was directed by James Karl Elam and the Rev. Mr. Anderson.

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CALENDAR OF
ACTIVITIES
LOUISIANA CONF.

SEPTEMBER

Vice-president: as chairman of the Committee on Program distribute MY DATE BOOK which includes program calendar.

Treasurer: With secretary of Promotion make plans for financial promotion.

Promotion: Co-operate in furthering fellowship through local church activities.

Missionary Education: Present the study plans for 1957-58 which have been recommended by the Committee on Program. Attend District Seminar. Begin study: Christ, the Church, and Race, this month or next.

Christian Social Relations: Continue work on Citizenship Brunches. Plan United Nations Day Program.

Youth Work: Counsel with World Friendship Group of Girls in their planning if you have one. If not, get one started this month. Provide program material, "Boundless Adventure," for them.

Children's Work: Meet with the council of children's workers.

Spiritual Life: Use the enrollment service for Fellowship of Intercession. (See the July-August issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

Literature and Publications: Order material for Week of Prayer and Self Denial at least three weeks before the observance.

ADDITIONAL REPORT,
LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE
BETTER BEDS FOR
MT. SEQUOYAH

Camden District

Vantrease W.S.G., El Dorado
Magnolia First Church, W.S.G.

Hope District

Hope, First Church, W.S.C.S.

Little Rock District

Pulaski Heights W.S.C.S., Little Rock
Catherine Booe W.S.G., First Church, Little Rock
Asbury W.S.C.S., Little Rock

Monticello District

Crossett W.S.C.S.

Pine Bluff District

Lakeside W.S.G., Pine Bluff

Previously reported\$232.00
This report 45.00

Total\$277.00
Mrs. Neill Hart, Treas.

Little Rock Conference Plans Prayer
Retreats

The program to "Tell Arkansas About Christ" is being accepted as a challenge by the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. In cooperation with the Board of Evangelism the Conference Spiritual Life Committee has set up Prayer Retreats for each district. In keeping with one of our goals, "To keep in touch with the Spiritual movements of the times and, by prayerful research, to develop a deep, clear appreciation of the meaning of Christian living, and to stimulate the acceptance of a completely Christian way of life," these activities have been planned. We believe in Jesus'

words, "Come ye, yourselves apart into a desert place and rest awhile."

From these retreats we are hoping to have new prayer groups organized and a new realization of our needs in the spiritual realm. The district secretaries, after having attended the Pilot Prayer Retreat at Mt. Sequoyah, are eager for all members of the Woman's Society to have their spiritual strength renewed by going apart to be with God. As ministers, laymen and women join in this program, it is our prayer that the final realization shall be "That Christ shall dwell in every heart."

District Prayer Retreats

Arkadelphia (1st Church, Hot Springs).....	Sept. 6th
Camden (Mustin Lake)	Sept. 19th-20th
Hope (Camp Tanako)	Sept. 13th-14th
Little Rock (Camp Aldersgate)	Sept. 17th-18th
Monticello (Camp Keener)	Sept. 17th-18th
Pine Bluff (Grand Ave. Church, Stuttgart).....	9:30 A.M. Sept. 20th

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE, WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF
CHRISTIAN SERVICE—First Quarter, 1957-58

MRS. WILLIAM HALL, Treasurer
Balance Brought Forward\$12,926.49
RECEIPTS:

Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$10,221.84
W.S.G.	2,739.88
Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	315.00
W.S.G.	205.00
In Remembrance:	
W.S.C.S.	164.50
Result Study:	
W.S.C.S.	15.00
Supplies—Home:	
W.S.C.S.	1,089.25
W.S.G.	167.50
Supplies—Foreign:	
W.S.C.S.	534.35
W.S.G.	152.23
Narcotic Education:	
W.S.C.S.	16.20
W.S.G.	6.80
Pins:	
W.S.C.S.	6.75
Total—W.S.C.S.	\$12,362.89
Total—W.S.G.	3,271.41
Total received from District Treasurers	\$15,634.30

OTHER RECEIPTS:

MYF	750.53
Children	13.70
Refunds	93.18
Booneville Project	400.00
Total—Other Receipts	\$ 1,257.41
TOTAL to be accounted for	\$29,818.20

DISBURSEMENTS:
TO DIVISION

Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$10,336.39
W.S.G.	2,739.88
Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	315.00
W.S.G.	180.00
In Remembrance	164.50
M.Y.F.	750.53
Children	13.70
Total—W.S.C.S.	\$11,580.12
Total—W.S.G.	2,919.88
Total on Appropriations	\$14,500.00
Supply—Home	\$ 1,256.75
Supply—Foreign	686.58
Pins	4.50

Total to Division 1,947.83
Total Disbursements \$16,447.83

OTHER DISBURSEMENTS:

Cooperative—	
Booneville Project	\$ 99.99
Sunshine Fund	25.00
Car Expense	407.22
Narcotic Education	250.00
Dora Hoover	
Scholarship	350.00
Administrative—	
District Cultivation	752.00
Conference Cultivation ..	823.96
Miscellaneous—	
(Audit, pins, workers	
Ins., etc.)	113.63
Total Other Disbursements	\$ 2,821.85
Total Disbursements	19,269.68
Balance in Bank	10,548.52

Women in the Church

By Mary Fowler

Miss Madeleine Barot, executive secretary of the Department on the Cooperation of Men and Women in Church and Society (World Council of Churches) visited Algeria recently to arrange to send a team there to work in the Kasbah of Algiers among the illiterates, and especially women. She also visited Tunisia, and reports that the newly-independent country welcomes relations with international organizations, including Christian ones, and the women's organizations are especially pleased to have visitors. They are trying to help women to become better educated, to train for skilled jobs and to pass through the difficult state of "unveiling," which creates all kinds of social and psychological problems. Miss Barot and her associates are making plans

CORRECTION

It was erroneously reported in the August 22 issue that Miss Norene Robken, serving in Africa, is supported by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Little Rock Conference.

Miss Robken left the United States September 1956 and has been supported by the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Little Rock Conference. This project was voted by the Guilds in their Annual meeting.

The editor of The Woman's Page regrets this error, and is happy to make the correction.

Little Rock
District Seminar

The Little Rock District Educational Seminar of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held in Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Friday, September 6. Registration begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. Meeting adjourns at 3:00 p.m.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Don Cameron, president of Little Rock District, and Mrs. Charles R. Miller, District Secretary of Missionary Education, the four approved Mission Studies, together with the Church-Wide Study, will be presented as follows:

CROSS AND CRISIS IN JAPAN, Mrs. J. R. Respass; CHRIST, THE CHURCH AND RACE, Mrs. Barton Lee; THE SOCIAL WITNESS OF THE LOCAL CHURCH IN THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT, Mrs. Earl D. Cotton; DISCIPLES TO SUCH A LORD, Mrs. J. L. Verhoff; THE CALL TO WITNESS AND DECISION, which is the Church-Wide Study, Rev. Charles Richards, Pastor St. Paul's Methodist Church, Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, and District Missionary Secretary.

Mrs. Fred W. Burnett, District Secretary of Literature and Publications, will be in charge of study material which will be on sale during the lunch period.

Mrs. Charles Carter, president of the local society, will be hostess for the day. There will be a school-girl lunch at noon.

Meeting will close with prayer by Mrs. E. T. Davenport, District Spiritual Life Secretary.

for a consultation on "Women's Responsibility in Africa," to be held in Nigeria in Jan. 1958, in connection with the All-Africa Conference.

Mrs. Donald L. Davis of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, believes that understanding is one of the prerequisites of peace. Back in 1954, she decided to apply this philosophy to an action program. Proceeding on the premise that world understanding should begin with the 'citizens of tomorrow,' she set up The League of Friendship (4 Ash Street, Mt. Vernon, Ohio), an organization which arranges for an exchange of correspondence between children of many nations.



September Is Christian Education Month In North Arkansas Conference

BY IRA A. BRUMLEY

The month of September has come to be thought of in the North Arkansas Conference as Christian Education Month. It is the time to complete plans for the beginning of the new church school year which begins with October.

Commissions on Education should complete the selection of officers and teachers, if the workers are not already selected.

Each church school should make a prospect list for new church school members, if such a prospect list has not been recently made.

September should be a time to visit prospects and try to enlist them in the church school membership by the first Sunday in October, or sooner.

Plans should be completed at once for Church School Rally Day and Christian Education Week.

Program suggestions have gone to church school superintendents and pastors to help them plan with the church school leaders for Christian Education Week.

A Christian education institute has been planned for each district in the North Arkansas Conference.

Plans should be completed at once for Promotion Day on the last Sunday in September.

District Christian Education Institutes

The North Arkansas Conference has for a number of years had a series of district Christian education institutes some time in September.

These institutes are held for the purpose of giving, at least a little help to all the church school workers as they prepare for the beginning of the new church school year.

Each institute will open with a general session with the district superintendent leading the opening session with a devotional service.

A little time will be given to common interests of all church school workers, after which the workers will be divided into the following groups: Nursery Workers, Kindergarten Workers, Primary Workers, Junior Workers, Intermediate Workers, Senior-Older Youth Workers, Workers in the Adult Division, and General Officers' Group.

Plans have been made with the district staffs of Christian education to provide a leader for each of these various age-groupings.

The leader in each group of each institute will try to help the workers in that group to better understand the literature of the special group, give some guidance in the use of these materials, and such other guidance as time will permit.

Miss Sarah Bagley of The Methodist Publishing House is to be in six of the eight district institutes, leading the general officers' group.

Miss Evelyn Briant of Hope, Arkansas, will be in five of the institutes leading the nursery workers.

An effort has been made to select good leadership for each group in each institute. We have been able to find in the conference many of the leaders for groups, but a number of persons have been secured from beyond the conference.

The following is the schedule of

the institutes to be held:

Ft. Smith District, First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, 2:30 P. M., September 8.

Conway District, Morrilton, Monday evening, September 9.

Searcy District, First Church, Searcy, 6:30 P. M., September 10.

Jonesboro District, First Methodist Church, Blytheville, 6:30 P. M., September 11.

Paragould District, Walnut Ridge, Thursday evening, September 12.

Forrest City District, Forrest City, 6:30 P. M., September 13.

Fayetteville District, Central Church, Fayetteville, September 19.

Batesville District, First Methodist Church, Batesville, 7 P. M., September 23.

Should any person find that he or she can attend an institute in a district other than their own to an advantage we will be glad to have such persons in the institute most convenient to said person. We will keep a record of attendance so each district will have listed its workers regardless of where they attend.

Rev. Tom Cowan has been certified for the course on The Gospel According to St. Mark.

Mrs. Walter Lindley of Jonesboro has been certified as a Kindergarten Laboratory Instructor.

The Forrest City Area Training School has been planned for November 10-14, to be held at Forrest City, Rev. S. B. Wilford serving as Dean of the school.

Dr. Eller Completes Schools

Dr. Meredith F. Eller has completed a series of eleven three day Bible schools in the North Arkansas Conference: Bentonville; Midland Heights, Ft. Smith; Conway, First Church; Trumann; Wilson; Corning; Walnut Ridge, First Church; Hickory Ridge; Marianna; and Elaine.

A total of 554 persons were enrolled in these schools and 295 course cards were issued.

Batesville District Workshop on Youth Work

A special workshop on youth work beyond the local church was held at Mountain Home on August 19 and 20.

This was a new type of program for the North Arkansas Conference. The results were most encouraging. The District Director of Youth Work of Batesville District, Rev. Gerald Hammett of Cotter, writes of this

31 Receive Credit In Study Course At Elaine

Thirty-one received credit on the course on Mark taught by Dr. Meredith Eller that concluded Friday night at the Elaine Methodist Church. Of this number, there was almost an equal representation from each of the Charge's three churches, Wabash, Elaine, and Mellwood. Many from the 66 that attended stated that it was one of the most interesting and inspirational Bible Courses that has ever been taught in Elaine.

Mrs. H. B. Ward, Mrs. M. J. Howell, and Mrs. H. F. Clay, Jr., carried on the publicity and attendance drive, while Mrs. J. B. Wildberger and Mrs. Murphy Marks, president of the Elaine and Mellwood W.S.C.S. respectively, urged the women to attend and receive jurisdictional credit.

Those who received credit are: Mrs. Roy Arensmeier, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Bumpers, Mrs. L. E. Burke, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Casteel, Mrs. H. F. Clay, Jr., Mrs. J. M. Countiss, Sr., Mrs. Rufus Crow, Mrs. C. W. Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, Mrs. M. J. Howell, Miss Pearle Knowlton, Mrs. Murphy Marks, Mrs. C. A. McGrew, Mrs. D. E. McLaurin, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Mills, Mrs. B. D. Nees, Mr. C. H. Roark, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Rose, Mrs. H. E. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Toney, Jr., Mrs. H. B. Ward, Mrs. J. B. Wildberger, Mrs. Milan Wilks, Mrs. Earnest Wolfe, and Mrs. Hollie F. Wood. The Rev. Mr. Casteel is pastor.

program as follows:

"The First Methodist Church of Mountain Home was Host to the Batesville District Methodist Youth Fellowship in a two-day leadership training school, August 19-20. Sixty persons including youth and their adult leaders, met the first evening for a fellowship dinner and study. Thirty-five persons continued the study through the following day. Eighteen received course cards.

This was the first series course to be offered on the Methodist Youth Fellowship Beyond the Local Church, in the Batesville District. The course addressed itself to the specific needs of youth of our churches beyond the local level. The course was entitled "The Methodist Youth Fellowship Beyond the Local Church."

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Mountain Home Church furnished the meals and entertainment for the group.

Dr. Ira A. Brumley was the resource person directing the course. Other adult leaders and counselors present included: Dr. Paul M. Bumpers, Rev. Robert Howerton, Rev. and Mrs. Martin L. Kaylor, Rev. Harold Brent, Rev. Cyril Wilson, Rev. Harry Jowett, Rev. and Mrs. Otha Strayhorn and the reporter, Rev. Gerald D. Hammett, District Youth Director."

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS REPORTED

Quitman

The Quitman, Louisiana, Methodist Church held its vacation church school the week of August 5-9.

There was an average of 40 enrolled in the three departments—primary, junior, and young people. The groups included those from four to 17 years old.

Mrs. Earl Nally and Miss Sylvia Mercer taught the primary class to answer roll each morning with a Bible verse. Also, they did handicraft each day.

Mrs. Arlo Head and Mrs. Cleo McConathy taught the junior class. They studied the Bible and did many interesting things in handicraft.

The primary and junior classes enjoyed a picnic, at the roadside park, on Friday, as a climax to their week of church school.

Rev. Troy Garrett taught the young people's class. They studied mostly the book of Revelation. They met a different place for class each day.

On Saturday the young people and their teacher went on an all-day picnic to climax their week of church school.

The school was served refreshments each day by ladies of the church.

Pullman Heights, Hot Springs

Pullman Heights Methodist Church, Hot Springs, closed its Daily Vacation Church School on August 16th by awarding certificates to 56 of the 65 children who were enrolled. Average attendance for the two week period was 54 pupils per day. Perfect attendance marks were chalked up by 36 of the pupils. Workers in the school say that this was the largest school that they can ever remember having.

Mrs. Clarke McCowan was dean of the school. Her teachers were: Nursery—Mrs. Gilbert Brown and Miss Margie Cox; Kindergarten—Mrs. Winslow Brown, Mrs. David Nichols, Miss Pat James, and Miss Liz Coutlee; Primary—Mrs. Frank Hendren, Mrs. Jack Harvey, and Miss Marietta Ackenbom; and Juniors—Miss Betsy Goodwin and Mrs. Bill Ridgeway.

KP duty was performed by Mrs. Reader, Mrs. Hiram Smith, and Mrs. Louie Clemons. Refreshments were furnished by Mrs. Thomason, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. Reader, Mrs. Ed Holland, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Holeman, Mrs. Norris, Miss Grace Couch, Mrs. H. A. Deaton, Mrs. Rhiddlehoover, Mrs. Emmett Jackson, Mrs. Mackall, Mrs. Kilgore, Mrs. Draznszak, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Clemons, and Mrs. Harvey.

Courses studied were: "Our Families," "Friends Near and Far," and "Meet Your Neighbors." Rev. R. A. Teeter is pastor at Pullman Heights.

I Hear The Voice Of A Child

I hear the voice of a child
crying.
Why does it cry?
I do not know.
Do you?
I hear the voice of a child
crying.
Is it of hunger, of desperation, of pain?
I do not know.
Do you?
I hear the voice of a child
crying.
It comes nearer to my heart;
It may be my son's voice
crying.
Does it matter indeed
if it is the voice of your son
or of mine?
What if it were the voice of childhood
throughout the world
crying for peace,
crying for justice,
and crying for love?

I hear another voice answering
like unto a voice coming from the deep
of the centuries.
Do we recognize this other voice?
It is the voice which says:
"Woe unto the one who makes to stumble
one of these little ones,
better it would be for him
to be cast into the sea
with a millstone hung around his neck!"

I hear the voice of a child
crying,
And the voice of Christ
responding.
Oh! crying of the heart of men
reaching for the loving heart of God!

By Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri

The above poem was delivered by Bishop Barbieri at the June session of the Louisiana Annual Conference and is reprinted here by request.

Our Nation vs. The Liquor Traffic

By M. Stark Craig, M.D.

Batesville

Being a rather reticent person, I am reluctant to permit my name to appear in print. However, I am so impressed by the excessive advertising of the liquor interests through the press, over the radio and television, and feeling they are securing such a stranglehold on the American people, that I am constrained to overlook my usual attitude and express my views freely.

By the acts of a kind Providence, I have been permitted to follow my chosen profession, the practice of medicine, for over forty-five years. During this time I have come in contact with and practiced for many thousands of people.

It makes me sad to reflect that far too many of these, from time to time, have consumed varying amounts of intoxicating beverages. This fact being typical of other sections of the nation, convinces me, that in many instances throughout the years, has led to moral depravity, assaults, debauchery, murder, both in the adult and teenage groups; estrangement between husbands and wives, leading to the divorce court; automo-

bile wrecks, with thousands of lives lost, and many more injured; graves filled by men and women sent there prematurely by alcoholism, and last and most regrettable and tragic of all are the many souls that are lost as the end result.

We call this United States of ours a civilized nation, and in a large measure it is. Yet our people for generations, not only have condoned, but have supported a traffic that is directly responsible for all the property damage, physical injuries, moral turpitude, heartaches, death, and condemned souls mentioned above.

Again we want to call this a Christian nation, and that is true in part. But can any nation be truly Christian and support a traffic responsible for the above tragedies?

From many aspects only a negative answer could be in order.

Many of the liquor advocates say we need the sale of the beverage on account of the revenue derived from same. However, this is a fallacy. The facts reveal that this revenue is very small as compared to the total financial loss entailed by loss of work hours of the over 2,000,000 alcoholics in this country. Add to this the court costs in involved cases and the cost of treating thousands of alcoholics in hospitals; then the amount can't be computed, but is astronomical.

America, what are we going to do about it? When are we going to awaken from our lethargy and make an all out effort to stop the ravages of this evil? How much longer can we lie dormant and watch the hosts of Satan march on?

We cannot forget the fall of the once world power, the Roman Empire. Our beloved country must not suffer such a catastrophe.

Should such a decadence eventually ensue, without doubt, the liquor traffic would be a potent, causative factor.

Yours for a sane, sober America.

God's Highway Patrolman

Many poets have sung about the highway along which pilgrims trudge toward the City without Foundations. More than one wit has quipped that this, more than any other freeway, needs the zealous services of a friendly, helpful police officer.

Officer Paul H. Alexander, of the California Highway Patrol, took the idea seriously. After seventeen years on the highways, in 1953 he exchanged his uniform for a robe and stepped out of his prowler car into the pulpit of the community Methodist Church in Imperial Beach.

"It was quite an adjustment for all the family," confesses Olive Alexander. "But after just three years as a minister's wife, I can't think of anyone with whom I'd even consider changing places.

"Since we answered God's call, ours have been full lives. Never before have either of us known such real joy and satisfaction as we've had from serving God among the wonderful people to whom he has sent us."

Some veteran church workers would have thrown up their hands in dismay at the problems faced in Imperial Beach. Located in San Diego County, it is the southernmost beach in the state. Like any resort town, it has big seasonal variations of population. Nearby Naval installations are so prominent in life of the region that most constituents of the church spend only a few months in residence.

Fifty persons appeared to hear Paul Alexander the day he preached his first sermon. "It was a thrilling, but a humbling experience," he recalls. "Many times since then, as I have stepped into the pulpit, I have been struck by the enormity of the calling." With even more zeal than he had used in helping keep highways safe, the new minister dug into the task of guiding men and women in their religious quest. Membership of his flock has grown from 90 to 235. In a community of young families, the church serves a large number of non-Methodist children. So church

school attendance averages about 140% of the church membership.

Problems in staffing the various programs of the church are obvious. "In a sense," says Pastor Alexander, "We face some of the same difficulties that confront military families themselves. There are many moves, long separations, and a rather unsettled way of life."

Still, the ex-patrolman feels he is especially privileged to serve a congregation made up of military families. He remembers his own hitch in the Navy, twenty years ago. Though the sting of it has long been forgotten, he can't quite erase the memory of the way folk in some of the "nicer" churches gave the cold shoulder to service personnel.

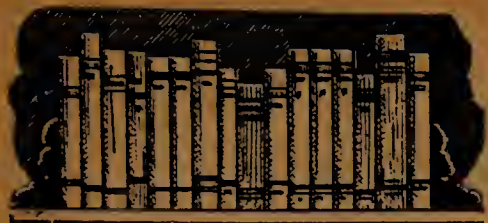
So Mr. Alexander has found a special thrill in working with young men in uniform, their wives and children. Many of them enter into the life of the church almost as soon as they move to the community. Others have been won to the claims of Christ and the church in spite of having no established interest in religion upon assignment to San Diego.

Lack of formal training and education proved something of a handicap to Paul Alexander when he first began service in his new role. But he has studied by correspondence and has attended two sessions of a special summer school for Approved Supply Pastors. Now held annually in regional training centers, these schools are open to pastors who enter the ministry without adequate academic background.

"Brother Alexander's record actually says something to Methodists in every section of the nation," says Dr. J. Richard Spann, who administers the program of in-service training for the General Board of Education. "Here is an eager and dedicated man who wanted to offer his talents to God through The Methodist Church—but was keenly aware of his limitations. He has greatly increased his own capacity to

serve through his work in the course of study."

"Few congregations will ever have veteran patrolmen as their spiritual shepherds," concedes the Nashville educator. "But every congregation served by an Accepted Supply pastor will profit from helping him attend the summer school that serves his region. In a sense, every Methodist pastor is one of God's patrolmen. Let's do everything we can to help them do a better job in their districts of life's highway!"



BOOK REVIEW

By W. W. Reid

LANDS OF WITNESS AND DECISION

by Drs. Smith, Barbieri, Booth, Brewster, Brumbaugh, Pickett; Board of Missions, Methodist Church; 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N.Y.; 110 pages; 50 cents.

*"Once to every man and nation
Comes the moment to decide . . ."*

Lowell wrote these lines at a time when the nation was torn in indecision, and when a man or a passion might change the course of history. Creasy had written his classic "Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World"; but back deep behind each physical struggle had been an ideological struggle that, more than arms, decided a people's fate.

Perhaps at no time in history have so many people, even whole nations, been so undecided about where they are going, about their fate, even about the morrow, as men are today. It is a day and an age of indecision. Ideologies face each other in a "cold war," the outcome of which will be "bloom or blight." And the decision will be based on the witness for "good or evil," for "truth or falsehood," of the contenders.

As the missionaries of the Methodist Church move out across the earth they see this clash, this search, this witness of opposing forces, this seeking for firmer, surer ground, everywhere. America is making decisions—and so are the most isolated areas of the earth. The contending forces may vary from nation to nation: the need for decision based upon adequate witness is the same.

The missionary leaders of the Methodist Church have selected four areas of the world, served by its missionaries, where the struggle is particularly acute today—lands in which a "good and full witness" by Christians can win many millions to decide to follow the Christian way of life. These are "fields ripe unto the harvest": fields into which the Church wants to pour laborers.

The volume, "Lands of Witness and Decision," is the story of these countries and struggles—Bolivia, Sarawak of Borneo, Korea, and the Belgian Congo. Men who have given many years to service in these lands, ministering to people and appraising trends, tell the stories in four chapters.

Bolivia

Bishop Barbieri, South American scholar, pictures the surge of new life in Bolivia—Bolivia of the Incas that neither the Spanish generals nor the Spanish monks could ever conquer; but where a people, emerging from a dark past, are now seeking the light of the Gospel.

Sarawak of Borneo

Dr. Harold N. Brewster, himself a living medical witness to the healing power of Christianity, tells of the search of the primitive Ibans who are breaking away from their tribal animism and are being confronted by Islam, Christianity, and something of the communism

rife in that corner of Asia. But the Ibans have already shown a definite desire for the Gospel, especially as they have seen it transform the lives of their Chinese neighbors in Borneo. It now remains for Methodism to send enough workers to implement that decision.

Belgian Congo

Bishop Booth's chapter points out that "everywhere in the Congo young people are today being forced to make decisions that they have never made before." Some of them, he says, are: Where shall I live? What am I to do? What am I to buy? What am I to believe? But, says the Bishop, America has some decisions to make—and one of them is, Is America to help Congo youth make decisions—based on what they witness of American Christianity and its service?

Korea

The story of Korea—its Christianity in the last century—its political-military domination by Japan—its newer and current struggle with communism; this story, well-known to many Americans, is retold by Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, missionary secretary. But he looks also at modern Korea and the witness that Korean Christians and American Christians are even now giving there; and he adds: "It is altogether possible that Korea may within the years immediately ahead become the first Christian nation on the continent of Asia." Such a decision depends upon our witness before Korea and the world.

The volume is introduced in a chapter from the pen of Missionary Secretary Eugene L. Smith; and closed with another written by Bishop J. W. Pickett, authority on mass evangelism. Both make a plea that the Methodist people "give of their sons . . . their wealth . . . their prayers" as their witness to the world's people who stand ready to make decisions "for or against" the Christian way of life.

At the turn of the century, the late Dr. John R. Mott used to say that "the decisive hour of Christian missionary forces of Christendom could be thrown into the struggle for the mind of Japan, that land could be made Christian 'in this generation.'" The challenge was not headed by sufficient forces: and the tragic results have been only too well felt the world over.

Today other nations stand at the crossroads of decision. "Lands of Witness and Decision" graphically portrays their eagerness for the gospel. Will we — of Methodism and of America—witness to them? Or will they turn elsewhere?

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"The Choice Is Yours" has been selected as the September leaflet. Written by a Columbia University professor of public health, it emphasizes that "the choice is yours whether what you drink and swallow helps you to keep and develop your health or steals away your capacity to think quickly and reason clearly.

Further information on the new service may be obtained from TEM Press, 100 Maryland Avenue N.E., Washington 2, D.C.

Missionaries Making Revision of Bible In 'Thai' Language

A group of missionaries of long experience with "Thai," the language of Thailand (formerly Siam) are engaged in the making of a complete new revision of the entire Bible in that language. It has been commissioned by the American Bible Society, which will publish the volume.

Ten years before the first Protestant missionary was permitted to enter Siam, the Gospel of Matthew had been translated into Thai by Mrs. Ann Hazeltine Judson, the brilliant wife of the pioneer Baptist missionary in Burma, Adoniram Judson. Mrs. Judson had become interested in some Siamese who were held prisoners in Rangoon; she had studied their language, and in 1817 completed the text of Matthew. In 1827, when pioneer missionaries Gutzlaff and Tomlin entered Thailand, they began to translate the Bible into Thai—and actually completed it in two years. This translation was revised and printed in 1896, correcting many earlier inaccuracies.

The newest translation is based on a better knowledge of the Thai language, and of the idioms and thought-patterns of the people.

Toronto Church Raises \$300,000 For Missions

The Peoples Church of Toronto, Canada, which has long been noted for its generous contributions to Missions, set a new record last month by giving \$300,000 in cash and pledges. The gifts were received from approximately 2,000 people during the annual missionary convention which lasted a whole month.

The Reverend Oswald J. Smith, pastor of the church, said the record offering will make it possible to support new missionaries in addi-

Chinese Churches Not 'Lost' Says Missionary

A former Protestant missionary in China asserted that, contrary to widespread belief, Chinese churches are not "lost"—neither are they threatened with extinction because of Communist persecution. In fact, he said there are just about as many Protestants in China today as there were before the Communists came into power. Dr. David M. Stowe of Boston, educational secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, made these statements recently at a missionary conference in Northfield, Massachusetts. The conference, sponsored by ten denominations, was attended by some 300 church leaders.

Dr. Stowe said there are hopeful signs for the Chinese churches. Although the Protestant population decreased in the first few years after the Red revolution, he said, there has been a resurgence of religion which is likely to continue. He called upon American Christians to pray for the Chinese believers, to be charitable toward them, to open every available door for communication, and to promote a positive program to bring world peace.

Meanwhile, in Hong Kong some Presbyterian ministers who had just completed a two-week visit to Communist China set the number of Protestants in that land at about 800,000. They said the Chinese Protestant ministers with whom they talked appeared to be honest when they said they were free to practice their religion. They added that Bibles were printed in Communist China after the revolution and there seems to be enough copies to go around.

'HOME MISSION' WORK IN FRANCE VIEWED WITH INTEREST

The whole Christian world is watching with interest the "home mission" work of Abbe Henri Granes (affectionately known as Abbe Pierre) and his band of 150 "Companions of Emmaus" who have been heading a movement to redeem and rehabilitate, socially and economically, the poorest of the poor in Paris, France, and its outskirts. His companions, dubbed "the rag pickers," have entered the dumps near Paris and are helping salvage the men and women who live off salvaging materials thrown out by the city.

The Abbe has had wide response to his appeals to the French and their conscience on behalf of the poor. It is estimated that his efforts have helped place "roofs over the heads of 10,000 families with 60,000 children." The Companions publish a periodical, every issue of which "awakens public opinion to some evil, rights some social iniquity."

tion to the 350 who are already being supported. A number of nationally-known speakers were heard during the convention, including Ernest E. Manning, Prime Minister of the western Canadian province of Alberta; Robert G. LeTourneau, the industrialist; and the Claus Indian Family. Many foreign missionaries appeared in costume, and colored films of missionary work were shown.

The Ibans Train to Teach Ibans

A METHODIST BOARD OF MISSIONS REPORT

The Kapit Branch of the Methodist Theological School for Sarawak, Borneo, has begun its classes. The report is that there is now a student body of seven Ibans, two of whom are former preacher-teachers of the Methodist Church. Teachers are the Rev. Lucius D. Mamora, Mr. M. Stanley Bain, Mr. Richard B. Blakney, and the Rev. Burr Baughman. Most work is done in the Iban language; but English is taught as a subject, and arithmetic, geography and hygiene are taught in English.

"This is a big step forward in the work of the Methodist Church in Sarawak," reports a Borneo missionary. "The Methodist Theological School, Sibui, has been doing good work for several years; but it is planned and organized for Chinese students, and there are no facilities for teaching in Iban. The missionary group and some of the Chinese leaders have for some years been searching for ways to make this theological school in Sibui a training center for Iban as well as Chinese leaders. Last year plans were being made to provide an Iban-speaking teacher for the Sibui school. These plans did not work; and then the Iban leaders in the church decided that they would prefer to have their own training center for ministers. They became, in fact, quite insistent in their statements that Iban preachers must be trained in an Iban center, by men who know the Iban language and way of life. A start is being made in Kapit in 1957. During the year further discussion will try to make clear what should be the aims and plans for the future."

The importance of trained Iban lay preachers to work these aboriginal peoples is well-illustrated by an event narrated by the Methodist missionary, the Rev. Burr Baughman.

"At the latest meeting of the Iban Advisory Board (the Conference committee charged with general oversight all Methodist work among the Ibans) Tomonggogn Jugah anak Baring spoke frequently and able," says Mr. Baughman. "He is the paramount Iban chief in Sarawak, and a leading Methodist. When there was raised the question of the possibility of an Indian missionary being sent to Sarawak for the Iban work, he said, 'As I go about my duties in the various longhouses, I hear men speaking about the Methodist Church. Often I have heard them talk about how they are told that the Lord Jesus will help them to a better life, and help them to be as good as other races. When Mr. Baughman speaks, they do not pay much attention to him, for he is a white man, and this kind of talk does not mean much from him. But when Mr. Harris, a Negro, tells them

how the Lord Jesus has helped his people, they really listen. They say that when someone not a white man tells them that the Lord Jesus can help them get a good life, they begin to believe it. Yes, I am in favor of asking an Indian missionary to come here. Then with Indians, Negroes, white men, Chinese and Bataks we can learn the truth of Jesus' teaching that we are all one family, and that God wants to help all races."

OBITUARY

MEADERS—James Robert Meaders was born on March 29th, 1890, in a Methodist parsonage in Henning, Tennessee. His father, the Reverend Anthony Jackson Meaders, was a member of the Memphis Conference of the Methodist Church and served as secretary of that conference for a number of years.

James Meaders attended the University of Tennessee and was graduated in the class of 1913. While at the University he was a member of the varsity football team. After he completed his degree he entered the teaching profession. For 36 years he taught, coached football and basketball, and served in various administrative capacities in the public schools of Arkansas. Friends in North Little Rock, England, Huttig, Lewisville, and Bevins, Arkansas, will remember James Meaders as a conscientious school man and Christian gentleman. He took a leading part in the life of the community and church wherever he lived.

In 1933 he married Miss Lucille Fitzwater of Memphis, Tennessee. Two years later he was graduated from Peabody College with a master's degree in education. He retired from public school work in 1950.

Soon after his retirement from public school work, he and Mrs. Meaders moved to Glendora, Mississippi, where he was employed by Sturdivant Plantation. While in Glendora he took an active interest in the life of the community. He was an officer of the Lions Club, a steward in the church, and the teacher of the adult Sunday School class until the time of his death on May 15, 1957.

The life of James Meaders was an outstanding example of Christian stewardship and consecrated living. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends, and all of those who were fortunate enough to have known him during his lifetime.—B. F. Lee, Pastor, Glendora, Miss., Methodist Church; E. C. Fedric, Chairman of Board

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He credited the churches for being active in government "without engaging in politics in a partisan sense," and expressed the hope that "the churches will continue to encourage their members, as citizens, to make conscience under God the exertion of their political behavior."

WYNNE

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and the recreation was conducted by Beverly Brown.

The average attendance for the five nights was 40 young people, with adults of the church attending the worship services.

The closing worship service featured the installation of the officers for the coming year, and the celebration of Holy Communion. The Rev. Hubert Pearce is pastor of the Wynne First Methodist Church.

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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 1957

EZEKIEL: THE WORK OF A PASTOR

READ EZEKIEL 1:1-13; 2, 34:11-16.

MEMORY SELECTION: *You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord GOD.* Ezekiel 34:31 (RSV)

In our last lesson we studied something of the prophecy of Jeremiah and his faithful helper Baruch. The king, Jehoiakim, ignored the warnings of Jeremiah and to show his contempt for the prophet and his message, which had been copied by Baruch, the king cut the message in bits, as it was being read, and piece by piece threw it into the fire.

Of course, burning the message and ignoring the warning of the prophet did not change the truth it proclaimed of the danger that threatened. The armies of Nebuchadnezzar broke down the wall about Jerusalem, destroying the temple and carried King Jehoiachin, son of Jehoiakim, and thousands of his subjects away to Babylon as captives.

With that group went Ezekiel, the son of Buzi, a priest of the family of Zadok. Ezekiel himself was both a priest and a prophet. Some one has said that a priest stands before God for the people and a prophet stands before the people for God. Ezekiel did both. He was likely born near Jerusalem during the reign of Josiah shortly before the finding of the Book of the Law, while the temple was being repaired.

At the time of today's lesson, all of the disasters of which Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, and Jeremiah had warned Israel of the north and Judah of the south had happened with a devastating force. The ten tribes of Israel of the north had been overrun by the Assyrians and carried away into captivity. Babylon had overrun Judah and had carried most of its people to Babylon.

Why Judah Returned To Palestine and Israel Never Did

We often hear something said about the "Lost ten tribes of Israel." These ten tribes carried away by the Assyrians were "lost" so far as their relation to Palestine and their identity as a nation is concerned.

The reason that the ten tribes of Israel were lost and Judah lived to return to Palestine is accounted for by the difference in the policies of Assyria and Babylon in dealing with captured people.

(1) The policy of Assyria was to scatter their captives among their various provinces, thereby separating them and weakening them and making their assimilation into the Assyrian nation easier. The result of this policy was that the ten tribes of Israel lost contact with each other and soon lost their identity as a nation.

(2) The Babylonians brought the captured people of Judah, to Baby-

lon and settled them, as a colony, on the Chebar river in Babylon which was in fact a navigable canal extending from the river Euphrates, near the city of Babylon to Nippur, about fifty miles to the east. The canal ran through a rich farming country. Being settled in Babylon as a colony made it possible for the Judeans, not only to retain their identity as a race, but they were able to retain and even to purify their religion. Ezekiel, as their prophet in exile, had much to do with preserving their religion. After about seventy years, these exiles, racially intact, returned to Palestine and re-established there the Jewish nation.

Ezekiel Had A Definite Call From God

Occasionally we find a minister who is not too sure of his call as a preacher. Among the leading Jewish prophets, there was no uncertainty as to their calling. These great prophets felt a definite call of God to their work and they felt that they were a mouthpiece for God as they stood before their people. They spoke with the consciousness that Jehovah was the authority for the message they delivered. So long as we, as ministers or Sunday School teachers, speak God's truth to our people, we may be sure that we have behind that truth the authority of an infinite God and the Bible which is God's revelation of truth.

Ezekiel's call was to minister in a most difficult situation. He himself was a captive and his ministry was with a captive people who were disillusioned, sullen and stubborn. Many of them had lost faith in their religion and their God. Many of them did not feel that it was possible for Jews to worship Jehovah in a foreign land. The Psalmist says, of their Babylonian captivity, "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yes, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. . . They that wasted us required of us a song . . . saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" Psalms 137.

Ezekiel was pastor of the Judeans in their captivity. It is doubtful if any modern pastor has ever been given a more difficult or a more thankless appointment than God gave Ezekiel. It is doubtful if any modern pastor has done so much with the opportunity given him as did Ezekiel. By standing, with unshaken faith, and declaring God's message, Ezekiel rekindled faith in the hearts of his discouraged countrymen. Some of them,

like Daniel and the Hebrew Children, became religious heroes in Jewish tradition.

Like Moses, Ezekiel did not live to see the fulfillment of the promises he made the people, for the Lord, regarding their return to Palestine. Ezekiel died in Babylon and was buried there in a foreign country but his message, under God, made a large contribution to the survival of the Jewish race.

The Heavens Were Opened And I Saw

Our lesson text gives a very significant statement made by Ezekiel. He declares that "In the thirteenth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives . . . the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God." It would be wonderful if we could all be as definite as was Ezekiel, about his vision of God and God's will.

Today we hardly expect such life-stirring, life changing visions as came to Moses, Isaiah, Paul or Ezekiel. There should, however, be a very definite knowledge of a personal experience in our relationship with God. We too should know times and places when, figuratively speaking, for us "the heavens were opened and we saw visions of God."

The heavens may open for us as we read the Bible, as we sincerely pray, as we consecrate ourselves to the Christian way of life, or as we render a service to someone in need. The vision Ezekiel had made a difference in his life for the rest of the way.

God Said To Ezekiel, Stand On Your Feet

Christian people should not be proud or egotistical; neither should they be apologetic. Man is the one creature, of God's creations, who naturally stands erect on his feet to face the world. He should be humble but never craven or self-depreciative. Ezekiel was able to "stand on his feet" because, as he said, "the spirit entered into me . . . and set me upon my feet." To attempt to stand up, religiously, in our own strength is a fatal mistake. A Christian life, to be happily, usefully lived, must be surcharged with the purpose and power of a Divine presence, or it will not even attempt to stand long. The hardest job a man ever undertook is to try to be religious without religion.

Ezekiel's Message For Captive Judah

(1) Ezekiel's first responsibility, in his effort to save Judah from the fate of the "lost ten tribes" was to convince them that Jehovah had not failed them but that they had failed Jehovah. That is to say that their captivity was the result of their own personal sins. They had been warned of the impending destruction and had deliberately refused to heed the warning. Ezekiel helped them to see that they themselves were responsible for their difficulties and not Jehovah.

(2) This part of Ezekiel's message was followed by the declaration that God was still concerned about them and was searching for them as a shepherd searches for lost sheep.

(3) While their captivity might be prolonged, Ezekiel called them to repentance in order that the Lord might undergird them with his saving, sustaining power.

(4) The message of Ezekiel also held out the promise of a return to Palestine of those who were faithful to their God and were willing to follow His leadership.

(5) In Ezekiel's message there was also a warning against idolatry. Many of the captives felt that their God had failed them and they felt, because Babylon had been able to conquer them, that the gods of Babylon must be stronger than Jehovah. Hence there was a tendency with some to worship the gods of Babylon. Against this tendency Ezekiel made a strong appeal. It is true that, after the Babylonian captivity, the Jews no longer were bothered with worship of idols. It is likely that Ezekiel's message was a strong factor in bringing this about.

Captivity Made Necessary For Judah To Change Faith In God

As a result of the Babylonian captivity, it was necessary for Judah to make a radical change in its faith in God. Up to that time, Jews had believed that Jehovah was the God of the Jews and that He was strong enough to protect them against any forces about them and would do it regardless of how they lived. They persecuted their prophets and killed some of them because they prophesied that God would let them be destroyed because of sin. Now it had happened and they could no longer believe in the kind of a God they had formerly trusted. They came to understand that they were personally responsible for sin and that God would not overlook sin just because they were the children of Abraham. This meant a radical change in their conception of God, almost like turning to another God. However, they were well-grounded enough in their faith in Jehovah to make the adjustment and of course were happier and more faithful to the Jehovah they learned about in captivity than they were to the God they thought they knew in former days.

God Cares When Difficulties Come

This experience of Judah teaches us that God does care when difficulties come to His children. The Lord allowed Judah to become captives, not because He did not love them, but because He did love them and knew that they would come to know Him, as He truly was, only when they were rid of the misconceptions about God which had plagued them so long.

God's dealings with Judah teaches us that God continues to care for us in the worst of our difficulties even when we are to blame for our troubles. This is not to say that our troubles are always the result of divine chastizements. Trouble comes in many forms and for many reasons. We may be sure that, in every situation in which we find ourselves, a God who loves us and watches over us as a shepherd does his sheep, is our one, sure way out if we are willing to follow the path along which he directs us.

The Relation Of Pastor And People

In our present lesson we have a wonderful example of the relation that exists between a pastor and his people. Ezekiel, as a good pastor, did what was best for his people whether they especially liked it or not.

Captive Judah finally came to love and appreciate and ultimately to follow their pastor's teaching and were blessed for it.

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Centenary College Begins 133rd Year

Centenary College officially began its 133rd year of educational service this week, when more than 300 freshmen arrived on the campus for Freshman Week.

Classwork will begin tomorrow for both freshmen and upperclass students. During the past few days, the freshmen have been feted at a number of welcome parties by campus organizations, have undergone intensive aptitude testing and have attended various indoctrination and orientation meetings.

The annual pre-registration faculty conference was held last Friday and Saturday with Dr. Paul Centi of Fordham University as guest speaker. Dr. Centi inaugurated the program of pre-college brush-up courses at Fordham, and Centenary officials now are considering instituting a similar program.

Meanwhile, returning upperclassmen are finding a number of changes on the campus. The John A. Hardin Memorial Hall, a 68-bed dormitory for women students, has been completed and is already in use although formal dedication ceremonies will not be held until later this autumn.

The new Marjorie Lyons Play-

house, given at a cost of almost \$400,000 by the Charlton H. Lyons family of Shreveport to the College, has been completed and already has seen a highly successful six-week run of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "The King and I." The new playhouse is replacing the old frame building as a home for the speech and drama department of the college as well as serving as a production center for both the Centenary Playhouse and the Shreveport Summer Theater.

The new Moore Student Center, which incorporates the old Student Union on the campus, now is well

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Evangelism Board Plans Year's Program

Reports from delegates who attended the Jurisdictional School of Evangelism at Mt. Sequoyah and plans for the conference program of Evangelism for the fall, winter, and spring months were the principal subjects in a special called meeting of the Louisiana Conference Board of Evangelism on the Centenary College Campus, Monday, August 26.

Rev. John Kilpatrick of Pineville is chairman of the board, and Rev. Lea Joyner of Monroe, is secretary. Rev. W.D. Boddie, is the conference secretary of evangelism.

Representatives who attended the jurisdictional school reported that the training received there was most helpful and inspirational. The board voted that all district secretaries of evangelism and the conference board officers be sent to

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Two Lafayette Dist. Churches Share 1000 Club Call

Methodist churches in Grand Isle and Raceland are to be recipients of assistance in the Louisiana Conference church extension program, the 1000 Club, according to Rev. Luman Douglas, chairman of the Louisiana Conference Board of Missions and head of the 1000 Club appropriation committee.

Other members of the 1000 Club appropriations committee which has the responsibility for designating 1000 Club churches include Rev. Karl Tooke, Shreveport, conference director of stewardship; Robert P. Lay, Gilliam, conference lay leader; and Mrs. Charles Cadwallader, New Orleans, president of the conference Woman's Society. The 1000 Club program enlists the support of 1000 Louisiana Conference laymen who contribute \$10 each on call to support a worthy new church situation which has unusual promise and opportunity.

According to Rev. R. R. Branton, superintendent of the Lafayette District in which the Grand Isle and Raceland Church are located, these two churches will share equally in the proceeds from the current 1000 Club call which extends until December 1.

The Grand Isle Church was organized when services were held during the pre-Easter season in 1956. Rev. Travis Campbell, pastor at Golden Meadow, is also serving the Grand Isle congregation which numbers now approximately 35 members.

The congregation is now engaged in an overall building program which will cost approximately \$30,000. The sanctuary is now completed and the educational building is incomplete.

Grand Isle, with a population of more than 3,000, has long been a tourist attraction located on the southernmost peninsula of Louisiana extending into the Gulf of Mexico. The community attracts thousands of tourists annually. It is reached on the highway south from Raceland which passes through the cities of Lockport and Golden Meadow. This Methodist church without question is further south than any other Methodist Church in Louisiana. There is, in addition to the Methodist Church, Baptist and Roman Catholic Churches serving Grand Isle.

Rev. Mr. Branton pointed out that several major companies are moving in industrial plants, with 100 homes now being completed by the Humble Oil Co. The Freeport Sulphur Co. also has a large operation at Grand Isle.

The church at Raceland was organized in October 1955. This congregation of 50 members is being served by Rev. Robert Collie, pastor

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New Alexandria Church Begins Construction

Ground breaking ceremonies were held Sunday, August 25, for the first unit of the Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church. Architects Price and DeKeyser of Alexandria designed the building and the contract has been let to Cecil Chaudoir, local contractor. Cost of the building will be approximately \$50,000.

Plans for the first unit, expected to be completed in December, will include classrooms and a sanctuary which will later become the fellowship hall when a larger sanctuary can be built.

Those participating in the ceremonies in addition to Rev. A. W. Townsend, district superintendent, and Rev. Roy I. Garrett, pastor,

were James A. Cheneval, Harold Denning, Vernon Roark, Tom Paul Southerland, W. C. Porter, H. S. Bowman, Mrs. George H. Pitts, J. W. Pearson and Mrs. D'Maris Beck.

The congregation was organized June 17, 1956, and membership has now reached 120. The building committee includes W. C. Porter, chairman, Vernon Roark, Charles Wells, John McConnell and Roy Ussery.



Those participating in the Horse Shoe Drive Methodist Church's ground breaking ceremonies pictured above are, in the foreground, left to right: Rev. A. W. Townsend, Alexandria District superintendent; and Rev. Roy L. Garrett, pastor of the church. Others, left to right, are: James A. Cheneval, Harold Denning, Vernon Roark, Tom Paul Southerland, W. C. Porter,

H. S. Bowman, Mrs. George H. Pitts, and J. W. Pearson. Also, participating but not shown, was Mrs. D'Maris Beck.

Standing on the extreme right in dark suit is Charles White, a member of the District Board of Church Extension. In front of Mr. White is Aaron Prescott, original owner of the property and whose ownership dates back to the Spanish land grant.

Asset or Liability?

By William Hordern

FOR some time it has been apparent that the United States is undergoing a significant revival of religion. It is no longer necessary to prove this fact. It has been documented by several studies and is indicated by relevant statistics, and by the general prestige that religion holds today. There was never a time when religion stood so high in public esteem as now. In times of former religious revivals the proportion of disinterested and untouched was higher than it is today and there was a more active anti-religious movement. No more can we talk about the "good old days" of religion; there are no days that "had it this good."

In light of this situation we would expect great rejoicing in church circles. But if it is easy to document the fact of a religious revival, it is equally easy to document a widespread attitude among religious leaders that the revival is not wholly an asset. Many religious periodicals, men as different as Reinhold Niebuhr and Billy Graham, and a host of church leaders have joined the chorus of complaints which range from cynical disdain to doubts about the efficacy of the revival. Probably there are few congregations that have not heard at least one sermon criticizing the revival.

At this point the layman is likely to become bewildered. We can imagine his saying, "Is it ever possible to please you ministers? When we did not go to church, you beat your pulpits and condemned our secularism and indifference. But now that we have listened to you and have flocked back to church, you now beat your pulpits and tell us that our last condition is worse than the first." While we can sympathize with the layman, this is not necessarily proof that the clergy likes to think negatively. The Bible gives a precedent for this criticism. It contains very few condemnations of atheism or secularism. The great enemy is always idolatry, that is, false religion. Consequently, a revival is not necessarily an asset to true Christianity.

What are the criticisms being made of our current religious revival?

The first charge is that the present revival is shallow. It consists of a vague religiosity rather than a return to the Christian faith. W. L. Miller has described the religion of the typical American as a "passionate belief in the Great Whatever." Juke boxes blare forth their songs about "The Man Upstairs" and this, it is argued, is the real God of our current American religiosity. God appears to be a slightly senile, but likable old gentleman who just has to forgive us, and who will reward us with success if we live by faith, hope, and charity.

A second criticism is that our religiosity is a selfish pursuit. We have no intention of losing our lives in order that we may find them again. Why should we? We are being offered a religion that promises to save our lives without losing a thing. If we will just offer a few prayers before our business deals, or wear a mustard seed, or learn to quote a few passages of Scripture, we can have the best of this world and the next too. We will receive peace of mind, business success, victory in sports, popularity with people. In short, we expect religion to give us everything that, in a non-religious frame of mind, we wanted.

The third charge against the revival is that it is a worship of "The American Way of Life." The religion that the Biblical prophets condemned was a cultural religion, the exaltation of a particular people in a religious framework. There is much to indicate that we have in America precisely the kind of a folk-religion that the prophets condemned. We speak about "This country under God," but we never mean "This country under the judgment of God." What we really mean is that "God is on our side."

The fourth criticism is that despite the impressive gains of religion there has been no corresponding gain in national morality. If statistics show a rise in religion, they also show for the same years a rise in juvenile delinquency, crime in general, the accident toll on our highways, and the facts revealed in the Kinsey reports. There is little in our political life or in our foreign policy to show that we have become a more Christian nation. There has been a dismaying failure of the revival in religion to meet the racial problem. The religious revival has come but the moral revival has lagged behind.

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are unhappy about it. We have seen their reasons. What can we conclude?

First, we must concede the truth in the criticisms. If we simply shout "Hallelujah" over our encouraging statistics we will be fooling ourselves. George Bernard Shaw reminded us that most people get inoculated with a mild form of Christianity and thus they become immune to the real thing. Many have been so inoculated in our day.

In the second place, we must not ignore the opportunity that the church has today. An audience has appeared that is willing to listen to religion. I do not see how anyone who believes that God acts in history can doubt that the hand of God has been working in the revival.

Moreover, all is not as black as the critics would make it appear. If there is much that is shallow in the revival, there is also depth. Theology has been revived in our age and has rediscovered the power and depth of the gospel, although there is still a gulf between theology and the masses who are going to church. Many laymen are seeking to deepen their spiritual life as is revealed by the sales of books on theology and the attendance at religious retreats. The moral revival is not as spectacular in size as the religious, but it is none the less real and vital.

Significant also is the increased interest among intellectuals in general, and in the colleges in particular. America is often scornful of intellectuals or "eggheads" as it calls them. But the fact remains that from our colleges come the leaders of tomorrow. They provide our teachers, our leaders of business and labor unions, our clergymen, men who will write the novels, plays, and newspapers, those who will become natural leaders in their communities. The men who will influence public opinion tomorrow are in college today. In a real sense the question of how deep and permanent the revival will be depends upon what is happening in the colleges.

There is an upsurge in religious interest on the campuses. Not too many years ago it was taken almost for granted that a "religious intellectual" was a contradiction in terms. Christian parents were afraid to send their children to college for fear that their faith would be amputated and it often was. But the intellectual is finding his way back to religion. In fact, we are witnessing an interesting swing of the pendulum. Whereas a generation ago a child came from a religious home and lost his religion in college, today many a child from a non-religious home comes to college and discovers religion. Frequently the reaction of parents is as violent as it was in the former generation. "What have you done to our children," they want to know, "filling their minds with this superstitious nonsense?"

Statistics of registration in classes in religion, chapel services, and Christian Associations present a most encouraging picture. NEWSWEEK Magazine recently verified the general observation that religion is on the upswing in colleges.

But what of the quality of the revival in the colleges? Is it asset or liability? There is much that is asset. Many students are dissatisfied with the shallow elements of the religious revival in general. They want no simple or easy answers. They are prepared to dig into Kierkegaard, Niebuhr, Tillich, Barth, and other intellectual leaders of religion. They are deeply concerned with the question of who and what man is and what is his purpose on this earth.

However, we cannot be complacent over the fact that despite the revival of religion, the undergraduates are still our largest group of unevangelized citizens. The number of students active in religion sounds impressive when compared with the figures of twenty or even ten years ago, but they still represent a minority! Even NEWSWEEK'S optimistic report admitted that 61% of college students rarely or never go to church.

The revival in the colleges also has its liabilities. Today's student is very interested in theology but he has little desire to study how religion may be applied to social problems. Religion is often sought as the answer to personal problems rather than as something to motivate a man to serve the world. In a study of colleges for the Hazen foundation, Dr. Phillip Jacobs found that while a majority of the students expressed a need for religion, it played no part in their choice of a vocation, and they saw no relevance of religion to the important choices that they had to make

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in life. Thus Dr. Jacobs' forecast that we are seeking the rise of "an essentially secular (though nominally religious) culture." Religion does not affect the way the student lives his life.

Dr. Jacobs also found that the average student is "gloriously contented." This corresponds with my own observations. Ten years ago the student was anxious, insecure, seeking for a firm ground. They look forward to a future in which they will reap material rewards. Religion will probably be a part of that future, but it will not be a religion that disturbs or changes their lives. Going to church will be a part of sinking into secure conformity with the mores of their culture.

Another problem is that the college student who does not fall into the general pattern of complacent conformity, but who is interested in religion, is quite likely to be hostile to organized religion. This situation is deplorable because the church needs precisely this younger generation, and these young people need the church if they are to have their religious concern deepened and broadened.

Thus, a key point in the revival of religion in the United States is the college. Many encouraging things are happening there, but there are liabilities. It is my conviction that the churches will have to take more seriously their duty to the college. We need more religious workers on the campus. The church has done a fairly good job in the larger universities. But our better students, and hence the ones with greatest leadership potential, are often in the smaller colleges. In these colleges the church normally leaves all efforts to a local congregation which is too understaffed to offer an effective ministry. We need a great many more campus religious workers.

In recent years there has been an increased opportunity for professors of religion on college faculties. Many new positions have opened and the religion professor has won the respect of the faculties. But the church has not given him sufficient support. He feels cut off from the life of the church.

And surely we need more scholarly religious literature for the colleges. Religion texts are often below the standards of scholarship and objectivity found in other fields. Some progress has been made in recent years, but we are in no position to be complacent.

In conclusion, my thesis is simply this. The question—"Is the revival of religion an asset or liability?"—is still to be answered. To a large part it will be answered by whether or not our churches awaken in time to the crucial position of the college. Perhaps we have never had such an opportunity for religion in higher education. But the opportunity has its dangers. Only the best study and increased interest can turn this opportunity into an asset for religion in the United States.

Religious Freedom Assured Evangelicals In Italy

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — The National Association of Evangelicals said here it had been assured by the Italian government that a

Emory University To Consecrate Theology Building

Atlanta, Ga. (RNS)—Emory University will consecrate a \$600,000 theology building here Sept. 20.

The new building will be known as the Bishops Hall for Theological Studies. It is the first addition to the University's Candler School of Theology, training ground for Methodist preachers in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, in the school's 43-year history.

Main speaker at the consecration will be Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean emeritus of Yale Divinity School.

Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville will preside. Other speakers will include Roy Campbell, Jackson, Miss., former president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. S. Walter Martin, new president of Emory.

The four-story air conditioned building adds 32,000 square feet of floor space for classrooms and offices.

The theology school currently enrolls 500 students from throughout the southeast.

During the Sept. 20 festivities the school will confer honorary degrees and certificates of previous honorary degrees to all bishops and retired bishops of the jurisdiction.

clause in the Italian constitution guaranteeing freedom of religion and assembly will be enforced.

The Rev. Clyde W. Taylor, NEA secretary of public affairs, said the assurance was given by Manlio Brosio, Italy's ambassador to the United States.

According to Mr. Taylor, the ambassador was instructed by the Italian government that a March, 1957, ruling of Italy's new Constitutional Court, clarifying Article 19 of the Italian constitution, will be considered basic to the protection of freedom of worship in Italy.

Asks Americans Change Paganized Labor Concept

New York (RNS)—American society must change its paganized concept of labor otherwise any accomplishment by the "respected and trustworthy leadership of the labor movement" toward ending corruption and dishonesty in its ranks "may be but temporary," the Synagogue Council of America said here.

The warning was given in the council's annual Labor Day message issued by its president, Rabbi Theodore L. Adams.

"In our present economy of abundance," it said, "American society, and within it the labor movement, too, must not succumb to the overwhelming enticements of materialism; the twentieth century version of paganism. Then will the reprehensible actions of a small number of corrupt leaders in the labor unions who, like their ilk in certain fields of business and government, no longer traduce the glory of labor, the dignity of the laborer, and the rights of mankind, for private profit."

The message said the "greatest affliction besetting labor and laborers" is that "we have permitted our conception of labor to become paganized."

"In the ancient Greek and Roman world, labor was held to be a de-meaning form of human activity, suitable only for slaves," it stated. "Idleness and the pursuit of luxury were the twin ideals of the pagans. Therefore, pagans sought to avoid 'the misery and sorrow of labor,' and were bent on self-indulgence."

"The labor movement in the United States should be an expression of an opposite philosophy; namely, that labor dignified man, that the work of the hands contributed to the enrichment of the individual and his society."

The council lauded efforts by labor leaders to remedy abuses within their movement and said "the American people can take heart that there is a real prophetic vision within the democratic leadership of organized labor."

"That vision will lead labor back to its early ethical, humanitarian, indeed Biblical, moorings," the message said.

Ministers Urged To Transmit "Voice of Christ"

Oberlin, O. (RNS)—Some 500 protestant theology students were told here that their main job as ministers will be to make themselves "available as transmitters of the voice of Christ."

Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft of Geneva, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, said a new "search of authority" is going on in the world today and Christ's voice is "mixed up with a lot of other voices."

He spoke at the fourth triennial national conference of the Inter-seminary Movement at Oberlin College. The Rev. John O. Nelson of Yale Divinity School, New Haven, was chairman of the conference, sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

Scientists Urged Not To Forget Spiritual Values

Boulder, Colo. (RNS) —Sir Appleton, Nobel prize winning scientist and vice-chancellor of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, urged fellow scientists here not to forget "the sustaining values of the spirit" in their research.

Speaking at the 12th triennial general assembly of the International Scientific Radio Union at the University of Colorado, he said:

"At the opposite pole from our scientific endeavor there are many ways of thought which don't change, whose concern is with what is not now, with things not to be superseded."

"Surely today we stand in need of these enduring and sustaining values of the spirit more than ever before."

"It often seems to me that what we lack is not so much the impulse to dedication as the opportunity for it. The scientist never need lack. The opportunity is open to him everywhere."

Sir Edward won the 1924 Nobel prize for his discovery of the ionosphere in 1924. The ionosphere is a region of electrically-charged atmosphere above the earth through which radio waves are transmitted great distances.

Established nearly 60 years ago, the interseminary movement binds together theological students of more than 100 seminaries.

Dr. Visser 't Hooft said the "whole point of the ministry is to participate in the ministry of Christ." In practice, he added, this means "living with the Scriptures."

Calling ministers both "slaves and spokesmen," the World Council official emphasized that "insofar as we are slaves and spokesmen, the minister has the same authority as Christ."

"This new search for authority itself is a recognition that there can be no Christianity unless there is a basic acceptance of the authority of Christ," he said.

Dr. Visser 't Hooft asserted that this authority is "total and unlimited, does not admit others beside it, and you can't be neutral when you've met it."

"Thus the minister, as a slave in the prophetic, priestly and royal aspects of his ministry, has to address himself to his social and political environment in the name of Christ," he declared.

Referring to preaching as "the fulfillment of a mandate," Dr. Visser 't Hooft said it meant "hearing, bearing witness and announcing good news."

"Preaching," he said, "has to do with the announcing of events and demands a personal response to the facts announced."

Gains Reported In World Service Giving

Chicago (MI)—Substantial gains appeared in most columns as the treasurer of the Methodist Council on World Service and Finance reported for the first three months of the current fiscal year.

The report, issued Sept. 5 by the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, covered the first quarter of the fiscal year which began June 1.

World Service receipts for the three-month period amounted to \$1,362,949.01—a 16.45 percent increase over the amount received during June, July and August last year, but still far short of one-fourth of the annual apportionment of \$12,200,000. However, the summer months are normally the "low" months, it was pointed out.

World Service Specials—the only fund to show a decrease—dropped off 31.8 percent. The three-month receipts were \$14,141.86. They were \$20,735.22 for the same period last year.

Three-month receipts for other benevolence funds and the percentages of increase follow:

General Advance Specials, \$1,232,001.10—18.76 percent.

Week of Dedication, \$57,853.52—25.04 percent.

Methodist TV Ministry, \$41,918.40—121.79 percent.

Look Looks At Methodism

THE September 17 issue of LOOK magazine has devoted 11 pages to a brief presentation of Methodism, past and present, an article worthy of anyone's reading. Written by Hartzell Spence, author of the book "One Foot In Heaven," the writing is one of a series to be presented by that publication on the theme "The Story of Religions in America."

On the whole the presentation fairly reflects the historical course which Methodists have followed since the days of Wesley. In its discussion of various Methodist program emphases, the treatment of Methodist missionary endeavors is excellent. The social expressions of the Methodist movement are dealt with generously. However, any attempt to portray Methodism, past and present, without giving adequate treatment to the program of Christian education, in the local churches, annual conferences, and throughout the Methodist connection, is to overlook one of the main lines of Methodist work. This major emphasis of Methodism is dismissed with a reference to Methodism's 139 schools, including 93 colleges and nine universities; to Methodists having organized the first Sunday school in 1784, the first "Children's Day" in 1868, and the first national church youth club in 1880; and to today's 586,269 Sunday school teachers who teach nearly 7,000,000 pupils.

With this one exception we believe that Mr. Spence and the publishers of LOOK magazine have rendered The Methodist Church a great service. We commend the article to your reading.

The Syrian Crisis

THE attention of the free world is now being centered on the little country of Syria and her neighbors of Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Syria, it seems, has just concluded trade agreements with Russia and is to receive economic aid from the Communists, prompting fears from its anti-communist neighbors that military moves may be made against them by a Syrian leftists administration which has just come into power.

The matter is of such concern that our own State Department leaders and the President are giving much time to studying developments and their implications. Military aid is being rushed, according to press reports, to Jordan and Iraq, and other reports indicate that the U. S. naval fleet in the Mediterranean is being strengthened. Under the Middle East Pact, the United States promises American troops in response to calls for help from any Middle East nation attacked by a Communist-dominated country. Thus the whole situation adds up to a potentially explosive problem.

If Syria becomes a member of the family of Russia's satellites (which it insists it will not) the misfortune which will come to it should be ample evidence to its neighbors that a nation cannot take help from the Russians without getting hurt. Syria should have learned this before now.

This whole situation needs a good airing in the United Nations so that the whole world may know who again is threatening the peace of the world.

Conviction And Courage

THE eyes of the world and particularly those of the nation are focused on Arkansas and Little Rock as the school integration issue, at the time of this writing, remains unresolved. Indeed, the issue has now expanded into a still larger one of a state defying a federal court which has acted to support the federal constitution.

Whatever may be the outcome of the present situation, several statements can be made which present developments will not alter. First, the final determination of the Faubus-federal government controversy will not change the Supreme Court decision on segregation in public schools which has the effect of law until otherwise altered by legislative or judicial procedure. Sooner or

later, compliance with the law of the land will be brought about. Sensing the tension even among high school students, the Little Rock School Board sought to delay temporarily that compliance, but the federal court said no. If through some other legal maneuver the delay is somehow effected, it can at the most be temporary.

Second, developments cannot alter the courage and sense of integrity with which school board members and the school superintendent have acted in the discharge of their duty. Their own personal convictions about integration and segregation have, in most instances, been put aside. Members have acted on a greater conviction; that it is far better to lead those to whom they are responsible in compliance with the law, than it is to encourage their constituents to defy that law. Matters would be much better if everyone concerned with this whole issue had acted on this greater conviction.

Equally as courageous have been the nine Negro high school seniors who have sought admittance to Central High School in Little Rock. They wanted that which the nation's constitution and its interpretations guaranteed them. They calmly faced a hostile crowd at the high school, endured jeers and insults only to be turned back by armed guardsmen who surrounded the school property. The courage of any one of these students was more than the combined courage of the crowd and those responsible for the guardsmen being there.

Whatever be the developments in this situation, thoughtful Christian people must be open-minded, yet with conviction; firm, yet with understanding; courageous, yet possessed with love; eager, yet with patience; knowing that if these qualities of life prevail, whatever is right will ultimately prevail.

Giving Quality To Religion's Boom

WE commend to your careful reading and thoughtful study the article on page two of this issue entitled "America's Religious Revival—Asset Or Liability?" by Dr. William Hordern. The author briefly analyzes the current interest in religion and advances a very interesting thesis which, if he is correct, should be of significant concern to Methodist leaders. Dr. Hordern believes that the greatest opportunity for making the most of the current religious interest is found in the colleges and universities in America.

If the author is correct, and we are inclined to believe that there is a large measure of truth in his carefully presented thesis, Methodists should make the very most of their present emphasis on higher education. If the hope of a religious world for tomorrow rests in the training of students now found on American college and university campuses, this is the time for Methodists to make a substantial contribution to that tomorrow by undergirding in a greater way its own institutions of higher learning.

In the light of this article, Methodists need to be reminded what enthusiastic supporters of church schools have been saying for many years: church institutions of higher learning do something for their students that other private and state-owned schools by their very nature are not able to do. Church schools have that extra plus in their atmosphere and curriculum which more than justifies their existence along side other private and state-owned institutions. If it is important for other than church institutions of higher learning to train young people so that the current boom in religious interest will mean something to the world, how much more important it is that church institutions qualify in an even greater way for this task.

Our church leaders tell us, and rightly so, that the emphasis on higher education is far more than a financial interest. Fundamentally, Methodists need to be acquainted with their schools, their mission, how they interpret their tasks, the means which are used to accomplish their tasks, and what major problems they face in their work. On the other hand, these institutions will find it profitable in many ways to align themselves more closely with the church which brought them into being and which continues to nourish them.

The quadrennium 1956-60 is Methodism's opportunity to contribute substantially to the making of a greater tomorrow by making its institutions of higher learning great today.

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2:00 P.M. Assembly—Introductions
3:30 P.M. Concern Groups
1. Use of Building Space
2. Selecting Church Sch. Literature
3. Enlisting and Training Teachers
4. Sunday Evening Fellowship Program
5. Records and Reports
6:00 P.M. Supper
7:30 P.M. General Session with Resource Leaders
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Discussion

Sunday, September 22:

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast and Devotional
8:45 A.M. Assembly and Responsibility Groups
1. Gen. Church School Supts.
2. Commission Chairmen
3. Membership Cultivation Supts.
4. Secretaries
5. Librarians
10:15 A.M. Recess
11:30 A.M. Worship
12:00 Noon Lunch and Closing Fellowship

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Each Local Church School Should Send Its Administrative Officers



Eastern Cataract, Victoria Falls



Native Life In Southern Rhodesia

From the land of David Livingstone and other great heroes of the faith, Bishop Martin writes of the

"Most Honorable And Holy Work"

August 24, 1957
Johannesburg, South Africa

"WHAT an unspeakable mercy it is to be permitted to engage in this most honorable and holy work" . . . As I read those words in the Archives Building in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, I felt as if I should take off my shoes, for I was indeed on holy ground. I was being permitted the unusual privilege of examining the Journal of David Livingstone, the gentle Scottish medical missionary. Just before we left London in July we visited his grave in front of the altar in Westminster Abbey and read again those inspiring words: "For thirty years his life was spent in an unwearying effort to evangelize the native races, to explore the undiscovered secrets, to abolish the desolating slave trade of Central Africa where with his last words he wrote, 'All I can add in my solitude, is, may heaven's rich blessings come down on every American, English, or Turk who will help to heal this open sore of the world.'"

Livingstone And Stanley

One never thinks of Livingstone without remembering the dramatic moment when Henry Stanley, the U. S. reporter, after hunting for nearly a year, finally found him. The explorer was wearing a bluish cap with a faded gold band around it, a red sleeved waistcoat, and a pair of gray tweed trousers.

All around him was an immense crowd, hushed and expectant. Stanley stated, "Under all these circumstances, I could do no more than exercise some restraint and reserve, so I walked up to him, and, doffing my helmet, bowed and said in an inquiring tone, 'Dr. Livingstone, I presume?' Smiling cordially, he lifted his cap and answered briefly, 'Yes.' This ended all skepticism on my part, my face betrayed the earnestness of my satisfaction as I extended my hand and added, 'I thank God, Doctor, that I have been permitted to see you,' to which Livingstone graciously replied, 'I feel most thankful that I am here to welcome you.' Stanley gave him a package of letters. He read one or two of his children's letters and then asked for the news.

"No, Doctor; read your letters first." The man who went to Africa because an opium war in China kept him from achieving his ambition to go there, answered, "Ah, I have waited years for letters, and have been taught patience. I can wait a few hours longer. Tell me the news! How is the world getting on?"

Seeing Victoria Falls

Since we wrote our last letter, from the Congo, Mrs. Martin and I have been touring the country of David Livingstone. From Elisabethville we flew to Lusaka and from there to Livingstone, where we visited the magnificent Victoria Falls. We were fortunate in that Bishop and Mrs. Glenn Phillips (who toured the Southern Congo Conference while we were in Central Congo) shared this thrilling experience with us.

David Livingstone, the first white man to see this amazing masterpiece of nature, discovered the Falls on the sixteenth of November, 1855, and named the Falls after Queen Victoria. As he first viewed them from an island in the middle of the mighty Zambesi River, he exclaimed: "Scenes so lovely must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight."

The width of the Falls is 1860 yards, and the greatest height is 355 feet. They are twice as high and one-and-a-half times as wide as Niagara Falls. There are 130 islands in the Zambesi River within five miles of the Falls. The natives call them "The Smoke that Thunders." All day and night their thunderous chant comes booming from out the gorge, like

a battle hymn of the gods, until it becomes a part of the place itself. I wish I could adequately describe the breathtaking beauty and awe-inspiring glory that the rainbow-painted cascading waters present.

On To Salisbury

But as much as we appreciated the welcomed rest there, after strenuous days of travel, we were ready to resume our visit to another great mission field in Africa. Someone once said, "Victoria Falls are beyond words, but the life and witness of David Livingstone are fruitful and wonderful beyond all imagination." So can it be said of that elect company of noble men and women who follow in his train.

We arrived in Salisbury one night at 7:30. We were met by The Reverend and Mrs. Ernest Sells, who took us to Mrewa, the mission station which they supervise, forty miles away. On this trip we had our first experience with a type of road construction called strips. In the Congo we saw no pavement. Here they have narrow parallel strips of asphalt. They are fairly good until one meets another vehicle; then the dust is as bad as in the Congo—or worse, because the speed is a bit faster.

The next morning at 6:30 we were in the service at Mrewa. The church, a large one, was packed with eager boys and girls. We have never heard greater music. The leader of the choir, Enoch Chieza, a gifted musician, led a great chorus in a stirring number, "Give A Thought to Africa." Its haunting melody and appealing words ring in my ears as I write these words.

Then followed days crowded with experiences that lasted into the night. In one hospital at Nyadiri, we saw triplets born only an hour before our visit. The doctor and the nurses were desperately trying to save them. The school program is an unusual one, with many gifted African teachers. In one school there were five teachers who held Bachelor Degrees, and one had a Master of Arts Degree. At Mutambara the Mother Hughes Memorial Center, completed in 1954, would bring forth words of admiration anywhere in the world. The bright, cheery ward for mothers, with tiny beds beside the large ones, is a delight to see.

Mutambara

It was at Mutambara that we had an unusual experience. Many times in Africa we have had the opportunity to spend an evening discussing the work with the staff of a mission, both missionaries and native workers. Sometimes we have spoken through interpreters. But always it is a profitable experience.

This time, after the usual words of welcome were given (and the local President of the W.S.C.S. presented a corsage to Mrs. Martin) and our replies made, the African members of the staff presented, in English, a play describing the history of missions in Rhodesia. It was beautifully done: the visit of the first missionary couple to the old Chief, the winning of his confidence, the establishment of the Church and School, the introduction of modern farming methods, the building of a dispensary and hospital.

The next morning was Sunday, and we had a great service in the Church. In honor of the visiting Bishop and his wife, the Chief of the village and five of his counselors attended the service and sat in a reserved section. I will wait until we see you to give a description of the dress of the Chief.

Old Umtali

The familiar name in the Rhodesia Annual Conference is Old Umtali. In 1897, when the railway in this section of Rhodesia was under construction, it was found impracticable because of steep gradients to bring the line to the town of Umtali, so The Honorable Cecil Rhodes moved the town to the railway. He gave all the residents property comparable to that which they left or liberal compensation for any loss involved.

Then Mr. Rhodes did a magnificent thing. When he was asked by his friends what he would do with the old site, he replied, "We will turn it into a mission." He met Bishop Joseph C. Hartzell in Cape Town and felt that here was a churchman representing a Church that could adequately conduct such a mission. It was a great tribute of respect from a Britisher to an American Methodist mission. As a result, negotiations were started and an agreement was made in London between the Bishop and Mr. Rhodes for the establishment of a mission on the old site, turning over to the Methodist Episcopal Church the remaining seven buildings,

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the 13,000 acres of land—and even five stands (or locations) in the New Umtali, ten miles away, for church and school purposes.

We have significant work in Umtali, but it is in Old Umtali that the Methodist Church has its largest mission. We have here the Central Primary, Teacher Training, and Secondary Schools. Hostels for boys and girls care for approximately 500 students. The agricultural department helps the students to care better for the farms on which they will live. A dairy is in operation in connection with this department. An industrial department teaches carpentry, bricklaying, brickmaking, as well as sewing, laundering and cooking for girls. An excellent dispensary cares for students and patients who come from long distances. A maternity hospital ministers to expectant mothers of the entire area. The Rhodesia Mission Press is located at Old Umtali, providing small books, pamphlets and Sunday School lessons.

Around Old Umtali is a laboratory district of six schools and many preaching places.

This project is of particular significance because of the Old Umtali Bible Institute, which prepares the ministers of the Conference. The building which houses the school is called the Hunter Building, in memory of Samuel Smith Hunter of Shreveport, Louisiana. The chapel in the building is the original church of the city Rhodes gave to our mission. The building is a very attractive and beautiful one.

At the present time the head of this magnificent enterprise is Dr. Robert Goodloe, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Goodloe of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. This gifted young minister (he has a Ph.D. from Edinburgh University) and his lovely wife, Mary, entertained us in their home while we visited Old Umtali. One cannot imagine a more attractive couple, or one capable of rendering greater service to the Kingdom of God, than the Goodloes.

So many other experiences must wait to be told when we see you. Do not fail to remind us to tell you of a morning spent with the Honorable R. S. Garfield Todd, the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia. We were greatly impressed by his ability and humility.

Writing From Johannesburg

This letter is written Saturday afternoon, August 24, in Johannesburg, South Africa. It has been raining all day—the first rain we have seen in Africa, and we have stayed in the hotel since our arrival at 11:00 a.m. by train from Krueger Park. At the Park we saw wild life as it is seldom seen today. Elephants, hippopotamuses, giraffes, lions, and monkeys are but a few of the animals that were only a few yards from our car.

Next Tuesday, after visiting our work here (I preach tomorrow in the compound of a gold mine), we will fly to Angola for a stay of several days, and then on to Monrovia. From there we will fly to Lisbon and then to Rotterdam, where we will board a ship for home. Africa is one continent, but it is many worlds. How vivid is the contrast as we think of our trips through the bush and then see this great city which last year exported gold valued at five hundred fifty-two million dollars. Like the rest of the world, it desperately needs Jesus Christ.

A Personal Word

Mrs. Martin and I have carried you in our prayers each day. Your letters have blessed us more than we can describe. We would have liked to answer each one received, but we have had less time for correspondence than on any of our earlier foreign episcopal visitations. The members of our family have had to depend largely upon our printed articles for news from us. We are pleased to have your good reports of the work in progress in our Area. We are grateful that soon we will be with you again.

Let me close with these eloquent words concerning the great missionary, explorer and liberator of whom I spoke in the first part of this article:

"... about four o'clock in the morning of May 1, 1873, Majwara, the faithful lad from Uganda, found David Livingstone kneeling by the bed, his face buried in his hands on the pillow, dead.

"Nyaka (the doctor) had treated his last patient; the explorer had forded his last stream and built his last camp; in the midst of a pitiless rain, one of the great men of the human race had passed on. The old world has seen few nobler or more courageous figures since time began."

One does not have to visit the land of Livingstone to pray humbly: "O Lord, to us may grace be given to follow in his train."

Old Umtali Mission Church, Southern Rhodesia



Make Plans Now For

A Harvest Festival Observance

Material Prepared And Edited By Rev. James E. Major,
Executive Secretary, Little Rock Conference
Town And Country Commission

Speakers

Decide on the type of program, set the day and place, and then go after your speakers early! Don't delay! You won't get them if you delay. Use many young people through the entire program.

Preaching is an exceedingly important part of the Festival. If the District Superintendent can be present to direct the program for the whole day, it would make for an integrated program. The person who is to deliver the sermon should be given details of the purpose and plans for the day so his message will fit into the high purpose of the Festival and be of lasting value.

At Noon

Each family should bring a noon lunch. A common fellowship luncheon, spread all together, offers one of the best occasions for getting acquainted and sharing experiences in a friendly, informal way.

The Afternoon

The afternoon program may take the form of a rural life conference where the values, advantages, and opportunities of life on the farm and in the small community are discussed. A frank and open discussion on how the land homes, churches, schools, way of life, and life in general can be improved would be of great value in building a cooperative community spirit. This would necessitate bringing into the group the farm agents, school leaders, health directors, and others. This could inspire other meetings, to continue the study; tours of successful projects, the organization of a community development program, Farm Cooperative, Credit Union, etc.

The Evening

A great youth rally for the whole area could easily bring the day to a high and fitting climax. The new Methodist Rural film, NONE GOES HIS WAY ALONE, could be a part of the evening program and would be of lasting value, not only for the youth, but everyone. It is truly a great film. Also available are two filmstrips on the Lord's Acre: one from the Methodist Publishing House and the other from Rev. Jack Waldrep, the Farmer's Federation, Asheville, North Carolina; and WORKING TOGETHER, A Group Ministry Filmstrip, available from the Methodist Publishing House. (Filmstrip and script only, from Dr. William Fore, 150 Fifth Ave., New York.

Other Helps

The Book of Worship, page 108, has an order of worship for a Harvest Festival service. It is called, "An order of Thanksgiving for Harvest, Land, and Liberty." If you plan to make the subject of soil conservation a major item of consideration, help can be had through the

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Many Methodist Churches have each year a Harvest Festival Observance. This is particularly true in certain sections of the Church where there has been developed a strong conception of God's love to men coming through the soil. These observances meet a real need in giving opportunity for religious experience and expression at the harvest season.

A Harvest Festival Observance offers the best opportunity of the year to help people become aware of God's Fatherly goodness. The time, of year and national customs combine to impress upon rural and urban dweller alike that "the earth is the Lord's."

Every church should have a Harvest Festival Observance. The following give some suggestions about how such an observance may be planned:

The Country Church

A circuit charge, Group Ministry, or a Larger Parish will find it a suitable occasion for all the churches in the area to get together for a great day of worship study and fellowship. The necessary functions of life in the community can be a part of the religious festival: soil conservation, public schools, adult education, home improvement, farm cooperatives, better health, child welfare, and above all, church cooperation and a more effective church program.

The Urban Church

The urban church should observe Harvest Festival in a big way by properly decorating the church and carefully integrating the music and the sermon. The people in an urban area are equally dependent upon the farmer and the elements of nature for food, fiber, fuel, and shelter. Plan for a display of farm machinery; forests and mines and their products—the small rural church and its place in Methodism and American life and liberty should be recognized.

Time For The Festival

The time of the Harvest Festival should fit into the harvest season of your area, and is usually held on Sunday at the regular church hour. On a circuit or Group Ministry, each local church should have its own Sunday School one hour earlier than usual. Leave in time to arrive, as a group, at the common place for the church service. Do not destroy the Sunday School in your own church for the day—Sunday School is important. Fix the time and place NOW! Do not delay!

Appoint a Committee

A Group Ministry, Circuit, or Station Charge should decide now to make this a high point in the annual program of the church. Appoint a committee and give them your full cooperation.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

A FALL PREACHING MISSION will be conducted at Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, Sept. 29-Oct. 4. Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr., is pastor.

REV. J. A. JONES, pastor, will conduct revival services at the Gibsland Methodist Church September 15-22. Morning services will be held at 7:15 and evening services at 7:30.

REV. J. C. WALLACE, pastor of the Mangham Methodist Church, was guest speaker in revival services held in the Crew Lake Methodist Church, Start, Aug. 18-23, where Rev. Jack Blakeman is pastor.

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT, an imaginative story set in the time of Jesus' ministry, is being presented in motion picture at The Church House, New Orleans, Sept. 16, 17, 19 and 20 at 8:00 p.m.

DR. VIRGIL D. MORRIS, superintendent of the New Orleans District, preached at the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Sunday morning, September 8, where Dr. A. M. Serex is pastor.

REV. ANGUS L. CARRUTH, pastor of the Tangipahoa Methodist Church, will be guest evangelist in revival services to be held at the Tunica Methodist Church September 29-October 4, where the Rev. E. E. Sylvest is pastor.

REV. LOUIS COPPAGE, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, preached at the Welsh Methodist Church, Sunday morning, August 18, where Rev. Jack Cooke is pastor.

REV. W. D. KLEINSCHMIDT, retired member of the Louisiana Conference, was guest preacher at the Vesper Service of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Sunday, September 1, where Dr. A. M. Serex is pastor.

DR. G. W. POMEROY, pastor of First Methodist Church, Monroe, will be guest evangelist in a series of revival services to be held at the First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, October 27-November 1. Rev. George Pearce, Jr., is pastor of the church.

GUEST PREACHERS for the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, September 8 and 15 are Rev. S. J. McLean, retired member of the Louisiana Conference, and John Oldham. The pastor, Rev. J. P. Woodland, and Mrs. Woodland are on vacation.

MIKE JOHN, Methodist layman of Monroe, delivered the lay address at the First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, Sunday morning, August 11. His subject was entitled, "There's a Long-Distance Call for You." George Pearce, Jr., is pastor of the church.

REV. J. M. ALFORD, retired Methodist minister, preached at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m., on "Christ, the Light of the World." Rev. George W. Harbuck, the Broadmoor pastor, spoke at the First Methodist Church in Mansfield, where Rev. Merlin W. Merrill is pastor.

A WEEK DAY Kindergarten and Nursery School was opened at Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Sept. 4, with an enrollment of 35. Miss Mariam Darnall is the Director of the school and teacher of the Kindergarten. Mrs. H. T. Worthington is the Nursery School teacher. Rev. C. W. Quaid is the pastor.

REV. J. P. McKEITHEN, pastor of the Ferriday Methodist Church, was the evangelist in a series of revival services held at the Forest Methodist Church, on the Pioneer Circuit. The services began August 11 and continued through the 17th. Rev. Cecil Mims is pastor of the Circuit.

REV. WAYMON H. MOTT, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bunkie, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club of the Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie, Monday

night, August 26. Frank Mulhearn is president of the club. Rev. J. J. Caraway is pastor of the church.

A REVIVAL WAS HELD at Dodson Methodist Church, Aug. 18-24, with Rev. George W. Dameron, pastor of the Jonesboro Methodist Church, as visiting evangelist. Singing was under the direction of Donald Tyler of Jonesboro. Services were held each evening. Rev. Henry O. Pinckard is pastor of the Davis Springs-Dodson Circuit.

MISS LUCILLE NESOM and Mrs. Clara Bankston showed and interpreted colored slides taken on their recent tour through Europe at the Independence Methodist Church monthly Fellowship Supper held recently. Refreshments were served at the close of the program. Rev. Paul Carroll is pastor of the Tickfaw-Independence charge.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, will hold its first meeting of the fall on Monday, Sept. 16. The supper meeting will feature a panel discussion of Labor-Management Relations in a Christian Perspective. Officers for the new year will be elected at this meeting. Rev. George W. Harbuck is pastor of the church.

REV. WILLIAM R. IRVING, JR., pastor of Ingleside Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was guest speaker at revival services at Ethel Methodist Church, Aug. 18-23. Services were held each night at 7:30. Thursday was Methodist Men's Club night, according to Rev. John B. Shearer, pastor, and a special program was held in addition to the preaching service.

DR. PAUL SMITH, head of the mathematics department of Louisiana Tech, was guest speaker at Memorial Methodist Church Sunday evening, August 8. He discussed "The Scrolls of the Dead Sea." In his home city of Ruston Dr. Smith is a teacher of an adult Bible Class in Grace Methodist Church. Rev. Ralph Cain is pastor of Memorial church.

REV. ODELL SIMMONS, pastor of Faith Methodist Church, Natchitoches, was the evangelist in revival services held at the Clear Creek Methodist Church, near Pollock, August 9-17. Services were held each night and included a special homecoming day, August 11. Rev. J. L. Waites is pastor of the Clear Creek-Pleasant Grove Charge.

IN KEEPING with the study theme of "Meet Your Neighbor, Far and Near," in the Junior Department of the Vacation Church School of the First Methodist Church, Crowley, a program was held for members of the junior department to meet families from Sapporo, Japan, and Madras, India. Each member of the class had a chance to shake hands with the guests. Rev. Louis Hoffpauir is pastor of the church.

DR. W. W. PATE was speaker at the morning worship service of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, August 4. For the past five years, Dr. Pate has been teacher of the Men's Bible Class of the church and has been an active member of the church for seven years. He is also a member of the board of trustees. Dr. Pate is professor of economics at Centenary College. Rev. George W. Harbuck is pastor of the church.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, honored Dr. and Mrs. Dana Dawson, Jr., at a reception Sunday, Sept. 1, on the occasion of his fifteenth anniversary in the Methodist Ministry. The reception was held in the church parlor following the evening worship service. Dr. and Mrs. Dawson, Jr., Elizabeth Ann and Linda had just returned home from a vacation in Florida.

DR. WEBB POMEROY, professor of Bible at Centenary College and former Secretary of Youth Work in the Louisiana Conference, was guest preacher at the Mansfield Methodist Church Sunday, August 8, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Merrill W. Merrill, who was on

vacation. Dr. Pomeroy is also serving as pastor of the Ellerbe Road Methodist Church, Shreveport.

A TEA will be held October 6 at the Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, honoring the women of the church as a climax to special emphasis being placed on securing new members in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. A three minute talk will be made at each worship service during the month of September by some member of the W.S.C.S. Rev. Ralph Cain is pastor of the church.

THE ALGIERS METHODIST CHURCH is undergoing a renovation project that will amount to approximately \$17,000, according to the pastor, Rev. John T. Redmon. Included in the project will be the air-conditioning of the sanctuary and the recreational center, also the repainting of the interior and exterior woodwork of the structure. Plans also call for the building of an entire kitchen in the parsonage which will also be redecorated. The work is expected to require several weeks to complete.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE CENTER, 4165 Duncan Ave., St. Louis 10, Mo., with the help of many volunteer groups from the St. Louis area churches, was able to ship an average of 3½ carloads per month of good used clothing, shoes, and bedding for overseas relief the first half of 1957. The carefully sorted, wrapped and baled clothing and other contributed supplies were sent to 14 different countries. The largest amounts went to Greece, Korea and Japan. Church World Service Center is most appreciative of the growing support from churches and church people in the area. It is their hope that other church groups will help in this program.

REV. WILSON T. BOOTS was speaker at both the morning worship services at the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday, September 1. Rev. Mr. Boots went to Bolivia in 1953, supported by the Noel Memorial Church for three years. While in Bolivia he was a teacher at the Cocha Bamba School and pastor of the English speaking congregation. He is now attending the Garrett Biblical Institute in Illinois. Mr. Boots was accompanied to Louisiana by his wife, who was formerly of Bolivia. At the evening service of the church Mr. Boots showed kodachrome slides, sharing with the congregation of the church his experiences in the colorful country of Bolivia. Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor of the church.

DURING THE MONTH of September, Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport, is again having a Chautauqua Series in the evening services. The theme for the series is "Jesus our Lord." Those presenting this series are as follows: Sept. 1, Lt. Col. George Farrar, jet pilot, Barksdale Air Force Base, speaking on "What He Means To Me," Sept. 8, Dr. John F. Hall, Jr., local physician speaking on "Riches of our Lord," Sept. 15, Dr. Bentley Sloane speaking on "Land of our Lord," Sept. 22, Dr. D. L. Dykes, "Jesus Speaks to our Time," Sept. 29, Rev. Barry Bailey, associate pastor of First Methodist Church, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus." Rev. George W. Ross is pastor of the church.

CENTENARY COLLEGE music students have organized a chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, national honorary music fraternity, with Willie Andress of El Dorado, Arkansas, as president. Other officers of the newly-organized chapter are as follows: vice president, David Swanzy, Center, Texas; secretary, L. W. Fletcher, DeRidder, La.; treasurer, Eddie Kosak, Shreveport, La.; historian, John Rausch, Berwyn, Ill., and warden, Jim Riley, Shreveport, La. John Shenaut, conductor of the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra and faculty member at Centenary College of School of Music, will serve as faculty sponsor. He already holds membership in the national fraternity. The Centenary chapter will meet twice a month. Purposes of the organization are to advance the cause of music in America, to foster mutual welfare and brotherhood of music students, to develop the truest fraternal spirit among members and to encourage loyalty to the alma mater.

Lake Charles Dist. Begins New Parsonage

At right — The Rev. Sam Nader, superintendent of the Lake Charles District, stands with A. M. Mutersbaugh, chairman of the Lake Charles District Board of Trustees, at the site of the new district parsonage. Ground breaking services were held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 25, at 4 p.m.



Below—Ministers and members of District Board of Trustees look on as the Rev. Sam Nader, superintendent of the Lake Charles District, breaks ground for the new district parsonage to be built on 22nd Street, between Fourth and Fifth Avenue.

Left to right, are: Garland Dean, Loyd Williams, A. P. Smith, Earl Emmerich, Earl Shippe, Jack Cooke, Sam Nader, Earl Koonce, Louis Coppedge, Clarence Krumnow, A. A. McKnight, Carl Lueg, and H. A. Gibbs.



EVANGELISM BOARD PLANS YEAR'S PROGRAM

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the jurisdictional school next summer.

The board also will have two representatives at the jurisdictional council of evangelism meeting in Stillwater, Oklahoma, in January, and one representative at the council of evangelism meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, this fall.

Special plans were also made emphasizing the plan of Bible reading for the year and to promote the 150th anniversary of Charles Wesley, Methodist hymn writer.

Special attention was given in the meeting to the "Tell Louisiana About Christ" program which will receive much emphasis in local churches from January until annual conference.

The program involves a church attendance campaign, lay visitation of membership, a survey in January to find prospects for church membership, the organization of prayer groups, district ministers' retreats, retreats for official boards, a week of visitation of prospective members, 24 hour prayer vigils, evangelistic missions, children's membership classes, and a Youth Christian Witness Mission in local churches.

The Louisiana Conference Board

CENTENARY COLLEGE BEGINS 133rd YEAR

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under way in the heart of the college grounds, and President Joe J. Mickle anticipates completion of the structure by early spring. The R. T. Moore family of Shreveport is providing this structure as its gift to Centenary.

The new home of the Centenary chapter of Kappa Alpha fraternity also has been completed during the summer months and its completion marks the finish of building operations on "Fraternity row," where the homes of the college chapters of Kappa Sigma and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternities already stand.

Almost directly across the street from the new Kappa Alpha house is the completely refurbished and restored frame house which was once the beautiful old Scofield home, one of Shreveport's show-places. The Shreveport Symphony Orchestra's Women's Guild sparked the movement to purchase the structure, originally destined to be razed to make way for downtown office buildings, and to restore it to its former beauty.

of Evangelism has announced a two-point goal for its 1957-58 program: a net gain in every church, and no barren charges.

Missionary Speaks At Wynn Memorial, Shreveport

The Rev. Robert G. Gnegy, Methodist missionary on assignment to Bolivia, spoke to the combined groups of the Sunday Evening Fellowship of Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, on Sunday, August 18.

Enroute to Costa Rica for special study in two Indian languages spoken in Bolivia, the Rev. Mr. Gnegy is near the conclusion of ten years of preparation and training for missionary service. Upon arrival at his mission station in Bolivia sometime in December of 1957, he will become the second resident missionary of a unit of eleven missionaries the Methodist Mission Board is sending to open a new field of rural work in the jungles of Bolivia.

The Rev. Mr. Gnegy will be pastor of the church they will build, and Mrs. Gnegy will teach in the mission school there. Their three children accompany them.

The Rev. K. G. Rorie is the Wynn Memorial Church pastor.

La. Youth Returns From Work Camp In Dominican Republic

Gary Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Walters of Lake Providence, has recently returned from participating in a Methodist Youth Work Camp in the Dominican Republic. On Sunday, August 25, at the morning worship service of the First Methodist Church, he told of his experiences. Gary will be a sophomore at Centenary College this year.

Gary was one of 16 young people in the work camp. Twelve were American students from nine states and four were Dominican students. The young people were assigned to a project in the city of Samana which has a population of 18,000. Samana has only one public school which included nine grades, and only one hospital.

The work of the camp was done under the auspices of The Dominican Evangelical Church which is an ecumenical church among Methodists, Presbyterians, and United Brethren. The Young People cleared a field for recreation activities and constructed a kitchen, sidewalk and sewage disposal for church property.

The last week was spent in a Youth Institute at Ciudad Trujillo at which time youth from the entire Dominican Republic came together. As an outgrowth of their participation, the 12 American students will endeavor to bring two Dominican students to the United States for the next Student Movement Conference at Lawrence, Kansas.

Ferriday Layman Honored With Special Program

C. C. (Deacon) Wailes was guest of honor at a supper in the annex of Sevier Memorial Methodist Church, Ferriday, recently when a program entitled "This Is Your Life Carter Wailes," was presented.

The Rev. J. P. McKeithen, pastor, began the program by telling of the life of Mr. Wailes before he came to Ferriday. He said Mr. Wailes joined the Ferriday church December 12, 1913, when Rev. W. P. Woodward was pastor.

After the Rev. W. J. Porter served the church, the Rev. P. M. Carraway was appointed in 1919, this being his first charge. During this time, Mr. Wailes "was an active and loyal Christian," the pastor said. He served as Sunday School superintendent and most every other office in the local church.

S. R. Gray, a long time friend of Mr. Wailes, continued the story of the life of the honored guest.

Among the former pastors who were able to attend the special event were Rev. Ted Howes and family, and Rev. and Mrs. John Sewell and daughter, Kaye.

Mr. Wailes' wife, Elizabeth, and children, Carter and Betty, were present as was another son, Howard and his family. Lester Wailes, also a son, could not attend but called his father long distance.

The celebration was on Mr. Wailes' 75th birthday. A Bible was presented to him from the members of the church.

Mrs. J. P. McKeithen sang one of his favorite songs.

He was given, for future reference, a tape recording and movie films taken during the evening. After the program, a buffet supper was enjoyed by the 125 present.

TWO LAFAYETTE DIST. CHURCHES SHARE 100 CLUB CALL

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at Lockport. This congregation is now worshipping in a Baptist church while its new building is under construction. Being built at a cost of approximately \$35,000, the new structure will include a new sanctuary and several classrooms. Methodists are now resuming work that was discontinued several years ago.

Raceland, like Grand Isle, and many other cities along the Gulf, is experiencing growth because of the change in the industrial picture.

In both the Grand Isle and Raceland churches, assistance received from the 1000 Club will be applied toward the total cost of the current building programs. According to Rev. Mr. Branton, each one of these churches has a full program in progress and each church has accepted its full apportionment on connectional askings. Both churches are presently receiving missionary appropriations, but it is expected that both churches can become, through assistance at this time, strong medium size churches.

National Conference of Methodist Youth Held In Denver

Seating of Red China in the United Nations, lifting of State Department restrictions against travel behind the Iron Curtain, and an end to nuclear weapons tests were called for in resolutions adopted by the National Conference of Methodist Youth, in Denver, Colo., Aug. 17-23.

The group also asked Congress to conduct, and make public the results, a comprehensive, nationwide investigation of the total cost to Americans resulting from the sale and use of alcoholic beverages.

The resolution asked the government to forbid the use of any State Department funds for the purchase of alcoholic beverages and to bar foreign service officers from serving liquor in the course of their diplomatic duties.

The conference termed international disarmament an "absolute necessity in this age of nuclear weapons and the only hope of preservation of civilization."

Several hours of heated debate preceded the 78-22 adoption of the resolution on the seating of Red China in the United Nations. The resolution, as finally approved, said that the power of the Red Chinese government cannot be ignored and that recognition would not imply approval of that regime.

"The pre-condition of reconciliation between the nations and races," it said, "is the establishment of relations under conditions conducive to greater mutual understanding."

Urging the State Department to lift its travel ban on persons wishing to go behind the Iron Curtain, especially to Red China, the conference said the ban is not in keeping with the principles of freedom on which our government is based.

It urged the U. S. government to respect the wishes of persons who agree to waive the protection the government offers in such travel.

"Communication among people," the resolution said, "is imperative to understanding and will help to replace tension and fear with peace."

"Invitations from foreign governments should be considered overtures of friendship and refusals are not consistent with the policy of a nation striving for peace."

In other business, the conference, which met at the University of Denver, heard that the circulation of *Power*, its devotional publication for youth, has reached the 200,000

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Mangum Memorial MYF Holds Annual Retreat

The Shreveport Mangum Memorial MYF Retreat was held at Caney Lake Methodist Camp the 24th and 25th of August with all its activities a huge success, according to the report. There were 52 people present for a week end full of swimming, boating, water skiing, eating, and most important, planning for the coming year.

Two lengthy planning sessions were held for both the Junior High and the Senior-Older Youth groups. Some of the high points of the planning included preparation for Promotion Day Membership Services, UNICEF Trick or Treat for Halloween, Christmas and Watch Night programs, Lenten Reading Projects, Hobo Day, and some special interests for Youth Activities



New officers of the National Conference of Methodist Youth are, left to right, vice-president, Jim L. Waits, Hattiesburg, Miss.; recording secretary, Miss Katie Haynes, Birmingham, Ala.; financial secretary (re-elected), Edward Stack, Sea Cliff, N. Y.; and, president, John E. Corson, Modesto, Calif. They were elected at the annual meetings of the organization, August 17-23 in Denver.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Riceland

The Riceland Sub-district had a bus ride and swimming party at the lake in Lake Arthur, La., which was enjoyed by all very much. Afterwards they went to the Laecine Wild Life Refuge, which is 11 miles south of Lake Arthur, where they enjoyed a picnic. Then they enjoyed a talk from Mr. Perkins. He spoke on two expeditions he went on to the South Pole. There was a large crowd with every church well represented. Everyone had fun, according to Bonnie Baker, reporter.

Monticello

The Monticello Sub-district MYF met Monday night, August 26, at the Mt. Home Methodist Church. Rev. Osborne White gave a devotional which was followed by games and refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned to meet at Green Hill September 30. Charlene Chambliss is reporter.

Little River, Miller Co.

"Far From Alone," a film on temperance, was shown to members of the Little River and Miller County Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship at the group's August meeting at the Fairview Methodist Church in Texarkana.

More than 100 young people attended the meeting, which was presided over by Travis Jones, Sub-district president. Wayne Dowd was program leader, and Charles Phillips led the hymn singing. Responsive reading for the devotional service was read by Eddie Ainsworth and Wayne Bowd; and Wilbur Giles led the prayer.

Following the business session and program, refreshments were served by the host MYF.

and Christian Adventure Weeks.

A particular interest for the group this year was the presence of a group of the parents who prepared the meals for the Retreat. Cooking sixty steak dinners in the campfire style for Saturday night had everyone's hunger well satisfied, the report said.

Bethlehem, Austin

The Bethlehem and Austin MYF Sub-district met at Bethlehem recently with the WSCS.

Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin and wife of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, showed pictures and Dr. Shamblin gave a talk on his travels in India.

They were accompanied by Dr. Roy E. Fawcett and Mrs. Fawcett. Dr. Fawcett, executive secretary of the Little Rock Conference Board of Education, was reared in the community, and was welcomed by the group.

Six of the eight churches were represented: Concord, Mt. Tabor, Smyrna, Providence, Hebron, and Bethlehem. Refreshments were served by the MYF and WSCS.

Paris 1st Church Has Youth Activities Week

The First Methodist Church of Paris, Ark., held its first Youth Activities Week, July 28 through July 31.

The week opened with the young people in the church taking charge of the evening church service. After the service, recreation was led by Linda Bryan and Billy Fox of Paris, and Kelly Young of Griffithville. Monday night, the group went to Cove Lake for swimming, picnicking, and a lakeside vesper service. Tuesday night, the group had a Shores Lake Camp reunion for the Mt. Magazine-Arkansas Valley Sub-districts.

The activities were concluded with a banquet Wednesday night. The theme of the week was "Christ O'er All the Earth." Billy Fox, summer youth director was in charge of arrangements. Rev. Charles McDonald, Ozark, was guest speaker for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and Miss Barbara McDaniel, also of Ozark, led recreation for the same three nights. Rev. G. B. Ames is the church pastor, and Mrs. Wayne Tilton, senior MYF counselor.



Youth Activities Week Observed By Texarkana 1st Church

Youth Activities Week was observed August 19 through August 23 at First Methodist Church, Texarkana. "To Believe and Live" was the theme for the week, with "Self Analysis" as the purpose. The meetings were held in the chapel Monday through Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Bill Gentry of Hope, Arkansas, was the speaker on Monday and Tuesday evenings. On Monday evening the groups considered questions, "What's Your Concern?" and selected ten of the most pertinent for their needs. On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, these were discussed. Dr. Karlton Kemp, Miss Ruth Nolze, Rev. Howard Williams and Mrs. J. S. Petersen served as discussion group leaders. A reporter was chosen from each group. She, in turn, reported the findings of her group to a meeting of parents and young people on Friday evening.

Refreshments and recreation were enjoyed each evening. On Friday

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Monroe Dist. Has Youth Work Session

Monroe District and Sub-district officers and adult counselors of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met Aug. 23-24 at Chemin-A-Haut State Park for a workshop concerning the needs of the MYF in the local church.

Some 24 young people and 10 adults attended. Rev. Brady B. Forman, district director of youth work, directed the workshop. Others assisting were Miss Louise Sharp, conference director of youth work, Shreveport; Mrs. Robert McCammon, Lake Providence; Rev. William Mayo, Tallulah; and Rev. and Mrs. James T. Harris, Monroe.

The workshop was the first of its kind to be held in Louisiana.



10,000 Methodist Women To Meet

About 10,000 women are expected to gather in St. Louis, Mo., May 6-9, 1958, for the quadrennial Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, which is the woman's organization of the Methodist Church. The Assembly probably will draw the largest attendance of any Methodist meeting in the next four years.

Arkansas-Louisiana leaders point out that the 1958 Assembly in St. Louis will be the closest of such meetings ever to be held; this should make it convenient for many women of this area to attend as visitors.

Women will come from all 48 states, Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico and some overseas countries. They will represent 1,676,000 members of 31,000 local Woman's Societies of Christian Service.

The Assembly will be followed immediately by the Guild Week-end of the Wesleyan Service Guild, an organization auxiliary to the Woman's Society and especially for employed women. The Week-end, May 9-11, is expected to draw about 1,000 women, representing 130,000 members of 5,400 local Guilds.

The Assembly will not be a legislative meeting, but one for inspiration and information. The purpose is to "promote and deepen interest in the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service."

Sessions of the Assembly will be held in the Kiel Auditorium and those of the Guild Week-end at the Hotel Sheraton-Jefferson.

Though there will be about 1,000 official delegates to the Assembly, attendance is open to any Methodist woman. Visitors are expected to account for most of the attendance. The program for the Assembly and the Guild Week-end have not been finally worked out and will be announced when completed.

Plans for the Assembly are being made by committees of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, which is the national body under which the Woman's Societies function.

The general chairman is Mrs. J.

Fount Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn., Woman's Division president. The co-chairman is Mrs. John M. Pearson, Newburgh, N. Y., a Division vice-president and chairman of its Department of Work in Foreign Fields. The Assembly secretary is Mrs. J. Ernest Wilkins, Washington, D. C., Division secretary. The secretary of all planning committees is Miss Helen Johnson, New York, Division secretary of youth work.

Other national committee assignments include:

Program committee—Chairman, Mrs. Tillman; sub-chairmen, Mrs. Wallace N. Streeter, Washington, D. C.; Miss Thelma Stevens, New York, and Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Gallatin, Tenn.

Arrangements—Chairman, Miss Dorcas Hall, New York.

Hospitality—Chairman, Mrs. T. Otto Nall, Evanston, Ill., Division first vice-president.

Steering—Chairman, Mrs. H. F. Brandt, Aurora, Ohio.

Budget—Chairman, Miss Margurite Harris, New York.

Music—Chairman, Mrs. Harold M. Baker, Toledo, Ohio.

Publicity, literature, bulletin—Chairman, Mrs. Streeter.

Spiritual life emphases—Chairman, Mrs. Robinson.

Youth and students—Chairman, Mrs. William T. Anderson, Auburn, N. Y.

Exhibits—Chairman, Mrs. E. LeRoy Stiffler, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The chairman of local arrangements is Cecil G. Kane, University City, Mo. The Woman's Society of the St. Louis Methodist Conference is the host organization.

Through the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild, Methodist women support missionary work in the United States, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and 30 countries overseas. They give about \$27,000,000 yearly, of which \$17,000,000 is for local church purposes and \$10,000,000 is for missions.

Arkadelphia District Fall Seminar

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Arkadelphia District held its Fall Seminar Tuesday, August 27, in St. Andrews Church, Arkadelphia, with 88 attending.

Mrs. Alvin Stone, who has been president of Arkadelphia District for the past three years, opened the meeting and presented the Rev. Mr. Van Horn, pastor of the host church and leader of the morning worship service.

Following the devotional service, Mrs. Stone, recently elected Vice President of the Little Rock Conference, spoke briefly of her love and appreciation of the Arkadelphia District, extended thanks for the cooperation of the district and expressed regret at giving up the office that had meant so much to her. She then introduced Mrs. Allan Gannaway, the new president for the district.

Mrs. Gannaway, with enthusiasm and faith for a good year ahead, accepted the office and asked the continued loyalty of the district and presided throughout the day.

Mrs. Farrar Newberry gave a report of the retreat at Mt. Sequoyah and announced the Day Apart meeting to be held at First Church, Hot Springs, September 6, with Mrs. H. King Wade and Mrs. Newberry in charge.

With the theme, "Till Christ Shall Dwell in Every Heart," in mind, the program was presented.

The Social Witness of the Local Church in the Ecumenical Movement—Mrs. R. E. Harris; The March of Missions—Mrs. E. D. Galloway; Japan—Mrs. Amy Weaver; Christ, The Church and Race—Mrs. Alvin

Stone, assisted by—Mrs. D. F. Edwards and Mrs. Horace Fisher; The Gospel According to St. Mark—Mrs. W. A. Lea.

Mrs. Jack Hicks, local president and her members with the help of Mrs. Robert McGill, local Secretary of Missionary Education, who extended welcome to the group, were most gracious. A lovely luncheon was served at noon in the dining room and the meeting was concluded with a Film, "The Broken Mask," shown by Miss Polly Lasiter, Youth Director of First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia.—Mrs. Horace Fisher, Recording Secretary

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

In the "old days" of Christian missions overseas, the man or woman "sent" from Europe or America could choose their own places of service and their exact types of work, Miss Clara French, an executive secretary of the Board of Missions, Methodist Church, noted recently. "But in recent years and especially since the birth of new nations after World War II," Miss French said, "the people of the younger churches are increasingly filling the places of leadership, places formerly filled by missionaries. The indigenous church has assumed the leading role and this has taken some of the 'glory' and prestige from the missionary. For this very fact, however, we can say, 'Hallelujah!'" The concept of missions which called for missionaries to administer and control Christian bodies in non-Western lands is passing. The day of inter-church partnership between East and West is here."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE—1ST QUARTER 1957-58

RECEIPTS:	
Undirected Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$16,163.32
W.S.G.	2,546.56
Study Projects:	
W.S.C.S.	45.03
W.S.G.	8.01
McKimmey Fund	542.63
Ark-Okla Coop. Rural	
Work Fund	508.00
Special Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	375.00
W.S.G.	30.00
In Remembrance Gifts:	
W.S.C.S.	133.50
W.S.G.	4.00
Credit on Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$17,767.48
W.S.G.	2,905.40
Total Credits on Pledge	\$20,671.88
Cash for Supply Work:	
W.S.C.S.	886.66
W.S.G.	184.59
Alcohol Education:	
W.S.C.S.	316.75
W.S.G.	20.65
Elizabeth T. Workman	
Fund	368.15
Other Funds	48.00
Total receipts, W.S.C.S.	\$19,387.04
Total receipts, WSG	3,109.64
Total received from Districts	\$22,496.68
OTHER RECEIPTS:	
Methodist Youth Fund ...	1,251.78
Children's Service Fund ...	107.27
Cash offering at Conf.	
School of Missions	73.62
Norene Robken fund	
offering at W.S.G.	
Week-end	77.83
St. Paul W.S.C.S. for	
Southwest Conf. School	
of Missions	10.00
District payment of room	
and registration fees	
for Jurisdiction School	
of Missions	70.00
Refunds	250.07
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$24,337.25
Balance May 16, 1957	15,283.34

Total to account for	\$39,620.59
Local Church and Community work reported—	\$13,035.45
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Pledge to Missions:	
W.S.C.S.	\$15,291.50
W.S.G.	2,980.00
Special Memberships:	
W.S.C.S.	540.00
W.S.G.	30.00
In Remembrance Gifts..	133.50
Credit on Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$15,965.00
W.S.G.	3,010.00
Total Credit on Pledge	\$18,975.00
Methodist Youth Funds ..	1,251.78
Children's Serv. Funds ..	107.27
Total Credit on Appropriations....	\$20,334.05
Cash for Supplies,	
Foreign	485.03
Home	624.93
Total to Division	\$21,444.01
Elizabeth T. Workman	
Fund	372.50
Alcohol Education Fund	337.40
Ark-Okla Coop.	
Rural Work	35.45
Conference Youth	
Director Salary	250.00
Town and Country Commission	1,000.00
Jurisdiction School of	
Missions & WSG	
Weekend	246.59
Conf. School of Missions	
& W.S.G. Weekend ...	828.39
Christian Social	
Relations	21.57
Administration	288.11
District Cultivation fund	4,200.00
Misc. Cultivation	108.87
Conf Annual Guild	
meeting	17.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$29,150.39
Balance August 15, 1957.....	10,470.20
Total accounted for	\$39,620.59

MRS. J. L. VERHOEFF,
Treas, Little Rock Conf.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Ringgold Woman's Society held its August meeting at the home of Mrs. Etoy Conly August 26 with Mrs. E. C. Cook directing the program. Mrs. Clarence Williams and Mrs. G. R. Weaver were on the program. Mrs. C. J. Frye, president, presided at the business session.

A "Christmas in August" program and party was held by the Susie Jones Wesleyan Service Guild of the DeRidder Church. Members brought toys, and paper and ribbon in which to wrap them, to be sent to the Kuala Lumpur children's home in Malaya and the Sager Brown Home in Baldwin. They will be kept there to be presented to the children on Christmas morning.

A white Christmas tree was the featured decoration, and Christmas carols were led by Mrs. Bradley Karns with Mrs. Frank Vanderlur accompanist. A Christmas skit was

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT SEMINAR

The New Orleans District will have its fall seminar September 20 at the Elysian Fields Methodist Church. The Ecumenical Witness of the Local Church and The Gospel of St. Mark will be taught at the Seminar.

The United Church Women will hold their Missions Institute on September 27 and October 4 at the St. Charles Ave. Baptist Church. Classes on the other two studies—Japan and Christ, the Church and Race—will be given.

presented under the direction of Bill Tracy.

Mrs. O. V. Hooker gave the opening prayer, and Mrs. Rosa McCullough, president, presided. Members of the Mae Youngblood Guild and the Wesley Woman's Society, and Mrs. Will Hall, president of the Woman's Society, were guests.



Chicago To Be Site Of 3rd Nat'l Conf. On Family Life

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Chairman of the General Committee on Family Life, has announced that the plans are well under way for the Third National Conference on Family Life. It will be held in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, October 17-19, 1958.

Those who attended the first family life conference in Chicago in 1951 and the second at Cleveland in 1954 will welcome the news that in the Conrad Hilton Hotel it will be possible to hold all of the general meetings and discussion groups under one roof. Thirty-five meeting rooms have been reserved for these dates. Most delegates will stay at the hotel as a special rate has been secured.

The following persons are members of the program planning committee of the conference: Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Bishop Eugene Frank, Bishop Earl Ledden, Dr. Joy Bayless, Rev. G. L. Hergesheimer, Dr. Harold Mohn, Dr. Manning Potts, Dr. Edward Staples, and Miss Thelma Stevens.

A questionnaire has been sent to 1200 Methodist adult classes to determine the problems families are facing today. It was designed by the Research Committee of the Family Life Committee of which Mr. Don Calame of the Board of Lay Activities is chairman. The results of these local studies will give the planning committee background material upon which to plan the program for the Third National Conference. Several annual conference groups will also contribute the results of their studies.

Who Should Attend?

All parents are invited. There will be special groups for parents of young children and parents of teenagers. A selected group of young people will be invited this year.

Program features will include addresses by well-known leaders, music by Methodist college choirs and, discussion groups led by authorities in the field of child care and the teaching of religion in the home.

Many adult classes will raise the expenses of delegates to Chicago. One class has offered to take care of the children while the couple is away. This investment in leadership is worthwhile. These delegates return home, inspired to be better parents, but also are better church school workers.

Plan now for a vacation trip which will include Chicago, October 17-19, 1958.

List of Plays Available

"Presenting Missions and World Peace Through Drama" (234-B), free, is a selected list of play for reading and production, available from the Youth Department, General Board of Education, P.O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Persons concerned for play production, play reading and study, and for a list of plays on world peace and missions, will find this leaflet of real value.

Shreveport Dist. Older Adults Plan Reunion

Shreveport District older adults, who attended summer camp at Caney Lake in June, will hold a reunion Sept. 18 at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport. Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary College, will address the group.

Approximately 40 campers representing groups from various local churches are inviting other older adults to join them for this meeting. Beginning at 10 a.m., the reunion will open with a period of fellowship followed by Dr. Mickle's address at 11 o'clock. Everyone is asked to bring a basket lunch which will be served at noon. An exhibit of crafts from the summer camp will be featured after the noon meal.

The Rev. Merlin Merrill, pastor at Mansfield, was dean of the camp and is directing the activities for the Sept. 18 reunion. The Rev. George W. Harbuck is pastor of Broadmoor, the host church for the event.

Clemmons Named Director of Adult Church School Work

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The Rev. Robert S. Clemmons, Nashville, staff member of the Methodist Board of Education for 12 years, will become director of adult church-school work for The Methodist Church October 1.

Mr. Clemmons will succeed the Rev. Dr. M. Leo Rippey, who resigned after 29 years in the work to become minister of education at Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Clemmons' title will be director, Department of Christian Education of Adults, Division of the Local Church, Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

In his new position, Mr. Clemmons will supervise a program for 2,700,000 adults in church schools of The Methodist Church.

Mr. Clemmons has been in the adult department since he came to the Board of Education in 1945.

Older Youth Publication Becomes Monthly

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—*Christian Action*, a quarterly church school publication for older youth of The Methodist Church, will become a monthly with the October issue.

The magazine also will have a new digest-size format. And, in addition to the church-school lessons it has been carrying, it will have material for evening meetings of older youth, articles on many subjects of interest to older youth, and interpretations of the place of older youth in the life of the church.

"It will be the first time in Protestantism that a series of evening-meeting discussion topics specifically for older youth has been published in a periodical," said the Rev.

Sept. 29 - Oct. 6

"Learn To Give - Give To Learn" Is Theme For Christian Education Week

"Learn to Give—Give to Learn," the theme for Christian Education Week, September 29-October 6, is intended to promote Christian stewardship.

In many church schools Rally Day will be observed the first Sunday in Christian Education Week, which falls this year on September 29. The program prepared for Rally Day is *The Time Is Now* by Roy Damonte (8358-BC), 10 cents each, 75 cents per dozen, from The Methodist Publishing House serving you. The service provides an opportunity for the minister to interpret the need for church members to give of themselves and their money for an adequate program of Christian education.

Vacation Church School Held At Fisher St. Church

The vacation church school of Fisher Street Methodist Church, Jonesboro, directed by Mrs. Dowell Blackman and Mrs. Robert Black, met August 20-30, from 4 to 6 p.m. with the closing sharing program Friday night.

All children through the Intermediate department attended the school. Themes for the respective groups were: Kindergarten—"Stories About Jesus," Primary—"Jesus, The Friend," Juniors—"Learning To Know The Old Testament," and Intermediates—"Learning More About The Bible."

One hundred and twenty-six were enrolled. Ninety-six received certificates. Teachers and workers in the kindergarten group were Mrs. L. B. Alsey, Mrs. Rogers, Misses Nelda Dook, Lynette Lamberth and Beverly Womack.

Leaders for primary department were: Miss Mildred Osment, Mrs. Searcy Taylor, Misses Judy Sanford and Carol Copeland.

Teachers for junior department were: Mrs. Mitchell Sanford, Mrs. Stanley Dook, Mrs. Bill Mabrey and Mrs. Foster.

Intermediate leaders were: Mr. and Mrs. Powell Spurlock.

Nursery keepers were: Mrs. Noble Good and Mrs. Hillis Pratt.

Activities included: stories by the pastor, Rev. Mitchell Sanford, illustrated by drawing; and in each department, study, worship, hand work, play and refreshment time. Refreshments were in charge of Mrs. Delores Wathem.

There was a period fellowship in Fellowship Hall following the sharing program on Friday evening. Mrs. Herbert Vaughn was in charge of decorating the serving table.

Many churches will prefer to have the dedication service for officers and teachers of the church school on Sunday, October 6.

"A dedication service for officers and teachers at the eleven o'clock service of worship says much to the congregation as to the importance the church gives to its program of Christian education," says Mrs. Lilla Mills Cunningham in an article on Christian Education Week in the August *Church School*. This issue of *Church School* carries a service of dedication for officers and teachers, as does also the 1956 *Discipline* (Par. 1928).

Other activities suggested for Christian Education Week include talent recruitment, family visitation, Christian vocations conference, a workers' conference, and a book display on Christian stewardship.

A leaflet to give help in planning Christian Education Week is available free from the Service Department, P.O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Ask for *Christian Education Week 1957* (8401-B). A list of helpful materials is included in this leaflet.

Board of Education Staff Member Resigns

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—Mrs. M. Earl Cunningham, a staff member of the Methodist Board of Education here, resigned August 31, to devote full time to homemaking.

Mrs. Cunningham has been with the board nearly four years doing special work with directors of Christian education in Methodist churches across the country. Serving in the Department of General Church School Work, she also has recruited and guided volunteers for vocational service in Christian education and had other responsibilities.

A successor will be named at a later date, said the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Nashville, general secretary of the Board of Education's Division of the Local Church.

Before joining the staff of the Board of Education, Mrs. Cunningham, formerly Miss Lilla Mills, was director of education at First Methodist Church, Huston, Texas, which has more than 8,000 members.

SELF-ASSURANCE

"Self-trust is the first secret of success." So wrote Emerson. A certain amount of self-assurance is necessary to get us started in life and to keep us going.

It was not until after months, nay years, of discouragement and disappointment that Trackeray gained a hearing from the public. But he had taken the measure of his intellectual capabilities and, knowing what he could do if an opportunity were given him, he waited without repining until it came. His self-assurance saved him.



Yet while self-assurance can thus sustain a person, it may also prove his undoing. The collapses of cleverness and self-confidence are too numerous to need recounting. In the treatment of a vicious habit like that of drunkenness, the victim must be brought to the point where he no longer thinks he can manage himself, and where he puts his trust in a higher power. How far, then, is self-assurance a virtue to be encouraged?

Perhaps we think the answer to this question depends on a person's temperament. If he is timid or doubting, then self-confidence should be inculcated. If he is by nature boastful and conceited, then restrain his self-assurance.

But would not a deeper observation be that self-assurance is a matter of tempering rather than temperament? Belief in oneself is a native ore which needs to be tempered into the steel of strong character.

Beethoven said of Rossini that he had in him the making of a great musician if he had only been well flogged as a boy, but that he had been spoiled by his facility of composition. However true or false Beethoven's remark regarding Rossini, it is a fact that early success and facility have often not been tempered by sufficient hardship and struggle to make a great talent.

Great art has usually come out of great tribulation. It was not until his heart was surcharged with public sorrow and private suffering that

Dante wrote his "Divine Comedy." It was in the shadow of threatening death that Mozart composed his immortal "Requiem." John Milton's youth was marked by flashing brilliance, but his masterpiece dates from his later years darkened by blindness.

For great living the native ore of self-confidence must be tempered into an assurance that can steel character against the attrition of adversity, the tension of delay, and the attacks of opposition.

And if I sense the mood of our time, it is such tempered self-assurance that we need now. Mere buoyant self-confidence is not enough for these times. We need a deeper and diviner assurance.

And for this I offer the formula of the Psalmist in the 112th Psalm: "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord."

When a man's "heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord," he gets the self-assurance which comes from the greatness of God. We little men move about our daily rounds somewhat as a spider crawls up the sides of a skyscraper. He comes to a mortared crevice between the stones, and what a barrier it seems to him. He reaches an over-hanging ledge of stone, and he thinks how topsy-turvy the building is. What possible conception could that little spider have of the towering structure?

So we move about amid the immensities of God. We are prone to judge the nature of things by the little grooves and haunts we know. When our outlook is thus limited, we have no perspective which can prepare us for untoward circumstances.

We need to be lifted out of our littleness to catch the perspective of God's greatness. That is why the Psalmist sang, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; whence cometh my strength. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Thus the greatness of God calmed the Psalmist's shrinking soul.

Do we desire the self-assurance which can sustain us in the days ahead, whatever comes? Then let us fix our trust where Whittier placed his, when he said:

*"And in the maddening maze of things,
When tossed by storm and flood,
To one fixed ground my spirit clings,
I know that God is good."*

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



METHODISM IN CEYLON

The Island of Ceylon has two distinctions, as far as our team is concerned. In the first place, we now are as far from our homes as we shall be on this trip. In the second place, we have received by far the warmest reception here that we have received anywhere in our travels. Through some means the local Methodists had found out about our coming and they actually "put the big pot in the little one" to make us welcome. The Superintendent of the work on the island is Rev. James S. Mather. And to understand these terms better, you should know that all the Methodist work done in Ceylon is and has been done by British Methodism. Therefore, they have slightly different terms to describe their work.

Brother Mather, a native minister, met us at the airport and provided for us very graciously during our entire stay. It was during the second day of our visit, though, that he did so many kindnesses for us. The morning was given over to a tour of Colombo, showing the work which they are doing here. American Methodists who know the part that Thomas Coke played in our own beginnings should know that he who had a passion for the souls of the "heathen," died at sea enroute to Ceylon in 1814. A tablet is erected to his memory in the Pettah Church, which has the distinction of being the oldest Methodist Church in Asia. Another tablet in this church is erected to the memory of William Ault, who "visited every cottage in the district" as the tablet reads. No wonder the work in Ceylon was well developed after being started in 1816. Pettah Church is now in an industrial section, but it does a great social work among children and youth who would otherwise be turned loose in slum areas. Unfortunately we are not allowed to teach them Christianity in this Buddhist nation, but our teachers are all Christians and are teaching them ethics of living which have strong Christian overtones, and which is as far as we can go legally.

In the afternoon we were treated to a lovely reception at Clough House, the social building attached to Kollpitiya Church, which is the

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

NIGHTSTICKS AND CURFEWS ARE NOT THE ANSWER

In a number of cities across the nation, a new rash of juvenile delinquency seems to have broken out. Usually there is a "dullness" in news in July and August—and this seasonal flareup makes "good reading." The papers have been "going to town" with photos, feature stories, interviews with police, judges, and district attorneys, letters from the public, headline-pullers from crackpots.

What concerns me, at this moment, is the shallow thinking, and writing, and talking of far too many of these commentators covering a condition that lies deep within the very fabric of our own modern life—and especially our city life. One city's police chief tells his men to "get tough" with the young folks—which, in police

largest church in Ceylon. It fell my lot to sit with a group of ladies who are busy in the women's work and I brought away with me some interesting facts about their activities. These beautiful, gentle women of the far east always form a picture like a magnificent bouquet of flowers as they sit around a room in their multi-colored sarees, the traditional garb of so many eastern women. They are interested in our work, but they are very proud of the fine work which they are doing among the "Women's Fellowships." This island has 63 Fellowships and a total membership of over 1000 members, which means that the good women of Ceylonese Methodism are carrying their work on in a fine way.

After the reception, there was a meeting at the church, where Drs. Denman and Potts brought inspirational messages. The church was almost filled at 5:30 p.m., a feat that we certainly could not achieve in the States. When the meeting was finished we lingered to visit with these warm-hearted, very intelligent and deeply spiritual people. Finally as we walked away, we had a feeling of close kinship to our Methodist brethren on the other side of the world. Ceylon is a truly beautiful isle with her riot of flowers and fruits, but it is not any more beautiful than the kindness and hospitality of these dear people.

parlance, means using the nightstick on them. Another city imposes an 11 p.m. "curfew" upon all youth under 18, unless accompanied by adults. A magistrate in my own city gets great acclaim for proposing a similar curfew here. And one metropolis has armed its "rookie cops" (boys in their 20's, as yet untrained) with pistols and clubs and instructions to "break up the gangs."

No, police clubs, and curfews, and jails, and detention houses, and whippings, and most of the other "controls" that politically-minded and police-minded authorities or demagogues think up, will not remedy the present situation. Any sociologist or any psychologist will tell us that: and it should be evident also to every parents, every teacher, every minister. Such "remedies" do not get at the cause. They are no more effective than a new war is effective in putting down the results of the last one.

It is pretty well understood that this thing we call "delinquency"—or youth's departure from the accepted mores of our society—is not a new phenomenon. It is, indeed one expression of adolescence—the boy changing into adulthood. The crucial changes through which they go are physical, intellectual, and emotional. They are trying "to find themselves": to be recognized as people, to be accepted by their associates, to secure "status" of importance among their fellows. Ever notice how much more "room" a youth's feet and legs take in a bus aisle than do an adult's? How much louder the youth talks? How more sure he is of what he "knows"? These are all symptoms of finding place, status, recognition.

The home and parents are, of course, God's provision—nature's provision—for understanding, advising, guiding, and leading youth through this period of stress and strain. But we are living in a social period when the family and the home are themselves undergoing change. Many fathers are too pre-occupied (too busy, too selfish, or too adolescent) to give time and counsel to their children; many mothers must leave the home to work; homes are crowded or unattractive; parents enforce "yesterday's ways"; and (even in the midst of our national wealth) there is much poverty and need. Drink and divorce may further break family empathy.

All of us, especially through our churches, need to give increasing attention to arresting the deterioration of family life in America. And we may need to rebuild many areas of our cities to give youth "room to stretch their legs," their minds and their spirits, unabated by nightsticks.

100 To Study As Crusade Scholars In U. S. Under Scholarship Program

As they open this fall, 26 colleges and universities in 16 states will have in their student bodies 100 selected men and women who will be studying there under an international scholarship program of the Methodist Church.

The 100 persons are from the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and 26 countries overseas. They will study grants under the \$200,000 "Crusade Scholarship" program, which begins its twelfth year.

Under this program, the Methodist Church has since 1946 brought carefully chosen students from its overseas mission areas to the United States for graduate or specialized study. And, as this year, there have also been "Crusade scholars" from American territories and from continental U. S. (usually from language and ethnic minority groups).

In addition to the 100 studying in American schools, 26 persons will study some phase of full-time church work. The program is, in a sense, a specialized training course for the future professional leaders of Methodism and sometimes of other denominations overseas. Some of the scholars go to work for non-church agencies.

The fields of study range from theology to medicine, from home economics to industrial relations. Most of the Crusade scholars receive grants for two years, the grants covering tuition, board and room, books, travel and living expenses.

Each prospective Crusade scholar from overseas is recommended to the national Crusade Scholarship Committee by either national (native) church leaders or missionaries in the scholar's home country. The names are then submitted for approval to the national committee, which includes representatives of the Methodist Boards of Missions and Education. Candidates in the United States and its territories go to the national committee through the Methodist Division of National (home) Missions.

The Crusade Scholarship program is financed by a total \$200,000 allocation from three divisions of the Board of Missions—the Divisions of National and World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Since the program was started, more than 1,000 persons have been Crusade scholars, including some Methodist bishops overseas and Archbishop Makarios, ethnarch of the Greek Orthodox Church on Cyprus. The program took its name from the four-year Crusade for Christ financial emphasis of Methodism from 1944-48.

The chairman of the Crusade Scholarship Committee is Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Pittsburg, Pa., and the director is Mrs. Florence H. Cox, New York.

This year as in previous years, the scholars who will begin their study in the fall have assembled at American University in Washington, D. C., for a two-week orientation period. The 1957 orientation began August 24 and will continue through September 7. The 52 scholars from 20 countries are studying the English language and American culture, customs, higher education and Christianity. They have been on a tour of the nation's capital and have visited the embassies of their respective countries.

All but seven of the 100 scholars will study in a college, university or seminary. The seven exceptions

New Film On General Benevolence Program Available

As one of the World Service agencies, the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, is aiding in promoting the new sound filmstrip, "The Church Beyond Our Window."

The filmstrip tells the story of the chairman of the official board who discusses with his board the General Benevolence Program of The Methodist Church, using pictures, slides, charts, and the flannel board.

The picture has been made primarily for official boards of local churches; for quarterly conferences and other groups responsible for the development of the local church's program. A secondary audience would include all church groups, such as Methodist Men's clubs, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Sunday school classes, youth groups and general church audiences.

"The Church Beyond Our Window" was produced by the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation and the Television, Radio and Film Commission. The original script was prepared by Mrs. Howard Grimes of Dallas, Texas.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF METHODIST YOUTH HELD IN DENVER

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mark, with an increase of 25,000 over last year.

The conference established a committee to study possible new formats and subscription costs for *Concern*, its news publication for Methodist youth and students. Any changes that are decided upon are expected to go into effect by December 1, 1957.

Worship services, held each morning and evening, emphasized the Methodist heritage.

More than 200 delegates attended the conference. They were, for the most part, presidents of conference, state, and regional Methodist youth and student organizations.

from the Central Promotional Office, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois, Price \$6.00.

Methodists Working In Puerto Rico

The University of Puerto Rico has 7,000 students, ten per cent of them active Protestants, thirty per cent Roman Catholic, and the remainder without contact with any church, a survey discloses. Directly across from the University campus in Rio Piedras, the Methodist Church ministers not only to Protestant families of the community, but to an increasing number of students and young people. The Rev. Raphael Boissen, the Methodist pastor, reports: "Rio Piedras has more than 800 bars and drinking places, constantly tempting young people to vice and failure. We are seeking to win these hundreds of Puerto Rico's finest young people to Christ and the Church." Long housed in shabby quarters, the church is now erecting a new edifice, with sanctuary, classrooms, student lounge, and social hall.

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The finger-phono, as it is called, was given a careful tryout at the Bible House in New York by Mr. P. Mahanty of Bangalore, India, General Secretary of the Bible Society of India and Ceylon. Mr. Mahanty, on his first visit to America, expressed great interest in the phonograph which, he felt, would greatly increase a knowledge of the Scriptures in his own country. Mr. Mahanty has already supplied the Bible Society with twelve recordings in the Marathi language, one of the major languages of India.

"In India, where the need for Scriptures is so pressing," said Mr. Mahanty, "we have made use of a number of unique ways by which we are trying to bring the Word to our people. Our Bible Society publishes entire Gospels in serial form in various newspapers, both in national languages and in English." First installments have already appeared in the Indian languages of Marathi, Urdu, Gujarati, Oriya, Bengali and Tamil. Wayside pulpits where Scripture readings are displayed have been placed throughout India. The Sermon on the Mount, one of the best-known passages in the Bible, has been published in fifteen different Indian languages and more will follow.

"The population of Asia is growing at the rate of about 21 millions per year," declared Mr. Mahanty, "and a study of the present scale of Scripture distribution in Asia shows that, even with the annual distribution of about four million copies per year for a population of about 1,451 millions, which means one copy for 363 persons, we are merely scratching the surface."

The finger-phono, as developed by the American Bible Society, is an improvement on a hand-turned phonograph of the Radio Corporation of America with a new tone arm and an improved sound box. The records, made of filled flexible vinyl plastic, have an audio frequency range of from 500 to 5,000 cycles per second. Now any man with a finger to operate this phonograph can bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to millions who cannot read.

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A HARVEST FESTIVAL OBSERVANCE

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Soil Conservation Agent in your area Mr. Nolan J. Fugue, President of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Duncan, Oklahoma, will be glad to cooperate in securing leaders and necessary literature.

Music and singing should be a major feature of the day. It would be well to secure a supply of the leaflet, *Fourteen New Rural Hymns*, which contains the winning hymns from the contest sponsored by the Town and Country Department through the Bloomington Confer-

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK OBSERVED BY TEXARKANA 1ST CHURCH

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evening a "Pitch In" dinner was held at 6:30 o'clock in the recreation room, with parents as guests. Group singing led by Diana Martin and Zollene Bennett concluded the dinner program. At 7:30 o'clock the play, "Big Decision," was presented

ence. Copies may be secured at 15c each; 10 to 50 at 12c each; 50 or more copies at 10c each.

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Publicity for all events was handled by Carolyn Eason, Kristen Petersen, Pat Hamilton and Joyce Stewart. Dr. William E. Brown is the First Church pastor.

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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 1957

DANIEL: STANDING FIRM IN CRISES

READ THE 5th CHAPTER OF DANIEL.

MEMORY VERSE: *Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Ephesians 6:10 (RSV)*

Since the first Sunday of July we have been studying notable characters of the Old Testament called, in Unit VIII, "Valiant Servants of God." Today we study about "Daniel: Standing Firm In Crises." This is the twelfth lesson in the present series of thirteen lessons.

Last Sunday we studied the life and prophecy of Ezekiel who was pastor, priest and prophet for Judah, through the earlier years of the Babylonian captivity. Today we are considering the experiences of Daniel, one of the great religious heroes of the Jewish faith. He was a contemporary of Ezekiel and, with him, was a part of the group carried into Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. There Ezekiel was Daniel's "pastor" and it is quite probable that he gave much help to Daniel in the early trials and test he faced so well. It is believed that the events of our lesson came some years later than the work of Ezekiel but in the same period of captivity.

The Book of Daniel—Why Written?

According to the writer of the Book of Daniel, who is unknown, Daniel was a prophet as well as a hero in Jewish life. He came from the princely house of the tribe of Judah. Few think that Daniel was the author of the book bearing his name since the book contains so many references to matters of later date than the exile.

Many Bible scholars think that the Book of Daniel was written about 170 B.C., or during the Maccabean revolt. Like the Book of Revelation, Daniel is apocalyptic in nature and, like Revelation, was written to encourage the Jews during a period of persecution that was intended to destroy them.

The persecution, which most Bible scholars think caused Daniel to be written, began about 175 B.C. when Antiochus Epiphanes, nicknamed "The Madman," seized the Syrian throne. In his conflicts with Egypt, he became suspicious of Judah and decided either to destroy the Jews or force them into complete subjection to his will. In order to make them submissive, he felt that it would be necessary to destroy their religion. Consequently he forbade circumcision on penalty of death. He forbade any observance of the Sabbath and forbade any form of worship of Jehovah. He erected an image of Jupiter in the Holy of Holies. He commanded that a swine be offered as a sacrifice on the temple altar. This vicious persecution by "The Madman" resulted in the Maccabean revolt which ultimately

freed Judah from the Syrian persecutions.

In order to appreciate the Book of Daniel, all of this must be taken into account. The unknown author of the Book of Daniel wrote to give encouragement to the Jews in the midst of this devastating persecution. He recites some notable triumphs of Jewish heroes during the Babylonian captivity as they faced the demands of their captors in Babylon and later of the Medes and Persians. The implications are that, if the Jewish religion could survive in the face of the opposition of these great world powers, the Jews should not despair at the persecution of a petty tyrant like Antiochus Epiphanes.

The book was an attempt to keep Jewish leaders faithful to the traditions of their fathers even at the cost of martyrdom. The writer felt that the situation confronting the Jews would be of short duration and that their persecutors would soon suffer defeat.

Crises Faced and Victories Won by Daniel and Friends in Babylon

The writer of the Book of Daniel seeks to encourage the persecuted Jews by reciting some great crises in the life of Daniel and his friends and describing the victories they won through faith in God.

(1) First there was the time when Daniel and the three Hebrew children, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were selected for three years of special training in order that they might stand before the king for his special use. As part of their training, they were put on a special diet which apparently included meats and wines which their religion did not approve. Daniel "Purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself" with the king's meat and wines. He asked permission for himself and his friends that for ten days they be given "pulse to eat and water to drink." At the end of that time they seemed to have fared much better than those who ate and drank what the king had provided. The same was true, in even a more noticeable degree, at the end of the three years period of training. The writer is careful to give God credit for making possible the unusual accomplishments of these young men.

(2) On two occasions Daniel is called before Nebuchadnezzar to interpret a dream. Each time all of the wise men and magicians of Babylon had been unable to give the interpretation of the dreams. Each time Daniel interpreted the dream and, whether it meant good or bad for Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel gave him the real meaning of the

dream. Daniel also gave to God the credit for the power of interpretation. The writer was saying to these persecuted Jews that God had taken care of Daniel as he stood before one of the most powerful kings of that early day.

(3) The writer of Daniel recites the experience of the three Hebrew children as they refused to bow before the king's golden image. They were thrown into a fiery furnace and God delivered them from the flames without so much as "the smell of fire on their garments." The implications are that the same God can take care of those who put their trust in Him despite anything a despotic king might do.

(4) When Daniel refused to pray to the king in response to his decree, he is thrown into a den of lions and spends the night with these wild beasts. Despite the danger he came out unharmed.

(5) When called before Belshazzar to interpret the writings of a hand on the wall, God gave Daniel the interpretation of the writings and he gave it to the king although it was little less than a death warrant. Examples like these should have given a tremendous spiritual uplift to the disheartened, discouraged Jews who suffered so much under the persecution of a Syrian king.

A Fateful Night for a Wicked King

Our lesson deals primarily with a fateful night when a drunken king throws caution and decency and reverence for sacred things to the wind and put on a licentious, drunken banquet that reached an all-time high in low living. While inflamed with his wines, Belshazzar called for the golden and silver vessels which his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem and used them in his drunken debauch, even using them in toasts to pagan idols, to show his utter disregard for the Lord and lack of concern for sacred things.

In the midst of his godless hilarity, the king saw, whether anyone else did or not, a hand writing on the wall words he could not understand: "Mena, Mena, Tekel, Upharsin." The vision "broke up the meeting." Belshazzar was no longer interested in the sensual debauchery he had planned; he only wanted to know what the writing meant. He called in his wise men, the astrologers and soothsayers and promised them a "king's ransom" if they would tell him the meaning of the vision. Again they failed him and Daniel was called. He had the courage and daring to reveal, with God's help, the real meaning of the vision. It meant that the young king was to die and that his kingdom was to die with him. Belshazzar is not the only one who has tried to "live it up" in a mad, wild fling, while tottering on the brink of utter destruction.

Our lesson text closes with the 28th verse of Chapter 5 of Daniel. The climax to this wild night is found two verses later in the same chapter where it reads: "In that night was Belshazzar slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom."

Belshazzar Guilty of Two Basic Sins

Belshazzar was guilty of sin in many forms. However there were two basic sins of which he was guilty that brought about his downfall. Strange enough, after these thousands of years have

passed since his day, those sins are quite prevalent in the lives of many today.

(1) Belshazzar was guilty of a gross lack of reverence for sacred things. There is little foundation left on which to build good character in a life that has lost reverence for things sacred. To count everything "expendable" including sacred things is to pave the way downward for life to a very low level. Whether one tries to live up to his higher ideals or not, so long as there is a feeling in his life that some things are sacred and merit his reverence and respect there is hope that he may be saved to life worth while. When nothing is considered sacred in a life, there is little hope for a change in character until that feeling goes. That was true in ancient times; it is just as true today.

(2) The willingness to sin against the light was another sin of which Belshazzar was guilty. Through the prophets of Israel and association with other leaders of the Jews plus his knowledge of the experiences of his father, Nebuchadnezzar, king Belshazzar knew something of the normal effects and results of sin. Despite that fact, he gave free rein to his tendency to evil and lived as though there were no eternal laws regarding sin.

While that was true of Belshazzar, we realize that the light regarding morality and righteousness that he had was but twilight as compared to our knowledge of God, and the right way of life. If Belshazzar suffered, as he did for sin, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation." Our responsibility before God increases in proportion to the light we have. If that is true, our responsibility for "right living" is greater than any generation that has ever lived.

Speaking The Truth Under Difficulties

Sometimes it seems to be easy to speak the truth and stand for the right since every environment about us is conducive to righteousness. On no recorded occasion did Daniel find himself in such a situation. In every great experience of his life, as recorded in Daniel, he was moving against the current of public opinion. He was called upon to speak for justice and righteousness again under the most difficult circumstances imaginable. In no instance did he fail his own conviction or his mission as a servant of God.

Because Daniel had "the courage of his convictions," it is little wonder that he ranks so high as a religious hero in the life of the Jewish religion. It is little wonder that he is accepted as a shining example of courage, faithfulness and devotion wherever the Christian religion is taught. Daniel spoke the truth under difficulties that have silenced many since his day.

A Captive Slave Becomes a Deathless Hero

Daniel, like Joseph, was a captive slave in a foreign country. The good within him found little encouragement from without in the pagan nation in which he must live. It was only his inner conviction of soul that caused him to be remembered beyond the day in which he lived. Thousands of others of these Judean captives lived and died in obscurity since they either had no such convictions or dared not express them. "Dare to be a Daniel" is still a challenge after these thousands of years have passed.

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N.O. First Church Plans Building Fund Drive

October 15 has been set as the Kick-Off Day for a \$300,000 financial drive by the membership of the First Methodist Church in New Orleans, according to Dr. N. H. Melbert, pastor.

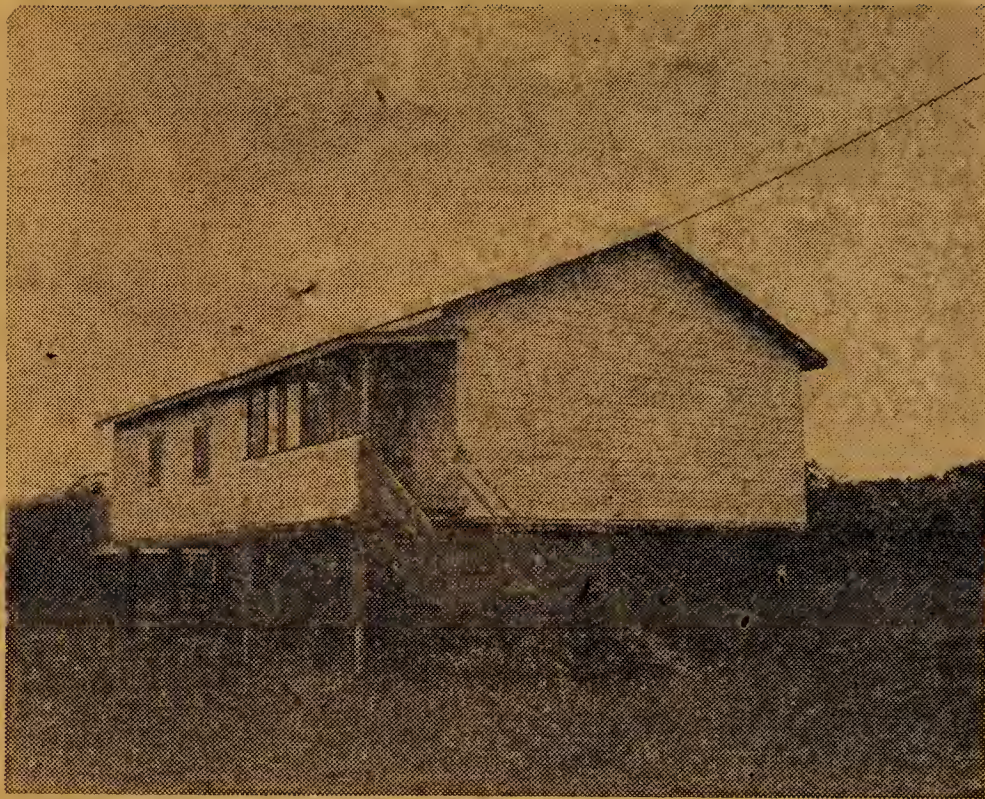
The \$1,000,000 structure will be erected at the corner of Canal Street and Jefferson Davis Parkway, which is ten blocks nearer the business district than the present church, the former Canal Street Methodist Church property.

The former First Methodist and Canal Street congregations merged several months ago when it became necessary for the former First Church to vacate property on St. Charles Avenue, due to its property being taken for an expressway approach to the new Mississippi River Bridge in New Orleans. Since the merger of the congregations, worship services and the church program have been centered at the Canal Street property.

A Kick-Off Dinner will be held the evening of October 15 at the St. Charles Hotel at which time 600 members and friends of First Church are expected to attend.

Henry Walther, Jr. is the general chairman of the building committee and of the building fund campaign. The Roy Farrow plan will be used in the fund raising and will be administered by First Church leadership.

The building committee is made up of members of the church's Board of Trustees. Members include Mr. Walther; Al' Hanson, vice-chairman; W. W. Shaw, secretary; Forrest Pendleton; R. R. Rooks; A. M. Walker; D. M. Hayes;



Pictured above is the initial construction of the Grand Isle Methodist Church completed within recent weeks. This church, one of the current 1000 Club projects, is one of the two Protestant churches serving a population of more than 3,000 on Grand Isle. Pictures and story of this project and the Raceland Methodist Church are found on page 5.

O. E. Schupp, and E. M. Caruth. Pledges for the \$300,000 will extend over a three year period.

The new structure will have a sanctuary seating 600, chapel seating 60, and a fellowship hall capable of handling 300 guests, and educational facilities for the total church school program on two and practically three stories. The building will be of pure Georgian architecture and will be of brick and Alabama Limestone. Carl Olschner and Associates is the architectural firm.

According to church leaders it is expected that bids will be taken by December 1.

Ground Broken For New St. Claude Heights Church

Ground-breaking Services for the new \$30,800 educational building of the St. Claude Heights Methodist Church, Arabi, were conducted Sunday, September 8, at 11:00 a.m., on the church site at Center and Patricia Streets.

The new edifice, which is the first unit in the church plant and which will serve as a temporary sanctuary for the congregation following its expected completion at the beginning of next year, will be of conventional design in wood and brick exterior.

The church was organized in September, 1956 by the Rev. A. D. St. Amant. It has been meeting temporarily in a school building. Architect for the building was Sidney Sharpe Stanfield, who is a Methodist layman, and who is noted for his architectural work in the New Orleans District. The general contractor, Mr. Jack Fayard, operates the Lakeside Construction Company with his brother, Mr. Irwin Fayard.

The educational facility will be air-conditioned and will have central heating. Folding partitions will be used to convert the Sunday School classrooms into a sanctuary until a new church is constructed. Mr. R. C. Abercrombie is chairman of the building committee.

Pictured, at left, from left to right, are: Mr. Earl Wagner, member of the building committee; Mr. Stanfield, Architect; Mr. Abercrombie, Chairman of the building committee; Rev. Robert I. Galatas, Pastor; Mr. Jack Fayard, Contractor; Mr. John Redd Jr., Mrs. Gordon Smith, Mrs. Victor Strozewski, other members of the building committee.

Australian Esteems American Methodism

Favorable impressions of American Methodism, gained during a year and a half spent in its service, were voiced by Australian evangelist Dr. Alan Walker on leaving this continent for the European, North African and Asiatic stages of his world-wide mission.

His parting comments, made September 6 as he sailed for Frankfurt, Germany, touched upon the episcopacy, church organization, theological education and American Methodism's unique system of summer assemblies.

Dr. Walker, whose mission took him into all but four states, expressed special concern as he left America that the hundreds of groups which he addressed and staff and members of the Board of Evangelism, which sponsored his coming, understand his gratitude for what he regards "these high privileges."

Since Australian Methodism, like British, has no bishops, Dr. Walker was asked for his reaction to episcopal Methodism as he observed it. "I am deeply impressed by the closely-knit, tightly-integrated church in your country," he answered. "The episcopacy has given American Methodism that which is sorely lacking in Australia: a sense of cohesion and discipline. The bishops, district superintendents and general agencies so tie the church together that everywhere I went there was a sense of oneness we have not yet achieved in Australia.

"We do not have a national church in the sense that you do," he continued. "Our General Conference, which meets triennially, deals largely with legal matters and is less concerned than yours in the general church-wide policy and program. It is the annual conferences in our several states which are the effective bodies in local church life. Our Australian Methodism, however, is moving in the direction of more centralized programming."

On the negative side, Dr. Walker felt that the close discipline and regimented program of American Methodism may tend to curb creativity. "Your ministers are kept constantly busy in carrying out duties assigned from overhead," he pointed out. "There is perhaps too little time or opportunity for them to develop individual local initiative."

"I am tremendously impressed by the academic integrity and the quality of work being done in American theological seminaries," Dr. Walker commented.



New Social Security Bill Benefits Methodist Ministers

Chicago (MI)—The new social security bill unanimously passed by Congress and signed by President Eisenhower has several implications for Methodist ministers.

These implications were explained by the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Calkins of Chicago, general secretary of the general Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, in an interview with a representative of Methodist Information.

Dr. Calkins pointed out that the new law

- extends for two years the time within which ministers may elect social security coverage as self-employed individuals;
- provides for retroactive coverage;
- corrects the status of ministers who had been erroneously reported as employees rather than self-employed;
- permits rental allowance or rental value of parsonages and some other items to be counted as earnings for social security purposes.

The new bill amends the former Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to extend for two years (in general, through April 15, 1959) the time within which ministers may file waiver certificates to elect coverage under the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program as self-employed persons.

Dr. Calkins pointed out, however, that a minister who had failed to file a certificate prior to the enactment of the bill, may obtain social security coverage by filing the necessary papers and paying his social security tax for 1956, 1957 and 1958. Thereafter, he must pay social security tax each year in which his earnings exceed \$400.

Dr. Calkins said that one of the primary reasons for passage of the new social security bill was to relieve the difficulties faced by ministers employed in church-related colleges. In many instances such ministers had been erroneously reported as employees, rather than self-employed ministers, for social security purposes.

Under the earlier act, an April 15, 1957, deadline was provided for ministers to file their waiver certificates, and there was danger that these ministers could never obtain social security protection that they wanted to have and thought they had obtained when their institutions enrolled them as employees.

In cases of this kind, where a minister had been erroneously, but in good faith, reported as an employee, the retroactive coverage as self-employed will not extend to the years 1955 and 1956, but the coverage for those years as an employee will be validated, provided the employer and employee social security taxes have been paid and not refunded.

Another feature of the new bill, explained by Dr. Calkins, is the provision that for fiscal years ending on or after Dec. 31, 1957, rental allowances, the rental value of parsonages furnished, and meals and lodgings furnished to him for the convenience of the employer may be reported by a minister in

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Warner Sallman, Chicago, painter of the internationally famous "Head of Christ," will receive a citation from THE UPPER ROOM, internationally circulated devotional guide, October 3 in Washington, D. C. The Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts (left), editor of THE UPPER ROOM, will present the citation, which is for outstanding contributions to world Christian fellowship.

UPPER ROOM To Honor World Famous Painter

NASHVILLE, TENN. (MI)—Warner Sallman, Chicago artist whose painting, "Head of Christ," is known in every Christian nation, will receive a citation from The Upper Room, international devotional guide, October 3 in Washington, D. C.

The citation is for Mr. Sallman's contribution to world Christian fellowship, said the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, editor of The Upper Room.

The citation will be presented by Dr. Potts at a dinner at the National Press Club in Washington. Principal speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Charles R. Goff, pastor of Chicago Temple (First Methodist Church, Chicago). He is a long-time friend of Mr. Sallman.

2024 Won In Philippine UEM

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—A total of 2,024 persons committed themselves to Christ and indicated that they wanted to become members of The Methodist Church in a Methodist evangelism mission to the Philippine Islands in August.

The announcement was made September 10 by Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism here.

Dr. Denman and eight other U.S. Methodists have just returned to this country after participating in the month-long mission.

The other U. S. participants were the Rev. J. Manning Potts, Nashville; the Rev. Dr. Jackson Burns, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; the Rev. Stuart Joransen, Windom, Minn., the Rev. Wayne Leighty, Chicago; the Rev. Edward B. Lewis, Washington, D. C.; John L. Ray, Charleston, W. Va.; the Rev. Carleton C. Rogers, Elgin, Ill.; and Charles A. Stuck, Jonesboro, Ark.

Mr. Stuck, lay leader of the North Arkansas Methodist Conference, now devotes full time to church work, after selling his lumber business recently.

A total of 802 persons were baptized during the mission. Dr. Potts, editor of The Upper Room, baptized 94 on one Sunday, 29 in one place and 65 in another. Both places were on a road where the death march of Bataan was made during World War II.

The mission, held under the auspices of the Methodist Division of World Missions, was a part of that division's emphasis on evan-

"More than 60,000,000 copies of Mr. Sallman's 'Head of Christ' painting have been purchased by people in many countries," said Dr. Potts. "His leadership in art has helped bridge the gap between different denominations and bring them closer in a world Christian fellowship."

Sallman's "Head of Christ" is on the cover of the September-October issue of The Upper Room, interdenominational publication published by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, Nashville.

The issue, called the World Christian Fellowship number, also has Mr. Sallman's own interpretation of the painting and a meditation written by him. Meditations for the issue are written by persons from 36 countries, and Mr. Sallman is the only one from the United States.

With a circulation of more than 3,000,000, The Upper Room is published in 34 editions in 28 languages.

The Upper Room citation is given annually to some person in the United States who has made an outstanding contribution to world Christian fellowship.

Other persons who have received the citation are John R. Mott, Frank Laubach, Methodist Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, Jess Bader, John Mackey, Margaret Applegarth, and Methodist Bishop Ivan Lee Holt.

gelism during the 1956-60 quadrennium of The Methodist Church.

About 900 leaders of The Methodist Church in the Philippines participated in the mission under the leadership of Bishop Jose L. Valencia, who heads Methodist work there. This included district

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Far East Chaplains To Have Spiritual Retreat

Washington, D. C. (MI)—Methodist military chaplains serving in the Far East will gather November 4-7 in Oiso, Japan, for a retreat sponsored by the denomination's Commission on Chaplains.

The Rev. Dr. John R. McLaughlin, of Washington, general secretary of the commission, will direct the retreat program. He said that about 50 chaplains assigned to United States bases in the Far East and ships of the Pacific Fleet will attend the retreat.

"Unlike other Methodist ministers, our chaplains seldom have an opportunity to meet together for fellowship, meditation and study," Dr. McLaughlin said. "The primary purpose of the retreat is to inspire a deepening of the spiritual life and dedication of these chaplains who serve a far-flung parish."

In an effort to bring groups of Methodist chaplains together periodically, he announced three other retreats to be held in the United States this winter, and one in Europe next summer or fall.

The U. S. retreats are scheduled at Biloxi, Miss., January 7-9; Lake Mohonk, N. Y., January 28-30, and Pacific Grove, Calif., February 4-6.

Named Vice-President Of Scarritt

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—Lloyd S. Millegan, 39-year-old Methodist layman from Fairfax, Va., has been appointed to the newly created position of vice-president at Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville.

Mr. Millegan will take his new position September 16, said the Rev. Dr. Foye G. Gibson, president of the college.

In his new position, Mr. Millegan will be director of public relations and development for the college. He will coordinate the work of the alumni office, student recruitment, fund-raising, and public relations.

For the last year, Mr. Millegan has been a student at the graduate school of American University, Washington, D. C. While attending school, he has served as a research associate in international relations and assisted in the development of the Methodist-related university's

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LLOYD S. MILLEGAN

Decries Theologs' Distracted Life

Oberlin, O. (RNS)—A New York theologian, in an address here, decried the "distracted life" which he said is forced upon ministerial students in this country.

The Rev. Daniel Day Williams of Union Theological Seminary said today's seminarian is faced with "too many courses, too many subjects, too many papers, too many selections to read from too many books, too many hours on the field and too many hours going there and returning."

"On top of all this," he added, "seminary students are earning a living and raising a family and trying to be good citizens by belonging to too many organizations."

He told the triennial conference of the Interseminary Movement, "The result is that the student never develops the habit of sustained critical reflection and finds it hard to see how all this can have an impact on the church and the world."

"The greatest cause of this distraction," Mr. Williams said, "is the illusion that we can pack into three years everything that a minister ought to know."

He said that seminaries ought to "concentrate the years of theological study on the issues and problems which matter most, so as to lay a foundation for the minister's growth during his entire life of service."

Discussing the many activities and pressures facing today's clergymen, Mr. Williams said ministers must get into their theological training "an understanding of the cultural, political, scientific and other forces at work in the modern world."

The conference, sponsored by the National Council of Churches, concluded with a communion service at which the Rev. Russell Chandler, principal of United Theological College, Bangalore, India, was the celebrant.

Ministers Oppose Sunday Weddings

Jackson, Miss. (RNS)—Sunday weddings were opposed by the Jackson Ministerial Association in a resolution adopted at their regular monthly meeting.

The clergymen said they were deeply concerned over the increasing number of Sunday weddings in the city.

They noted that Sunday funerals were discontinued several years ago through joint efforts of the city's morticians.

Florida Gets Prison Religious Activities Supervisor

Tallahassee, Fla. (RNS)—Florida's new supervisor of religious activities for the state prison system began work here.

The Rev. B. A. Hawkins, minister of a Baptist church at Century, took over the newly-created job of bringing religion into the five major prisons and 36 road camps operated by the state.

He will be the second full-time clergyman in the Florida prison system. The other is chaplain at the Raiford prison.

The job of coordinating the state prison religious and counseling activities was set up in a bill introduced in the 1957 legislature by Rep. J. B. Hopkins of Escambia County. Mr. Hopkins said he felt a full-time man was needed to take care of prisoners' religious welfare.

Mr. Hawkins' life will be a busy one. Since it will be next to impossible for him to visit all the camps and prisons on a regular basis, he will have to call on local churches and ministers to take an interest in the prisoners. Services will be provided, where possible, for members of the three major faiths, with Protestant prisoners attending a general service.

Warns Religion Popularity May Be Danger

Pottstown, Pa., (RNS) — An evangelism leader told a conference of churchmen here that the current popularity of religion in America "may be the greatest danger the Church has faced in a long time."

"If the (church) steeple is simply as American as apple pie and baseball then it is in trouble," said Dr. Robert Spike of New York. "The cross of Christ can never be popularized like a television jingle."

Dr. Spike is director of evangelism for the Congregational Christian Churches. He spoke to representatives of his denomination and the Evangelical and Reformed Church from over the country gathered to consider the role of evangelism in the program of the new United Church of Christ formed by a recent merger of both bodies.

There is a danger of the Church becoming a symbol of respectability, Dr. Spike said. He warned that the "steeple must not be an aid for respectability. It must always be an intrusion on the skyline. It must stand for witness."

"The whole Church must be a witness in the community," he said, "in addition to individual members being prepared to recount their Christian experience. It ought to be the first, not the last, institution in the community to recognize the need for change in customs and folkways. . . and lead the way."

Miss. Baptists Plan "Mission To South America"

Jackson, Miss. (RNS)—A "Mississippi Baptist Mission to South America" will be conducted in October. About 20 Baptist pastors and other leaders will spend most of the month preaching in Baptist churches and mission points in Argentina.

Brief visits will be made to Panama, Columbia, Peru, Chile, Ecuador, Venezuela and Brazil.

Leader of the group will be Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer of the State Baptist missionaries and native denominational officials. Dr. Quarles said plans for the project have been in the making for several years.

The party will leave New Orleans Sept. 30 and return to Mississippi October 30.

Hails Faith And Order Conference

Oberlin, O. (RNS)—A leading Protestant churchman hailed the first North American Conference on Faith and Order here for creating a "new climate" in interchurch relations.

Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert of New York called the meeting, which had as its theme the "Nature of the Unity We Seek," a landmark in the search for a solution to the problems that keep the various churches divided into denominations. He is the executive secretary of the United States Conference for the World Council of Churches.

"The usual attitude in the past," Dr. Cavert said, "has been either to ignore the differences between Churches as if the differences were unimportant, or else to take a defensive posture with regard to one's own position."

Navy Chaplain Of Year Named

Fort Hueneme, Calif. (RNS) — Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Peter Bol, USNR, Protestant chaplain for the U. S. Naval Construction Battalion Center here, has been named "Navy Chaplain of the Year," the Navy announced.

Selection for the award is based on accomplishment and is made from the ranks of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish chaplains on active duty with the Navy. A similar award is made to Army and Air Force chaplains.

Chaplain Bol will receive the citation at Navy Department ceremonies in Washington, D. C., on Nov. 28, anniversary of the Chaplains Corps.

He returned to the United States in March from two years duty as Protestant chaplain for Mobile Construction Battalion Special of Task Force 43, the group largely responsible for building the American bases at Little America and McMurdo Sound in the Antarctic. These bases are now being used by the Navy and American scientists who are participating in the International Geophysical Year scientific efforts.

August Church Bldg. 13 Per Cent Over Last Year

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Church construction in August totalled \$80,000,000, a rise of \$5,000,000 over July, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported.

The August figure was an increase of 13 per cent over the same month last year when church building amounted to \$1,000,000.

Total church construction for the first eight months of this year totalled \$555,000,000. This compared with \$475,000,000 for the same period of 1956.

Church Women Conduct Tithe On Trading Stamps

Roanoke, Va. (RNS)—Members of the First Christian Church Women's Fellowship here, have found a new use for trading stamps.

They donated hundreds of the stamps on a titling basis to obtain needed equipment for their church kitchen. Each participant brought one-tenth of her stamps to meetings. And members who received bonus stamps on special shopping days gave all of these to the church collection.

The result was new pans, utensils, waste containers and canisters. The kitchen had been remodeled because of termite damage.

"Instead of either of these familiar habits of mind," he continued, "there has been at Oberlin a drawing together of leaders of widely separated Churches in an effort to understand one another."

"They have been learning to see their particular positions in relation to the Christian community as a whole and to develop a common language of theological discourse for the future."

The next step, Dr. Cavert said, is to "transplant" the pattern of frank and friendly discussion established here to "hundreds of communities throughout North America," primarily through local-councils of churches.

He predicted that one practical achievement of the conference would be the establishment of a permanent national study commission to guide local communities in "giving continuous attention to issues affecting unity."

A main feature of the conference was the reports of 16 study groups on points of agreement and difference on the various aspects of Christian doctrine, ritual and church organization.

About 300 theologians, clergymen and laymen from the United States and Canada, representing 29 Protestant denominations and five Eastern Orthodox bodies, participated in the meeting. In addition nearly 200 consultants and observers were present.

Sponsors were the World Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission, the U.S. Conference for the World Council, the National Council of Churches and the Canadian Council of Churches.

Hooten To Make Temperance Tour

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Dr. Caradine R. Hooten, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, leaves here Sept. 26 on a 52-day trip to study temperance programs in 12 countries.

He will confer with church and government officials in Hong Kong, Japan, India, Thailand, Egypt, Lebanon, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France, England and Alaska.

While in India Dr. Hooten will speak at an Institute for the Prevention of Alcoholism Oct. 26-30 in Bombay. He also will make a special study of "India's current efforts towards national prohibition."

Dr. Hooten said he had scheduled a conference in Rome with Vatican representatives to discuss "the extent of abstinence societies in the Roman Catholic Church." In Geneva, Switzerland, he will meet with officials of the United Nations World Health Organization and the International Bureau Against Alcoholism.

Christian Education Week Coming Up

WITHIN another week Methodists throughout the connection will be giving attention to Christian Education Week, Church School Rally Day, Promotion Sunday, all observances which call to mind the remarkable program at the very heart of the life of every local church. The church that really teaches is the effective church.

Ask any pastor about the progress of his church program. His first comment is likely to be something about the number of people he preached to last Sunday, and the chances are that next he will tell you about the average attendance in Sunday School. Both of these matters do reflect something of the efficiency of a local church program, constituting a fairly dependable barometer of the spiritual life of the church. What is behind the program of Christian education in local churches that makes it such an integral part of the church's program?

It might be well to recall during Christian Education Week that man by nature is teachable and remains so unless he is taught to close his mind to further pursuit of truth. A child through the learning processes finds fulfillment in many areas of his life. Denied opportunities of learning and kept apart from others, life never really becomes meaningful. Part of that learning for life is in the realm of the spiritual, not supplied in public schools. The home has a responsibility here, but much of the formal religious education our children receive comes through the one, two or perhaps three hours weekly in the program of Christian education in a local church.

We need also to remember that man by nature is a social being, and again finds fulfillment in life in association with others, not in solitary. The church helps again as it provides repeated opportunities of association with others of kindred minds and spirits in creative and spiritually stimulating endeavors.

But neither of these needs would be met in the lives of children or adults were it not for the large number of Christian leaders who serve as teachers, officers, and assistants in the local church school programs. Week after week, they make their contribution to the developing of Christian lives, and with altogether too little recognition of their sacrificial efforts. If all the officers and teachers in Methodist local church schools in Arkansas and Louisiana were to march single file passed a given point one a second, it would take almost two days and nights for them to pass.

There are also those beyond the local church level who work to make possible the teaching of the teachable in local churches. We have in mind the efficient conference executive secretaries and their staffs as well as numerous staff and board members of the General Board of Education.

Your church through its program of Christian education seeks to meet a real need in the life of every member of your family. Be grateful and support it.

Should The Church Speak Up?

THE American Institute of Public Opinion (Gallup) conducted a survey last spring in Great Britain and in the United States, testing public opinion on the question "Should the church keep out of political matters or should they express their views on day to day social and political questions?" The same question was asked in both countries except that in the United States the word "churches" was substituted for the word "church." Results of the survey revealed that in Britain 53 per cent indicated "should keep out"; 36 per cent indicated "should express views"; and one per cent had no opinion. In the United States the results were: 47 per cent said "should express views"; 44 per cent said "should keep out"; and nine per cent had no opinion.

A safe conclusion would be that in Britain a majority believed that churches should not express themselves, and that in the United States opinion is about evenly divided, with a slight majority in favor of churches taking a stand on such issues.

The Methodist Church has oftentimes been described as most

typically representing a cross section of American life, drawing its membership from among those of all social and economic groups. If this description be true, it follows that the Gallup poll would be representative of the point of view of the people called Methodists. This means, then, that only a slight majority of Methodists believe that their church should speak out on social and political issues confronting the nation.

One of the great characteristics of Methodism is that there is room enough within its fold for differences of opinion. Whether or not Methodism should speak out on social and political questions is an issue within itself, on which Methodists are probably about equally divided, yet this in no way weakens Methodism's strength.

Those Methodists who feel strongly one way or another about the church's dealing with social and political issues should always remember that there are Christians on both sides of most issues.

One thing Methodists can agree on is that regardless of whether the church speaks or not, individual Methodists should do all things possible to create a social atmosphere in which the Holy Spirit can work most effectively through believers to convert the unbelievers.

Church School Conference Next Week

ONE of the great opportunities for strengthening local church school programs is the Church School Superintendents' Conference scheduled to be held at Camp Brewer, September 21-22. An annual feature of the Conference Board of Education program, this Conference offers specialized training not only for the general church school superintendents, but all membership cultivation superintendents, church school librarians, chairmen of local church commissions on education, the church school secretaries, and directors of Christian education of local churches.

An especially helpful program has been planned for this year's Conference, with most of the leadership being drawn from within the annual conference. Dr. Glenn Gothard of the Department of General Church School Work, Nashville, Tennessee, will represent the General Board of Education at the Conference and serve as one of the leaders.

All local churches will find it a worthwhile investment to send these local administrative officers of the church school program to this conference.

His Last Sale

THE store operator nodded to what he hoped would be his last customer. It had been a long day and as the evening wore on he began to think more and more of his wife's return from the university city where their two children were in school. It was strange about that last customer, although it was hard to put your finger right on the cause. He had lingered for the moment after the purchase, asked about the restroom of the closed service station next door, and now sat in his car. Probably couldn't wait to get at his purchase of only a few minutes ago. Just for sure the store operator made a mental note of the license number as the car roared away.

A few minutes passed and then a car ground quickly to a stop just outside the door. The driver dashed in breathlessly and asked for the phone. "There is a real mess up the highway; where's your phone? Need ambulances and I guess the police."

The store operator made change for his quarter as the motorist looked up the numbers. Then the calls were being made, first for ambulances and then the police. "Yes, I got the license numbers. Yes, I think the woman was killed outright." The license numbers were repeated so that there could be no mistake in tracing for identification purposes.

When the motorist turned to leave after the call, the store operator was out cold. The motorist wondered why. What he didn't know was that the operator of the package liquor store had recognized both license numbers.

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Architectural drawing of the new Methodist Church under construction at Raceland. Outside walls are of cedar-shake shingles with window paneling running from floor to ceiling. Lawrence, Saunders, and Calonge, is the New Orleans architectural firm.

Grand Isle-Raceland Are Present Conference 1000 Club Projects

THE Grand Isle and Raceland churches were named recently as the current 1000 Club program in the Louisiana Conference. These churches, located in the Lafayette District are in the midst of the Gulf Coast area which is being transformed because of the growth industrially. The area of Louisiana along the Gulf extending west from New Orleans to the Louisiana-Texas border is experiencing an influx of population as industry after industry is locating and relocating in this area.

Southern Louisiana leaders point out that practically every city on U. S. Highway 90 extending west from New Orleans, is having its growing pains. Numbers of problems which hitherto were practically non-existent have now taken on major proportions.

Not the least among these problems is that of the church as it seeks to minister to the spiritual welfare of the people who make up the community and cities. This is especially true of Protestant churches, which in the past and still are minority groups in this area which from its beginning has been predominately Catholic. It has been determined that more than 75% of the new population attracted by new industry is Protestant. This means, of course, that the Protestant work is under obligation to increase its service so that it may be in a position of ministering to the spiritual welfare needs of the large number of Protestant people who are moving into this area.

Both Raceland and Grand Isle are among these cities which are undergoing economic and population transformation.

Up until three years ago, Grand Isle was

primarily a tourist attraction. Actually situated as an island in the Gulf 17 miles in length, it can be reached by automobile only by a cause-way which extends from the mainland to it. Numerous summer homes, motels and fishing piers have drawn people there for recreation. Its permanent population, until two or three years ago, was approximately 1,500. Now that major industry is setting up to do business in a big way on the Island, the population picture is changing rapidly. There are more than 3,000 people living on the Island, and new homes are being constructed each month. New industries are oil and sulphur developments. The end of the population growth and industrial expansion is not yet in sight.

Methodists began work on Grand Isle one year ago during pre-Easter worship services. A Methodist Church was organized and it now has 35 members. One of two Protestant churches on the Island, the Methodist Church there has a great opportunity to render service to a large number of people.

Its initial building program was begun several months ago, with opening services being held in the completed unit on Sunday March 24. There are four class rooms, rest rooms, and sanctuary in the first unit. Yet to be completed is the lower floor which will be devoted almost entirely to educational space.

Receipts from the 1000 Club program will be applied toward the total cost of the project.

At the present time all church supper activities that are social and fellowship in nature, are meeting in homes of members. The completion of the building will increase Methodist opportunities of serving. The pastor, Rev. Travis Campbell, indicated that approximately one-half of those attending worship services and Sunday School are non-members who are employed on the Island. He also reported that several laymen engaged in evangelistic visitation as a project of the Men's Club.

Eugene Solocumbe is chairman of the Grand Isle official board and also superintendent of the church school. Robert R. Watson is chairman of the church's building committee. Other members include Richard W. Bowden, Charles E. Pollock, James A. Davis, Mrs. Robert Mitcheltree, Mrs. B. J. Oliver, and Mrs. Ar-

thur Fite. Mrs. Eugene Solocumbe is president of the Woman's Society and Robert Williams is chairman of the Men's Club.

At Raceland something of the same economic and population change is being made. Located on Highway 90, new industry has brought many new families to Raceland, and the end of this development is not yet in sight. Methodists resumed their work in Raceland after several years of inactivity. Meeting at the present time in the Baptist Church, construction has already begun on a well located site on the western side of the city on Highway 90. Rev. Robert Collie, the energetic young pastor, believes that the building now in construction will have insufficient space for its program from the beginning of its use.

The first unit will have a chapel and two class rooms. Future plans call for additional sanctuary space, two educational wings, with a social hall completing the quadrangular plan. It is estimated that the first unit will cost approximately \$20,000, with receipts from the 1000 Club to be applied toward this total cost.

Lawrence, Sanders and Calonge, an architectural firm of New Orleans, is directing the building program. Bill Peace is chairman of the building committee, with other members including W. O. Foshee, Wilson Porche, F. Hoffpauir, and Harris Patton. Mr. Peace is also chairman of the official board. Mrs. O. L. Tinguster is president of Woman's Society (which has been active in raising building funds), and Mr. Foshee is superintendent of the church school.

Rev. R. R. Branton, superintendent of the Lafayette District, believes that this church has a great future, and that as soon as its building program has been partially completed, will be well on its way toward meeting its responsibility in a rapidly developing city.



At left, construction has already begun on the Raceland Methodist Church; continuation of the construction awaits building funds.

At right, Rev. R. R. Branton, superintendent of Lafayette District and Rev. Travis Campbell, Grand Isle pastor, stand at the foot of the steps at the Grand Isle Church.



GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL

Some years ago a young man came to make his way in the capital city of his country. He came with high ideals and clear purpose. His healthy, sensitive mind had been outraged by the reports of moral laxity and civic corruption. He would help cleanse the city and restore the public morale. Into this task he threw himself with youthful enthusiasm.



But his situation proved a trying one. He was assailed by criticism and his work was undermined by misunderstanding. Deserted by those who should have been his allies, he began to feel the people were false and his efforts futile. The whole situation was getting on his nerves. And in exasperation he cried: "O that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people and go from them."

The young man's name was Jeremiah, his city was Jerusalem and the time was some 2,500 years ago. But the mood of Jeremiah is as modern as today.

Very likely some of my readers are up against situations from which they would like to get away. No doubt many of us are carrying responsibility from which we should like to rest. Some of us confront risks and dangers from which we seek escape. Like Jeremiah we wish a safe and pleasant way out of it all.

Now, the mere having of this desire to run away does not in itself constitute cowardice. Our lives need their times of retreat in order that we may fill them better.

One day a friend call on Gilbert Chesterton and found him packing his bag. "Where are you going?" he asked. Chesterton answered: "I am going to Battersea by way of Paris and Frankfort." Startled, his friend said, "Why, you are in Battersea now."

Whereupon Chesterton smiled and said, "I cannot see any Battersea here—because a cloud of custom has come across my eyes. The only way to get back to Battersea is to go somewhere else. The whole object of

travel is not to set foot on foreign land; it is at last to set foot on one's own country as a foreign land."

Yes, travel is a boon when it brings us back with freshened mind and clearer vision. But when the ease of travel begets a mood of transiency, it threatens to loosen the local loyalties which build our communities.

In New York City the real estate records, before a recent housing shortage, revealed that families moved on the average about once in every two years. I have often said the reason I have been able to remain all my ministry in one church is that my people move! If they stayed, I would have to move!

Yet while this may be convenient for the minister, such frequent removals are mighty hard on the churches, the schools, the politics of our cities. We must not allow our ability to get away to weaken our willingness to stand by.

Often I think of the contrast between the modern motor trailers and the covered wagons of the old pioneers. Our new trailers have so many conveniences. And I think it is fine retired people can so easily move from one trailer camp to another. But the old covered wagons carried "settlers," not campers. And the United States and Canada were developed by the settlers who built themselves into the homes, the schools, the churches of their communities.

Moreover, we can run away from our responsibilities without moving our residence. We can just keep quiet indoors when situations get too hot outside. We can keep aloof from neighborhood problems.

The sin of evasion is so subtle we can become cowards almost without knowing it. We can and do camouflage our moral cowardice under all sorts of smoke screens. We may use the virtue of broadmindedness to conceal some of our yellow streaks even from ourselves.

How many cowardly compromises are hidden under the convenient word "tact"! As my friend, the late Ernest Tittle, put it, the fellow who trims the truth makes a hit, while the person who tells the truth gets hit. And too many of us prefer the former result.

Well, the prophet Jeremiah resisted the temptation to run away. Thereupon the Lord made him, as he says, "an iron pillar." Pillars are the persons who stand up to things and bear their responsibilities. We are ever calling for leaders. But remember we are equally in need of pillars.

The Layman's Column

By
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North Arkansas Conference



METHODISM IN RANGOON

The more I write of my experiences, the more I fear that some persons who know a great deal about our mission work may feel that I am seeing too small a part of our mission program to be qualified to speak on it. There is no one who realizes that any more than I do. Therefore these random thoughts about what I see and hear are really no more than my personal reactions after having spent only a few hours in these cities. I am trying to give all the facts that I can pick up, however, and I hope that you readers will remember that this is only one man's opinion based on a terribly short experience. What I want to get across to you all is that I am greatly impressed with the consecration of our pitifully small mission force. I hope also that after I return I can lay it on the hearts of many people to take a far greater part in supporting our foreign work with our prayers, our increased gifts, and the willingness of some of our people to give at least a few years to this great need in God's program.

Our work in Burma is said to be large by comparison with our work in other countries. In Rangoon we certainly have an unusual staff of attractive and enthusiastic workers. Rev. and Mrs. Frank Manton head up the work there. I wish everybody who reads this could meet these charming people. No wonder the work is doing well. Brother Manton is pastor of our English speaking church in Rangoon, and superintendent of English speaking and the Indian work also. He also preaches Sunday nights for the Presbyterian Church since they have no pastor now. In Rangoon we are holding services in English, Burmese, Amoy, Mandarin Chinese, Telugi and Tamil. Burma is a sort of melting pot for several races and hence there is need for all these languages to be used in worship. In addition, the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service fits very closely into the total picture of our work there. Miss Stella Ebersole, aside from being a sort of "business manager" of the Woman's Division

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Rold

OBERNDORF . . . GALVANIA

There is a moving story being told by A. Jean Olson, of the Lutheran World Federation, that sharpens our picture of the desperate plight of the "older and handicapped" refugees in parts of Europe, and also portrays their courage and resourcefulness . . .

The scene of the true story is the little town of Oberndorf, near Salzburg, Austria. (Remember Oberndorf, where "Silent Night, Holy Night" was composed and sung one cold Christmas night in 1818?) But now we are thinking of the town as the site of a galvanizing factory, supporting some thirty refugee families—and eager to enlarge and serve more. The story runs:

work in and around Rangoon, does part time teaching and supervises the distribution of materials sent to that area by our women.

Probably the most vital part of our work there is the school which we operate, and which reaches 3200 children. The story of Mrs. Doreen Logi and how she has brought this school from one pupil to the astounding total of 3200 in ten years, with very creditable buildings, and all done with almost nothing from the States, is a heart-warming story that Methodists should know everywhere. I am sorry that I cannot name all of the staff of mission workers assisting Miss Eversole and the Mantons, but I want to make special mention of two young women, Jeanie Winteringham and Elizabeth Callis. These lovely young women are "B-3's." I wish that thousands of young people could catch the vision of this great opportunity that is offered them to give just three years of their lives to the work of the Kingdom. These two girls are teachers in the school, which is terribly overcrowded . . . And as if this were not enough, we have another school of 1500 Chinese speaking children, all of whom bowed very graciously when we came into their rooms and visited them. There is not room to tell more, but the story is a long and challenging one. We need to know more about this part of our mission work.

"The formula for a new 'cold' process of galvanizing metals instead of the usual 'hot' method was brought to Austria in 1945 by a Latvian engineer, Mr. Knusky. Mr. Knusky and his two cousins, ladies of 55 and 61, were refugees, the remaining members of a large family unit which fled from Latvia twelve years ago.

"What about the possibility of his galvanizing formula? How could a refugee living on public assistance of \$26 a month exploit this formula? Difficult questions in early 1954. Help was needed and this Knusky found first among his refugee friends, eight of whom were looking for work in Austria.

"They agreed to work together: Knusky, the engineer and technical executive; another Latvian refugee, Mr. Razinsky, the first managing director; and seven others, each capable of being an asset to the proposed 'Galvania project.' The men began collecting equipment and set up a workshop in a disused room at Hellbrunn Camp in Salzburg.

"There were months of consultations between Lutheran World Federation and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees office, with the United States Escapee Program people, with the Norwegian Europe Aid committee, and with banks and authorities in Geneva and in Austria. Finally, nearly \$40,000 was loaned.

"Land was bought in Oberndorf and a modern factory from an old weaving shed began to take shape. In October of 1956, Galvania formally came into existence as a limited liability company—'Galvania - Elektro-Chem. Metallisierungs und Farbkunst - Gesellschaft m.b.H.' reads the sign on the door. A long period was still needed until the factory was ready for commercial production, and it was not until May 28, 1957 that the actual dedication took place and they could begin selling their products.

"Galvania is now one of the largest single projects for the local settlement of refugees in Austria. It is providing steady work with a future for 30 families and with even a small expansion, could provide employment for 30 more. They are also planning better housing for the employees, 'worthy of human beings,' to take them out of the morale-killing existence of camp life.

"But Galvania is more than these facts to those who have worked with it. It is also tangible evidence that where there is a will, there is a way; and for those thousands still living between hope and disillusionment, it provides assurance that all is not lost."



Mrs. J. M. Milber fits clothing made by W.S.C.S.



Miss Stockburger picking children up at home to take to Vacation Church School.

What Louisiana United Church Women Are Doing In The

Louisiana Migrant Ministry

At what price comes the luxury of fresh strawberry shortcake on our tables each Spring? United Church Women of Louisiana are beginning to discover that the price comes high to the more than 5,000 migratory strawberry pickers who move into Tangipahoa and Livingston Parishes each spring. The price includes crowded sub-standard housing, no schooling for the children, no church or community ties, part-time work and consequently poor diet and inadequate clothing.

Last year for the first time an attempt was made by the United Church Women of Ponchatula and Hammond to minister to some of these workers. The Migrant Ministry, an agency of the Home Missions Division of the National Council of Churches, was contacted. A program was set up and directed by the Mid-South Director of the Migrant Ministry, Miss Cassandra Stockburger of Memphis.

This first program was centered in the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church near Ponchatula. About twenty children were brought into the church for two weeks of Vacation Church School. Once each week during the season migrant families came to the church for recreation, movies and worship. They were also included in Sunday School and Sunday morning worship. Much of the credit for the success of this first venture can be given directly to Rev. James M. Wilkes, then pastor of the church, and Mrs. Wilkes. (Now of Gonzales.)

Louisiana United Church Women saw in this project and in the great needs which a survey made last year revealed the urgency for state wide support of this project. This year the state group adopted the Migrant Ministry program as a permanent project.

Anglo Vacation Church School near Ponchatula.



The widespread interest throughout the state made possible the expansion of the ministry to include this year not only Anglo migrants but Spanish-speaking and negro migrants as well. In addition to Miss Stockburger, who directed the project, Rev. James M. Jones, a field worker with the Migrant Ministry, came to Louisiana for the month of April to develop a program among negro migrants who make up eighty-five percent of the total number.

Mr. Jones' task seemed an impossible one. In Louisiana migrants do not live in camps as in many other states but live perhaps one family on each farm. Within a twenty-mile radius of Hammond there are 2300 farms using migrant labor. This meant that many visits had to be made and transportation arranged before even a small group could be brought together.

Despite these difficulties however an active program was carried out. With the help of forty volunteers from the churches and schools of Hammond and Ponchatula four Vacation Church Schools were held. Three were for two week periods. A total of more than one-hundred and fifty children were enrolled. Since many of the children are retarded because of a limited opportunity to go to school, a special curriculum prepared by the Migrant Ministry was used.

In addition to the school program Mr. Jones went to the farms for visitation, recreation and Bible study each night. In this program he used The Harvester which is the mobile unit of the Migrant Ministry. It is a station wagon equipped to go wherever there are migrants and set up a church service, school or recreation program. It is especially equipped with audio-visual aids in order to reach those who are illiterate.

Through the cooperation of the American Bible Society, gospels and Scripture portions in both Spanish and English are made available for distribution free of charge. New Testaments and Bibles are available for a small sum.

During the month of April Mr. Jones and Miss Stockburger spoke in various churches and to community groups telling of the needs and urging the local communities to become concerned for the social and religious welfare of those migrants about them and to try to make them a part of their church during the harvest season.

Four hundred migrants were touched by the program this year. Some of these have been referred to other Migrant Ministry projects as they move northward following the crops. But there are still over

Year Chain of Prayers For Peace

Winston-Salem, N. C. (WAP)—The Moravian Church is celebrating, this year, its 500th anniversary by means of a CHAIN OF PRAYERS FOR PEACE with the participation of Moravians all over the world. The Chain began in Tibet in January at the Moravian Mission, where prayers were said from midnight to midnight for several days, then was taken on in Jordan, in Tanganyika, in Czechoslovakia and thence throughout Europe to return then in Africa. The churches of Labrador and Alaska are adding their twenty-four hours of prayer, and so will the churches of the U.S.A. after which the Chain continues to be linked up in Jamaica and Honduras and finally ending in December in the Moravian mission at Surinam, in Dutch Guiana.

Every day of this year Moravians, somewhere in the world, will have prayed for peace from midnight to midnight. The first group of Brethren, *Unitas Fratrum*, was established in Bohemia, at Kunwald in 1457 and after many vicissitudes, the church was reconstituted by Count Nicolaus-Ludwing von Zinzendorf at his castle in 1722. There are Moravian churches and missions throughout the Globe.

A book is ideas—amusing or tragic, frivolous or practical, depressing or inspiring. A book can die in a few weeks or live for centuries. It can brighten a moment or change the course of history.

Books are important because ideas are important, and ideas make men what they are. Your Church knows this, and that is why it sees that the finest literature — religious and secular — is made available to its members through its book stores.

4,000 who are without the church's ministry. Expansion of the program is a must. However this will be only as local funds are available to employ workers and purchase supplies. Any questions regarding the program and its needs may be directed to Miss Cassandra Stockburger, Box 5632, Memphis 4, Tennessee. Contributions should be sent to Mrs. H. C. Gremillion, 1700 Beech Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, and designated for the Migrant Ministry.

Vacation Church School with Spanish speaking migrants, Tickfaw Methodist Church.



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. R. LEONARD COOKE, vice-president of Centenary College, preached at the 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. services Sunday, Sept. 8, at the First Methodist Church of Bastrop, where the Rev. R. H. Staples is pastor.

DR. VIRGIL D. MORRIS, superintendent of the New Orleans District, preached at the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Sunday morning, Sept. 8, where Dr. A. M. Serex is pastor.

H. C. SANDERS, director of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Extension department, was the guest speaker at the Men's Bible Class of the First Methodist Church, Homer, Sept. 1. Rev. Donald Risinger is pastor of the church.

REV. ED THOMAS, pastor of the Hammond Methodist Church, was the speaker at a Worker's Conference of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, Monday, Sept. 9. Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor of the church.

REV. AND MRS. W. T. HALL, JR., announce the birth of a daughter, Neva Cheryl, on August 24. Neva Cheryl is the third daughter born to the couple, and their fifth child. The Rev. Mr. Hall is pastor of the Urania Methodist Church.

DR. NATHANIEL H. MELBERT, pastor of the First Methodist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Beebe, Arkansas, Sunday morning, Sept. 15. Dr. James W. Workman is pastor of the church.

THE SECOND ANNUAL LAYMEN'S RE-TREAT for Methodist Men in the Monroe District will be held at Camp Chemin-A-Haut, Bastrop, Sept. 21-22. Cost per person is \$6.00. All Methodist men in the district have been urged to attend.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College, delivered his traditional message to students at the initial chapel program held on Tuesday in the Brown Memorial Chapel on the campus. Dr. A. C. Voran and the Centenary College Choir presented special music with William C. Teague at the organ.

REV. LIPSCOMB, pastor of the Ruston Presbyterian Church was the featured speaker at the first fall meeting of the Men's Club of the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, on Wednesday, Sept. 18. New officers were elected at this meeting. Rev. Jolly B. Harper is pastor of the church.

TED PEBWORTH of Homer, who was graduated cum laude from Centenary College last May, has been granted a \$750 State Vocational Rehabilitation Scholarship for graduate study at Tulane University, New Orleans. An English major at Centenary, young Pebworth plans to specialize in American literature at Tulane.

BUILDING PLANS drawn by James Hull Miller, associate professor of speech and drama at Centenary College, have been approved by the Civic Theater of Waco, Texas, which has engaged Miller as architectural consultant for its forthcoming project. The new structure will replace the theater destroyed by fire in Waco about two years ago.

JERRY ROSEN of Shreveport, a May graduate of St. John's High School, will enter Centenary College as a freshman in September on one of the scholarships provided by the Gus Johnston Hoyer Memorial Scholarship Fund. Rosen will receive a scholarship valued at \$250. The Hoyer scholarships are designed to assist students interested in medical careers.

PARKER R. LEDBETTER, general manager of the Association of Commerce, was guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Oak Park Methodist Men's Club, Lake Charles, Wednesday evening, Sept. 11. Mr. Ledbetter

spoke on the past, present and future growth of Lake Charles. Rev. H. A. Gibbs is pastor of the church.

REV. ROY MOUSER, pastor of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport, will be the guest evangelist in revival services to be held at the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, Sept. 23-29. Henry Camp will be the song director. Morning services will be held at 9:00 o'clock and evening services will be held at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. W. D. Milton is pastor of the church.

REV. HOWARD DAUGHENBAUGH, JR., spoke at the Lake Vista Methodist Church Sunday, Sept. 15. The Rev. Mr. Daughenbaugh is a member of the church, and is also a member "On Trial" of the Louisiana Conference. He is in his senior year of studies at Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas. Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr., is pastor of the church.

DONALD MAXIM CHICOSKY of Binghamton, N.Y., an August graduate of Centenary College, has been accepted for graduate study at George Washington University, Washington, D.C. He plans to study foreign affairs with a view toward a diplomatic career. Chicosky, who majored in history at Centenary, passed the State Department's foreign service examinations last June in Dallas, Texas.

FATHER AND SON NIGHT will be observed at the Sept. 25th meeting of the Men's Club of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport. Theme for the dinner meeting will be "If You Don't Have One, Borrow One." C. O. (Spec) Holland, president of the Peoples Bank and Trust Co., Minden, and also a well known Methodist layman, will be the guest speaker. Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor of the church.

REV. KARL WOOD, pastor of the Kentwood Methodist Church, was the guest preacher in revival services held at Wesley Chapel Methodist Church September 2-8. Rev. Carey Martin, pastor of the church, said "there were eighteen additions, seventeen on profession of faith, and all who attended were greatly blessed. A supper was served on Sunday evening preceding the last service of the revival and the fellowship was enjoyed by all."

MISS EVA LYNETTE HAUG became the bride of John Roark Monk, Jr., in a double ring ceremony on Friday, August 30, at 6:30 p.m., in the Henning Memorial Methodist Church in Sulphur. The Rev. Sam Nader, superintendent of the Lake Charles District, was the officiating minister. The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edward R. Haug of Sulphur, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Roark Monk, Sr. of Leesville. The Rev. Mr. Haug gave his daughter in marriage.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Men's Club of the Henning Memorial Methodist church in Sulphur are as follows: president, J. Earl Koonce; vice-president, Joe Perry; secretary, George Cooper; treasurer, W. M. Hines; and program chairman, Ellis W. Thompson. Alva K. Reynolds, who attended the National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University in Indiana this summer, gave an account of events and activities at the meeting at a recent meeting. Rev. E. R. Haug is pastor of the church.

DR. JOHN B. ENTRIKIN, head of the Centenary College department of chemistry, is pictured on the cover of the September issue of "The Chemist," official publication of the American Institute of Chemists, Inc. A complete reprint of the address Dr. Entrikin delivered last May, when he was presented the Honor Scroll of the Louisiana chapter of the AIC in New Orleans, also is included in the magazine. A Methodist, Dr. Entrikin is active in various church activities.

REV. NED STOUT, pastor of the Denham Springs Methodist Church, former pastor of the Eunice Methodist Church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Wilson Watson, pastor, in the service of

dedication of the Deanne Thompson Memorial Prayer chapel of the First Methodist Church of Eunice Thursday, Sept. 5. The prayer chapel was made possible by donations of the Leonard Thompson family, in memory of their daughter, Deanna, who was killed in an automobile accident last January. The prayer chapel will be open at all times, and everyone has been invited to make use of it for prayer and meditation.

REV. JAMES E. CHRISTIE, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Amite, began a series of sermons on the Parables of Jesus: "Earthly Stories with Heavenly Meanings," Sunday, Sept. 8. The sermons will be delivered at the evening worship service. The Youth and Junior choirs will furnish special music for each service. The Rev. Mr. Christie recognized the twenty members of the church who teach in the public schools of the parish, in the morning worship service Sept. 8, and expressed to each his appreciation for the fine service which they render to students and to the community.

THE ANNUAL FALL SEMINAR of the New Orleans District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at the Elysian Fields Methodist Church, New Orleans, on Friday, Sept. 20. Activities will begin with registration at 9:00 a.m. The program will begin at 9:30. Dr. Virgil D. Morris, district superintendent, will teach the course, "Gospel According to Mark." "The United Church Women of America" will be taught by Mrs. Carl Conrad, and "The Social Witness of the Local Church Ecumenical Movement" will be taught by Mrs. D. W. Poole. Rev. Glendon R. Messer is pastor of the host church.

THE ANNUAL LABOR DAY barbecue, sponsored by the Indian Bayou Methodist Church, was also homecoming time for residents past and present of the Indian Bayou community, according to Chairman Noah Foreman. Barbecued chicken and beef were served from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2, by members of the Indian Bayou Methodist Church for \$1.00 per plate. Funds raised go toward the preservation of the Indian Bayou cemetery. The cemetery is unique inasmuch as there is no charge for burial plots. The Labor Day barbecue raises funds to keep the cemetery in a state of perpetual care, according to Mrs. B. W. Spell, publicity chairman for the event. Rev. M. L. Davis is pastor of the church.

THE UPPER ROOM, devotional guide with the world's largest circulation, will add three more editions January 1, 1958. One of the new editions will be in Marathi, a language of India, a second in Sinhalese, a language spoken in Ceylon, and the third in English for English-speaking of Burma. The editions will be printed in the countries concerned, said the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, editor of the publication. Addition of the three editions will give *The Upper Room* 37 editions in 30 languages. It has a circulation of more than 3,000,000. Produced for interdenominational use, *The Upper Room* is published by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, which has its national headquarters at Nashville, Tenn.

THE NEW ORLEANS TRAINING SCHOOL will meet at Elysian Fields Methodist Church, October 14-18. Instructors include Dr. M. Earl Cunningham, Nashville, Tennessee, teaching "Recruiting Christian Workers;" Mrs. M. E. Cunningham, Nashville, Tennessee, teaching a course for Adult Division workers; Mrs. John L. Carter, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, teaching a course for Junior Department workers; Miss Anne Fox, Ruston, teaching a Kindergarten workers course; Mrs. C. F. Learner, Baton Rouge, teaching a course for Primary Department workers; Miss Hallie Lofton, Jackson, Mississippi, teaching a course for Intermediate Department workers; and an instructor yet to be announced for Senior Department workers. Goals have been set for each church, and will be sent to ministers with descriptive material on the courses, and pre-registration cards. Rev. Glendon R. Messer is pastor of the host church.

Ruston District Ministers To Hold Annual Retreat

Ministers of the Ruston District will have their annual Ministers' Retreat at the Caney Lake Camp, near Minden, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 1 and 2, according to Rev. Luman Douglas, superintendent of the Ruston District.

The retreat will open at 9:30 on Tuesday morning and will be concluded with the noon meal Wednesday. Rev. Robert E. Carter, Heflin, will serve as registrar for the retreat; and Rev. Paul Cassels of Shongoloo, will be the song leader.

The program will consist of presentations and discussions of several aspects of a minister's life and work, including leadership in worship, the minister as a preacher, the minister moves, and the minister's recreation.

Those presiding at these presentations will include Rev. Don Risinger, Homer; Rev. George Dunbar, Jonesboro; Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Ruston; and Rev. Jack Midyett, Haynesville. These ministers will be assisted by other ministers in the district in the presentation of the subjects.

Devotionals during the retreat will be conducted by the district superintendent and Rev. Abe M. Conerly of Calhoun.

Plan Trip To South America

Dr. and Mrs. Virgil D. Morris will sail October 15 on a 38-day cruise to South America.

Stops will be made, according to Dr. Morris, at Trinidad, Santos, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo, and Buenos Aires. They will be aboard the "S S Brazil" on the cruise, and Dr. Morris will serve as the Protestant chaplain for the ship. Dr. and Mrs. Morris will visit various missionary projects at the various ports of call. They are expected to return in late November.

Dr. Morris is superintendent of the New Orleans District.

Clinton Methodists Begin Construction



The Rev. Virgil M. Culpepper, Clinton pastor, turns a spade of dirt in ground breaking ceremonies for the building of the Mary Winas Wall Methodist Church. The new sanctuary will cost some \$72,800.

Pictured, l to r, are: S. M. Russ of the office of A. Hays Town, architect; the Rev. D. W. Poole, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District; Bob R. Jones, P. H. Dupuy and Mrs. Alice Hatcher, members of the building committee; behind Mrs. Hatcher, A. D. Kendrick, contractor; and LaVon Newman, construction superintendent.

Lafayette District Organizes Committee On Evangelism

The Rev. R. R. Branton, district superintendent of the Lafayette District, announced the organization of a District Committee on Evangelism for the Lafayette District. This committee will promote the program of evangelism of The Methodist Church, as outlined by the General Board and in co-operation with the Conference Board of Evangelism.

The membership of the committee includes the district superintendent; the district secretary of evangelism, Rev. Raymond Pierson; three pastors—Rev. B. A. Galloway, Rev. Woodrow Hearn, Rev. R. E. Walton; three laymen—Stanley Pierson, Abbeville; J. M. Bolton, Houma; and J. B. Tubb, Rayne; three lay women—Mrs. E. A. Stanton, Crowley; Mrs. Florence Bailey, Melville; and Mrs. B. E. Fox, New Iberia; and three youth—Earl Taylor, Palmetto; Paul Lasseigne, Jr., Rayne; and Dora Fay Ritchie, Lockport.

Prominent Methodist Layman Dies

Thomas Herbert Arnold Sr., 57, of 113 Dawson St., Haynesville, manager of the Ritchie Grocer Co. of Haynesville and the Ardis-Ritchie Grocer Co. of Shreveport, died at 7 p.m. Sept. 6, in a Shreveport hospital.

Mr. Arnold suffered a heart attack about 10 days ago and had been hospitalized since that time.

He was a native of Waldo, Ark. He was a member of the Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge and the Lions Club, all of Haynesville. He was also treasurer of the Louisiana Conference Board of Missions, of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Arnold was vice president of the Louisiana Wholesale Grocers' Assn., and was a national director of the United States Wholesale Grocers' Assn. He had been associated with the Ritchie grocer concerns for the past 30 years. He received his education in Waldo.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Myrtle Crump Arnold of Haynesville; two sons, the Rev. Tracy Arnold, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church of Shreveport, and Thomas H. Arnold Jr. of Baton Rouge, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the First Methodist Church of Haynesville with the Rev. Jack Midyett, pastor, officiating and Dr. W. L. Doss, Jr., assisting. Interment was in Old Town Cemetery.

ardship, Shreveport, was the speaker for the evening.

The Ringgold MYF recently had charge of the Sunday services, and also conducted the worship services Sunday, Sept. 8.

The Per-Capita District Rating Of Giving To The Retired Ministers Homes Of The Louisiana Conference For The Fourth Year And The Total Four Years

	Raised 4th Year	Per Capita 4th Year	Total Raised 4 Years	Total Per Capita 4 Years
Shreveport District	\$3,294.84	.14-33	\$10,172.82	.44-22
Alexandria District	1,029.98	.10-69	3,239.88	.33-63
New Orleans District	827.16	.05-94	3,726.57	.26-77
Lafayette District	880.09	.09-14	2,282.23	.23-71
Monroe District	710.24	.04-83	2,899.64	.19-74
Lake Charles District	465.30	.04-24	1,939.90	.17-71
Ruston District	534.59	.04-05	2,296.16	.17-43
Baton Rouge District	984.21	.05-10	2,338.14	.12-12

(Based on membership during 1955-56)
During the Conference
Year—1955-56 there were 286 preachers—160 reported; 477 churches—173 reported.
Year—1956-57 there were 308 preachers—168 reported; 462 churches—166 reported.
The total cash received from churches during 1956-57 was \$8,729.41 credited and 107.01 not credited

\$8,836.42

\$165.72 came from outside sources not in Conference.

N. O. First Church Pastor Honored



Pictured is William J. "Billy" Michon, president of the New Orleans First Methodist Church's Men's Club, right, presenting in behalf of the club, a wrist watch to Dr. N. H. Melbert, First Church pastor. The usual numerals on the face of the watch are replaced with letters which spell out the minister's name. The gift was in appreciation of Dr. Melbert's 40 years in the ministry, 17 of which have been spent in New Orleans at First Church. Fred E. Selby is director of publicity for the group.

Ringgold, Castor Churches Report Activities

Castor Church held a "very successful" revival recently with several additions to the church by profession of faith and baptism, and the church is reported making progress following these services. The Rev. Roy Grant, pastor of Ringgold Church, did the preaching. The Rev. Charles Wilder is pastor at Castor.

The same week of the revival, the women of the church conducted a vacation church school with 62 children attending.

A vacation church school was conducted in the Ringgold Church recently, also, under the supervision of Mrs. Florine Lockerman and the following assistants: Mrs. Anna Grant, Mrs. Margie Martin, Mrs. Lara Martin, Mrs. Lottie Woodard, Mrs. C. E. Williams, Mrs. Mary Wilkie, Mrs. O. D. Jones, Misses Nancy Jo Melroy, Linda Eden Thomas, Judy Thurman, Karon Orr, Nancy Thomas, and Linda Gray.

On a Wednesday night recently, the committee on fellowship of the Ringgold Church sponsored a fellowship supper which was attended by a large number. The Rev. Karl Tooke, Conference director of stew-

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Springdale Youth Raise Funds For Mission Tour

Members of the Senior High Methodist Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church in Springdale presented a variety show Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 8:00 p.m. in the basement of the church.

The group presented songs, skits and novelty numbers in the fourth of a series of fund raising activities for a tour of Methodist Missions in the Southwest. Two Saturdays have been devoted to "car-washing" and the show Tuesday was the second presented by the group.

Members hope to raise enough money to charter buses next spring and travel to the Methodist school for Navajo Indians located in Farmington, New Mexico, and other missions enroute. Officers of the organization are: president, Judy Gilmore; vice-president, Carl Elkins; secretary, Diane DeWese; treasurer, Sue Bain and publicity chairman, Troy Brand.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The MYF Sub-district met September 9 at the Moorefield Methodist Church.

Moorene Goff, president of the Moorefield youth, led the devotional and welcomed the speaker, Doug Bale, youth director of First Church in Searcy. Mr. Bale spoke on "Fellowship." After his interesting talk, the group discussed the following questions: (1) What is fellowship? (2) How do we plan fellowship now? (3) How can we improve fellowship?

Jack Magness, Newark, presided over the business session. He announced a meeting of the executive council on September 14 at First Methodist Church in Batesville at 1:00 p.m.

Moorene Goff directed group recreation followed by refreshments.

The meeting was concluded with the MYF benediction. Jo Puckett is reporter.

W. F. Cooley

The W. F. Cooley Sub-district held its monthly meeting at Morland Methodist Church, Monday, September 2, at 7:30 p.m.

There were 63 present to meet with the counselor, Mrs. O. D. Peters.

Morland MYF presented the program, and after games, served refreshments.

Galloway-Tolleyson

The Galloway - Tolleyson Sub-district met September 9 at the Clarendon Methodist Church, with 76 members attending.

The Clarendon Methodist Youth Fellowship presented a program entitled "Let Us Offer Our Lives To God."

Sara McGregor president of the Sub-district, presided during the business session. Sue Galloway, secretary, called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. It was decided to give fifty dollars to the MYF camp at Bear Creek Lake in Marianna.

The Clarendon MYF won the membership plaque for September,

Fayetteville Youth Sponsor Special Program



Tex Waggoner and Thad Rowden made a "very beautiful" bride and bride groom in a Womanless Wedding, August 29, at Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville. Twenty active laymen participated in this presentation.

All arrangements were made by the Senior Youth group, under the direction of the Senior youth counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Melton, Jr. The profit of \$75.00 will be divided between the MY Fund and community projects sponsored by the youth.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

GOD'S WORLD

If anyone needs a reminder that God is at work in the world, let him spend a vacation on the Bay of Fundy. There the highest tide in the world ebbs and flows daily to remind him that God is still in His heaven and all's well with the world of nature. This reporter just returned from that marvelous and beautiful section of the continent and what they say about the tide controlling the affairs of man, is literally true in Nova Scotia—at least on the Bay of Fundy side. The little fishing village, Victoria Beach, where we spent our family vacation is completely dependent for schedule on the tide which at times lifts or lowers the level of the inlet more than thirty feet. The 200 residents of the community all live on the one road that follows the shoreline—reputedly the oldest road on the continent since Champlain's men built it in 1603-4. They fish when the tide is right; they depend entirely on fishing for their livelihood. Their life is simple compared to the complexity of our busy life, but there is a peace and tranquility which grows out of

as a result of having the largest number of members present.

After the business session the host group provided recreation and refreshments.

The next meeting will be held in Cotton Plant, October 7. Linda Parnell is reporter.

their religious faith and their complete dependence on the bounty of the Lord.

Science is still arguing as to just what causes the tide to ebb and flow. There are various explanations. But one can stand on the wharf at Victoria Beach and see the water come and go in a silent, relentless manner day in and day out. And there is little question in the minds of the residents that God's hand controls the tide which in turn controls their daily pattern of living.

Well, young people don't have to go to the Bay of Fundy to see God in action in his world. Look about you as Fall brings the changing color of autumn. See God's autograph written in your part of His world. The coming and going of the seasons is enough to convince any youthfully eager mind that there is a Divine Power in charge of things in this world.

For the Christian youth there is added understanding of how this comes about. He had learned through the revelation of God in Christ, that not only the tides of the sea but the tides of human events are in the hands of a God who is our heavenly Father. The surging waters of the ocean or the river are under his control, but so are the surging emotions of exuberant Christian youth. In temptation a faith in God can make one strong enough to resist that which is ungodly. In sorrow a confidence in God's care can bring assurance and power. In the meanderings of the youthful mind in search of life's meaning, there comes direction and purpose when God's authorship is acknowledged and His guidance sought. In the process of

Nat'l Conference of Youth Names Projects Secretary

Denver, Colo. (MI)—The Rev. Charles H. Boyles, national chairman of the United Christian Youth Movement for the last two years, was named one of two projects secretaries of the National Conference of Methodist Youth at the agency's annual meeting here August 17-23.

The 25-year-old Methodist minister has been working in New York City, but he is a native of Jackson, Miss. and is a ministerial member of the Mississippi Methodist Conference.

Mr. Boyles will move to Nashville, Tenn., where the headquarters of the National Conference of Methodist Youth is located.

Mr. Boyles succeeds the Rev. LeRoy King, who resigned recently to become pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Denver. The other projects secretary, H. Donald Winkler, has resigned effective August 26, and his successor will be chosen later.

The projects secretaries are full-time administrators of the National Conference of Methodist youth and student groups.

The United Christian Youth Movement, of which Mr. Boyles has been the chairman, is the youth arm of the National Council of Churches.

Mr. Boyles is a graduate of Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., and the Boston University School of Theology. He formerly was president of the Mississippi Conference Methodist youth organization. He also has held regional and national offices in the Methodist youth organization.

NEW MATERIAL AVAILABLE

New curriculum materials are being developed for older youth by the Curriculum Committee of The Methodist Church.

Beginning with the October issue, Christian Action, heretofore a quarterly, becomes a 64-page monthly for this age-group. Each issue will contain program materials for Sunday morning and evening and 24 pages of articles for older youth on a variety of subjects.

Four of the new "Faith for Life" series for older youth are now available from the Methodist Publishing House. They are: Come and See by John E. Skoglund; How Free Are You? by Robert H. Hamill; The Stranger in My House by Walter Sikes; and The Big Difference by Barton Hunter. The price of the books is 75 cents each. Writers are now at work on four additional units. It is expected that eventually a dozen or more books in this series will be released.

maturing, the spiritual side of life can keep pace with the physical one when young life finds its pattern for living in the Master of Men whose faith as a youth was fashioned in the daily fellowship with God.

Indeed we can join a certain eleven-year old I know who is wont to close her prayer with, Thank thee Lord for this big, wonderful world you have given us."

Districts Hold Mission Seminars

Camden

The Camden District Seminar was held at Fairview Church, Camden, Tuesday Sept. 10 with 165 registered. The theme was "Till Christ Shall Dwell In Every Heart."

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. J. F. McKinnon, as she introduced the Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. J. M. Curtis. Mrs. Curtis was in charge of the program.

Mrs. Floyd Babel, Spiritual Life Secretary, gave the devotional. Mrs. Curtis gave a brief preview of the Mission Studies for the year. Mrs. A. C. Hale, vice-president, gave the highlights of the Program and Worship Books for the year. Mrs. C. A. Proffitt told of materials offered for sale during the noon hour.

In colorful authentic kimonos from Japan, the study, Cross and Crisis in Japan, was presented by Mrs. E. L. Fireoved, Mrs. N. S. Hardee, Mrs. Cliff Wright, Mrs. John G. Rickey, Mrs. J. S. Ripley, Mrs. W. C. Farley and Mrs. W. F. Keel.

The Social Witness of the Local Church in the Ecumenical Movement was presented by Mrs. Howard Elder, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. A. L. Davis and Miss Maude Crumpler.

The church-wide story, The Call to Witness and Decision, was reviewed by Rev. John Lindsay, District Director of Missionary Education.

Christ, the Church and Race, was presented by Mrs. H. K. Caulkins, District Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. McKinnon, and Mrs. M. W. Miller.

The Gospel according to St. Mark, the theme, purpose, resources and action, was given by Mrs. V. R. Wicker. The play "One by One" was presented by Mrs. Don Harrell, Mrs. A. C. Hale, Mrs. Nelson Thornton, Mrs. S. Walter Patrick and Mrs. Jewell Cross.

Dr. W. Neill Hart gave the invocation for lunch, which was served by ladies of the host church in Fellowship Hall. Rev. M. W. Miller, minister of the host church, pronounced the benediction.

Alexandria

The Alexandria District Woman's Society of Christian Service held its mission seminar September 5

NEWS IN BRIEF

Springdale

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church in Springdale met Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Leo Schneider, and the devotional was given by Mrs. James Hurley, assisted by Mrs. John Kelly at the piano.

Mrs. Wade Luckett introduced the guest speaker, Miss Mary Chaffin, Deaconess in the North Arkansas area. Miss Chaffin, who has served seven years in the work, spoke on the topic, "Christ in Rural Work." She is a graduate of Scarritt College.

at the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, with Mrs. C. C. Detloff, district president, presiding. Mrs. D. O. Cardwell is president of the hostess society.

Mrs. Vernon Gordon, district secretary of spiritual life, led the worship service, and Mrs. B. C. Thibodeaux, district vice-president, presented the year's program material.

Mrs. Phillip Stanley, Bunkie, presented the study on "Japan." Mrs. C. H. Giessen, of Lecompte, former missionary to Japan, told of the Hiroshima Girls' School.

Mrs. D. W. Poole, Baton Rouge, conference secretary of student work, presented the study "Christ, the Church, and Race." Rev. C. H. Giessen told of the church-wide study, "Call to Witness and Decision."

"The Social Witness of the Local Church" was presented by Mrs. Maurice Tatum of Shreveport, conference secretary of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Guy Hicks, Alexandria, concluded the session with the presentation of the study "The Gospel According to Mark."

Reports Road Camp Inmates Welcome New Ministry

Richmond, Va. (RNS)—A late-model station wagon turned off U. S. Rt. 360 near Warsaw early this summer and headed down a shady country road.

After traveling a short distance, it pulled up in front of a group of rambling white frame buildings. It was the first visit of the Interdenominational Religious Work Foundation's new station wagon chapel to State Convict Road Force Camp No. 17.

The Rev. Raymond W. Gamble, in charge of the new ministry, said "the inmates gave the mobile chapel an excellent reception. Many said they had looked forward to our arrival ever since they had read in the newspapers that it was on its way."

For the inmates, it meant there would be someone with whom they



Dyak (Iban) Children On Porch Of Longhouse In Sarawak, Borneo

But the Ibans have been watching the Chinese, and pondering the meaning of the church, the school, and the missionary from a foreign land. Some of them have joined the church, or have entered a son or two in the school. And now Dyaks by the longhouse-full and by the hundreds are asking Christian instruction and Christian baptism. Today, missionaries testify, "the Dyaks are on the verge of a mass movement out of their old superstitions—and they may become Christians." Bishop J. W. Pickett, of India, who has studied "mass movements" throughout all Asia, recently visited along the Rejang River and found evidences of the search of the Dyaks everywhere.

"Alreay 3,000 Dyaks are in the Methodist Church and this group can move the whole 100,000 along the River," say Methodist Church missionary leaders. So the Board of Missions has designated Sarawak as a "Land of Decision" (for the Dyaks will be deciding for or against Christianity in the next few years), and it is sending new missionaries and increased resources into the evangelization of these men and women.—Dr. James K. Mathews

could discuss marital relationships, family welfare and spiritual matters.

The station wagon's arrival also meant the inmates would have an opportunity to see religious films, to read books from the vehicle's library, and to participate in worship services.

During the weeks that followed, the station wagon traveled roughly 13,000 miles. It made 30 visits to road camps, plus several to the Women's Industrial Farm.

Chaplain Gamble returned here

to report on his work to the foundation and the Virginia Department of Welfare and Institutions.

He said his work was difficult at times because "if you align yourself too closely with the administration you lose the inmates' confidence. If you fraternize with the inmates to gain their confidence, you lose their respect. It's a thin line that must be walked."

He praised the road camp superintendents for the cooperativeness in helping to establish the new industry.

WCTU Head Sees Drinking Out Of Control

MADISON, Wis. (RNS)—The president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union said here that drinkikng is "increasingly out of control" in most wet communities and local option elections "appear to be the indicated correctives."

Mrs. Glenn G. Hays of Evanston, Ill., told the union's executive committee that legislative and policy bodies have failed in their "regulatory obligations."

She said that about one-fifth of the country's population in one-fourth of its geographical area are now under prohibition—in the two dry states and lesser political subdivisions in 34 other states permitting local option.

"These areas feel, and an increasing number of people in wet areas are beginning to feel," she said, "that a few bootleggers in the bushes and back alleys are preferable to liquor displayed under neon signs on main streets and advertising to persuade people to drink it being blared into the home over radio and television."

Mrs. Hays said that the nation's drinkers are shown by Department of Commerce reports to be consuming three billion gallons of liquor, wine and beer annually, and paying \$10½ billion a year to do so.

"This consumption," she said, "is more than double that of 1934, the first year of repeal, and the \$10½ billion spent for drink is five times as great."

"The estimate that the cost of drink-caused crime, disease, insanity, loss of income, poverty, juvenile delinquency, broken homes and other human and economic waste to the nation, the state, the community, the family and the individual equals the amount spent for alcoholic beverages is not an exaggeration."

Mrs. Hays charged that the four billion dollars in taxes collected by national, state and local governments on alcoholic beverages are an opiate on "tax-hungry national and state legislative bodies in their attitudes toward a predatory drink industry."

"Alcoholics in the United States," she added, "have increased to four and a half million, near-alcoholics to another three million, and arrests for all forms of drunkenness to one million annually."

Mrs. Hays said that drinking parents are the major cause of juvenile drinking and delinquency. "Too many American homes," she declared, "have forgotten the Bible, to idolize a bottle."

The executive committee met prior to the union's 83rd annual convention here.



NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Training Program, Griffin Memorial

Griffin Memorial Methodist Church in Paragould is carrying on an extensive training program this conference year. The pastor, Rev. H. L. Robison, is the leader in this program.

They have recently had two training units running simultaneously and are about completed.

They are planning three new units to begin this month or early in October. The unit on "How to Improve the Church School" is to be offered at the Sunday School hour for general leadership. The course on "The Life of Jesus" is to be offered each Wednesday evening, and the course on "The Meaning of Methodism" is to be offered each Sunday evening just before the evening worship service.

We understand that this intensive training program has been responded to in a fine way by the church as a whole.

Training Program at Fisher Street

The Fisher Street Methodist Church at Jonesboro is also carrying out an extensive training program. They have already had one course this conference year with splendid results.

They have plans ready to begin the second unit at an early date. The new unit is "Letters of Paul" and is to be offered each Wednesday evening for five weeks under the leadership of Rev. Ben Jordan.

Rev. H. M. Sanford is the pastor and he taught the first unit.

Corning Charge Training Program

Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Byron McSpadden, the Corning charge has already had two training enterprises. Dr. Meredith F. Eller had a very successful three-day school at New Home.

Miss Sarah Bagley of Nashville, Tenn. recently offered the course on "Lesson Materials," at Corning church.

Institutes Underway

The North Arkansas Conference is having a series of Christian Education Institutes. Should the attendance continue as in the institutes already held, we will have had something like one thousand persons taking part in the programs of these institutes by the time we have finished the last institute which is to be held at Batesville for the Batesville District, Monday, September 23.

The Fayetteville District Institutes were all held last week.

North Arkansas Ministers in Pastors' School

The following persons from the North Arkansas Conference were granted course cards in the Arkansas Pastors' School, September 2-6: Ronald D. Bagley, Douglas N. Bale, J. M. Barnett, Archie N.

Lake Vista, N.O., Begins Course On Methodism

A four-session course of instruction in the origin, early growth and major beliefs of the Methodist Church began Sunday, Sept. 8, at the Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans.

The Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr., minister of the Lake Vista church, is instructor for the "Inquirers' Class," which is scheduled for the Sunday School hour, beginning at 9:45 a.m., on Sept. 8, 15, 22, and 29. The Rev. Mr. Frazier said the sessions were open not only to persons desiring to join the church, but also to church members who would like to learn more of its history and beliefs.

Offering Sent to Cameron

Children who attended Daily Vacation Church School at the Lake Vista Church during the first two weeks of August dedicated their offerings to the Methodist Church of Cameron, destroyed in Hurricane Audrey.

A total of \$55.46 was sent by Mrs. Gordon E. Cole, director of the vacation school, to the Rev. Taylor Wall of the Cameron church. Mrs. Cole wrote the Rev. Mr. Wall that the New Orleans children had dedicated their daily offerings to help replace the church school supplies lost in the hurricane.

Dr. Gross To Go On European Tour

Nashville, Tenn. - (MI) The Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, general secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Methodist Board of Education, will leave September 8 on a one-month European tour.

Dr. Gross will represent the Division of Educational Institutions at a meeting sponsored by the Committee on Education of the World Methodist Council September 28 and 29 in Bath, England.

To be attended by leading Methodist educators of Great Britain, the meeting will be at Kingswood College, Methodism's first college, which was established in 1739 by John Wesley, founder of The Methodist Church.

Dr. Gross also will visit other Methodist educational institutions in England and Ireland and a Meth-

Boyd, Elbert Bruner, Earl B. Carter, J. J. Clark, I. L. Claud, James T. Clemons, Miss Fern Cook, Tom Cowan, O. R. Findley, E. F. Flower, Worth W. Gibson, Aubra O. Hays, J. H. Hoggard, Earl Hughes, H. W. Jinske, George J. Kleeb, J. D. Lawrence, Charles W. Lewis, George L. McGhehey, T. B. Parmenter, Otto W. Teague, E. B. Williams, Harold D. Womack, James W. Workman, John A. Bayliss, Ira A. Brumley, Bob Edwards, W. Henry Goodloe, Mrs. J. H. Hoggard, Ben F. Jordan, M. A. Lawson, George G. Meyer, Mrs. Vernon

Christian Education Week To Be Observed Sept. 29-Oct. 6

NEW YORK, N. Y., (NC)—"Are we helping our children and young people to grow in their understanding of Christian stewardship? Do we merely pass the collection plate or do we have a program that will develop creative Christ-like giving of time and talent as well as money?"

These are questions that churches all over America will ask themselves during Christian Education Week Sept. 29-Oct. 6. The observance is sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

Intermediates Have Christian Adventure Day At Fayetteville

Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was the scene for the Intermediates big day of the year—Christian Adventure Day, according to Mrs. Frankie Adams, educational assistant. Some 60 Intermediates registered for the activities which began at 3:00, September 8.

After several ice breaker games were enjoyed, the group filed past the church kitchen for a "Punch Parade." The schedule went like this: 3:00 PM - Make Name Tags and Ice Breakers, 3:30 PM - Recreation (Get Acquainted), 4:00 PM - "Punch Parade," 4:15 PM - Song Festival, 4:45 PM - Folk Games, 5:30 PM - Dinner, Inspiration Speaker, Emily Jo Joyce, 6:30 PM - Station MYF Radio Program, 7:00 PM - Installation and Candlelight Service, 7:30 PM - Evening Service of Worship - all Intermediates and their parents sat in a group together.

Twenty-two Intermediates were welcomed into the Department and were installed as members. The Intermediates went away after church feeling they had experienced a real Christian adventure, the report said.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stanley are Counselors for this department, and Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden is the minister.

odist theological seminary in Frankfurt, Germany.

Mrs. Gross will accompany Dr. Gross on the tour, which will include Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, The Netherlands, and Scotland. They will cross the Atlantic by plane and return to this country October 12.

Paysinger, Vernon Paysinger, Hubert E. Pearce, O. D. Peters, H. L. Robison, Robert Paul Sessions, Jim Beal, Arvill C. Brannon, Charles Casteel, Joel Cooper, Harold Eggenberger, James T. Fleming, E. J. Holifield, Jesse L. Johnson, Charles McDonald, Tom Nation, Elmo Thomason, Elsworth Watson, Harold Wells, Paul M. Bumpers, Brady Cook, Ethan Dodgen, J. Albert Gatlin, J. H. Holt, Mrs. J. H. Holt, Vann Hooker, Mrs. Monroe Scott, A. N. Storey, Frank C. Weatherford, and James F. Weatherford.

"Leaders in the churches often fail to realize that children and youth are actually living as Christians and not merely 'preparing to live' as Christians at some future date," asserted the Rev. William J. Keech, New York, chairman of the Christian Education Week committee. "Young people today begin to live their own lives at an early age. While still in 'knee pants,' they are making their own decisions in social life, school activities, and vocations.

"And they have the money to do it," their own money," he declared. The Gilbert Youth Survey last fall indicated that 16 million teenagers between the ages of 13 and 19 had an average annual income of \$531, four times the figure of 12 years ago. Another study of 5,000 teenagers disclosed the larger allowances from parents and more teenagers employed at better salaries.

It is estimated, Mr. Keech said, that 800,000 young people have steady year-round employment, 4,000,000 have vacation work, and 4,500,000 have part-time jobs during the year. More than one boy of three has an after-school job and four girls out of five do some kind of work for which they receive pay.

"What do they do with their money?" Mr. Keech pointed out that the Gilbert Survey showed millions of youths buying their own cars, phonograph records, and fountain pens. Only goal of 25 per cent was car ownership. In another survey, he said, contributions to church and charities were listed by only 5 per cent of girls 11-13 years old, 2 per cent among the 14 to 16 years-olds.

A National Council of Churches study, "Youth Look at the Church," recently made known that many young people feel that the church has not given them adequate stewardship education, provided them opportunities for significant service to the church, or made provision for them to share in general church program planning.

"Adults need to realize the many contributions which young people can make to church planning," Mr. Keech noted. "It is when young people take full part in church life, from planning to completion, that they achieve a sense of participation and are receptive to the ideas of stewardship in the Christian sense."

"The 1957 Christian Education Week emphasis, 'Learn to Give-Give to Learn,' is designed to help parents and church school leaders focus their attention on Christian stewardship," he noted.

Practical Christianity-- Lived Everyday

By Robert Orr, Amity

DID you ever wonder how to be a Christian? Did you ever try to figure what the price in sacrifices would be for you to live like Christ would have you live? Well, if you have, you likely came up with the decision that it was more than you could pay. You see, to be a Christian a person must first forget himself and what it is going to require of him. You must only have thoughts as to how you can be of service to someone else.

We often go in search of saints and martyrs in pulpits and amen corners, but it isn't every time that we find them there. And that certainly isn't the only place we can find them. Once a little girl sitting in a beautiful church asked a friend what the lovely stained-glass window was. Her friend told her it was a saint. A few days later while walking through the park with another friend she saw an aged woman with a bouquet and a filled basket going toward the poorer part of the village. "There goes a saint if ever there was one," said the friend. This puzzled the little girl. On Sunday a saint was a beautiful stained-glass window, and now it was an old woman. How could that be? Then it came to her; in the next moment she added, "Oh, I know, a saint is someone who lets the light shine through." And every professed Christian that dies is not necessarily a martyr, but it is rather those that give of their lives in service.

Miss Edna "Ed" Nunn may not have been seen in the church as often as the stained-glass window, or when her life comes to a close she may not go down in the history of man as a Christian martyr, but everyone, (like the little girl's friend) who knows her can look at her now and say sweet and complimentary words that those who have not known her life could not understand.

You see, Ed, as she is known to all her friends, can not take an active part in church work because of a physical handicap. She has carried this handicap since she was just a young girl. But it has not stopped her from doing her part in church or community work. In fact she is usually the one that everyone looks to if they have a project they really want carried out to the fullest.

She is a citizen of the little town of Amity, Arkansas, that is located in the foot-hills of the Ouachita Mountains. She depends on no one for her survival. She supports herself as a telephone operator for the Allied Telephone Company. I

don't suppose there is ever a day passes but what at least one or two people of the little town come by to ask her help or advice on some personal matter. And there is hardly ever an hour but what someone is visiting with her simply because of the joy and satisfaction they receive from being with her.

She enjoys visiting and talking with her friends, but the greatest joy in her life is to help someone. She never thinks about how much burden it may throw on her either. She is always eager to keep the townspeople informed about matters of which they are concerned. In the event of death in a home she always sees to it that the bereaved home gets the things they need. Any time there is any special meetings of interest in the church or in community affairs she can be depended upon to see that the news is spread. She never fails to have a kind word or compliment for anyone who has done something good. In short, she wants to do all she can and then some to help her church, her community, and right on down to her latest friend, which is likely to be the last baby that has been born in Amity. Yes, she loves children too.

Yes, Ed is a friend and a helper to all. I shall never forget, even if I should live to be an old man, the first day I moved to Amity as pastor of the Methodist Church. I had only been here a very short time when the phone rang. I answered and this is what I heard: "So this is our new preacher. We are so glad to have you here. I am Edna Nunn, the telephone operator, but everyone calls me Ed, and that's what I want you to call me too." Then she went on to ask me several questions, all of which was her way of finding out if we were comfortable and happy. She closed that first conversation with these words, "If there is anything I can help you with just let me know." That has not only been her attitude but also her spoken sentiments from that day to this. She is truly giving of her life in service to all those she loves. This is what I call Christian living.

And by the way, just as an afterthought, in case you may think that I am the only one in Amity who feels this way about Ed, just call any party you want to here and ask them "Did you miss Ed while she was gone?" They are not likely to ask you, "When was she gone?" They will likely say that was the longest three months and four days from May 23rd to August 27th last year they have ever seen.

Survey Shows Stand of Protestants On Beliefs

OBERLIN, O. (RNS)—A survey of Minnesota Protestants shows they tend to agree in their beliefs concerning Christ, the nature of the Christian Church and the Lord's Supper; but disagree about the Bible, the basis of authority and Baptism.

The survey, conducted among clergy and laymen of ten denominations, found little desire for greater organizational unity.

Results of the study were reported to the North American Conference of Faith and Order, which had as its theme "The Nature of the Unity We Seek." The conference was sponsored by the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, the U. S. Conference for the World Council, the National Council of Churches and the Canadian Council of Churches.

Dr. Edgar Carlson, president of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., who served as chairman of the Minnesota committee which made the survey, announced the results.

They disclosed that laymen tend to be more conservative (traditional or orthodox) in their beliefs than the clergy.

The study was based on check sheets on which 5,162 Minnesota laymen and women, 272 clergymen and 270 unspecified persons recorded their beliefs on various aspects of the Christian faith.

The extent of agreement was "surprisingly large" on the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Dr. Carlson said. A total of 68 per cent of the laity and 60 per cent of the clergy checked responses on the sheet which "implied communion with the person of Christ in the sacrament," he said.

The statement checked more frequently by the laity than any other in the entire check sheet was "The Christian Church is the fellowship of all those who accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour." A total of 68.2 per cent of them acknowledged this belief. Among the clergy, 67.2 per cent concurred.

Runnerup definition for the Church among the laity was "... where the Word of God is preached and the sacraments rightly administered." Second choice of the clergy was "the community of those who have experienced new life in Jesus Christ."

In the entire check list, the statement checked most frequently by the clergy was in the definitions of "ground of salvation." A total of 70.5 per cent of them recorded the belief that "salvation is possible because God, in Christ, freely offers forgiveness to all who repent and believe in Him." This received the second largest vote of the laity (62.6 per cent).

Regarding the person of Christ, 68.1 per cent of the clergy said "Jesus Christ is truly God and truly man." This statement was endorsed by 45.1 per cent of the laity.

In all, 82 per cent of the clergy and 74 per cent of the laity checked responses which "clearly implied the divinity if not the Deity of Christ," Dr. Carlson reported.

Most clergy (32 per cent) checked the belief that the Bible "is the unique historical record of God's revelation to inspired men." This definition was one of six pertaining to the Bible on the check sheet. It drew responses from 23.6 per cent of the laity.

Most of the laity (27.9 per cent) said it "contains the Word of God." Of the clergy, 17.6 per cent checked this belief.

Belief that the Bible "is the inerrant and infallible, verbally inspired Word of God" was checked by 20.5 per cent of the clergy and

22.2 per cent of the laity.

Almost as wide a divergence appeared in responses checked concerning the basis of authority for Christians. A total of 70.1 per cent of the laity and 63.0 of the clergy checked responses assuming the Bible to be the authority.

The disagreement on Baptism was marked and followed denominational lines rather closely, Dr. Carlson said.

On Christian unity, both clergy and lay respondents rejected an interpretation which either means "the gathering of all Christians into one visible church organization" (7.8 per cent of clergy and 11.6 per cent of laity) or "a spiritual oneness without interest in organizational cooperation" (3.7 per cent of clergy and 3.0 of laity).

However, 50.2 per cent of the laity and 36.5 per cent of the clergy chose "a spiritual oneness indifferent to organizational forms but based on agreement as to the fundamentals of Christian faith."

I
Saw

A Muddy
Stream



By
Rev. R. A. Tester

flowing into a clear one. Of course where the two met there was a fringe of murky water. With some companions I often went fishing there. Over in the muddy water we never caught anything, except an occasional "mud cat" or turtle. In the extra clear water fishing was not very good. The fish could see too much—even the fisherman above them and his rod and line. But along the fringe we caught a lot of fish. They could see just enough to fall for our bait.

Now the devil doesn't fish the muddy waters of this world. He doesn't need to. He already owns the folks in there, the mud cats and turtles. All he does is to guard the exit. He doesn't get too far out into the clear water either. Folks can see him too well. He doesn't feel comfortable or function effectively in plain view. He is out of his element. But along the murky fringe he mops up. Crafty man catcher that he is, he makes his bait look good to befuddled eyes, and he knows how to set the hook. Playing along the fringe is dangerous. A lot of people get caught there. There is good sense in the scripture: "Shun the appearance of evil" and "have no fellowship with evil doers."

Helping Without Hurting

By H. T. Maclin, District Missionary,
Lodja, Central Congo

How may we most effectively **HELP** the church in Congo without **HURTING** it? Hardly a week passes but I receive a letter from someone in the home church asking what they can do to help. Most of the time they are interested in supporting an African preacher or in building a church. Frequently they suggest that a name be sent them so they may print it in their church bulletin. These requests reflect the specific appeals made for missionary work in the past. The ideal for the future is that no foreign funds will be used for the support of the ministry and the building of churches.

Methodist churches in the Central Congo Conference are fast approaching self-support. One district has been 100% self-supporting from its beginning. Another will be nearly 90% self-supporting this year. To accept money from America for the support of the ministry and the church at this point would destroy the enthusiasm and zeal of the African church to do for itself. Many of the leaders of the Atetela are recognizing that self-support, rather than pauperizing the church and driving away those who would align themselves with it, actually revives and gives new life such as no other approach would effect. It gives them a feeling that it is truly their church rather than the church from a foreign country which exists only because the foreign land supports it.

The condition upon which we agree to send a preacher or an evangelist to a new village now is that the village build a church, a home for their preacher, and agree to pay his salary. The same is true of a teacher in a locally supported school. The village must agree to pay a specified amount for each pupil on the quarter system. This money is used to buy books and supplies with the surplus going for salaries.

The question may be asked at this point, "But are there any villages willing to do this"? I would answer, "More than we can possibly handle effectively"! The people want to support their pastors and teachers in a way that they have never before desired. It is our golden opportunity to take advantage of this new spirit and put the church, within two or three years, on a completely self-supporting basis. We should not hurt them by over-helping them at this point in their development.

How then may we most effectively help the growing African church without hurting it? Is there no more need for foreign funds? While the church, as such, is on the verge of complete self-support, schools of higher learning, hospitals, and literature offer avenues of help which will not be of immense value to the Christian community but are projects which the church at the present time cannot support.

School For Christian Lay Workers

The School for Christian Lay Workers here at Lodja is considering an expansion program in order to train more effectively the lay-ministry. It is hoped that we may be able to have thirty to forty young families of lay-preachers in training within the next three or four years. This calls for building a home for each on, for support for each family

while they are in training, and for materials with which to teach them.

Our print shop, also located at Lodja, wants to expand to include some heavy printing equipment and high-speed presses which will hasten the printing of books and other literature for more than 300,000 Atetela people. Ours is the only press of any size that prints literature almost exclusively in the tribal language. The development of the school for the training of the lay-ministry depends on what the press is able to produce, and the press depends upon wide distribution and use of its materials.

Ways You Can Help

These are the ways that you can help without hurting. These institutions are but two among many which can most profit from America. Would you like to support a young lay preacher and his family in the School for Christian Lay Workers, helping him secure in two years the basic training for his future work in the church? Would you like to build a cottage for him and his family? Or, there is a big new press that is waiting to be bought in order that literature may soon be reaching the hands of those who want it so badly.

These doors are open. If we are to enter through them, now is the time to act. Many agencies are vying for the souls of these people. Tribal customs are dying rapidly and the African is looking for new things to replace them. His former life of fear and superstition is passing into the new world of today. To fail to make advantage of his exploring mind is to invite disaster. To fill his inquisitiveness with the challenge of Christ and His Church will require fast action. The opportunity is here now and waiting for you.

To Present Friendship Book At World Convention

The World Friendship Book, bound volumes of the signatures of Christian education workers around the world, will be presented to the Christian education workers of Japan on the opening night of the 14th World Convention in Tokyo, August 1958.

It is expected that at least fifty countries will participate in the project. Loose-leaf pages will be distributed in churches and Christian education workers will be invited to sign their names and addresses on the pages. At the time they will be invited to make a small contributions. The contributions will

Ministry To Neglected Areas Planned

New General Conference legislation provides for an Interboard Committee on Ministry to Neglected Areas. The Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, will help to implement this provision as outlined in Paragraph 1289 of the Discipline.

The division will be concerned chiefly with the directives "to study neglected metropolitan and rural areas"; to develop and promote plans to organize new church schools and to arrange by mutual agreement and procedures for enlisting local churches and lay men and women in support of the foregoing activities with their means and services."

This work will be one of the responsibilities of the Rev. Randle B. Dew, who has recently been elected to the staff of the Local Church Division.

Division members on the Committee are Dr. Lester Rumble, superintendent, Atlanta West District, Atlanta, Georgia; Rev. Lester Schaff, pastor, Lafayette Avenue Church, Syracuse, New York; Mr. James R. Webb, Sr. Laurel, Delaware; and Rev. Wilford C. Westenberger, superintendent, Nashville District, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Leon M. Adkins, general secretary of the Local Church Division, is a co-opted member of the Committee by virtue of his office.

Bishop Roy H. Short of the Nashville Area is chairman; Rev. C. Gordon Phillips, Detroit, is vice-chairman; and Dr. Adkins is secretary.

be divided equally between Christian education workers of Japan and fund to help defray the travel of delegates from the "younger" churches. The amount suggested as a contribution from workers in the United States is one dollar.

The World Friendship Book will symbolize the bonds of Christian friendship which tie people of many races and nations on every continent of the globe.

If you wish to gather signatures of church school workers, write to The World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y. Ask for

Methodists Begin New Liberal Arts College In Formosa

Also Dedicate Medical Institution

The Methodist church on Taiwan (Formosa) has broken ground for a new liberal arts-type college and dedicated a clinic, the first Methodist medical institution on Taiwan.

First, ground was broken for the first building of the Soochow University College of Law to be built on a 32-acre campus north of Taipei, capital of Taiwan. The law college will have a largely liberal arts-type curriculum but will grant a legal degree. The new building was financed jointly by the alumni of Soochow University and the Methodist Board of Missions.

Among those participating in the ground breaking were Lieut. Gen. J.L. Huan, vice-chairman of the school's board of governors; Bishop Ralph A. Ward, Methodist bishop of Taiwan and Hong Kong; Dr. Wang Chung-hui, board chairman; and Dr. Earl Swisher, Taiwan director of the Asia Foundation.

Soochow University, of which the new law college will be a part, is a continuation of a school established more than 50 years ago in Soochow, China, by the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It was re-established on Taiwan in 1951 by alumni. The present university has a student body of about 1,300.

Just four days after the ground-breaking, Taiwan Methodists dedicated and opened the "Water of Life Clinic" on a road south of Taipei. Within a few minutes after the dedication, the clinic had admitted its first patient.

The clinic is the donation of Dr. Edward C. Perkins, a Methodist medical pioneer on the China mainland for 40 years who went to Taiwan in 1955, at 80 years of age, to continue to minister to his Chinese friends. A descendant of a noted New England family, he was an athlete at Yale almost 60 years ago. The clinic bears the same name, "Water of Life," as the hospital built and equipped by Dr. Perkins in China in 1913.

the number of loose-leaf pages desired and an explanation of the plan.

Efforts Underway In Japan To Win Back Church School Children

Efforts to win back church-school children from communist influence and bring new members into Japan's Christian churches are to be stepped up this fall, Mathew Seishi Ogawa declared during a recent visit to the United States.

Mr. Ogawa is director of the Christian audio-visual program in Tokyo. Special radio and television programs will be mapped out at a conference of churchmen in Tokyo in September in a major attempt to counteract communist anti-American and anti-Christian propaganda, Mr. Ogawa said. "The communists are having a field day with present Japanese discontent with U. S. policies," he added. "Because the Christian church is still associated by many with 'Western' influence, this is also hurting our work."

Mr. Ogawa described long weeks when there was no fish to eat because it was believed radioactive and had to be destroyed. "Some communist youth leaders jumped at that chance to invite church-school children on outings. On joining these imitation Scout groups, the children were given a good time but they also heard about 'American murderers.' They probably reported back to hungry, disgruntled parents that they liked these new leaders who promised peace and no H-bomb tests. Mr. Ogawa says "a lot of those children have not come back to church school."

OBITUARIES

POWELL, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. of Glenwood, Arkansas, died within a week of each other. Mr. Powell was a brother of the Rev. W. H. Watson, pastor of the Okolona Methodist Church.

Robert D. Powell was born December 4, 1883, near Helena, Arkansas, and died at his home at Glenwood, August 29, 1957. He united with the Methodist Church in young manhood and was a faithful member until his death. Until poor health caused him to curb his activities, Mr. Powell was very active in all church activities. He was an honorary member of the Board of Stewards of the Glenwood Methodist Church at the time of his death.

Mr. Powell was married in January 1909, to Miss Trannie Poteet. To this union were born four children, of whom two daughters survive. His first wife died in 1940, and in 1941 he was married to Mrs. Ozzie Bills. His two surviving daughters are Mrs. Cleo Moran of Ft. Smith, Ark., and Mrs. Ruby Bates of Ft. Mead, Maryland. Other survivors are: four half brothers; Rev. W. H. Watson of Okolona; Wesley Watson of Little Rock; T. A. Watson of Plainview; Otis Watson of West Helena; two half sisters: Mrs. Frank Light of West Helena and Mrs. C. C. Wilson of Little Rock.

Mrs. Ozzie Bills Powell, age 66, died at the St. Joseph Hospital at Hot Springs September 3, following a heart attack suffered at her home on August 29, at the time of the death of her husband Robert D. Powell.

Mr. Powell was born in Pulaski, Tenn. and came to Arkansas when she was a young girl. She united with the Glenwood Methodist Church when she moved to Glenwood with her husband 20 years ago. She was a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Kate Wilson Bible Class and the church choir.

Mrs. Powell is survived by a sister Mrs. Virginia Leider of Northfield, Minnesota, a nephew, the Rev. Lyle Leider, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Odebolt, Iowa; two step daughters, Mrs. Cleo Moran of Ft. Smith and Mrs. James Bates of Ft. Mead, Maryland.

Funeral services for Mr. Powell were held in the Glenwood Methodist Church August 31, and were conducted by the Rev. J. M. Rushing, pastor. Burial was at Plain-

Yugoslav Gov't. Turned Back Shipment of Bibles

Belgrade (RNS)—Yugoslav government officials recently turned back from the frontier two freight carloads of Bibles from the British and Foreign Bible Society, informed sources here disclosed.

The sources said the reason for the ban apparently was that, due to a printing mistake, the Yugoslav-language Bibles contained the words "Belgrade, 1956" on the front page, indicating they were printed in Yugoslavia.

The government reportedly maintained it could not allow the distribution of Bibles containing such an inscription.

No Bibles have been printed here since World War II when Yugoslavia became a Communist-ruled country.

Church sources here said there is a great shortage of Bibles in Yugoslavia and many copies of the Scriptures are needed. The British and Foreign Bible Society is the only Bible distributor in Yugoslavia.

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new School of International Service.

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view, Ark., in the Salem Cemetery. Services for Mrs. Powell were conducted by the Rev. J. W. Rushing and the Rev. Lyle Leider on September 4 in the Glenwood Methodist Church. Burial was in the Glenwood Cemetery.

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The U. S. Methodists had some unusual experiences during their stay in the Philippines. Among them were sleeping on the floor, having a breakfast of bananas and boiled corn, and going without a hot shower for four weeks.

The U. S. missionaries went around the world on their trip, leaving this country in late June. They met with Methodist groups in various countries.

NEW SOCIAL SECURITY BILL BENEFITS METHODIST MINISTERS

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determining his net earnings from self-employment. Dr. Calkins indicated, however, that rent allowance or rental value of parsonage may be excluded by a minister in determining his income tax.

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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 1957

NEHEMIAH: PATRIOTISM IN ACTION

READ NEHEMIAH 1, 2, 4, 6:15 and 13.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Take courage . . . says the LORD; work, for I am with you. Haggai 2:4 (RSV)*

With today's lesson we complete the study of Unit VIII, which contained thirteen lessons in character study of Old Testament personalities, described as "Valiant Servants of God." These character studies have included Old Testament personalities both prominent and relatively obscure. They have been helpful studies of men and women who played interesting parts in the development of the Jewish religion. In today's lesson our subject is "Nehemiah: Patriotism in Action."

Something like ninety years have passed since the events in last Sunday's lesson. With the permission of Cyrus, about 50,000 of the captive Jews were permitted to leave Babylon and return to Palestine in 536 B. C. Under the leadership of the prophets, Haggai and Zachariah, the temple at Jerusalem was rebuilt. Despite that measure of progress, the spirit of the returned Jews was very low. After the ravages of war, Palestine was little more than a waste-land. "Jerusalem the Beautiful" was still in ugly ruins. They hardly knew where to begin the rehabilitation program. Under much urging by their leaders, they did rebuild the temple. This, of course, was a very wise move since religion was at the center of their political and religious life.

Even the restoration of the temple did not bring them a sense of security. The walls about Jerusalem were piles of rubbish that afforded no protection from enemies about them. Some of their leaders remembered that Nehemiah, one of their number who stayed in Babylon, was in a high position in the king's government there. They decided to appeal to him for help. "Certain men of Judah," including Hanani, a brother of Nehemiah, visited Babylon and told Nehemiah of the distressing conditions which prevailed in Jerusalem.

Nehemiah was cupbearer to the king in Babylon. This was a high position in government. It was Nehemiah's responsibility to protect the life of the king by tasting his food and drink before they were given to the king, in order that he might be protected from poisoning. Nehemiah was deeply impressed with the reports about Jerusalem and asked permission of the king to be permitted to go back to Jerusalem to help in the rebuilding of its walls. Since Nehemiah was in high favor with the king, his request was granted. In this act, Nehemiah was giving up a highly honored position in the king's government, where he had

the comfort and conveniences and protection of the king's household, for the very difficult and dangerous job of aligning himself with the Jews in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, with jealous, grasping enemies all about him.

Nehemiah A God-Called Man

There is a common element in the lives of all great Old Testament leaders. It was that they felt that God had called them to the tasks they attempted. With that feeling they possessed a power that they would not and could not have had without this impelling consciousness within them.

In the life of Nehemiah, that feeling was born of prayer. When he had learned of the situation in his beloved land Nehemiah says, "I sat down and wept and mourned certain days, and FASTED AND PRAYED before God of Heaven." As Nehemiah talked to the king about his desire to return to Jerusalem, he talked about "the good hand of God upon me." When he talked to the people in Jerusalem about the situation there he again talked about "the hand of my God which was good upon me."

There is nothing that will enable a man to deliver his full powers in a movement for righteousness like a consciousness that he is moving in accord with God's will and plan for him. Ordinary men become extraordinary; weak men become strong and timid men become bold when they feel that God has called them to a task.

This feeling in the life of Nehemiah inspired a like faith in the lives of the Jews in Jerusalem. Men who were discouraged, despondent and all but despairing suddenly became bold, daring, willing workers and they seem to shout in unison, "Let us rise up and build."

Difficulties Nehemiah Faced In Rebuilding Jerusalem's Walls

The fact that we feel called of God to perform certain duties does not necessarily mean that the Lord will smooth the pathway before us along which He asks us to walk. Nehemiah soon found that he faced difficulties in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem that went much further than the discouraged condition of his people. There were enemies about Jerusalem who did not want to see the city strengthened again lest their safety be endangered. These groups were led by Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite and Geshem the Arabian who united their powers and set doggedly and persistently to block the plans for rebuilding the walls about Jerusalem. We would like to mention here the six

methods used by Nehemiah's enemies to block his work. Their first approach was rather subtle but as dangerous as it was subtle.

(1) These enemies at the first just STOOD ABOUT AND LAUGHED. Nehemiah 2:19 says of these enemies, "When they heard it they laughed us to scorn and despised us." One of the most powerful agencies that the enemies of the Christian religion has at its command to slow down the work of the church is a sarcastic smile and ridicule. Repeatedly we have seen people, on the verge of making a decision to give Christ their life, take a quick glance at their unsaved friends about and see on their faces a sarcastic smile. Seeing that spirit of ridicule on the faces of their friends, their face would set, their teeth would all but clinch and nothing we or the Holy Spirit could do could move them. Ridicule may stop less resolute people, but it had no effect on Nehemiah.

(2) Seeing that this "silent treatment" did not affect Nehemiah and that the walls were being built, his enemies OPENLY AND WITH GREAT INDIGNATION MOCKED the Jews. You get the story by reading Nehemiah 4:1-3. They called the feeble Jews and asked if they expected to build a wall out of "the heaps of the rubbish which are burned." One of their enemies declared, "Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall."

Such mocking has put soul-chilling fear in the hearts of many otherwise brave men. During the World War we held a revival meeting near an army camp. Many of the soldiers attended. We talked to numbers of them about becoming Christians and repeatedly got the answer, "We are AFRAID we could not hold out." They were not cowards. One of them on being asked about the morale of the troops said that there was not a man in his company who would not climb a thorn tree fifty feet high, with a wild cat under each arm and never get a scratch. Cowards? No. Nevertheless, when they thought of all that was involved in trying to live the Christian life in an army camp, they frankly said, "I am AFRAID."

(3) The next move of the enemies of Nehemiah was a decision TO STOP THE WORK BY FORCE. The details of that decision are found in Nehemiah 4:7-9. Enemies of the church have more than once resorted to force in an effort to block kingdom progress. The result here was that Nehemiah armed the workers. While some of the Jews were put on watch with arms for themselves and others, the workers went about their work with one hand while the other hand held a weapon with which to fight, if necessary. Threats of force did not stop the building.

(4) In the face of Nehemiah's determination to fight, if necessary, his enemies thought better of the purpose to stop the work by force. Next they attempted the dangerous plan of COMPROMISE. In Nehemiah 6:1-4, we have their plan of compromise. They say "Come let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono." The most subtle, dangerous and effective temptation the church faces today is the temptation to compromise standards in an effort to be popular. Nehemiah's quick

and final answer to this suggestion was, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down." This suggestion and this answer was repeated four times.

(5) In Nehemiah 6:5-7 we have the record of the fifth attempt to stop the building of the walls. This time it is the pressure of PUBLIC OPINION. Nehemiah's enemies sent an open letter to him in which they said, "It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith it." The report, which they said existed, was that Judah planned to set up a king and rebel against the powers in Babylon. Public opinion is a strong force but it did not deter Nehemiah.

(6) The final effort to stop the building of the walls is found in Nehemiah 6:10-11. The suggestion here is that NEHEMIAH PLAY THE COWARD. Representatives of his enemies suggest that he is in danger and that the best thing for him to do is to hide in the temple. Nehemiah's reply is, "Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in." Nehemiah, as a leader, refused to play the coward because danger threatened.

So The Wall Was Finished

After studying this determined effort to carry out a mission to which Nehemiah felt God had called him, we are not surprised to read the statement in Nehemiah 6:15, "So the wall was finished."

There are two reasons for the success of this great undertaking: (1) First there was the determination, the consecration and the faith of Nehemiah the leader. Nothing that anyone could do could even slow up the work, to say nothing about stopping it. (2) Second, we are told that "The people had a mind to work." With a consecrated leadership and willing workmen, there are no tasks to which God calls us that cannot be accomplished.

They Perceived That This Work Was Wrought of God

In Nehemiah 6:16 we are told that, when the people about Jerusalem saw and heard of what had been done under such trying circumstances, "They were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God."

More than once the enemies of the church have stood embarrassed and confused before some great victory the church has won in the face of what appeared impossible obstacles. One of the miracles of the ages has been the survival of the church in the face of world powers that tried to destroy it.

From Material Building To Moral Reform

Nehemiah felt that, for the future security of Judah, it was necessary for Jerusalem to have the protection of walls like those their enemies had torn down. Consequently he did not stop until that work was done.

However, physical enemies are not our greatest danger. Nehemiah was also aware of that fact and he soon went about moral and religious reforms. One of these reforms had to do with Sabbath observance. One of the great dangers to the church today is the fact that the world is making about as much use of the Sabbath as we are. The church, as well as the world, needs a new conscience on Sabbath observance.

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Five Centenary Students Awarded Nat'l Scholarships

Five freshman students who have done outstanding work in Methodism in their home churches are attending Centenary College this year as recipients of National Methodist Scholarships.

Offerings received in Methodist churches on the Methodist Student Day observances are the source of funds for these scholarships.

The Rev. R. Leonard Cooke, vice president of Centenary and chairman of the scholarship committee, said final selection of the scholarship winners was made by the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn. Selection was based on active participation in the Methodist church program, financial need, high scholarship and fine character.

The scholarship winners, all of whom are preparing for full-time careers in some phase of Methodist church work, are as follows: Fred-eric Kellogg, Elizabeth; Edith Elliott, Vivian; Alice Joan Templeton, Bastrop; Janice Roberta Johnson, Lake Providence; and Anita Merline Stephens, Logansport.

Each may have the scholarship for two years, providing he or she maintains a scholastic average of at least "B" in his studies. The scholarships cover full tuition, room and board expenses.

Young Kellogg is the son of the Rev. John F. Kellogg III, pastor of (Continued on page 9)

Small Church Conference Set For October 7-9

The Small Church Conference for laymen, ministers, and laywomen of Louisiana Methodist churches with fewer than 350 members, will be held Oct. 7-9, at Camp Brewer, near Alexandria.

The Rev. John H. Sewell, Baker, Conference secretary of Town and Country work, reports that sessions will be held on Evangelism, Education, Missions, Lay Activities, and Stewardship. Topics under these subject headings will include: rural revivals, evangelistic preaching services, how and what to teach, the church-wide mission study, what is a lay leader and where can he get help, the church director of stewardship and his duties, and the every-member canvass.

Total cost of the conference is \$6, and registration should be sent to: Rev. John Sewell, P. O. Box 181, Baker, La.

Those attending should bring bed linen, blanket, pillow, and towels. The session is sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Board of Education and the Town and Country Commission.

Home-Hospital Receives Organ

A two-manual Baldwin organ has been installed in the chapel of the Methodist Home-Hospital in New Orleans, according to Dr. L. D. Haughton, superintendent of the hospital.

The organ is a gift, according to Dr. Haughton, "of a grateful grandfather of one of our girls from a state outside our territory. He visited New Orleans and the hospital and was gratefully impressed by the hospital and our work. This was magnified when his granddaughter was returned home. The gift followed."

Dr. Haughton expressed his appreciation and that of the Board of Trustees of the Home for the gift.

The institution, owned and operated by the Louisiana, North Mississippi and Mississippi Annual

Algiers Church Undergoing Renovation

The Algiers Methodist Church is undergoing a renovation project that will amount to approximately \$17,000, according to the Rev. John T. Redmon, pastor.

Included in the project will be the air-conditioning of the sanctuary and the recreational center, also the repainting of the interior and exterior wood-work of the structure.

Plans also call for the building of an entire kitchen in the parsonage which will also be redecorated. The work is expected to require several weeks to complete.

Conferences, has a threefold purpose: a hospital for unwed mothers, a child-caring institution, and a child-placement agency.

\$31 Million Raised For Methodist Church Building

A corps of Methodist ministers, whose job it is to help local churches raise money for building purposes, directed financial campaigns in which more than \$31,000,000 was given during the twelve-month period ending May 31, 1957.

The total was announced to the ministerial fund-raising group at their annual meeting (September 3) at Lakeside, Ohio. The group is the staff of the Department of Finance and Field Service of the Division of National Missions, the Methodist Board of Missions. The departmental staff of eighteen full-time and several part-time campaign or "crusade" directors constitutes the professional fund-raising service of the Methodist Church.

The \$31,000,000 was raised in 400 campaigns and was almost twice the amount raised in any previous year by the staff, the Rev. F. Olen Hunt, Philadelphia, administrative director of the department, said.

The 1956-57 amount brought the total raised by the department for church-building purposes since 1932 to more than \$112,000,000, Dr. Hunt said. More than half of the 25-year total, or \$65,000,000, has been raised in the last four years, he added, and gave this breakdown: Fiscal 1955-56—\$16,000,000; 1954-55 — \$10,000,000; 1953-54—\$8,000,000.

Most of the crusades were conducted in local Methodist churches and ranged in size from \$10,000 to more than \$500,000, Dr. Hunt said. Some were for buildings for newly-organized Methodist congregations, some for congregations whose buildings had been destroyed by natural disaster, and some for congregations wishing to expand or rehabilitate existing buildings.

"The size of the crusade has no bearing on the willingness of our department to serve," Dr. Hunt told his staff. "Every church and crusade get the same consideration and quality of direction regardless of size."

In addition to organizing and directing crusades in local Methodist churches, the Finance and Field Service staff gave financial counsel of several specialized types. They directed church extension campaigns for several annual conferences. Dr. Hunt served as financial counselor for the proposed \$4,000,000 new Methodist seminary in Ohio. A department staffer, the Rev. Dr. Alexander Stewart, gave preliminary counsel on a \$1,000,000-drive for Wesley Foundations at state colleges in Michigan, which he is to direct this fall.

Homer Features Men's Choir, Sunday Evenings

The Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Homer, took the Sunday evening services as a project and have filled the choir every Sunday evening since February, according to the Rev. Donald M. Risinger, pastor.

Also, the group has gone out to sing for revivals four times. "It has been a great experience for the country church for some 20 men and their pastor to go

out one night during a meeting and sing," the report said.

The choir, pictured below, was heard by some 137 at the evening service at Homer, Sept. 8.

Phil Kendall is music director; Jim Tarpley, song leader; Mrs. Robert Kent, organist; and Mrs. Reuel Coleman, pianist.



Churches Respond To Many Relief Needs

While millions of Americans were enjoying summer holidays, recent disasters in various parts of the world made heavy demands on America's churches for emergency relief. In a recent report, the executive director of Church World Service, Dr. R. Norris Wilson, summed up CWS actions taken:

When the Japanese island of Kyushu was struck by floods in July, leaving more than 600 dead, 150,000 homeless and 5,000 missing, CWS was able to send almost 30 tons of relief supplies immediately and more have since been dispatched to the area.

Also in July, when earthquakes rocked the mountains of Iran, CWS cabled \$5,000 to American church workers there for emergency use. Within weeks, when two disasters struck Greece—a serious explosion and fire and flash floods—CWS provided tents and clothing and set up Share Our Surplus food distribution centers.

Earlier CWS sent relief supplies to Taiwan where a typhoon had left more than 50 dead and 1100 homeless and destitute. In the same month, food was rushed to flooded areas of France and Italy.

Also in June, Dr. Wilson reported, CWS representatives were helping families left destitute by the fire which destroyed a section of Pusan, Korea, while others were speeding SOS food to northern India where the people were on the brink of starvation as a result of last year's floods.

Church World Service is the relief agency of the National Council of Churches.

Adult School Of Alcohol Studies Set Next Month

Washington, D. C. (MI)—A national Adult School of Alcohol Studies will be held Oct. 9-16 at Green Lake, Wis., under the auspices of the Methodist Board of Temperance.

Delegates will represent temperance boards and the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church's 103 annual conferences across the country.

Expected to attend from Arkansas and Louisiana Methodism are representatives from the three conference Board of Temperance and representatives from the conference Woman's Societies.

Dean of the school will be the Rev. Donald Kuhn of Washington, director of the general temperance board's Department of Organizational Activities. He will be assisted by other staff members, and national and regional leaders in temperance work.

The school will train resource leaders for church and community activities, and develop techniques for handling temperance problems, Mr. Kuhn said.

The faculty will include Bishop D. Stanley Coors, St. Paul, Minn.; Dr. Raymond McCarthy of the Yale University Center of Alcohol Studies, New Haven, Conn.; Dr. Douglas Jackson of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.; the Rev. Robert Clemmons of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., and the Rev. Thomas J. Shipp, pastor of the Lovers Lane Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex.

Jurisdictional Hearings Launched In Denver

Denver (MI)—Instead of pleas for the elimination of Jurisdictions from Methodist organization, one more Jurisdiction was called for by several of the twelve speakers who appeared here September 10, before an official fact-finding panel. This was the first of twenty-four similar hearings scheduled during September and October by the General Conference Commission to Study the Jurisdictional System, its effectiveness and weaknesses.

Dr. C. Cooper Bell, Lynchburg, Va., executive director of the Commission chaired the panel. Attorney Thurman L. Dodson of Washington, D. C., was secretary. This same panel is set for hearings in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle.

Five similar panels, also drawn from the 70-member study commission, are scheduled for four hearings in each of the other Jurisdictions.

While changes in the time and place of Jurisdictional Conferences were advocated here, no demand was made by any of the witnesses for return of episcopal elections to the General Conference. There was, however, strong support by several for the consecration and assignment of the bishops at the General Conference session. This would, of course, require that Jurisdictional Conferences meet prior to the General Conference.

One layman disapproved the "wasteful expense" of Jurisdictional Conference sessions. He urged election of bishops by delegates meeting by Jurisdictions at the seat of the General Conference. Like several witnesses he felt that the abilities of the men chosen are better known to delegates who are nearer to them.

"Jurisdictional Conferences are superfluous," this same witness said. "They duplicate what is already provided nationally in the General Conference, the boards and the Council of Bishops."

The proposal for the expansion of the Jurisdictional system called for a seventh Jurisdiction to be composed of Areas now in states in the Western and South Central Jurisdictions: Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, perhaps Montana and New Mexico, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Speakers supporting the new Jurisdiction referred to these Areas as being "fringe" territory having little influence in their present Jurisdictions. "These states have more in common with each other than with the episcopal Areas to which they now belong," it was said.

Racial segregation in the church, a subject which the Commission is particularly charged to investigate, played a minor part in this hearing. The presence of segregation within the church was frequently deplored by witnesses and in letters sent to the chairman of the panel. However, in the territory covered by this hearing segregation does not seem to be an acute problem.

Changes to provide for the assignment of bishops to their Areas by the General Conference were strongly supported by several speakers on the ground that general superintendents with specialized talents might thus more easily be appointed to Areas needing such capa-

National Council Assembly Meeting Set For St. Louis, Dec. 1-6

St. Louis, Mo. (NC)—This is the year of America's town meeting of the churches.

The General Assembly of the National Council of Churches—held triennially—will bring together here, Dec. 1-6, several thousand leaders of major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church bodies which, in a multiple partnership, constitute the nation's largest religious enterprise. The 30 constituent communions embrace 37,400,000 members in the United States.

The preliminary program for the Assembly, announced recently, forecast a week of discussion, planning and decision-making in the cooperative life of the churches.

The week will also be one of worship and devotion with music performed by choral groups and the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. Public sessions will be addressed by nationally known speakers.

Underlying all activities will be the delegates' main purposes for assembling here:

1. To examine and review the 75 year-round programs which the cooperating churches sponsor through the National Council of Churches.
2. To draw up broad blueprints for their federated enterprise in years to come.
3. To elect a new leadership for the next triennium.

Weighing what the churches are doing together through their common Council, voting delegates, alternates and accredited visitors will seek ways to expand and improve their work.

Assembly leaders will be guest preachers in churches of the St. Louis area on Sunday morning, Dec. 1, opening day of the Assembly. The delegates together with the general public will gather for the first time that evening, filing into the auditorium in a colorful procession for a service of worship, followed by a program of sacred music. The Bach Society of St. Louis and the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will perform.

During the succeeding five days, official delegates will tackle a host of concerns, issues, problems and other business matters and will vote or otherwise act on the following:

Acceptance of the three-year report on the entire National Council enterprise.

Admission into the Council of new constituent church bodies, in addition to the present thirty.

Adopting a Message to the Churches.

Election and installation of new officers.

The week will close with a General Assembly luncheon at the Hotel Jefferson, to be addressed by the newly elected National Council president.

While recognizing the existence of a present unused provision for a bishop to be transferred, several witnesses felt that the constitution now "freezes" the bishop to the Jurisdiction which elected him.

Panel members, although asking questions to clarify the proposals of those who appeared, were restricted by "ground rules" announced by the chairman from debating with witnesses.

A report, based on findings both from the 24 hearings and from other research, will be issued by the Commission and distributed to delegates three months prior to the 1960 General Conference.

Colombia's Interior Minister Acts To Assure Freedom For Protestants

Bogota, Colombia (RNS)—Interior Minister Jose Maria Villareal has instructed state governors and local authorities to assure full freedom of assembly and worship to Protestant sects in this predominantly Roman Catholic country.

At the same time, the minister directed the governors to see to it that the 50 or so Protestant churches in various parts of the country hindered in their work or prevented from holding services because of "local difficulties" are permitted to function without further trouble.

The minister's order was made public 24 hours after United States Ambassador John Moors Cabot had called on Foreign Minister Carlos Sanz de Santamaria to request that Protestant groups be permitted to function without hindrance. Most of these groups are of American origin.

Earlier, a statement issued by the Secretariat for the Defense of the Faith, an agency of the Colombian Roman Catholic hierarchy, declared that the Church recognized "the right of non-Catholic Christians" in Colombia "freely to practice their own religion."

"Sound Of A Stone" Acclaimed By TV Stations

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—A motion picture, "The Sound of a Stone," produced for the Board of Social and Economic Relations of The Methodist Church has been chosen by television stations as one of the 50 best free or public service films that they have used.

The film was produced in 1955 by the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO) through the facilities of Centron Corporation, Lawrence, Kans.

"The Sound of a Stone" was the only film produced by a Protestant denomination listed among the top 50," said the Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer, Nashville, general secretary of TRAFCO.

The selection of the best films, including those from industry and other sources, was made in response to a questionnaire sent recently to television stations of the nation by *Variety*, a weekly publication in the entertainment field.

The 28-minute movie, which tells how a false accusation of Communism nearly ruins a school teacher, was adapted for inclusion in The Way television series produced by TRAFCO and released through the National Council of Churches.

The film, in color and black-and-white, can now be rented from The Methodist Publishing House.

Progress Reported In Methodist Pension Program

Chicago (MI)—Progress has been made in nearly every phase of the pension program of The Methodist Church during the past year, members of the General Board of Pensions were told at their annual meeting here Sept. 11.

In his first report as a general secretary, the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Calkins of Chicago, said that total assets held and administered by the board amounted to \$47,172,146 as of May 31, 1957—an increase of nearly five million dollars over the last fiscal year's figure.

Previously there have been two reports of two executive secretaries, one for the Missouri Corporation and the other for the Illinois and Maryland Corporations. Since the 1956 General Conference, the pension work is being administered under one general secretary with offices at 740 Rush Street, Chicago. An investment office is maintained in St. Louis.

In addition to the 47 millions administered by the general board, more than 40 million dollars are held and administered by annual conference organizations, Dr. Calkins explained.

Grand total of payments last year to conference claimants (retired ministers, ministers' widows and their dependent children) was \$14,332,037, Dr. Calkins reported.

He also said that there are now 49—about half—of the annual conferences participating in the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund.

Bishop Marshall R. Reed of Detroit, president of the board, presided at the meeting.

Mrs. Edith Herron of the Chicago staff was elected assistant recording secretary and William B. Collins of Chicago was named assistant treasurer.

Other reports were given by the treasurers, Donald R. McKee, Chicago, and Benjamin F. Frick, St. Louis. John Tittle of Chicago reported as investment counsel.

The Commission on Pension Legislation, already shaping up necessary legal matters for the 1960 General Conference, met following adjournment of the general board.

Methodists Establish University Chair Of Religious Education

Syracuse, N. Y. (RNS)—Upstate New York Methodists have established a chair of religious education at Syracuse University. It will be known as "The W. Earl Ledden Professorship of Religious Education" in honor of the Methodist Bishop of Syracuse.

The chair will promote the training of professional and lay religious education workers. It represents a contribution to The Methodist Church's emphasis on higher education this year by the 200,000 members of three upstate Methodist Conferences.

A campaign for \$300,000 to finance the professorship will be conducted among Methodists. The Rev. Charles Bollinger, area director of Christian higher education, will head the drive.

Bishop Ledden is president of the Northeastern Jurisdiction College of Methodist Bishops. He was president of the Methodist Council of Bishops last year.

'LAMPLIGHTERS' INVITE NEWCOMERS TO ATTEND CHURCH

Chicago (RNS)—When families move into the Lakeview community on Chicago's North Side they can expect a friendly visit from the "Lamp-lighter."

That's the person assigned to invite newcomers in the neighborhood to attend the church of their choice.

Eight Protestant churches of six denominations have joined in this attempt to reach recently-settled residents who otherwise would remain adrift as a large and anonymous group.

The churches are banded together in a group known as LAMP (Lakeview Associated Ministry of Protestants).

The Rev. William Franklin Hobbs is LAMP's "minister of community outreach," a newly-created post. He will supervise the Lamplighters' activities as spotters and block captains in keeping track of newcomers.

A graduate of Chicago Theological Seminary, Mr. Hobbs formerly was pastor of the Congregational church of Roberts, Ill.

Churches affiliated with LAMP are Lakeview Methodist, Diversey Parkway Evangelical United Brethren, Messiah Lutheran, Peace United (Evangelical and Reformed), St. Peter's Episcopal, Trinity Lutheran, Wellington Avenue Congregational, and Wesley Methodist.

WCTU Official Reports On Alcoholics In Mental Institutions

Madison, Wis. (RNS)—Nearly one-fifth of the alcoholics committed to the nation's mental institutions and general hospitals have been diagnosed as having permanent injury to the brain from alcohol, an official of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union said here.

Mrs. Fred J. Tooze of Portland, Ore., national corresponding secretary, said her statement was based on generally unpublished national public health statistics.

She spoke at an executive committee meeting preceeding the union's 83rd annual convention.

"Statistics compiled by the National Institute of Mental Health," Mrs. Tooze said, "show that of the 139,608 alcoholics committed to civilian mental institutions in 1953, 1954 and 1955, a total of 24,188 were diagnosed as having chronic brain syndrome (permanent brain damage resulting from alcohol).

Another 38,202 or more than 27 per cent of the alcoholics committed were diagnosed in medical terms as with acute brain syndrome which the American Psychiatric Association says included hallucinations, delusions and behavior disturbances."

The others among the 139,608 alcoholics, Mrs. Tooze said, were diagnosed as having "personality disorder, or alcoholism addiction."

She said the statistics were significant in the following ways:

"They settle on the basis of competent medical authority the longstanding controversy over whether alcoholic beverage can damage the brain, by showing that it does and that the damage is permanent.

"They show that the country's short supply of mental institutions are being increasingly overcrowded by persons maimed or disabled by drink.

"They demonstrate that the problem of alcoholism, under unrestricted drink promotion and sales, far exceeds that of opium, heroin or other narcotic drug addiction in our country.

"They reveal the unsoundness of any idea or ideology that 'moderation in drinking' is the solution of the alcohol problem, since each of the 139,608 persons committed obviously started out with the idea of drinking moderately."

Criticizes Congress For Failure To Regularize Refugees

New York, Sept. 12 (NC)—The director of the nation's largest church-sponsored relief agency joined President Eisenhower today in criticizing Congress for failure to "regularize the status" of over 30,000 Hungarian "freedom fighters" now in this country.

Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service, said the emergency immigration bill signed by the President yesterday, represented a "sad let-down for the Hungarian refugees whom the American people greeted so warmly after their abortive revolt against Hungary's Communist masters forced them to flee for their lives."

Church World Service—an agency of the National Council of Churches—was instrumental in helping 6,000 Hungarian escapees come to this country at the height of last winter's crisis.

In a press statement, Dr. Wilson added: "Because the church bodies represented in the National Coun-

Liquor Expenditures Exceed Contributions To Religion, Welfare

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Americans spent three times as much on alcoholic beverages last year as they contributed to churches, religious bodies and welfare organizations, the Methodist Board of Temperance reported here.

It gave Department of Commerce figures showing that \$10,500,000,000 was spent for liquor in 1956. The amount given for religious and welfare activities was \$3,746,000,000.

Last year's liquor expenditure was \$410,000,000 higher than the 1955 figure.

The statistical report also said Americans spent \$2,416,000,000 for books, magazines and newspapers last year; \$3,269,000,000 for physicians; and \$1,173,000,000 for medical care and hospitalization insurance.

A total of \$5,681,000,000 was spent for tobacco.

Methodist Ministers' Group Raises Bldg. Funds For Churches

Lakeside, O. (RNS)—A special corps of Methodist ministers helped churches over the country raise more than \$31,000,000 for building purposes during the year ending May 31, 1957.

The ministers are staff members of the Department of Finance and Field Service of The Methodist Church's Division of National Missions. They held their annual meeting here.

The \$31,000,000, obtained in 400 campaigns, was almost twice the amount raised by the group in the previous fiscal year, a report said.

Eighteen full-time and several part-time campaign directors comprise the staff of the department which is the professional fund-raising service of The Methodist Church.

Most of the campaigns ranged in goal from \$10,000 to \$500,000. Some were for new church buildings and others for expansion or repair of existing buildings.

cil of Churches have assumed responsibility for resettlement of some 6,000 of these refugees, Church World Service which is the cooperative instrument of the churches for resettlement activities, is deeply concerned at the deportation threat that hangs over the refugees' heads."

Japan Gains 76,963 Christians In Year

Tokyo (RNS)—Japan had 583,589 Christians as of Dec. 21 last, according to the Japanese-language Christian Year Book for 1957, just published here. This is a gain of 75,963 over the total reported at the end of 1955.

The Christian population comprises 322,135 Protestants, 227,063 Roman Catholics and 34,391 Eastern Orthodox, the publication said.

Membership in some of the larger Protestant bodies was reported as: United Church of Christ in Japan, 167,971; Episcopal Church (Japan Holy Catholic Church), 39,603; Spirit of Jesus Christ Church, 23,530; Japan Christ Church, 9,714; Baptist Church, 9,397; Evangelical Lutheran

Church, 7,250; and Salvation Army, 5,388.

The yearbook listed 74 Protestant denominations of which 63 have memberships ranging from less than 100 to 5,000. It said there were 4,312 Protestant churches, 671 Catholic and 140 Orthodox.

Total membership of Protestant denominations affiliated with the National Christian Council is 225,723, about 68 per cent of the total, the yearbook reported.

The publication said there were 3,970 Protestant Sunday schools, with 17,261 teachers and 222,503 pupils. During the year, it stated, baptisms totalled 44,009, of which 23,312 were Protestant, 20,305 Catholic and 392 Orthodox.

Conference Boards Help Train Teachers

MANY of our churches are observing Christian Education Week at this time. This marks the close of one church school year and the beginning of another. In many instances special programs will be held to emphasize the place and importance of this great arm of the local church, the church school.

We endeavored last week to point out that local church schools fill an important link in helping develop the spiritual lives of those who come within its influence, and that Methodists are indebted to the great number of officers and teachers who contribute time and talent to make possible church school programs.

We should like to suggest now that of equal importance are the annual conference programs of Christian education, and the leaders that make these programs possible. These programs are determined by the annual conference Boards of Education and are carried out through various staff members of these boards headed by executive secretaries.

The functions of these boards and their staff members are chiefly to be of any practical service they can to local churches in developing their programs, and to promote programs of leadership training for local church leaders of all age groups. The financial support of these boards and their programs comes chiefly through appropriations from budgets of annual conferences and offerings received on Church School Day, observed in most churches in connection with Christian Education Week. Most conferences designate Church School Day offerings for program use, oftentimes in the district from which the offering came.

The Arkansas-Louisiana Area is exceptionally fortunate in having three of the finest executive secretaries of Conference education boards to be found anywhere. Thoroughly committed to their tasks, having the confidence of their fellow ministers as well as local church leaders, these program administrators render their respective conferences great service. The effectiveness of their leadership is seen in the well developed and helpful programs which they head. Two of the conferences have other staff members who contribute appreciated leadership.

Local church leaders will do well to remember their debt to their annual Conference Board of Education for the assistance they receive. Without this assistance their programs would be weaker and their leaders less trained for their tasks. Before the teachable can be taught, the teacher must be trained.

Government By Consent

ONE of the distinguishing characteristics between countries of the free world, often times referred to as the "West," and non-free countries behind the Iron Curtain is the democratic elections. In countries of the free world, elections are highly spirited affairs, spiced with much oratory, unhampered discussion of the issues presented, and speculation as to the ultimate outcome of the various contests. Elections are sometimes held in dictatorship countries, but the pre-election days are little different than others, with no oratorical appeal by candidates for support, no weighing of the issues at stake, and with no doubt as to what the voting outcome will be.

The world has just been treated to an election drama in West Germany, which had all the trappings of a first class political battle. There were campaign speeches, discussion of the various issues, and some degree of uncertainty about the ultimate outcome. The chief prize in the election was the Chancellorship of West Germany. The future of the country was somewhat at stake as the pro-Westerner Konrad Adenauer, the incumbent, took his case to the people against Erich Ollenhauer, whose sympathies were anti-Western. Apparently, the German people liked the

kind of leadership which Dr. Adenauer had given them, as they returned him to office for the third time. The important thing to remember is that the people themselves decided who their leader would be and what kind of future they wanted.

We here in the United States take our elections as a matter of course, without any serious thought as to what life would be without them. But what we take for granted, multiplied millions of people in Iron Curtain countries are denied. Changes in leadership of those countries are effected by other means, and what elections are held are a farce. It is difficult, for example, to imagine East Germans, the Hungarians, and the Russians having an open opportunity of freely announcing for office, making political speeches denouncing openly their present governments, or seeking unhindered the support of their fellow citizens for certain candidates.

On the one hand it is government by consent of the people, while on the other hand it is government without the people's consent. It is not by accident that Christianity thrives best where there is government by consent of the people, for a government without people's consent must curb those activities which threaten its continuance. Since Christianity upholds man's dignity and infinite worth, it is liable to encourage citizens to take matters into their own hands.

Most of the trouble spots internationally of the past few years have been in those areas where people are governed without their consent. Either by citizens' default of their privileges or by seizure of government by power-mad leaders, control has passed from the ruled to the ruler.

Our concern in this issue is two-fold: first, that there be a greater appreciation by our own people of our own privilege of voting and choosing between candidates and issues; and, second, that every legitimate and honorable means be employed to keep people who are governed without their consent informed that free elections are held in the free world. In this way, hope may be kept alive until that day when all the peoples of the world may have the opportunity of deciding the political course of their own countries.

Non-Essentials Put To Work

WE can't forget a news story in last week's Arkansas Methodist about a retired member of the North Arkansas Conference who with his wife is supporting an Advance Missionary Special in South India. The treasurer of the conference did not identify the minister. The minister had written that the money for the support came from skimping on non-essentials; "What wonderful things our Father could do with the money we spend for non-essentials!"

One of the retired members of the Louisiana Conference presented Centenary College a check at the last conference session for the amount an unknown friend had contributed toward the minister's training at Centenary College many years ago.

Now, these ministers, and many others like them, make these contributions not because retirement benefits for retired Methodist ministers are too generous—they are still below what they ought to be, but they are being gradually improved. But, having traveled many of the miles of a life's course, they are able to see life in a perspective that many of us do not have. Discernment of the essential and the non-essential is easier.

Were it generally known what the giving of retired Methodist preachers is to causes of the Kingdom, we suspect that their example would put many of the rest of us to shame. Though age deprives them of pulpit and people, they continue to serve through their gifts. That should be the minimum for any Methodist.

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What Is Job Of Methodist Laymen On The Circuit

By Alexander Nunn



IN the beginning, I would stress, as I have over and over, some things that I believe must apply to any member in any church regardless of location:

1. There is no substitute for Godliness, for a constantly alert mind, for a belief that Christianity for the individual is a matter of continuous growth, for a conviction that Jesus does change things, that God does still rule. I cannot become aroused by a church or an individual who gets greatly excited about race relations, for example, and winks at wholesale liquor drinking within his own circle.

2. There is no substitute for a belief and practice that life is one unified whole. Over and over Jesus condemned most of those who observed all the religious laws and held themselves aloof in their self-righteousness. Those would be some of our "Sunday Christians", today. If Christ comes to rule in the hearts of men it will be because we take him with us on the tractor, behind the desk, when we're making a sale to a customer, when we're driving on the road.

3. There is no substitute for stewardship. I do not believe many of either our ministers or laymen have any grasp of what stewardship means. I hear a lot about tithing but very little about stewardship. If we really believed in and practiced stewardship, we wouldn't have to worry about tithing and money. I am talking about stewardship of all of life—stewardship of time, talents, resources, influence, money. We are "tenants of the Almighty." All things do come from God and all things return to Him.

Now, this layman from a four-church circuit would like to talk with you about a few basic things in rural life that as rural church workers or even as Methodists anywhere, we cannot disregard:

Sound Agriculture Necessary

As professing Christians and as Americans, we must wake up individually and awaken as a nation to the basic importance and necessity for a sound agriculture. There can be no industry, no art, no education as we know it, few of the things that we today think of as necessities until the farmer produces more than he needs for himself. No group of farm people have ever done such an amazing job as have our American farmers. Yet everywhere they are being abused and damned for it.

Because of what American farmers have achieved in efficiency, no large group of people have ever had so much good food, at such a high level of nutrition, and at such a low percentage of their income as have the people of this nation. And the very ridiculousness of it, if it were not so dangerous and likely to be so tragic, is that the more abundant has been the farmer's production, the less he has gotten for it. Sometimes I wonder if our church really is concerned about social justice.

We might afford to be more complacent about what happens to agriculture, even though I would say it would still be short-sighted, if it were not for the explosive nature of our population increase. Farm population continues to decrease while total population is multiplying almost geometrically. Dr. Whelpton said recently that if, since the beginning of the Christian era, the peoples of the world had multiplied as fast as they are now, there would be today 1,000,000 living persons for every one we have.

I personally believe we may run into food problems by or before 1975. I do not mean that anyone may have too little to eat but he may not be able to get what he wants. By 2,000 A.D. it is my judgment that, unless present national attitudes and policies change, we could easily run into actual shortages.

Need For Subsidy

Church people as well as the public generally, and certainly our Methodist people who continue to depend so largely on rural areas for their members, ought to stop all this loose talk about farm subsidies. The farmer was the last to get subsidies, and would gladly be the first to drop them if other segments of the economic order would drop theirs. This enormous subsidy of strong, wholesome young people ready and willing to work which our rural areas have sent to the cities year after year has many times over-balanced all the subsidies that the farmer has ever gotten.

Apparently many of our leaders proceed altogether on the basis, "We've got to go where the people are." Certainly none of us would say that any human soul should be neglected. But if in this sort of reasoning we are actually saying, "This generation is our only responsibility," then we'd better look a little farther ahead. It is not all of Christ's teachings to get this generation to heaven though that be assignment enough. I suggest consideration of a policy which says in essence, "It may be that we can best save our own generation by saving others." The self-centered have always lost.

I'd like to ask you study enough history to find out what has happened to nations and cultures that forgot their agriculture and their soils. The story has been the same over and over: When they reached the point at which they said, "We don't have to worry about our farm people and our lands," they were already on the downgrade to ruin. It took Rome more than 400 years to travel that road all the way; other civilizations have often taken much less. In my judgment, with all the facilities for good or bad in this modern day, we might travel the full route in less than a hundred years.

Believes Urbanized Society Curbs Democracy and Protestantism

In my judgment, American democracy and American Protestantism cannot survive in a completely urbanized society. I would go further and say that no nation and no civilization has survived complete urbanization. To insure the future of this nation and of most of the things we hold dear, we must awaken to the things that have made us what we are. Not only that; we must seek by every Christian technique we know to preserve those values to protect our future. In the heart of America's rise to greatness, through the generations of 350 years, has been the rural church. And let us never forget the everlasting obligation we owe to our pioneer Methodist circuit riders. We must as a nation and as a church seek to maintain the bases on which our society has grown and prospered. That does not mean more dirt farmers as such nor ministers who can bale hay—though that would often help.

With our enormous population increases, a Christian attitude toward the soil becomes more important each year. We don't get two acres of good soil every time a baby is born. Saving all our soil and water resources as well as all our finest spiritual resources is more important to the non-farmers of the future than it is to farm folks themselves.

Bigness Not God's Standard

Finally, let me remind you that bigness is not yet the standard of measure that God uses. Everyone of us here, teamed up with God, can work miracles that we have not yet dreamed of.

We're not so big as we think we are anyway. I believe we now say, often in a bragging voice, that The Methodist Church has more than 9,000,000 members in this country and all Methodists, about 14,000,000. We like to think we're the largest single body in American Protestantism. But in 1900, one in every seven church members was a Methodist. Today one in every 12 is a Methodist.

And I'm told that we do not have as many ordained ministers as we had in 1900.

Especially on our circuits do we need to help every member to see that he or she is important and can contribute something important and valuable to his local church and to the world.

One man could carry on his shoulder a bag of perhaps 10,000 acorns of the water oak. If each acorn should be planted and each produced a tree that grew to a mature oak, it would take a million men to bear away all the wood. So can our influence grow as we seek to know God's will and to follow it. And if we could somehow get that message over to all the laymen and all the lay women in all the rural churches in this jurisdiction alone, what a world this could be fifty years from now.

Those are some of the jobs, my fellow Methodists, that this one layman sees ahead for church members and ministers.

ROOTS THAT HOLD

At the close of World War I, a great European leader was being feted in America for his heroism. He modestly disclaimed any signal merit of his own by saying he was simply a tree in a forest of courageous spirits.

If we are to think of life as a tree, one might well wonder what is happening to the roots of life in America. We may consider the roots of life in terms of our nature's qualities—honor, conscientiousness, faith, hope, love. These are the tendrils which give us stance and through which we draw sustenance for our spirits.



Also we may think of the roots of life in terms of the associations into which these tendrils go. We may say our roots are family ties, social circles, national patriotism, religious associations.

Take family loyalties which are so deep. And how far their roots do reach. "Where'er we may roam, be it ever so humble, there's no place like home." The young bride and groom, so lost in each other they are oblivious to anything else in the world; parent and child looking into each other's eyes and seeing there the kind of person each wants to be. These family roots are so

subtle, and so under the surface, we often do not see how much the sap of life comes through them until something breaks a home.

Some time ago a college sophomore was pouring out his heart to me. His father had deserted his mother. His stepfather had so cruelly mistreated him that his mother had taken him away to her parents near Chicago.

These grandparents were more or less dependent on their son, this boy's uncle, who was supporting the boy at school although he did not approve of the boy's objectives in education.

To climax his pathos, the girl on whom he had staked his hope seemed to be losing interest. That boy, who tried to appear so self-sufficient on the campus, in the privacy of our conversation spoke with a breaking voice: "It seems whenever I tie to anything it somehow lets go."

Yes, the roots of the family do feed our lives. Yet how easily the cankerworm can get at these roots.

The love of husband and wife—how easily it can deteriorate into possessiveness! And the bond between parent and child may bruise with selfish interests. If we are going to keep the loyalty of the home, we must be devoted to the whole life of the loved one, body, mind and spirit.

A family is not sufficient unto itself. Home ties are not safe unless the members of the family have larger interests in causes outside themselves.

That is why Christ said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." He was trying to tell us our human loves need a higher loyalty.

In my grandfather's home was a framed motto, "God is the Head of This House." Those words revealed one secret strength in that household.

Now take the roots of life which run beyond the family into the social groups. Every schoolboy knows the story of Damon and Pythias. Pythias was condemned to death by Dionysius, the tyrant ruler of Syracuse. Before his death he made the request to return home to settle his affairs. Whereupon Damon offered his life as hostage until Pythias returned.

Pythias returned just in time to save Damon from death, and Dionysius was so impressed by the fineness of their friendship he asked the privilege of being allowed to enter into that kind of noble relationship.

We make friends in our work, our recreational activities, our social circles. The result is that the soil of society is intermeshed underneath with all these class loyalties, group loyalties, associations, luncheon clubs and the like.

But if we think we can hold the world steady merely by these circles of self-interest, I'm afraid we are fooling ourselves.

We need God to strengthen and enrich our friendships. God helps us to make our friends on high levels. Some friendships are made in the atmosphere of the tavern, others in the circle of the church.

There is a mighty difference between the two. God helps our friendships to last. Worldly friends so often desert when disaster comes or prosperity departs. A godly friendship clings as a vine clings to the fallen oak.

Moreover, when friendship is rooted in religious faith, it has a lasting quality which even death cannot destroy. The old hymn puts it:

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

The Layman's Column

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HONG KONG, CITY OF HOPE AND HEARTBREAK

Hong Kong impresses the hurried visitor in many ways. It has its share of beggars on the streets, including the little girl who held out her hand to me and asked for money while she sang, "Jingle Bells." There was the old woman sitting on the sidewalk with her bound feet. She must have been very old because footbinding went out years ago as a custom among the women. Then there are the ever-present British soldiers who live there, because Hong Kong and Kowloon across the harbor are still controlled by the British as a Crown Colony. But the part of the city that impressed us the most was not the steep, narrow oriental streets, lined with little shops that sell you about anything you want, or the changing picture of the harbour with its battleships, its freighters, its ferries and its sampans.

The greatest commodity that Hong Kong offers to the most people is a new freedom. Because since Hong Kong is an open city, it furnishes thousands of Chinese the opportunity to slip out of China where they are already galling under the life that they live with Communist rule. Kowloon is the end of the railroad which runs into China and which sometimes furnishes the means of slipping out. The little fishing boats that furnish a living for thousands of families are also the channels of a new hope for many who are coming away from the present rule of China. Hong Kong is literally filled with refugees. It is a city bursting at the seams with Chinese who don't want to live in China but who have nowhere to go. Nor are all of these refugees poor. Many are successful merchants who had to leave everything behind but have made a new start here. Many are professional men and women who have found employment in their respective abilities. Many are workmen with nothing but a family and a willingness to work. But the Chinese are a hardy and a resourceful race and seldom ask for favors. Most of these find a living. What they cannot find is a home to live in. The valleys in the mountains are often filled with

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Held

THE LAYMAN WANTS A FREE AND PROPHETIC PULPIT

A highly-respected leader of the Methodist Church is reported to have said recently: "I suspect more 'gag-rule' is being inflicted upon ministers of all denominations today than ever before. . . I also suspect there are more heart-sick ministers today than ever before. . . In many churches the voice of the minister is being hushed because of pressures by lay members who do not believe the church should use its voice to advocate political action and progress."

And a young former minister is quoted as saying: "The average Protestant congregation in America is scared to death of ideas. A young minister who has ideas soon finds that he has to trim and compromise. . ."

I am not at all sure that I can go along fully

pitiful shacks that house thousands with no sanitary facilities and with water sometimes a half mile away down the mountain side. Wintertime means fires and sometimes a fire rages up a valley, driving thousands out of their flimsy homes.

If I have seen a place on this trip where Christianity has a very practical job, it is here in Hong Kong. I saw one group of buildings about the size of a city block which is said to house about thirty thousand people! This and a number of other public housing facilities have furnished a fair shelter for many. The Methodist Church has done a small but very significant work in the creation of Wesley Village, a housing development hung on a hillside which furnishes very comfortable homes for about 100 families. We have in addition to the homes, a chapel and school for all who will attend. The Church of the Garages, created from several car shelters built on a hill, is a beautiful little chapel which has an active membership so large that the children have to be cared for in a separate worship place. Our Methodist pastors there are doing a quiet but very valuable work in seeing the newly arrived refugees and helping them to find their families and a place of shelter.

with either of these expressions. Now, I know there are laymen—and perhaps whole churches—that would still the voice of a "progressive" (or "liberal," or socially active) minister: but are there really "more than ever before?" Were there not always such laymen and such churches, and was it not the glory of the prophetic Protestant pulpit that it could not be drowned out by opposition?

But I feel quite certain that throughout American Protestantism generally there is a greater understanding of the need for a prophetic ministry, and for preachers with both ideas and vision, than there was forty years ago. The very times demand them. And almost any day I can hear from the pulpit ideas unchallenged by laymen—yet ideas that would have frightened congregations a few decades ago.

Believing that most laymen are eager to hear and be led by their ministers, even into unaccustomed areas of thought and action, I would suggest:

1. More ministers ought to give concern and voice to social, economic, industrial and political problems. Sometimes I wonder if today's new emphasis on theology (which certainly has a place) is not a retreat of ministers from life's realities: forgetting that "knowledge about God" is not an end in itself, but a tool to enable men to comprehend God's purposes, and to help them carry out his will for the service and well-being of all his children.

2. There are annual conferences (in Methodism) that give concern to problems that affect the lives of men, women and children. But many more should "resolve" and then do something.

3. Outside of the good mass action on some social questions that have been pressed by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, I see little church-wide activity (or even "resolutions") within Methodism. When I read the scores of major issues before the lawmakers and the voters and the opinion-makers of the nation today, and consider the acquiescence, by-passing, or indifference of the Church as a whole to the issues, I fear for Methodism's future as a ferment in society. We need more mass action by 9,000,000 informed people.

4. And I sincerely wish that the Church's national leaders, the bishops and executives, could be "released" from the imprisonment of routine administration so that more than a half dozen of them could give time and concern and voice to the major moral and social issues we all face. . .

When The Oriental Religions "Revive"

By Karl K. Quimby

Are all religions basically the same? That, in the minds of many, they are is a concept of which Christians everywhere, and especially those in America, need to become increasingly aware. This concept of a syncretic world religion and its implications for the Christian faith are discussed in a new book, *The Inevitable Choice* by Dr. Edmund Davison Soper (Abingdon Press, 1957). This timely book is such an important work in this regard that it ought to be read by all thoughtful Christians and particularly by those in any way related to the missionary movement and by students of philosophy and religion.

Most people know of the fresh revival of the so-called "pagan" religions of the Orient. The new flush of nationalism in Eastern lands has definitely strengthened the ancient faiths. This is particularly true of Hinduism, which has never been regarded, either by the Hindus themselves or by others, as a missionary religion. In fact, Hindu people have been discouraged from leaving their native India.

Recently, however, Hinduism has taken on a new and powerful revival. There is much stress on an aspect known as Vedanta, a philosophy which makes a subtle appeal to the Western mind. The Hindu revival is best expressed in the Ramakrishna Mission, a missionary agency with workers in several Western lands, including the United States.

The strength and danger of this growing movement lie in the superficial plausibility of many of its contentions. For instance, the Hindu Vedantists maintain that one can be a good Hindu without disclaiming Christianity. Hinduism is all inclusive and the Vedanta philosophy is impersonal. It accepts all the great prophets and religious teachers.

The Vedantists even claim that one can be a better Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Roman Catholic, etc., through Vedanta. The appeal is so simple that the untutored can readily fall prey to these teachings.

Vedanta insists that all religions are essentially the same and that it makes little difference whether one worships Vishnu in Krishna or the Christian God in Jesus Christ. It asks, "Are not all men sincerely seeking the better life and should they not get help wherever they find it?" How simple, how plausible and yet how subtly dangerous!

This syncretic trend is set forward by the tides of the times. Here is the recent book, *Truth Is One* by Forman and Gammon (Harper Brothers, 1954). It is a story of the various religions of mankind in pictures and text, and aims to develop "the highest spiritual factors common to all religions." There is also the remarkable series of studies in *The World's Great Religions*, put out by Life magazine and now published in a beautiful volume, profusely illustrated and with descriptive texts. Many of these articles are well written, but this "sweeping panorama of

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Quimby, director of missionary education for the Methodist Board of Missions, draws implications for Methodists and other Christians from a new book, "The Inevitable Choice," by Dr. Edmund Davison Soper, emeritus professor of history of religion at Garrett Biblical Institute and a lecturer in seminaries in India, Japan and the Philippines. This book "was emphasized in summer missionary conferences and assemblies this year."

our spiritual heritage" would appear to present all religions as equal.

These studies—and there are many more—would seem to have two weaknesses. They often put more stress on "other" religions than they do on Christianity. And, too, their presentations are lacking in both fullness and in balance. The good points of some of these "other" religions make attractive reading but to experience first hand contact with adherents of other religions and to know intimately some of their customs and practices is to get an entirely different picture (though this can be said of certain Christians and their practices).

Before one can understand this deep, fundamental encounter between the syncretic teachings of Hindu Vedanta and the Christian Gospel, he will need to refresh himself as to the solid central core of the Christian faith and compare it with the solid central core of other faiths. As a result of such a comparison, the disparity becomes apparent at once. It is at this point that *The Inevitable Choice* provides the reader with material that is important and inspiring.

Take a case in point. In Japan recently, a group of traveling Methodists (including the writer) found the image of three monkeys with the famous saying, "Hear no

evil; see no evil; speak no evil."

At first glance, here is something simple and attractive. Seemingly everyone ought to accept it. But as a fundamental philosophy, it is pure bunk and totally false. It is entirely untrue to the higher life.

Of course, no one wants to hear evil, but when there is evil, better know about it than to ignore it. Certainly it is wonderful to see no evil, but in a world packed with injustice, brutality and agony, we must see it and fight against it or we will stultify our very souls. Naturally it is well not to mouth evil, but when others are speaking it there is an imperative command of conscience to speak the truth with all the force we possess. Anything less than this is to betray our fundamental faith. A Pollyanna, neutralist statement may sound like a wise maxim, but careful examination of its content will show that it stands for the destruction of the central core of the Christian faith.

Vedanta is not the first time there has been an attempt to form a syncretic religion. It came upon Israel after the departure from Egypt and the entrance into Palestine. Here were found other religions already in possession of the land and the minds of the people. Why not modify, adjust and combine! Many people did just that, but the glory of Elijah is that he would not compromise. He became intolerant. He fought the gods of Baal and Baal worship to the finish—and he won.

Do we as Christians know our Christianity as we should? What does it really mean to us?

To most of us, Christianity is the story of a God who created all men and made them in His own image, to be like him. Its very nature is missionary. God is the Father of all people everywhere. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the revelation of the Father's love and purpose for man. Our Christianity is an historical religion. It is not based on lovely sentiments but on the personal relation or fellowship with Jesus Christ.

There is something in Christianity you cannot find in any other religion. Jesus is the full and perfect revelation of the Father. We believe Christianity is different, distinctive and better than any other religious expression. It brings mankind closest to the Almighty. Unless you feel this and understand it, you will not be inclined to support the Christian cause through thick and thin, to sacrifice funds for its expansion and to dedicate even your life to the mission of the Master.

The *Inevitable Choice* makes crystal clear that the central solid core of the Christian faith is an impregnable rock against which all other tides and currents may beat but eventually will collapse. This is the victory which overcometh the world—even our faith.



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A METHODIST CROSS?

By Bishop Richard C. Raines
Indianapolis Area

The cross is a great gift and event of long ago. When our Lord said, "If any man would be my disciple let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me," he asserted that the cross, through us, is to be as contemporary and daily as a newspaper.

What is our cross? Not our aches and pains or any frustration life forces on us. Our cross is some burden or privilege of helpfulness which we reach out and take upon ourselves voluntarily—it is second-mile, self-giving for others.

As one specific example, we are rightly proud of Methodism's spiritual, educational, medical and social service in the yesterdays. If we are to continue to find satisfaction in Methodism's record we need to begin to pick up a cross at once.

The disturbing fact is that Methodism in the United States has fewer ministerial members of annual conferences and under appointment than it had at the time of unification (1939) or 56 years ago in 1900.

For 30 years the tragic record repeats itself. Year after year our annual conference secretaries have fewer names to call.

While the per cent of church membership has almost doubled from 1900 to 1956, Methodism's per cent of the total population has remained the same.

While churches in general have rebuilt their missionary personnel members to equal the high peak of 1926—Methodism has 900 fewer missionaries on the field today than in 1926.

Of the 49 largest denominations in America, Methodism is seventh from the bottom in per capita giving.

While the educational level has been rising rapidly in America—the average community is served by a better trained doctor, lawyer or teacher than 30 years ago—the same town is more likely to be served by a minister with less than full professional training than it was 30 years ago.

If the anticipated population increase takes place in this country by 1965 and Methodism cares for its share of the new churches needed, we will require 500 additional ministers annually to serve them. At present we are not recruiting enough young men to replace the ministers who die, retire or otherwise leave our ministry.

Hundreds of our large churches are giving only emergency or catch-as-catch-can service to their people because one minister is trying to do the work of two, or two are trying to do the work of four or five.

We have falsely assumed that God would call into His ministry such young men and women as He desired without our help.

The facts of experience as well as sound theology should convince us this is not true.

We urgently need each year 1200 pastors for replacements, 500 for new churches, 275 for chaplaincies, 450 for multiple ministry associates and 375 for circuit churches that have become one-church appointments.

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Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin will arrive in Little Rock, Arkansas, Wednesday, Oct. 2, at 9:15 p.m., at the Missouri Pacific station. They have been on an official episcopal visitation to Africa.

REV. DAN ROBINSON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Minden, preached at the evening worship service of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Arkansas, on Sunday, Sept. 15.

REV. DOUGLAS T. WILLIAMS, pastor of the Rayne Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club of the Church Point Methodist Church Tuesday evening, Sept. 10. Rev. Joe H. Robinson is pastor of the church.

DR. CARL LUEG, pastor of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, will be guest preacher in a series of services to be held at the Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, Sept. 29-October 4, where Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr., is pastor.

ALBIN P. LASSITER, district attorney of Sterlington, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club of the Sterlington Methodist Church, Monday, Sept. 16, where Rev. W. M. Allen is pastor. Fred Gulley is president of the organization.

THE METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT of Centenary College feted new students at a barbecue party last Friday at Camp Margaret, near Robson. Marcella Flynt of Baton Rouge is president of the MSM, and the Rev. James A. McLean is faculty sponsor.

REV. R. LEONARD COOKE, vice president of Centenary College, was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Bastrop, Sept. 15, where Rev. R. H. Staples is pastor. The Rev. Mr. Cooke is also serving as pastor of the Keatchie Methodist Church.

REV. JACK MIDYETT, pastor of the Haynesville Methodist Church, will speak at the first fall supper meeting of the Men's Club of the Haynesville church tonight. Ivan Weaver, the president, will preside over the business session.

CLAUDE SIMONS, former Tulane football star, was guest speaker at the Sept. 25 meeting of the Men's Club of the DeRidder Methodist Church. Mr. Simmons also showed movies of former Sugarbowl games. Rev. Robert H. Jamieson is pastor of the church.

THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUBS of New Orleans will sponsor the Methodist Men's Hour over radio station WTPS beginning the first Sunday in October and continuing for several months. The time will be 7:30 a.m. each Sunday. The program originates in Dallas, Texas.

REV. L. A. CARRINGTON, pastor of the Benton Methodist Church, installed the following officers of the Men's Club of the church at a recent meeting: T. L. Rodes, president; R. B. Chesney, first vice-president; Ford E. Stinson, second vice-president; E. L. Carter, secretary-treasurer; and J. A. Dunnam, program director.

DR. GUY M. HICKS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, will be the guest evangelist in revival services to be held at the Montgomery Methodist Church, October 21-27. Rev. James C. Skinner is the pastor of the Montgomery church, and will conduct the song service.

JUDGE ELLIS WOODY THOMPSON was guest speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club of the Henning Memorial Methodist Church, Sulphur, Wednesday, Sept. 18, in the social room of the church. He spoke on "Community Juvenile Problems." Rev. E. R. Haug is pastor of the church.

REV. R. LEONARD COOKE, vice president of Centenary College, filled the pulpit at the First Methodist Church of Springhill at the morning worship service on Sunday, Sept. 22. The church has been without a pastor since the Rev. Frank Tucker returned to the Missouri Conference of the Methodist Church.

THE SECOND METHODIST CHURCH, New Orleans, will celebrate a long awaited occasion—the burning of a mortgage, this evening at a supper meeting at the church. The last note of the \$6,000 loan made in 1947 was paid on Aug. 1, 1957. The church budget for 1957-58 will also be presented and explained. Rev. S. P. Emanuel is pastor of the church.

REV. RAYMOND CROFOOT, pastor of the Kinder Methodist Church, conducted revival services at the Selma Methodist Church during the week of Sept. 9-14. Miss Gloria Fay Kelley, of the Pollock Methodist Church, led the congregational singing and arranged special musical numbers. Rev. Marvin H. Hockenhull is pastor of the church.

REV. WAYNON MOTT, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bunkie, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club of the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie, at their August meeting. Thirty-two members were present. Frank Mulhearn is president of the club, and Rev. J. J. Caraway is pastor of the church.

DR. WEBB D. POMEROY, acting head of the Bible department at Centenary College, is delivering a series of sermons at the Haughton Methodist Church this week. The series opened with a Monday night service and will continue through Sunday evening with daily services at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Edgar Dufresne is pastor of the church.

REV. AND MRS. W. E. NOLAN, and Miss Tennie V. Severtson were honored at a reception Sunday evening, September 22, in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church, Monroe. The reception was given by members of the W.S.C.S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild. The Rev. Mr. Nolan is associate pastor of the church, and Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is the pastor.

FAMILY NIGHT was observed at the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, on Wednesday, October 9, at 6:45 p.m. The devotional led by Ray Watts, Jr., followed a 15 minute period of fellowship. At 8:00 p.m. everyone was invited to visit the classrooms of children and youth, meet teachers and counselors, and see displays illustrating work being done. Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor of the church.

DR. BURL B. LANE, JR., Zachary, died Sept. 17 at Oschner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans. He had been a practicing physician in Zachary for the past 20 years. He is survived by his wife, the former Vera Jones; one son, Burl III; one daughter, Janet; and five brothers and four sisters. Dr. Lane was a member of the Zachary Methodist Church; was a member of the official board of the church and president of the Men's Club.

TWO SHREVEPORT Methodist Churches entertained new students at Centenary College during the past week with traditional welcoming events. Noel Memorial Methodist Church, where Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor, held an open house Wednesday evening, and the Broadmoor Methodist Church, where Rev. George Harbuck is pastor, gave a hayride Tuesday evening. The churches each year plan special events for new college students.

REV. DOUGLAS McGUIRE, pastor of the Park Avenue Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest evangelist in revival services held at the Summer Grove Methodist Church Sept. 16-20. Rev. Jack Shaw, pastor of the Cotton Valley Methodist Church directed the music. Services were held each evening at 7:30. Wednesday was designated as "Youth Night." A Fellowship Hour followed the services on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Rev. T. M. Lancaster is pastor of the church.

MRS. SUSAN WEEKS NORCROSS passed away on August 6, 1957. Among her bequests, she remembered Second Methodist Church, New Orleans. A check in the amount of

\$100 was presented the pastor, Rev. S. P. Emanuel, by the attorney, Elmer Flanders, and special mention was made from the pulpit on Sunday, Sept. 15, at which time the check was turned over to the church treasurer.

REV. ROY MOUSER, pastor of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport, is the guest evangelist in revival services now being held at the First Methodist Church, West Monroe. Henry Camp is in charge of the music for the services. The revival began on Sept. 23 and will continue through Sept. 29, with services each morning at 9 a.m. and each evening at 7:30 p.m. Rev. W. D. Milton is pastor of the church.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College, addressed the students at the opening chapel program of the 1957-58 year at Centenary, Tuesday morning, Sept. 17. Dr. Mickle traditionally speaks at the initial assembly of the school year. The program was held in the Brown Memorial Chapel on the campus. William C. Teague was at the organ, and special music was under the direction of Dr. A. C. Voran, director, and members of the Centenary College Choir.

MRS. LOUIS BLANKENBAKER has accepted the position of church organist at the First Methodist Church, DeRidder. She is a recent music graduate of Centenary College, and has served two years as accompanist for the Centenary choir, traveling with it for its concerts over the United States on two trips to the Far East. Mrs. Pat Giron, who has been serving as church organist, has resigned to accept a teaching position in the Aanaoco school. Rev. R. H. Jamieson is pastor of the church.

MRS. LEE TIDWELL, Shreveport, was one of 30 women from Methodist churches throughout the United States who attended a nine-day workshop in leadership training at the National College for Christian Workers in Kansas City, Mo. The workshop began Wednesday, Sept. 4, and ended Thursday, Sept. 12. Mrs. Tidwell and others who attended will in turn teach 450 other women of Methodist Woman's Societies in nine promotion workshops this month and next month.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE and Dr. W. F. Pledger of Centenary College spoke at a United Church Women's Institute held at the Kings Highway Christian Church, Shreveport, Friday, Sept. 20. The one day institute began at 9 a.m. Dr. Mickle discussed "Thy Kingdom Come for Japan," which is the current interdenominational theme for the foreign study by the institute, at the 12:30 p.m. luncheon. Dr. Pledger, professor of sociology, addressed the morning session of the institute on "Thy Kingdom Come For All People." Mrs. J. L. Saxon was chairman of the institute and Mrs. T. G. Richert was co-chairman.

DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education, spoke at the Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday evening, Sept. 15. In his discussion on "New Light on Lands of the Bible," Dr. Sloane showed colored slides of various sections of the Holy Land taken during his 1956 visit there. Pictures included the Great Mosque Cairo and objects in the Cairo Museum, Mars Hills in Athens, the Mountains of Judea and Galilee, the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and numerous Holy places in the city of Jerusalem. Dr. Sloane discussed the division of the Holy Land when the State of Israel was created by the United Nations in 1947. Since his visit to the Middle East, Dr. Sloane has spoken and shown his pictures to 39 churches in the Louisiana Conference.

Rayville Methodists To Broadcast Services

The 11:00 a.m. services of the Rayville Methodist Church are being broadcast during September and October over Radio station KCLP, Rayville, 990 kc. The Chancel Choir is under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Ball. Mrs. W. L. Calhoun is the organist. The Rev. W. D. Boddie is pastor.

Training School

A three-day training school will be held at the Rayville Methodist Church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 20, 21 and 22 beginning at 7:00 p.m. each evening. There will be three classes. Mrs. Daisy Bergeron will teach a class for teachers and workers with children. The Rev. Don Wineinger of McGuire Church, West Monroe, will be in charge of the class for teachers, counselors and workers with youth. The Rev. William P. Fraser, former Professor of Bible at Centenary College, Shreveport, and now pastor at Plaquemine, will teach the New Testament course. All churches in the area are invited to participate. The following churches in particular: Mer Rouge, Oak Ridge, Crew Lake, Holly Ridge, Delhi, Mangham and Crowley.

Ministerial Alliance

A Richland Parish Ministerial Alliance has been organized recently with ministers of some six denominations as members. One of the purposes of the organization is to sponsor the 8:30-8:45 a.m. devotional period on radio station KCLP, Rayville, Monday through Friday of each week. Elected officers of the Alliance are: President, W. D. Boddie, Rayville Methodist Church; Vice President, E. C. Andrews, Woodlawn Baptist Church; and Secretary, J. Clyde Mohler of the Delhi Presbyterian Church.

Area Stewardship Workshop Planned

A Workshop on the Every Member Canvass for the Arkansas-Louisiana Area will be held October 22-

First Church, Leesville, Names CE Director

The new Director of Christian Education at the First Methodist Church of Leesville is Mrs. James W. Patton. Mrs. Patton is the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, the Rev. D. R. Freeman of Concord, Tennessee, and she was graduated from King College in Bristol, Tennessee. She has an A. B. degree in history with a minor in education.

Before coming to Leesville, Mrs. Patton served as the Director of Christian Education at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. She came to Leesville to join her husband who is stationed at Fort Polk where he is a Chaplain's Assistant.

The Rev. Oakley Lee is the Leesville pastor.

Copeland To Deliver Peace Lectures

Dr. Kenneth W. Copeland, pastor of the Travis Park Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas, will be the speaker for the Peace Lecture at the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, October 20-24, according to Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, pastor.

The Peace Lectureship was estab-

lished in 1954 by Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Peace, Methodist leaders in Magnolia. Former lecturers have included Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, Washington, D. C., and Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind.

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FIVE CENTENARY STUDENTS AWARDED NAT'L SCHOLARSHIPS

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the Methodist Church of Elizabeth, and Mrs. Kellogg. He was graduated from the Elizabeth High School last May and was a runner-up for a National Merit Scholarship. He has served as both president and secretary-treasurer of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, attended the 1956 Youth Workshop and the 1957 Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, was delegate to the MYF annual conference in 1955 and 1956, attended the district camp at Camp Brewer for five consecutive years, and was active in many other Methodist activities.

Miss Ellnott, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Elliott, was graduated in May from the North Caddo High School, where she was an honor student. She serves as organist at the Vivian Methodist Church and was a teacher in the Vacation Bible School. Miss Elliott served the sub-district MYF as president, secretary and treasurer, at various times and also was recreation chairman for the sub-district MYF.

Miss Johnson, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, was graduated from the Lake Providence High School last May. She was secretary of her freshman class, president of her junior class, a member of the school newspaper staff and active in 4-H Club work. A member of the First Methodist Church of Lake Providence, she has been both president and secretary-treasurer of the MYF, was chairman of the Christian Faith

39 Ministerial Scholarships At Centenary This Year

Ministerial scholarships of \$150 each, provided to enable worthy students to prepare for full-time careers in religious work, have been awarded to 39 Centenary College students for the 1957-58 school year.

The Rev. R. Leonard Cooke, vice president of Centenary and chairman of the scholarship committee, said many religious denominations are represented among the scholarship recipients although the majority of them are Methodists.

The group includes 12 students from Shreveport. They are Ney Ann Bailey, James David Calhoun, Melvin Ray Holt, R. M. Lytton, William Kirk Norton, William Douglas Peeples, Rupert Henry Pickett, Larry Robertson, Thomas Leonard Trippe, Harold R. White, and Willard Perry Winterrowd and William Jerry Winterrowd, twin brothers.

Out of town students holding the awards are the following: Tommy Ray Bergeron, New Orleans; Robert E. Carter, Heflin; Joe V. Clouse, Tenaha, Tex.; Oscar Cloyd, Monroe; Betty J. Crocker, Memphis, Tenn.; James H. Crawford, Elysian Fields, Tex.; Lynett Davis, Plain Dealing; Paul Durbin, Monroe; Charles R. Fleming, Monroe, and Marcella Ree Flynt, Baton Rouge. Miss Flynt is president of the Methodist Student Movement at Centenary.

Also, Nancy P. Freeman, Texas City, Tex.; Richard Herrmann, Gilmer, Tex.; William A. Holt, Carthage, Tex.; Gwendolyn H. Johns, Monroe; John Johns, Mansfield; Jay E. Koonce, Sulphur; William S. Milton, Monroe; Gaynelle Morgan, New Orleans; Kenneth D. Norton, Ida, and Harold Lee Price, Logansport.

Also, Sara D. Stevens, Magnolia, Ark.; Charles Strong, Monroe; Leonard D. Thompson, Eunice; William G. Walters, Lake Providence; Grayson B. Watson, Monroe; Charles L. Wilder, Eros, and Jerry Woods, Tyler, Texas.

Area, attended Allied Youth regional conferences for four years, attended the International Conference at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., for three years and was state secretary of the MYF for two years.

Miss Templeton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Templeton and was graduated from the Bastrop High School last May. She has served as pianist for her Sunday School class at the First Methodist Church of Bastrop, was organist for Sunday evening church services, was a member of the school band for four consecutive years and was a member of the Latin Club, and various other school organizations.

Miss Stephens, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stephens, was graduated from Logansport High School last spring. She was Sunday School secretary for four consecutive years at the Bethel Methodist Church, member of the MYF Council and an honor student.



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Helena MYF Has Retreat

Some 30 boys and girls from the MYF of the First Methodist Church in Helena enjoyed a retreat Monday, Sept. 2.

After swimming and playing some games, a meeting was held to plan next year's work. After supper, recreation and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Due to rain, the camp fire program which had been planned had to be held indoors. Following a good night's rest, everyone got up bright and early for breakfast, after which a short meditation was held. Susan Hampton is reporter.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

McGehee

The McGehee Sub-district met at the Methodist Church in McGehee, Ark., on Monday night, September 2.

Mary Ruth Price presented her essay which won the Conference Temperance Essay Contest. She also told about her trip to the National Youth School of Alcohol Studies held at Adrian College, which was part of her prize. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

The business meeting was presided over by president Mary Ruth Price. Every MYF was urged to send its rolls and news to Mary Wheeler Prewitt, for the District Newsletter. The presidents of the local MYF's were asked to find out how much support would be given to a Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve, if it were held.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served in the educational building.

Clay Bumper

The Clay Bumper Sub-district met Wednesday with president Patti Dyer presiding. Following, about thirty minutes of recreation and fellowship, the business meeting was called to order. After the old and new business was discussed, it was decided that the next meeting be held in Helena on the second Monday in November and the council meeting be held on the second Monday in October. The meeting was then adjourned. Susan Hampton is reporter.

Methodist Youth Fund Receipts Reported

The Methodist Youth Fund Bulletin for the summer contained a statement of MYFund receipts from June, 1956, through May 31, 1957, arranged by conferences and jurisdictions.

Total receipts were listed as \$689,891. This was an increase of \$60,211 over the contributions last year. The Ohio Conference reported the largest total, \$28,064. The Florida Conference was next with \$20,786.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

"WHEN IN ROME--"

"The widespread and powerful forces now making for conformity among us are fast turning our society and political life into a Parade of Elephants." So writes Dr. Halford Luccock. You know what he means. You have seen elephants in the circus of the zoo marching single file, the trunk of one elephant grasping the tail of the one ahead, the trunk of the next grasping his tail, and so on right around the ring. Trunk to tail they go with none out of line.

Does that symbolize the pattern of many high schools today? Youth are as big conformers as their parents! Let one kind of clothing become a fad and "everybody wears 'em!" I noted in this week's paper reports that one superintendent wrote a letter to all parents to suggest the clothing that could NOT be worn to school by teenagers. And haircuts seem to follow the elephant pattern with absurd patterns and exotic dyes. The burr cut, so common today, would have caused its wearer no end of ridicule had it appeared in high school twenty years ago. When a fad changes, every teenager hurries to get on the band-wagon. The besetting fear of the modern teen-ager, it seems, is the fear of being different from the crowd whose acceptance he seeks.

Conformity in many areas of experience is in order. Speed limits are set by law for the general safety of society and one conforms or pays a fine or serves a jail sentence. Universal free education is the pattern of American society, so the teen-ager goes to school until he has completed high school or has arrived at the legal age for leaving school. He may fuss and he may fail in school, but he conforms.

The Apostle Paul a long time ago was concerned about the conforming practices of the Christians in the city of Rome. If you want to see how he was talking with these Christians who were tempted to join the parade of elephants pick up your Bible and take a look-see at Paul's letter to the Romans, particularly these verses: 6:1-4, 7:21-25, 8:1-8, and 12:1-2. He is not calling for illegal action. He is suggesting that Christians have a higher call to conformity—the will of God. If the young Christian can take his pattern from our Lord, then his life will be transformed and there will be given him the courage of convictions to stand against the crowd if necessary to maintain the Christian standard of moral surity. He will find his God. He will find his conscience sensitized—not to the whims of an adolescent mob-mind, but to the sustaining and holy wisdom of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. Thus he will learn what is good and what is acceptable for the Christian and what is perfect in the sight of God.

"When in Rome do as the Romans do." That may have been axiomatic for visitors to the capitol city of the Empire, but not for Paul. Conformity to the crowd's pressure is always weakness if it produces action or attitudes that are normally questionable. Con-

Youth Activity Observances Reported

Green Forest

The Green Forest Ark., Methodist Church Youth Department held its annual Youth Activities Week, August 6 through 8.

Mrs. Leonard Byers, Mrs. Fred Narris and Mrs. Wilmer O'Dell were adult sponsors.

The week began with a dinner meeting with the Sub-district in Harrison and the remainder of the week, the meetings were held in the Green Forest Church.

Each evening the time was divided into three parts with group discussion (and in each of these a film was shown) recreation time (refreshments were served), and devotion time (with guest speaker each night).

The week ended on Friday with an all day meeting. The youth met at the church at 7 o'clock and prepared their own breakfast, and then went on an all-day picnic ending up with a watermelon feast at the church in the late afternoon.

The average attendance for the week was 40. The speakers for the week were Rev. Pharis Holifield, pastor of the Berryville Methodist Church, Rev. Frank Jones, pastor of Eureka Springs, and Miss Mona McNutt, US-2 from the Bethlehem Center in Spartanburg, S. C.

The week was well received with much interest shown from adults as well as the youth, according to reporter Carol Lynn.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Green Forest pastor, Rev. W. Leonard Byers.

Speaker Discusses Problems Faced By Japanese Students

Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, an executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, spoke on the problems which face students in Japan, at the opening session of the recent National Conference of Methodist Youth in Denver, Colorado.

He stressed the part that MYFund and Methodist Student Fellowships Fund gifts are playing in the support of Christian schools and Christian students' organizations, thus helping to "undergird Japan with a new moral and spiritual philosophy."

The 17th National Conference was held on the campus of the University of Denver, August 17-23.

Conway Group Makes Trip

Several members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of First Methodist Church, Conway, Ark., and four chaperones returned Sept. 11, from Lake Texoma, Okla. They left on the trip Sept. 8.

MYF members earned the transportation funds for the trip and in order to qualify they were requested to attend at least eight of ten Sunday sessions. Lodging was provided by an aunt of Robert Francis, a chaperone, who has a tourist court

formity to God's will is always the pattern for living for the young Christian.

Henning Memorial Of Sulphur, First Church Maplewood

August was Youth Activities Month for the MYF of the Henning Memorial Methodist Church of Sulphur and First Methodist Church of Maplewood in Louisiana.

The month's activities were begun with a "car wash" and "pie and cake sale" on August 3, to raise funds to carry out the program. The two groups then held a Youth Activities Week August 12-15, followed by a joint retreat at Camp Brewer August 16-18. Rev. C. W. Quaid, pastor of Simpson Methodist Church in Lake Charles, was the platform speaker during the Youth Week. Rev. Loyd Williams, pastor of the Maplewood Methodist Church, gave the Friday evening vesper talk of the retreat.

Rev. Edward R. Haug, pastor of the Henning Memorial Methodist Church of Sulphur, gave the Saturday evening vesper message at the retreat. The theme for the month's activities was, "Living the Questions." Attendance at the Youth Activities week was fifty-five. Fifty-one young people attended the retreat.

The co-directors of the month's activities were Roy Barbour, adult counselor to the MYF of Maplewood Methodist Church and Carl Lueg, Jr., director of Youth Activities at Henning Memorial Methodist Church in Sulphur.

Welsh MYF Elects Officers

Linda Finley has been named president of the MYF of First Methodist Church, Welsh, La., according to an announcement by Rev. Jack Cooke, pastor.

Ronnie Fuller was elected vice president, and Wanda Gillett, secretary-treasurer. Council members are Pratt Hayes, Bill Finley, Ruth Finley, and Emmett Carson, Jr.

at Lake Texoma.

Making the trip were Linda McRae, Thyla Oldham, Molly Paulk, Sandra Nichols, Sue Snow, Dinah Lynn Cox, Si Snow, Jr., Chris Spatz, and James Owens. Chaperones included Clyde A. Paulk, Mrs. Violet Oldham, Robert Francis, and Miss Mary Ann Faris.

Pocket Testament League Gives Gospels To German Soldiers

New York (RNS)—Some 50,000 Gospels and 5,000 New Testaments have been distributed to Protestant members of West Germany's Armed Forces by the Pocket Testament League, it was announced here.

Alfred Kunz, the league's international director, said Gospels will be supplied to all those desiring them among West Germany's new military forces which are expected to number 500,000 men.

He said the books were distributed by the Rev. A. J. Overton, Jr., pastor of Grace Baptist church, Hendersonville, N. C., and Harry Liu, the league's field representative in Germany.

Mr. Kunz said the distribution was made with the endorsement of President Theodor Heuss and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

Week of Prayer And Self Denial

OCTOBER 25-31, 1957

The Quiet Day Service "If With All Your Hearts Ye Truly Seek Me" has been written by Mrs. Dana Dawson. Mrs. Dawson, wife of Bishop Dana Dawson of the Kansas Area, has led many spiritual life retreats and devotional meetings in Louisiana. Having known her will make this service all the more meaningful to those participating. Plan now to enter into this Week of Prayer and Self Denial in your local society.

New Orleans District Holds Seminar

The thirteenth annual educational seminar of the New Orleans District Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church was held September 20th at the Elysian Fields Methodist Church, 2221 Fillmore Ave.

Registration began at 9:00 a.m. The theme, "Till Christ Shall Dwell In Every Heart," was used for the meditation led by Mrs. G. F. Pirsig, director of the seminar.

The first class session began at 9:50 a.m., at which time Dr. Virgil Morris taught the spiritual life study "The Book of Mark." A workshop on "United Church Women" was led by Mrs. Carl Conrad. Immediately after lunch, the second class session was led by Mrs. D. W. Poole, of Baton Rouge, La. This study was the Christian social relations unit "The Ecumenical Witness of the Local Church."

Educational seminars are set up as a means by which the district secretary of Missionary Education, under the leadership of the conference secretary, might promote Missionary Education in the societies of the district. The programs are designed to present the approved studies of the woman's division for the current year, the church-wide study, and the programs of the current program booklets.

Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry is president of the New Orleans District Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Louis Morlier is president of the host society. A nursery program was provided for pre-school children.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Mary Fowler

Newly-elected president of the Girls' Friendly Society, U.S.A., is Mrs. Sumner Walters, member of the Episcopal Church's National Council, and wife of the Bishop of San Joaquin. Sponsored by the Episcopal Church and the oldest American organization for girls, the GFS is celebrating its eighteenth anniversary this year.

Word from Japan tells of the recent death in Fukuoka of Miss Yoshi Tokunaga, one of the most renowned women educators in the nation. For 21 years she had been president of Fukuoka Jo Gakuin, a girl's high school founded and maintained in that city by the Methodist Church. She was the first Japanese woman ever appointed to head a high school. It has an enrollment of more than 1200 pupils. Miss Tokunaga was president of the school during the years of the Japanese-American

War when the Christian population in the Empire was looked upon as something less than patriotic; but the record shows she "kept the school Christian without compromise." Even when buildings and campus were destroyed by bombs in 1945, she carried on bravely: she kept the student body together and later rebuilt the school on a larger scale than it had been earlier. Miss Tokunaga's influence spread across the entire community and out into many remote places. She served as president of the Fukuoka City Y.W.C.A.; as a member of the City's Community Chest; and in many social welfare agencies. Shortly before her death the Emperor of Japan bestowed upon her the Sixth Order of Merit Blue Ribbon Medal—the second such award to a living Japanese educator. Miss Tokunaga was education at Kwassui College, Nagasaki, and at Boston (U.S.A.) University where she earned two degrees.

"Today everybody talks," says Mrs. James D. Wyker, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, former national president of United Church Women. "Nobody listens. We need to create an atmosphere of willingness to listen. We used to have that atmosphere in the United States and we need it again. Fear is the cause of our developing fascist tendencies. We need to guard not only against communism but fascism as well. We as Christians need to act in our communities as reconcilers. We need to think together as we've always done in town hall-type meetings."

The Woman's Division of Christian Service—an arm of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church—is asking each of its 30,000 societies (with a total of 1,800,000 members) across the nation "to study and make recommendations" concerning the status of Methodist women in their local churches and in their representation in district, state and national bodies—aiming at representation in proportion to women's numerical strength in the denomination. Some of the questions to be asked in the local "grass-roots" groups are: "What have you done to discover the abilities of each woman in your local church? What use has been made of this information? Have you studied the membership of local church boards and commissions, etc., to discover where women might be of service in your local church? Have you suggested names of women for positions on these boards and commissions? Or on boards or other agencies in the local community? What other activities have you initiated and carried out in your Society or Guild?"

Nurses Elizabeth Berryhill and Gabriela Olivera, who cared for

Prayer Retreats Held In Districts

Forrest City

At the Ethan Dodgen Youth Camp, September 11-12, a prayer retreat of the Forrest City District Woman's Society of Christian Service was held. Twenty-six members attended.

Mrs. Arthur Weeden of Wynne, Forrest City District secretary of Spiritual Life, was in charge.

Mrs. H. H. Fulbright of Searcy, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, was guest speaker. In her gracious way she brought wonderful messages which were an inspiration to all. Theme was "For the renewal of our day;" Theme Hymn: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind;" Meditation: "Seek and Ye shall Find," "Lord Teach us to Pray," "and ye shall be witnesses."

A workshop, "By work was Faith made," was led by Mesdames Weeden and Fulbright. The uplifting music was rendered by Mrs. Laser of Forrest City, and Mrs. Wilkins T. Peck of Brinkley.

Arrangements were handled by the Christian Church ladies of Marianna.

Under God's company over all, the beautiful trees and lake, the lovely lighted cross suspended made an impressive setting.

Two counselors, Mrs. Jim Pollard of Vamdore, and Rev. G. A. McKelvey of Earle, gave heart-felt descriptions of the Forrest City District Senior Youth Camp which was held at this place June 27-28. We are proud of this place and hope that the youth and older ones, too, will have many soul lifting meetings.

Conway

A Conway District Prayer Retreat of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held in Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Conway, September 9-10.

Mrs. M. H. White, of Russellville, District Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, was leader for the meeting. She brought highlights of inspiration and information to the group from the Pilot Prayer Retreat held at Mt. Sequoyah in August, in which plans were made for such meetings in each of the 14 Districts in Arkansas. This is a cooperative plan of The Methodist Churches to "Tell Arkansas About Christ." Prayer Retreats are an attempt to fulfill one of the goals of the WSCS—"to keep in touch with the Spiritual movement of the times and by prayerful research to develop a clear appreciation of the meaning of Christian Living."

Mrs. A. E. Goode is Spiritual Life Cultivation chairman in Wesley Memorial Society; Mrs. Russell Lester is President of that Group.

more than 4,000 patients during 1956 at the ten-year-old United Andean Indian Mission, Picalqui, Ecuador, now have the aid of an enthusiastic Indian woman. Their assistant has completed in Quinto an intensive public health aids course sponsored by "Point 4," and is studying all available textbooks. Miss Berryhill, a Canadian, and Miss Olivera, a Chilean, are the only nurses in a county of 12,000 people. They and other staff members are breaking down prejudice among the Indians. There are now clinic, school, chapel, and farm at Picalqui.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

BY IRA A. BRUMLEY

Coaching Conference On Worship

Twenty-seven people participated in a coaching conference for the course on "Christian Worship," September 16-17, the meeting being held on the Hendrix College Campus.

The following persons attended the coaching conference: Joe Black, Gentry; Frank Jones, Eureka Springs; Ethan Dodgen, Earl Hughes, Elmo Thomason of Fort Smith; William Wilder, Van Buren; Tom Nation, Atkins; Floyd G. Villines, Jr., Morrilton; Worth W. Gibson, Joe Taylor, Bob Edwards, Archie N. Boyd of North Little Rock; Arnold Simpson, Heber Springs; John Workman, Cabot; Alvin Murray, Searcy; James Meadors, Widener; George L. McGhehey, Holly Grove; William Douglas, Caraway; A. C. Brannon, Trumann; Ben Jordan, Jonesboro; J. Albert Gatlin and H. L. Robison, Paragould; William A. Stewart, Walnut Ridge; William C. Hightower, Hoxie; Pryor R. Cruce, Newport; Gerald Hammett, Cotter; Robert B. Howerton, Mountain Home.

New Certifications

William Douglas of Caraway and James M. Meadors of Widener have recently been certified for the course on The Methodist Youth Fellowship, First and Second Series.

Archie N. Boyd and Earl B. Carter have recently been certified for Adult Work in the Church School, First and Second Series.

Church School Rally Day Programs

We have sent copies of Rally Day programs to all pastors and church school superintendents. Many church schools have secured additional copies. We have offered to provide at least four additional copies to any church school that requested these.

We still have copies of the Rally Day program and will furnish the additional copies when requested.

Should your church not be able to have Church School Rally Day program on Sunday, September 29, we hope you will observe the day as early as possible.

It is important for the local church school that Rally Day be observed in a fine way.

Where Send Offerings?

All Church School Rally Day offerings should be sent to Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas. These offerings should not be sent to Mr. Cooley.

October and November For Training

Many churches are having training schools in September. Other schools have been planned for October and November. These two months should provide a good time for many churches to have special training courses for their works, early in the church school year.

Interested churches should write our office for forms for making application for a training school.

All applications for training schools should be in our office at least thirty days before time for the school to open.

All schools should be planned well in advance of the time for the school

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Mrs. J. B. Ulathorne, member of the Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge and teacher of the Ladies class in the Istrouma Sunday School. Mrs. Ulathorne is blind. With the assistance of Braille literature and her friends she prepares for her weekly lesson.

In Spite Of A Handicap

She Blesses Others

Blindness does not prevent Mrs. J. B. Ulathorne from serving her Master in a very real way. Mrs. Ulathorne is the teacher of a Ladies Class in the Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, and is an inspiration to the entire church. Her wonderful spirit and radiant smile always give one a lift wherever one meets her, and the lessons she teaches are warm and right from the heart.

Her class is named after the wife of a former pastor of this church, Catherine Alford, and has a membership of over 30 with an average attendance of well over 20.

Mrs. Ulathorne came to Baton Rouge at the age of seven to attend the School for the Blind and has resided here since that time. She has long been a devout Christian

but it was only four years ago that she started teaching this Class. Her method of preparation and manner of teaching are both very interesting. She uses a book of notes on the International Lessons from the John Milton Society and a quarterly from the Baptist Literature headquarters, both published in Braille. A sister-in-law reads the lesson from *The Louisiana Methodist* to her and various members of the Class read other notes and help her over the telephone.

Mrs. T. G. Rogillio, a neighbor, who teaches in the Junior Department of the Church School, brings Mrs. Ulathorne to Sunday school, the church services, the W.S.C.S. and assists her in taking Communion. Her witness for Christ makes all of the people of the Istrouma Church count it a privilege to be able to assist her in any way for all members feel enriched by any contact they may have with her.

• Dr. John J. Rasmussen is the pastor of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport which he has served since 1951.

Below is pictured the Ladies class of the Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, of which Mrs. J. B. Ulathorne is the teacher. The class has an average attendance of more than 20, who hear Mrs. Ulathorne's lesson presentation week after week.



A Louisiana Pastor Deals Thoughtfully With The Question

What Are You Looking

For In Church

By John J. Rasmussen

For ten weeks now I have done what many preachers would like to do. I have attended many church services in which I was not the "officiating minister," but a silent worshipper. I have listened to the cultured words of Jewish rabbis, the earnest lectures of Catholic priests, the often vociferous perorations of Protestant ministers, and at times the quiet talk of an earnest man who was having a conversation with God and invited his congregation to listen in on his conversation. It is an interesting, as well as an enlightening experience to attend a church service via radio in one's bedroom.

As I listened to these varied sermons I kept wondering why people go to church. Some, no doubt, attend church because it is again fashionable to be seen at church. After all, there one meets the right people. It lends an air of respectability to one's life. Others go to church because they have formed the habit of doing so, as they formed the habit of brushing their teeth and taking a bath. A few go to church out of curiosity. Then there are some who come to church because they vaguely believe that there they will find strength for their weaknesses, healing for their illness, and comfort for their sorrow. Yes, people come to church for many and various reasons.

It remained for a five year old boy to suggest one reason I had not much thought about. His mother told me that her son, Jim, liked to attend our Sunday School. "We are not Methodists," she said, "but since Jim loves your church we are happy to have him attend." Of course, I was curious to know the reason for his interest in our church. Perhaps it was the friendly atmosphere of the School, or some of the children who were particularly nice to him, surely it must have been the teachers who attracted him. To my surprise, his reasons for liking our church were quite different. "Mom-mie," he said, "they have the best toys in that church." So that is it. Our toys are better than the toys offered by his own church. Now this is not an altogether unreasonable reason for a five year old child to like a church.

Aren't most of us just children who love to play with toys, even if these toys are high powered automobiles, TV sets, stocks and bonds, or little white balls we chase all over the green. Could it be that

some people come to church because of the toys which are offered for their amusement and that these toys in some churches are better than in others?

Take a good look at our church buildings. We take such pride in telling everyone who will listen how much we spent for them, for the organ, the windows and the furnishings. Everything is arranged for our comfort. It is never too hot or too cold. The pews are cushioned, the lights are soft and the carpets are deep. Surely the toys must be the best in town in order to attract the best people.

And then there are the activities of the church. The weekly calendar of some churches reads like the calendar of some first class hotel. There are dinners, meetings, and parties. Some churches seem to think that their progress is measured by the number of meetings they hold and dinners they serve. Sometimes men's clubs and women's clubs become some sort of third rate service clubs. After all, people must be entertained. Then there are the facilities for the entertainment of the young people. Bishop Kennedy, one of the youngest and most broad-minded bishops in the Methodist Church, writes, "I still get upset when I remember the church that solved its youth problem by putting in a juke box and holding a Sunday evening dance." I would not speak disparagingly of these toys unless they become the main reason for the church's existence.

And what about the preachers? Unpleasant as the truth may be, so often they become toys in the hands of the members of a congregation. One of America's most distinguished preachers, Ralph Sockman, in speaking of pastoral relations committees when securing young preachers for their churches said, "some pulpit committees are saying to the bishop what the older brother said to the father in Jesus' story of the prodigal son, 'You never gave me a kid that we might make merry.'" Religious bobby soxers are always looking for pulpit glamour boys with whom they might make merry. They are such excellent toys to have around.

Still others are coming to church to be entertained and amused. They want the man in the pulpit to offer them some new toy with which they can play during the week. They want to be made to feel good rather

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WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN CHURCH

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than to discover how they can be good. Could it be that some people are seeking out the church which happens to have the best toys?

It is a sobering thought to remember that when the church was at her best, when it conquered a pagan empire and changed the lives of people, she could not boast of comfortable buildings or clever preachers who dispensed amusing toys for the entertainment of the laity.

The little boy liked our church because he thinks we have the best toys. Now it is quite natural for a five year old to feel that way, but when we grow older we should put away such childish things. Perhaps I can best explain what is in my mind by sharing with you an incident Deems Taylor related over the radio several years ago. He said that when he was a little fellow he had a red wagon which he liked very much. One day he noticed that grownups did not play with red wagons and he burst out crying. When his mother asked for the reason of his unhappiness, he replied, "I don't ever want to grow up because I could not then play with my red wagon." His mother said quietly, "Yes, Deems, you can play with your red wagon all you want when you grow up. Nobody will stop you." That satisfied him for a little while. But then he started crying again. "What's the matter now?" asked his mother. And Deems answered, with tears streaming down his face, "Maybe I wouldn't want to play with my red wagon then." You understand, don't you, when we are young we are looking for toys to play with, but when we grow up we are no longer interested in playing with little red wagons. Why then do people come to church? To find bigger and better toys to play with? Only if they have never grown up religiously. "But when they become men they put away childish things."

During the last war a father, who had just received word that his only son had been killed, went to church. After leaving the church he said to his friend, "I came to this church with a consuming pain in my heart. They thought I wanted to be entertained and tried to make the service amusing and snappy. I did not want to be amused, I wanted to be reassured of the nearness of God."

My dear friends, when life gets hard and the problems of life multiply, we don't look for toys with which to be amused. We all look for something to reassure us of the nearness of God. That after all should be the real reason why people come to church. Sooner or later all of us will need God more than we need anything else. Toys no longer satisfy; only God can satisfy the great hunger of our lives. A young woman, entering the beautiful Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago, entered in a frivolous frame of mind looking for a toy. When she left the sanctuary, she was serious and thoughtful and said to her friend, "It's strange what a place like that can do for you."

I am glad that the little boy likes our church because he likes our toys. I hope that he will continue to like us. But someday that little boy will grow up and become a man. Toys will no longer amuse him. Will he then still like our church because he will find something in it he will like far better than toys?

With The Ever-Increasing Traffic Toll On Highways And City Streets
Traffic Safety Leaders Ask Religious Leaders For Help.

A Religious Emphasis Effort Against Traffic Accidents

National Safety Council

In a Greenwich, Conn., country estate, a retired financier worried about the mounting traffic accident toll.

The problem was not a new one to him—it had occupied his time and attention during 10 years as president of the city's safety council.

"Isn't there some way," he asked his wife, "to impress on motorists the need for driving safely?" Because religion was a guiding force in their lives, their thoughts turned to religion as a solution to this perplexing social problem.

Traffic safety, they reasoned, is a moral obligation and an everyday expression of the commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Kill." Why should not the spiritual values that have guided mankind for centuries be applied more zealously to the temporal problems of the highway?

The thought was father to the deed for soft-spoken Sherburne Prescott and his wife. Prescott invited Greenwich clergymen to a luncheon at his home and outlined to the churchmen his proposal—a proposal to link religion and safety in a concentrated month-long campaign.

The clergy agreed that it was worth a try, and out of that meeting grew a religious emphasis effort against traffic accidents in Greenwich. The campaign was effective, so effective that the Prescotts turned to their friend, Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council—who had sat in at the luncheon—and asked, "Why won't this work on a national basis?" It would, Dearborn thought.

While the Prescotts were not the first religious persons to view with alarm the continuing carnage on the highway, it remained for them, because of the zeal and financial backing they could provide, to spark a national program stressing the moral obligations of accident prevention.

Before them, Pope Pius XII commented on the "great number of accidents" on the highway, and said it was necessary, as he saw it, to "inculcate in everyone a sense of his grave duty to respect the lives of others."

Other contemporary religious leaders had been equally outspoken about those who kill on the highway. But while headway was made here and there, the lack of support and coordination on a national level hampered real accomplishment until the Prescotts offered their help.

The conversation with Dearborn resulted in a grant from the Prescotts of \$75,000 for a program patterned after the highly successful Greenwich effort.

The Council, agreeing that the preservation of life and property has a deeply moral basis, set up a unit early this year to inspire and assist the efforts of clergymen—a church activities division which seeks to interest churchmen and church-re-

lated organizations in accident prevention and help them prevent accidents.

"A church-led safety effort," said Dearborn, "is not only a practical application of religious precepts, but a means of building strong, religiously motivated citizenship to effect social improvements."

"Church leaders," he said, "can strengthen their own organizations by providing tangible and practical activities to exemplify moral principles." And accident prevention is just such an activity.

What the Council wanted was an agency that would develop and maintain sustained interest in accident prevention by church groups.

Its purpose, too, would be to serve as a medium for the exchange of information and as a body for group and intergroup planning.

To direct such a program the Council sought a person with experience in community organizations and interchurch civic programs.

It chose John T. Kenna, 37, a former instructor (in French, English, logic and public speaking) at St. Basil's College, Stamford, Conn.

Jack Kenna led the program of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Kentucky, Kansas and Illinois for 10 years, was a resident consultant at the Universities of Kentucky and Chicago during summer workshops on human relations, and was chosen in 1955 to participate in a study tour of Arab nations and Israel.

Twice—in 1952 and 1955—a Louisville, Ky., newspaper chose him as one of the state's 10 top citizens in creating friendly relations among all groups.

Kenna, who calls himself a "natural do-gooder" ("I just can't keep my nose out of situations involving human rights,") views the NSC program as a chance to continue doing good.

"Since I was a little boy," he said, "I've been concerned with respect for human life. I feel that the Coun-

cil is giving Protestants, Catholics and Jews an opportunity to work together for a better country, for a stronger country, by preventing accidents.

"Safety is a basic and important aspect of the whole structure and fabric of society," he said. "And since the church is the natural guide in matters of morals, it's the obvious place for those in the safety movement to look for guidance in solving this moral problem."

"You drive as you live. If you are considerate and thoughtful of others, you will conduct yourself the same way when you get behind the wheel of a car."

Until recently, he pointed out, only a few churches had made formal pronouncements on accident prevention in general, and the careless driver in particular.

"Now, many religious leaders," he said, "have even talked about imposing ecclesiastical sanctions reminding people that it is a sin—maybe even the sin of murder—to deliberately cause the death of another person."

Various religious groups—the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Synagogue Council of America, for example—have indicated their interest in and willingness to do something about accident prevention.

His job, as Kenna conceives it, is to assist such religious groups in their approaches to safety, to give ideas and encouragement and to serve as a clearinghouse for information.

The church's efforts, though, won't be confined solely to preventing traffic accidents.

"It is virtually impossible to talk about safety without including all its aspects, because it is an attitude of life, an approach to one's own person and to other persons. We hope eventually to become an important and integral part of the entire safety movement, whether industrial, general or traffic safety."

How much can the church do to prevent accidents?

"To answer that, I would ask, 'How much influence does the church have on society?' I think the influence of the church on the individual cannot be underrated. The church can organize public opinion and support by urging its members to insist on respect for law and order."

"The influence of the church is great—great enough, indeed, to bring about a considerable cut in the 40,000 traffic deaths and the million and a half traffic injuries annually."

"I believe that at long last the safety movement can hope for the active support of the world's strongest force for good behavior—the church. The aid of American religious leaders can certainly be one of the greatest things that has ever happened in the safety movement."

JOHN T. KENNA



Methodist Missionary Doctor Commended By Koreans For Medical Service

Dr. Barbara Moss, Saranac Lake, N.Y., a Methodist missionary doctor to Korea, has received an official commendation for her medical service from the mayor of Inchon, one of Korea's largest cities.

Since 1953 Dr. Moss has been a physician at the Inchon Methodist Hospital, which not only serves the city of 265,000 but a large rural area around it. The citation, signed by Mayor Kim Jong Yul, said in part:

"Since your appointment at Inchon Methodist hospital as a chief physician, you have not only assisted to the utmost in the promotion of public health of this community, but also you have displayed your love of mankind by giving medical treatment to needy people in your off-duty hours, visiting many villages in the vicinity of Inchon at your own expense. I take this occasion to express our sincere appreciation and deep admiration for your brilliant achievement rendered for the community."

Dr. Moss, in addition to regular hospital duties has taken a special interest in the out-patient dispensary and the tuberculosis clinic. She makes weekly trips to rural villages where the health needs are especially acute.

A native of Mount Vernon, Ill., Dr. Moss is the daughter of the Rev. Norman M. Moss, pastor of the Lake Methodist Church in Saranac Lake and a member of the Troy Conference, and Mrs. Moss.

Dr. Moss studied at Evanston Collegiate Institute, Evanston, Illinois, and Northwestern University, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in social group work in 1946. She did pre-medical study at Western Michigan College and studied medicine at the University of Michigan, having received the M. D. Degree in 1950. She interned for a year at the Sydenham Hospital in New York and then took a one-year residency there in surgery.

As a social worker before becoming a physician, Dr. Moss served at the Hawley Home for Children, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Fellowship House in Chicago and a community center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dr. Moss serves under the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions.

200,000 PROTESTANT MINISTERS SERVE USA

It is estimated by the National Council of the Churches of Christ that there are 200,000 Protestant ministers serving U.S.A. parishes—at least 25,000 short of the number necessary. The future promises

Begin Protestant Pavilion

Clearance of the site and the laying of foundations have begun in Brussels for the erection of a Protestant pavilion near the "Atomium" which will constitute the central feature of the Brussels Universal Exhibition in the summer of 1958. The United Bible Societies have announced their intention of cooperating fully in the erection of the chapel and exhibition center. Promises of financial aid have already been received from churches in Switzerland, New Zealand, Scotland, Germany and Holland.

The Protestant Missions at work in the Belgian Congo are planning a separate exhibit in the "Congo Section."

Gift of Livestock 'Causes Dyaks To Wonder'

BY THOMAS A. HARRIS
Kapit, Sarawak, Borneo

From friends in America have come a shipment of Jersey cattle, Nubian goats and Poland China pigs to add to the well-being of the people of Sarawak. This project had its beginnings at the California-Nevada Conference last year, and was handled through the assistance of Heifer Projects, Inc., through the local management of B. Russell Johnson. Bishop Donald H. Tippet's conference made it a conference-wide project, thus attracting financial support and donations of the animals over a very large area of both California and Nevada, and as far south as Atlanta, Georgia. The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief gave substantial support to help finance transportation costs.

It is difficult to evaluate such a project in terms of dollars and cents. For such a project which will bring better health and enhance the general economy of the people can have a great and rewarding influence spiritually upon the Dyak people of Sarawak for many years to come. This project is provoking many such questions in the minds of the people as, "Is the love of God so great as to cause other people to do such large things for us?" Be assured that your Christian outreach is discovering great opportunities for Kingdom building among Ibans and Chinese here in this land of opportunity.

The animals were accompanied by Dr. Wendell B. Kramer, who proved to be a real missionary; and there are many friends along the Baleh and Rejang Rivers who hold very high regard for the fine service he rendered. One family visited by Dr. Kramer while here, attributed their luck at bagging a deer to the presence of Dr. Kramer in their home.

an even more difficult situation. The report of the "President's Committee on Education Beyond the High School" estimates a 75 per cent increase in requirements for professional services by 1975. This implies a need for 168,750 more ministers.

Plan Mission Tour Of Hawaii

A Methodist mission tour of Hawaii, sponsored by the Division of National Missions and by the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions, is projected for July 17 to 30, 1958. The tour will be by air, leaving San Francisco on July 17 by Pan American World Airways, and returning to the same city on the 30th. (There will also be an alternate departure by steamship from Los Angeles on July 12; and an alternate return leaving Honolulu on July 30 and arriving in Los Angeles, Aug. 4.)

The days in Hawaii will be spent in Honolulu, Maui, Hilo, Kona and other points of interest. The principal Methodist mission centers on the Islands will be visited, as will also be the scenic areas for which the Islands are famous the world over. Dr. Harry Komuro, superintendent of the Hawaiian Methodist Mission, and Dr. Leslie C. Sayre, pastor of the Kailua Community Methodist Church, will be on hand to greet the visitors and to help show them the wonders of the area. The Rev. Walter J. Leppert, of the staff of the Board of Missions, will accompany and direct the tour.

"It is said that cosmopolitan Hawaii, with its complex of races, cultures, and religions, is increasingly becoming the showcase of American democracy," says Dr. Leppert. "It is here that the American principles of brotherhood can be seen in action most graphically. The Methodist Church, with representatives of almost every racial and cultural background, is at work throughout the islands with a vital program. Continental Methodists will want to become more and more familiar with the work of their fellow churchmen in Hawaii. The first National Missions Tour to Hawaii in July, 1958, will afford an excellent opportunity to do so. Though there will be ample opportunity during the two weeks to see the beauty spots of the islands, the purpose of the tour is primarily to give American Methodists a first-hand view of home missions at work."

Further information—and a folder giving the outlines of the tour in detail—may be had from Dr. W. J. Leppert, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. It is hoped that many laymen will be able to make the trip; and that churches planning to give such a trip to their pastors as "sabbaticals" will begin the planning of such at once.

Methodist Says Global Planning Needed

It should be pointed out that unless some form of global planning is inaugurated very soon, the disparity between the power-equipped nations and those that are power-starved, will become one of the most terrifying problems with which the race has ever wrestled," says Dr. Roy L. Smith, of San Diego, Calif., prominent editor and preacher of the Methodist Church.

"Just as Abraham Lincoln once said that no nation could long continue half slave and half free, so it must be said at the outset of the atomic age that this world cannot go on indefinitely one-tenth overpowered and nine-tenths underpowered."

"Already the backward and starved races of the world are becoming very restless. The millions who have never known the experience of their hunger satisfied are joining up with those who go hungry to bed every night, and the over-stuffed can ill afford to ignore them much longer. Because of their poverty, and because of the imbalance of capital-energy which is to be produced by the atomic age, they are turning more or less reluctantly, but turning nevertheless, to communism. That they are certain to suffer a cruel disillusionment may be perfectly true, but having nothing to lose, they can see no good reason why they should not take one more change."

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OBITUARY

KING—The passing of Mrs. Julia King, through death, has left many sad hearts among her relatives and friends in the communities of Greenwood and Shreveport.

She was a life long member of the Methodist church, and her devotion to its cause and to that of the whole community was outstanding throughout her life.

Her surviving husband, D. W. King, and their two sons, D. W., Jr. and Jimmie, and their families have the sympathy of all who know them.

The accompanying poem, written by a friend before her death, gives a portrayal of her character.

Mrs. James Trosper
E. S. Moncrief
(Committee)

To Mrs. Julia King

A woman staunch whose faith is strong,
No task too great, no path too long.
With firm resolve she takes her stand
While weaker souls cling to her hand.

She never learned the word "re-treat".
She has no patience with defeat.
To those who say "Let's drop the chase"
She only turns a sterner face.

She says to them in firmer tone
"If you ask for bread, do you expect
a stone?"
"Let not this thing purpose bend,
Let's fight this cause, to its bitter end."

She does not whine when the road gets rough;
Her soul is made of sterner stuff.
When it seems all hope is gone
Her motto is "Sail on, Sail on."

By E. S. Moncrief
Dec. 16, 1956

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

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to be held. This is important for three reasons: that the instructor

A METHODIST CROSS?

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Similar shortages exist in other church-related callings: 100 new deaconesses each year, 350 missionaries, 280 directors of religious education in local churches, 255 campus religious workers, and 4,000 student nurses for the 71 Methodist hospitals.

We have a responsibility here, and it can and should be a cross—

Czech Authorities Revoke Ban On Religious Book

Vienna (RNS)—Communist authorities in Czechoslovakia have revoked a previous decision banning publication of a new edition of a religious children's book which has long been one of the most popular of its kind in the country, it was learned here.

The book, entitled "Fireflies," was written by the Rev. Jan Karafiat, noted Czech Protestant minister who served one of Prague's largest churches during the early part of the century. It has appeared in more than 60 editions.

Protestant leaders had sought permission for years to print another edition, but their request was several times denied by government officials.

However, the officials changed their minds after an article in Literarni Noviny, organ of the Communist-sponsored Writers Union, praised "Fireflies" and said children should not be denied a chance to read it.

may be cleared for the school, that text materials may be secured, and that all persons who should be in the school may have time to plan their work schedule so as to be in the school.

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our cross which we pick up and carry gladly.

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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 6, 1957

PAUL WRITES TO THE CORINTHIANS

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 1 THROUGH 4.

MEMORY SELECTION: *I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.*

—1 Corinthians 2:2 (RSV)

With today's lesson we begin the study of Unit IX, containing a series of eight lessons which run through October and November. All of these lessons are based on Scripture selections from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. We have been having a series of character studies in which we have some Old Testament personalities. We turn today from an objective study of the lives of others to the subjective study of our own lives and the society in which we live. The general subject for this series of lessons is, "The Gospel Applied To Society." The subject for today's lesson is "Paul Writes To The Corinthians."

In studying the writings of Paul, let us keep in mind that we are studying the writings and something of the life of the greatest and most influential Christian in Christian history. The dynamic example of his life, as sketched in the Acts of the Apostles, and the thirteen, of the twenty-eight books of the New Testament, which he wrote have caused his life to leave an impress and imprint on the world's life next to Christ himself.

Paul Writes To The Corinthian Church

In today's lesson we study selections from the 1st chapter of Paul's first preserved letter to the church at Corinth. The church at Corinth was one of the truly great churches Paul left in the trail of his three sweeping missionary tours. Corinth was a seaport city, the largest and most prosperous city of Greece and said to be the most wicked city of its day in the notoriously wicked Roman Empire. It was such a center of unbridled wickedness that Paul chose in which to make the gospel work. It was on his second missionary journey that Paul spent eighteen months in Corinth and found a church which withstood the worst that the most wicked city of earth could do to destroy it.

We are told that 1st Corinthians was written from Ephesus, about 56 A. D., while Paul was on his third missionary journey. It was written in answer to a letter he received from the church at Corinth inquiring about marriages and meat offered to idols. While this letter is called 1st Corinthians, it was, in fact, not Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church. In 1st Corinthians 5:9 Paul himself says, regarding a former letter, "I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators." Hence, while 1st Corinthians is the first preserved letter Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, it was not his first com-

munication, by letter, with the Christians of Corinth. Rather, 1st Corinthians seems to have been written in response to questions that likely were raised by a former epistle.

Some one has said that, in Romans, Paul gave the world a classical statement regarding the Christian faith; in Corinthians he gave the world a classical statement regarding Christian behavior.

Paul's Familiar Salutation

This letter Paul wrote to the Corinthians opens with the familiar salutation found in much the same form at the beginning of practically all of Paul's letters. The form of Paul's letters differ from those of today. We address the person to whom we are writing first. Then we close with our signature. With Paul the order was different. First he identifies himself as the writer. Then follows the person or persons to whom the letter is written, followed by the body of the letter.

This opening salutation is one of the unmistakable identification marks of the writings of Paul. Even a hurried reading of the opening verses of Paul's letters show the difference in his letters and those written by other New Testament writers.

The Church At Corinth

The church at Corinth was organized about six or eight years before the writing of 1st Corinthians. It was open to direct conflict with paganism in its worst form. Its danger did not lie only in the fact that it was surrounded by paganism; an even greater danger existed in pagan practices by some who had become part of its fellowship.

The fact that the Corinthian church was in danger of being engulfed by paganism did not cause Paul to lower the standard for Christian living at any point. Rather, in this letter Paul challenges the church and individual members of the church to come out of and be separate from the evils of the pagan world about them. He reminded them that they were not alone in the struggle but had the presence and leadership of Christ and also that they were associated with like congregations in many places. But for these letters and visits of Paul, the church at Corinth would likely have been swallowed up in the cesspool of sin with which it was surrounded.

What Makes The Preacher's Message Effective?

(1) The consciousness that he speaks as the authoritative voice of God gives power to a minister's message and the feeling on the part of his hearers that he is speaking

for God gives effectiveness to his message. The first thing Paul does in practically all of his letters is to declare that he is an apostle by the will and call of God. He wrote as one under orders to write and as one with the authority from God to write. It is little wonder that his letters have lived across these twenty centuries as part of a divine revelation of God to man.

(2) For the preacher's message to be effective, his own life must be an example of the truth he proclaims.

(3) The message of the minister, to be effective, must be born in a heart that is filled with love for his people. It is a fact that people will give sympathetic attention to a message of almost any character, including reproof and outright rebuke, if they think their minister truly loves them and is speaking for their good. It was Paul who wrote, "I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsman by race." Romans 9:3 (RSV). Paul is saying, in effect, that he would be willing to endure eternal punishment away from Christ if such a course would win the Jews to Christ. With such a love in his heart, it is little wonder that churches sprang up to honor him and Christ wherever he went.

(4) The minister must have a real objective in mind if his message is to be effective. We are told that a minister's wife had the custom of asking him each Sunday morning "What is the subject of your sermon today?" The minister reported that his ministry was revolutionized when his wife asked him one morning, "What is the object of your sermon today?" He suddenly realized that he was giving much attention to sermon subjects but little attention to the object of his sermon. Some one has said that too much of our preaching is answering questions nobody is asking. A sermon may be interesting and entertaining without an object but will likely be of little real help to our people.

Called To Be Saints

Without qualifications, Paul repeatedly declares that he is an apostle, called of God. In writing to the Corinthians, he just as emphatically states that they are "called to be saints." We have put a halo around the word "saint" and use it very little in describing Christian people. The fact is that the word "Christian" is used only three times in the New Testament to describe a follower of Christ. Sixty-two times the word "saint" is the term used to describe Christ's followers.

The significant thing about Paul's statement about God's call is the fact that he speaks in the same breath of being CALLED of God to the ministry and of his people being CALLED of God to be saints. We may have a double standard by which we measure the responsibility of the minister and the laymen before God. Paul does not. In his mind they are both CALLED to the service of God, in different fields of labor, but both called by the same God to service.

The Greek word for church in the New Testament means "called out." The word for saint means "set apart, separate." The meaning of both is very much the same. Both the church and the Christian are special agencies in God's hands for getting His message over to the

world. Hence they must be different from the world. The church is more than a reform movement, a social club or a social agency. It is the world's only soul-saving, redeeming agency. Wherever it fails in this purpose there is no substitute. We, as church people, are all "called to be saints."

Deadly Dangers of Divisions In Church

One of the greatest dangers the church has ever faced, possibly its greatest handicap in the world of today, is the divisions that plague its work. Divisions in the church are not new, they existed in the Corinthian church. Paul says that some of the people there claimed to be of Paul, some of Apollos, some of Cephas and some of Christ. That tendency to divide our powers has hurt the church all of the way. Today in America alone there are more than two hundred and fifty different church denominations. This causes confusion confounded in the minds of the unchurched who know little about the church and nothing about the reasons for these numerous divisions. Until the church can be rid of the denominational strife that has dwarfed its possibilities, and unite, at least, in a common purpose of winning the world for Christ, the church must continue to expect its progress to be limited by its divisions.

Just as these nation-wide divisions in the church hurt the general progress of the church, so division in a local church hinders its progress, locally. A local church, handicapped by divisions, creates confusion in its own membership and raises an almost impossible barrier between it and its outside constituency and those for whom it is spiritually responsible. If the church itself cannot live without strife, it is not too impressive denouncing and decrying the strife in the world about us.

Different Attitudes Toward Christianity

Paul says of the people in his day, "The Jews require a sign, the Greeks seek after wisdom." Eight times, in the four Gospels, we have a record of some person, or group of persons, asking Christ for a "sign" of some character. The Jews wanted a visible, rather than an inner proof of the reality of the Gospel. The Greeks wanted to reason it out where, in unmistakable syllogisms, they could state in words the truths of life.

These people in ancient days were quite like many of our day; they were stumbling over the very simplicity of the gospel. Jesus summed up religion in unqualified love for God and our neighbor. That does not require so much intellectual powers as it does heart power. A sincere desire to live life in harmony with God's plan for life, and a desire to live in harmony with our fellow man, and a consecration of life to that end goes far toward meeting our responsibility in religious conduct.

We Preach Christ, Crucified

In the face of the many "off-color" standards being raised for faith and religious conduct, Paul reduces his gospel to a formula, "We preach Christ crucified." He is declaring that Christ's crucifixion and death, expressing God's love for us and making possible our salvation, is, after all, the heart of the gospel.

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Juris. Hearings Scheduled This Month

The Commission on the Study of the Jurisdictional System will be holding four hearings this month in the South Central Jurisdiction, according to an announcement by Dr. C. C. Bell, Lynchburg, Virginia, executive secretary of the commission, and Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, executive secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction.

Hearings include sessions at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, October 11-12, and at the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, October 16-17. Other hearings in this Jurisdiction include one at San Antonio, October 14-15, and Kansas City, Missouri, October 18-19.

According to leaders planning the hearings, their purpose is to elicit viewpoints and suggestions which will guide the Commission in drafting its report to the 1960 General Conference.

In a special communication to this publication, Dr. Bell wrote, "The last General Conference created a Commission of 70 ministers and lay people to make a complete study of the Jurisdictional System of our church. The General Conference gave a mandate to the Commission to hold hearings within each Jurisdiction to help in a complete study. Therefore, four such hearings will be held this fall in each jurisdiction. The panel will under no circumstance enter into a debate. They will not come to sell any idea, but to make a sincere effort to learn the mind of the church on the Jurisdictional system."

It is expected that only Methodists will appear before the panel to express points of view. Dr. Bell suggested further that those desiring to be heard should register their requests with the chairman of the panel, Dr. Harold Bosley, First Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois.

Members of the panel hearing presentations in the South Central Jurisdiction include Dr. Bosley, Dr. Leonard D. Slutz, Cincinnati, Dr. Leonard H. Cochran, Macon, Ga., Bishop G. Bromley Odam, Washington, Mrs. George K. Marple, Haddonfield, N. J., Dr. Oscar Olson, Cleveland, O., Lee Roy Ussery, Montgomery, Ala., Dr. Richard V. Moore, Daytona Beach, Florida, Dr. Cosum M. Luster, Houston, Mrs. Frances Wayze, Tacoma, Washington, Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Detroit, Mich., and Tom Payne, Eugene, Ore.

Dr. W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge, and Charles Stuck, Jonesboro, Ark., are members of the Commission and will participate in hearings in the North Central Jurisdiction.

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

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Next Sunday, October 6, is World-Wide Communion Day, an observance which begins at the international date line in the Pacific area and continues around the world. Methodism has had this observance since the early 1940's and its universal acceptance has made it a significant part of the program of the church. Three Methodist agencies are supported by local church offerings received on World-Wide Communion Day: The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, and the Methodist Commission on Camp Activities.

Monroe District Laymen Plan Scholarship Program

Sixty laymen of the Monroe District were in attendance September 22 and 23 at the annual Monroe District Laymen's Retreat held at Camp Chemin-a-Haut, near Bastrop. This was the second retreat in as many years held by the Monroe District laymen.

J. P. Stafford, leading Methodist layman of Carre, Mississippi, was one of the featured speakers for the meeting. Others having places of leadership on the program included W. D. Cotton, Rayville, Onar Perry, Bastrop, C. O. Holland, Minden, Norman Rushing, West Monroe, George Sherman, Columbia, William Baker, Winsboro, Charles P. Chisholm, West Monroe, Mike John, Monroe; in addition a film, "None Goes His Way Alone," was shown on Saturday evening.

Plans were made at the meeting for the holding of the 1958 session on September 20 and 21.

Registration and opening activities began shortly after noon on Saturday and were concluded with the noon meal on Sunday, following the sermon by Mr. Stafford.

A program to provide financial assistance to ministerial students from the Monroe District was adopted by the group. The plans call for the raising of an amount equal to \$3.00 per member by each Methodist Men's organization for this project. A committee headed by Mr. Baker

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Centenary To Open Hardin Memorial Dormitory Sunday

Formal opening rites and cornerstone laying ceremonies for John A. Hardin Memorial Dormitory for Women at Centenary College will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday on the campus.

Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, said the ceremonies will be open to the public. An informal tour of the 68-bed dormitory and a reception in the social rooms will follow.

The prayer of consecration will be given by Dr. D. L. Dykes, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Shreveport, and Dr. Mickle will make the acceptance speech. The presentation address will be made by Paul M. Brown, chairman of the Centenary College Board of Trustees and prominent Methodist layman.

Brief addresses also will be given by Dr. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary of the board of education of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist church, and by Dr. John B. Entrikin, head of the Centenary department of chemistry. Dr. Sloane will speak on behalf of former students of Dean John A. Hardin, after whom the building was named, while Dr. Entrikin will speak as representative of the Centenary faculty. Special music will be rendered by the Centenary College choir, directed by Dr. A. C. Voran.

Mrs. Hardin, widow of the nationally known educator who died on

Bishop Martin Among Speakers At Nat'l Evangelism Meeting

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—Four Methodist bishops will be among the speakers for the annual meeting of the national Methodist Council of Evangelism October 17-22 in Minneapolis, Minn.

They are Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla., president of the Methodist Council of Bishops and president of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism; Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Los Angeles; Bishop Edgar A. Love, Baltimore, Md.; and Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Other principal speakers will be Robert G. Mayfield, Chicago, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Lay Activities; Dr. Harry Dennman, Nashville, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism; and the Rev. Dr. William G. O'Land, Bedfordshire, England.

Names of the speakers were announced September 20 by the Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Edge, Nashville, staff member of the Methodist Board of Evangelism.

About 500 leaders of The Methodist Church's evangelistic work are expected to attend the second annual meeting of the council. Sessions will be held at the Curtis Hotel and Wesley Methodist Church, Minneapolis.

"One Great Day of Witnessing" will be observed Sunday, October 20. About 75 Methodist churches in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and vicinity are expected to participate. Each will have a layman preach Sunday morning and a guest minister that night. Two or more guest ministers will direct a visitation evangelism program in each church that day.

Delegates to the meeting will be ministers, laymen, and youth with special responsibility for evangelistic leadership. They will discuss evangelistic needs, opportunities, and responsibilities, giving considerable attention to long-range evangelistic strategy. There will be separate workshops for ministers, laymen, and youth.

The Council of Evangelism, an auxiliary to the Methodist Board of Evangelism, was organized in 1955. Its membership is open to persons from every sphere of the church's life. The Rev. Dr. George A. Fallon, Lakewood, Ohio, is the president.

August 6, 1955, will be present for the ceremonies. Her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hardin, Jr., of Chicago, and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Earnest of New Orleans will participate in the actual laying

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I Saw

Some Queer
Pets

By
Rev. R. A. Teeter

that belonged to my neighbor's children. They were two white ducks and two bantam chickens. They often ran about in my yard. The chickens followed the ducks everywhere they went. The reason was, the ducks stirred up insects out of the grass and the chickens ate them. Those bantams were smart after a fashion — they got their dinner without scratching for it. They didn't love the ducks, they just liked what they could get from them.

Now a discussion of ducks and chickens is usually limited to the grocery market and the dinner table. But occasionally they slip into a higher bracket. Mahomet, Prophet of Islam, says something about a "crowing hen," and the Bible tells us how a rooster crowed over Peter when he backslid.

There is another incident in the Bible that tells of people acting very much like those duck-following chickens, strange as it may seem. Jesus fed the five thousand on five pieces of bread and two small fish, then went back home. The crowd followed him and in pious language suggested a repeat performance. He met them with a stinging rebuke: "Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye ate of the loaves and were filled." Motivated by the stomach only.

Jesus of course wanted people to have bread, plenty of it. But the best way to get it is not by miracle but work — and to put God at the head of the job — the hardest work of all but the most fruitful.

Commission Organized To Curb Publishing Indecent Literature

Washington, D. C. (MI) — Three Methodists — two laymen and a clergyman—hold important posts in the new National Churchmen's Commission on Decent Publications, which was organized here September 19 as an interdenominational
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Wesley Anniversary Observance Set For Savannah

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — A Charles Wesley Hymn Festival will be held December 15 at Trinity Methodist Church, Savannah, Ga., to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Charles Wesley's birth.

It is expected that many similar festivals will be held throughout the country during December, but the Savannah one has special historical significance, said the Rev. Dr. Harry L. Williams, Nashville.

Charles Wesley, born December 18, 1707, came from England to Savannah in 1736 and spent some time there as secretary to General James Oglethorpe, founder of Georgia, said Dr. Williams. Both Charles and his brother John were there during their brief stay in this country.

Charles later became one of the greatest hymn writers in history and John, the founder of Methodism.

The Savannah festival is being sponsored by the Methodist ministers of Savannah and the South Georgia Conference Methodist Historical Society, of which the Rev. George E. Clary, Jr., Savannah, is the president.

Dr. Williams, a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, is in charge of promotion for the world-wide Charles Wesley celebration. The World Methodist Council conceived the idea for the observance, and it is being promoted by several groups, including a committee representing various Methodist general agencies.

Chinese Methodists Help Singapore Gain Independence

The British Crown Colony of Singapore is scheduled to become independent in 1958, due in no small measure to the work of Methodists there. Chinese Methodist laymen have played an important role in the negotiations for Singapore's independence. Of the five members of the "Independence Mission" which worked out the terms of freedom, two were Methodists and a third was a teacher in a Methodist school. This is considered a significant indication of the influence of the Christian minority in Singapore, a city of many religions.

The head of the freedom team was Lim Yew Hock, Chief Minister of Singapore and a Methodist layman.

Lay Activities Board Reports More Than One-Half Million Meth. Men Members

Area Has Two Members Attending
Annual Board Meeting in Chicago

Chicago (MI)—Significant gains in laymen's work in The Methodist Church were cited at the annual meeting of the General Board of Lay Activities here Sept. 21-22.

Reporting as general secretary to the 41-member board, Dr. Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago said that more than 11,000 Methodist Men groups have now been chartered and that they have a total membership of more than 550,000 men. He also reported that more than 5,000 laymen regularly serve as lay speakers, conducting services in churches which otherwise would not have a worship service each Sunday.

Members of the Board attending the Arkansas-Louisiana Area were Robert P. Lay, Gilliam, La., and Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Paragould, Ark.

Letter Reveals Power Of Written Word

New York (NC)—At the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches' Africa Committee last week, the foreign missions leaders took time out from business to consider the plight of a Tanganyikan who had been fired from his job with a local printer.

To get his job back again, he sent his former boss the following letter—prepared with the help of the village's professional letter-writer.

"Kind Sir,

On opening this epistle you will behold the work of a de-jobbed person and very be-wifed and much childrenised gentlemen who was violently de-jobbed in a twinkling by your good self.

For heaven's sake, sir, consider this catastrophe as falling on your own head, and remind yourself on walking home at the moon's end, to five savage wives and sixteen voracious children, with your pockets filled with no existent L.s.d. or solitary sixpence. PITY MY HORRIBLE STATE! As to the reason given by yourself Esquire for my de-jobment, the incrimination was laziness.

No Sir. It were impossible that myself which had pitched sixteen infant children into this vale of terror can have a lazy atom in his normal frame, and the sudden departure of 7 pounds has left me on the verge of destitution and despair. I hope this vision of horror will invade your dreams this night and the good angels will melt and pulverize your heart of nether millstone, so that you will awaken and, with such alacrity as may be compatible with your personal safety, will hasten to re-jobulate your servant.

So be it,

Amen,

Yours despairingly,"

The much be-wifed man was re-jobbed.

A highlight of the meeting was the Saturday luncheon address of Bishop Dana Dawson of the Kansas Area, who gave his impressions following a recent tour of the Soviet Union.

Summarizing his conclusions, Bishop Dawson told his fellow-board members: "The gulf is fixed for all time between Christianity and Russian Communism, and the church must keep itself strong in vigorous opposition to this materialistic and atheistic philosophy."

"The only alternative to Communism is Christianity," the bishop declared. "A vital Christianity is the only answer to atheistic materialism. If our religion will not work in daily life, its vitality has departed."

The Methodist Men's Radio Hour, first national project of Methodist Men clubs, was carried on 352 radio stations during the fourth annual series just concluded, according to R. B. Brawner of Dallas, Texas, executive director of the program, who reported at the meeting.

Another episcopal member of the board, Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of the St. Louis Area gave the Sunday morning sermon.

Ray H. Nichols, Vernon, Texas, newspaper publisher and board president, presided at the sessions and reported on his participation in the work of the executive committee of the World Methodist Council, which met in London earlier in the summer.

After hearing the report of the 2nd National Conference of Methodist Men held in July at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., the board voted to hold the next quadrennial conference on the same campus and fixed the date for July 21-23, 1961. J. P. Stafford, Cary, Miss., chairman of arrangements for the recent conference, spoke briefly about its results and a survey the committee had made as a basis for planning future conferences.

CBS TV Program To Feature Evangelism Theme

A one-hour program comprising a study of evangelism in America will be televised by the Columbia Broadcasting System sometime in November. The program, which is titled "The Evangelist," will depict and analyze the methods and achievements of various evangelistic groups and leaders such as Billy Graham, Billy Sunday and Aimee Semple McPherson. An extensive analysis will be made of Graham's organization and his recent New York Crusade.

"The Evangelist" will be featured on the "Seven Lively Arts" series, which makes its debut over CBS on Sunday, November 3. There is a possibility that "The Evangelist"

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World Order Sunday Set For October 20

New York, N. Y. (NC)—Urging Americans to "pray for the things that make for peace," and to work for them, the National Council of Churches is calling on all church people to acknowledge their "grave responsibilities" toward the newly developing countries of the world. In its annual World Order Sunday message, which will be read from the pulpits and read by the congregations of thousands of the nation's churches on Oct. 20, church people are asked to use "critical judgment and balanced perspective" in evaluating our foreign policies.

"The people of the newly developing countries are on the march," the message declares, "and the future of a billion human beings is likely to be effected by the choices which Christians in the United States make at this mid-century period."

Sponsored annually by the National Council's De-

partment of International Affairs, the World Order Sunday message hails a "new period of pioneering—a challenge to the churches to explore new social frontiers of cooperation among the nations."

World Order Sunday coincides with the beginning of United Nations Week, Oct. 20-26. On United Nations Day, Oct. 24, many of the 144,000 local churches of the National Council's 30-member communions have scheduled special worship services as well as participation in community observances of the 12th anniversary of the ratification of the UN Charter.

World Order Sunday has been observed in the churches since 1944, Dr. Kenneth L. Maxwell, executive director of the Department of International Affairs, declared, adding that the World Order Sunday message has had unusually wide distribution this year. The Hon. Ernest A. Gross, New York City, former U. S. delegate to the United Nations, is chairman of the department.

High Court, Rejecting Damage Suit, Rules Churchgoers Not 'Invitees'

Tallahassee, Fla. (RNS)—Churchgoers attending services are not "invitees" in the legal sense of the word because they are benefitting their own souls, not God, and therefore are not entitled to damages for injuries suffered on church premises, the Florida Supreme Court ruled here.

The ruling upheld Dade (Miami) County Circuit Judge George E. Holt in dismissing a suit for \$500,000 damages against Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley, Bishop of St. Augustine.

The suit was filed by Mae and John J. McNulty who asked for damages for injuries allegedly suffered by Mrs. McNulty in a fall down the steps of the Gesu Roman Catholic church in Miami on Nov. 27, 1955.

It claimed Mrs. McNulty fell because she was pushed from behind by someone in a surging crowd leaving the church. The suit charged it was common practice for parishioners of the church "to run, push and surge down the crowded steps of the church" and that the bishop was negligent in failing to provide proper safeguards.

Justice Stephen C. O'Connell, who wrote the high court's opinion, disagreed with Mrs. McNulty's contention that she was in church by invitation, and as an invitee was entitled to damages suffered on its premises.

The opinion said that in a sense anyone who enters into a structure used for religious activities is an invitee. "But an invitation to enter and worship, whether it be either expressed or implied," it said, "does not constitute one who accepts the invitation as invitee in the legal sense."

"In order for such a relationship to arise the person entering the premises must have done so for purposes which would have benefited the owner or occupant of the premises or have been of mutual benefit to the invitee and invitor. And as we view it this benefit must be of a material or commercial rather than of a spiritual, religious or social nature . . ."

The court said "it cannot be successfully or logically argued that

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Archeologists Find Biblical Pool of Gibeon

Philadelphia (RNS)—A Biblical well about 2,500 years old, known as the Pool of Gibeon, flows once again following its excavation by an American archaeological expedition in the Holy Land.

Discovery of the well was announced here by the University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, a co-sponsor of the expedition with the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, Calif.

The old well was found by the expedition in uncovering the buried city of Gibeon in Jordan, eight miles north of Jerusalem.

Gibeon is mentioned 43 times in the Bible and the pool is referred to in the second Book of Samuel as the scene of the battle between the rival houses of David and Saul.

The well's restoration has uncovered one of ancient Palestine's most remarkable engineering achievements, the university said. Also located at the site was the largest single collection of Hebrew inscriptions in the past 50 years, and evidence that wine-making was a flourishing industry long before King Nebuchadnezzar laid

Protestants In Czechoslovakia Under Rigid Control

Vienna (RNS) — Protestants in Communist Czechoslovakia number only about 10 per cent of the population but they live under a rigid government control, a visitor to that country reported here to Religious News Service.

The informant, who talked with leading clergymen and laymen, said some of the most frequent complaints heard were:

Pastors cannot send circular letters to their congregations unless they have been censored by local state authorities.

A pastor may not invite another pastor to preach in his church on Sunday without permission from the government.

Enrollments in theological seminaries are regulated by the government.

New churches cannot be built or old ones renovated except with government authorization.

Publication of religious books is rigidly restricted.

The Communists discourage young Protestants from attending religious classes in the public schools.

Almost open attempts are made by the Communists to undermine Protestant family life.

The visitor's survey covered the four largest Protestant bodies in Czechoslovakia—the Czechoslovak Church, the Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren, and the Reformed Churches in Slovakia—as well as the Methodist, Baptist, Unitarian, Old Catholic and other smaller bodies.

Methodist Named American Legion Chaplain

Atlantic City, N. J. (RNS)—The Rev. Feltham S. James, pastor of Bethel Methodist church, Charleston, S. C., was unanimously elected national chaplain of the American Legion at its 34th annual convention here.

He succeeds Father Bernard Gerdon, a Roman Catholic priest of Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. James, a chaplain during World War II, is an Army reserve officer with the rank of major. He prepared and taught the first course on "The Army Chaplain" in Officer Candidate School, Fort Belvoir, Va.

A Legion member since his release from active duty, Mr. James was chaplain of the South Carolina department from 1952 through 1954 and department commander in

waste to Gibeon in 587 B.C.

Finding of the well, the university said, confirms a tradition that the men of Gibeon were "drawers of water."

AMERICANS URGED TO AID NEWLY-DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

New York (RNS)—A plea that Americans acknowledge their "grave responsibilities" toward newly-developing countries was made by the National Council of Churches in its annual World Order Sunday message which urged them to pray and work for "the things that make for peace."

The message will be read in many Protestant churches on Oct. 20. The annual observance is sponsored by the council's Department of International Affairs.

Forum and study sessions, encouraged by the National Council and state and local church councils are focussing attention this year on the needs of the newly-developing countries "struggling to take their places in dignity" with other nations.

"The people of the newly-developing countries are on the march," the message states, "and the future of a billion human beings is likely to be affected by the choice which Christians in the United States make at this mid-century period."

The message affirms the "moral obligation" of churches to work for the "continuance, expansion and effectiveness of U. S. foreign aid programs." It urges churches to use "critical judgment and balanced perspective" in evaluating our foreign policies and to educate their people in "the momentous nature of the issues before us."

Churches also are urged to emphasize the role and importance of the United Nations and to encourage their young people to enter foreign service careers.

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Government Reports Decline In Theology Degrees

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—American colleges and seminaries awarded 4,397 Bachelor of Divinity degrees, or equivalent, during the 1955-56 academic year; the U. S. Office of Education reported here. Sixty-five of the degrees went to women.

This was a decline of 127 over the previous year when 4,425 men and 99 women received B.D. degrees.

A reduction also was reported in the number of graduate degrees given in theology. In 1955-56 a total of 620 master's degrees in theology were awarded, 610 to men and 10 to women. The previous year 693 were given, 666 to men and 27 to women.

Only 121 earned doctorates in theology were awarded in 1955-56 compared with 149 the year before. Of these, 119 went to men and two to women. The previous year 144 men and five women won doctorates in theology.

Release of the report on 1955-56 degrees was delayed nearly a year because of budgetary limitations, the Office of Education said.

The report indicated that 2,893 bachelor's degrees were awarded to students with majors in religious education and Bible, compared with 3,189 in the previous academic year.

A total of 1,866 men won bachelor's degrees in this field, as against 2,027 the previous year, and 1,027 women received B.A. degrees, compared with 1,167 the year before.

There was a sharp decline in graduate training in religious education. Some 193 men and 162 women received master's degrees, compared with 365 men and 216 women the year before. Doctorates in religious education were awarded to 27 men and 11 women. The number in 1954-55 was 53 men and eight women.

FIND MANY HAVE 'CLOSED MIND' ON MIRACULOUS CURES

Philadelphia (RNS) — Too many Christians, and too many members of the medical profession, have a "closed mind" about miraculous cures of bodily ills, according to speakers at an International Conference on Spiritual Therapy here.

The four-day meeting, held at St. Stephen's Episcopal church, was sponsored by the Order of St. Luke, an international, interdenominational group which stresses the ministry of healing. It had an aggregate attendance of more than 6,000 members, both clergy and laity, of 22 denominations from 27 states and nearly all the provinces of Canada.

The participators are firm believers in spiritual therapy for "all

1954-55, the only clergyman in the state to hold this office.

He is president of the board of education of his Methodist Conference and winner of a Freedoms Foundation George Washington gold medal for a sermon on "Safeguards of America."

sorts and conditions of men," through the practice of group prayer and the laying-on-of-hands.

Dr. Alfred W. Price, rector of St. Stephen's and warden of the Order of St. Luke, summed up the conference findings by saying that "Jesus Christ is the healer of man's whole being—his body, mind and soul. Our aim is to restore the healing ministry to its rightful place as an integral part of the church."

"The spearhead of this ministry is prayer, which finds its most powerful expression in the prayer group," he said.

Dr. Price is one of the outstanding practitioners of spiritual healing in the Episcopal Church. He is convinced that "miracles have occurred at St. Stephen's altar rail."

He said his church has a prayer fellowship group of 97 members all of whom have "received healing at the altar." Dr. Price said the group receives 2,000 requests a week from over the world for prayers to aid sick persons. The group meets monthly for such prayers.

The Offering Next Sunday

THREE great agencies of The Methodist Church are practically dependent on the World-Wide Communion Day offerings for their support. These programs include the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (50%), The Methodist Commission on Chaplains (25%), and The Methodist Committee on Camp Activities (25%).

As a token of recommitment at Communion Services, Methodists have long made their offerings for the relief of those in need. Offerings on World-Wide Communion Day have been devoted these years to these special purposes and with great results. The ministries of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief have been many, an immediate expression of love and compassion whenever and wherever disaster strikes. The Methodist Commission on Chaplains is Methodism's clearing house for Methodist military and civilian chaplains; the guidance and materials which offerings directed through this agency make possible are certainly devoted to useful ends. The Camp Activities Committee centers its activities around great military centers, assisting those churches which have unusual responsibility in rendering Christian service to military personnel.

Your offerings will make possible the continuation of these programs of service and ministry.

The Cause Should Be Eliminated

IF it were suddenly known that more than half of the accidents on highways in this nation were being caused by some unknown factor, there would undoubtedly be launched an immediate investigation to determine the cause. One would think that when that cause was discovered, every step would be taken to eliminate the cause, and thus reduce the ever-increasing accident toll by one-half. Also, if that cause were discovered, you would think it strange if nothing was done to eliminate that cause. For example, if it were discovered that one of the major branches of the automobile industry was using faulty materials resulting in highway breakdowns and causing accidents, you can imagine the number of lawsuits that would result following such a discovery. The industry would correct its fault before it was forced to do so.

Yet, the cause is known and the American public calmly accepts the cause, even protecting it in many ways. According to the Methodist Board of Temperance, more than 50% of the highway traffic accidents are directly caused by drinking drivers. Just where the end of this matter will be no one knows, but lives are being lost every day and hour because drinking drivers are turned loose on highways to endanger the lives of others whom they may meet.

For whatever reason people may drink, be they sick, lonely, disappointed, frustrated, or looking for a thrill, no reason is sufficient to justify the danger to the public of their driving on the highways.

The Jurisdictional Hearings

IT is highly important that Methodists understand the true nature of the work of the General Conference Commission to Study the Jurisdictional System that is currently holding hearings in various locations throughout the Methodist connection. Hearings will be held in this Jurisdiction this month, one of these hearings being scheduled for October 16-17 at Shreveport for conferences including the Louisiana and Little Rock Conferences, and at Oklahoma City October 14-15 for conferences including the North Arkansas.

At the last session of the General Conference, held in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1956, this commission was set up to determine the grass roots opinion of Methodists about the value of the Jurisdiction system, with particular reference to the Central Jurisdiction, the administrative Jurisdiction for Negro Methodists.

This commission was set up with representatives from every section of the church. It was determined that various members of the commission would be assigned to hear testimony in a Jurisdiction other than their own. Every effort is being made to make the hearings serve a useful purpose and not to serve as a sounding board for persons having a desire to advance some special scheme. A study of the names of those who were named to serve on the Commission will reveal that balanced representation has been secured. Interestingly enough, members of the Commission will be present simply to hear what is being said without taking any part in the presentations of different points of view. They will be present to listen and not debate.

Furthermore, caution is being exercised to restrain outsiders from exploiting the hearings. Only bonafide Methodists may present their points of view, and those expecting to speak are requested to register in advance with the chairman of the hearing, indicating their desire to appear before the commission. Whatever point of view you may have about the Jurisdictional System, and the Central Jurisdictional in particular, this is your opportunity of getting that viewpoint before a commission that is charged with determining Methodists' views on the question and make a recommendation to the next General Conference. This is a democratic procedure. Any other view of the Commission's work is out of keeping with the spirit of its task. If you are interested in making your point of view known where it is likely to influence recommendations, this is the place to register your feelings.

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World-Wide Communion Day, 1957

ON next Sunday, October 6, Methodists throughout the world will be given the opportunity of kneeling at the altars of their churches to recommit their lives to Christ and the Christian way of life. This annual observance demonstrates to the world that in and through the Christian way of life there is a faith shared by believers, a fellowship that transcends geographical boundaries and time itself. On that day ideals and aspirations of the Christian faith that bind Methodists everywhere together will be lifted up. The common meeting place will be at the Table of Our Lord.

This year the observance should have a special meaning for Methodists of Arkansas and Louisiana. It has been customary on World-Wide Communion Day for special prayers to be offered for those areas of the world where there is now special need for spiritual undergirding. When thinking of a world-wide fellowship, it is simply natural that any place where there is acute need be remembered in an especial way. Whether Methodists of this Episcopal Area like it or not, reality must be faced. Methodists throughout the world will be remembering the situation in Little Rock, praying that somehow, someday, difficulties will be resolved in a way that will be in keeping with decency, goodwill and Christian righteousness.

As we think in terms of our own prayers on World-Wide Communion Day, it would not be amiss to suggest that our own prayers be lifted to God in behalf of ourselves. Our concern is that we as individual followers of Christ will make every effort to make sure of our own relationship to Christ and one another, lest failure here be a stumbling block to a fruitful participation in the sense of world-wide fellowship that the observance itself affords. How else can one enter into the joy of joining with others in sensing that world-wide fellowship of this day?

It is quite likely that never before for most of us have developments on a local level taken on such universal proportions. Heretofore, we have read with concern about incidents elsewhere and have felt their significance, but such occurrences in our own midst are practically without precedence. May we dare to suggest that the depth of commitment by Methodists on World-Wide Communion Day be such that God, if He chooses, may be able to use our people to work a great wonder of healing in our midst.

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RESPONSIBLE PERSONS.

I want to think with you today about a "sixth sense." It is a feeling without which our five physical senses would be pretty futile. In fact the total lack of it would leave us less than human. I refer to the sense of responsibility.



To say that a person is utterly irresponsible is about the worst condemnation we can give. It means one can't count on him. Such a person does not count.

The sense of responsibility is woven into the whole warp of our Bible. It is the woof which held together the Hebrew family through persecution and exile. The devout Hebrew felt responsible for teaching the moral law to his children and for keeping himself pure lest his sins be visited upon his offspring.

To whom are we responsible? Some years ago the head of a family addressed a parent-teacher's meeting in New York. He said he could see nothing in the modern school curriculum which took the place of the early training given his father.

He went on to say it could hardly be supposed that his father as a boy got up at 5 A.M. to milk the cow and kept the family woodpile stocked because of his fondness for those occupations.

Rather were they the necessary functions of home life, the daily performance of which fell to his lot, as did other tasks to the other children.

This daily rendering of service developed in him the power to do whatever duty presented itself wholly apart from how he felt about it. This power was surely the foundation for that complete self-mastery which was one of the outstanding characteristics of his life.

The boy who did those chores was John D. Rockefeller and the man who spoke about them was his son.

Many a man who has been an active citizen in some American town moves to a large city and says to himself, "I am tired of pulling community loads. I'm getting out of harness for a while and taking a rest."

And the reason we have so many moral runaways in our big cities is that we have so many of these unharnessed people. The civic tone of our large cities tends to be lower than our towns because as the group grows, personal responsibility tends to shrink. And if there ever was a time when community spirit needs to be strengthened, it is now. Every decent person feels responsible for his community.

And then in the midst of all these circles of responsibility stands the church. Sometimes I hear persons say, "I can't join the church because I cannot take on any more responsibilities just now."

Is the church just an added obligation, one more thing to support? So some think. But how wrong!

The church stands in our midst to remind us that all these other circles of obligations, our homes, our work, our communities, our nation, our world, revolve around one central and sovereign responsibility, namely God Himself.

Dr. Robert Russell Wicks tells of the time his children took a phonograph record and punched a new hole in it about an inch off center, then put it on and played it. You can imagine the caterwauling it produced.

And is that not a rough analogy of what is causing the disharmonies of our world today? Our circles of responsibility are off-center. Harmony can come only as our sense of obligation is centered in God, in whom we "live and move and have our being."

A few years ago in Calcutta I saw a crowd of 50 thousand gathered around some Communist speakers. That crowd was made up of the landless, jobless people—very fertile soil for the Communist seed. But let a person feel that he belongs to a community and is responsible for its homes, its schools and its churches, and he is pretty immune to the Communist germ.

The spirit of community is our best defense against communism.

The Layman's Column

By
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THE PHILIPPINES

It is impossible to see this or any country from the railroad windows or from the highways. Many people come out here, spend a few days in Manila, a day or so in sightseeing outside the city, and then feel that they have seen the whole country. We who have been on the evangelistic mission under the joint auspices of the General Board of Missions and the Board of Evangelism, feel that we have been especially blessed because we have really lived with these wonderful people and have worked by their side for the whole time of our visit. We have slept on their short, hard beds; eaten their strange but very healthy food; laughed with their countless children who crowded around us with the favorite greeting, "Hello, Joe;" but most of all, we have felt the truly warm heart of the Philippine people. Because they are a wonderfully kind people. They are a hard-working, sturdy race, but always ready to break out into a happy smile as they welcome strangers into their homes. They even seem to feel honored when we visit them and have prayer with them in the little quaint houses standing on stilts, with walls and roof of palm or bamboo. These people are artistic too, and usually weave the palm into attractive patterns for the walls. The floors of many of the small houses are made of split bamboo with cracks between them, but with a shine on the surface kept constantly polished by industrious housewives, and worn slick by countless bare feet that slip noiselessly across them day and night. Cooking is still quite primitive in most houses. It is done over an open fire and usually in cast iron pots. They boil most of their food and a part of most meals is the cup of "soup" which is kept filled all during the meal until you drink so much of it that every time you swallow a piece of fish you can hear it splash!

Every town has a number of villages or "barrios" attached to it. It is in these barrios that you really see the people in their daily living and eat their native food. I did not find a single dish that I did not like, although there are a few that I did not prefer. Of course, Philippine seasoning of food is a great deal different from ours and this is probably the greatest difference that I noted. Bananas are so plentiful that many people can literally reach out their windows and

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

WHAT ABOUT THIS EASE IN ZION?

A few months ago, I made some notes and was going to write a few "pertinent paragraphs" about the trend for "body comfort" that seems to be invading some of our American churches. I was thinking of the body-fitting chairs that some churches have installed in place of the accustomed pews, of the new foam rubber cushions that give the worshipper all the ease of a T-V room, and of the church doors now operated by an electric eye so that the person entering (yes, and the one hurrying to leave) will not have to strain arm-muscles—as must have been the case in the old cathedrals. Of course, I was going to "look askance" at this softening and lulling of the potential worshipper—didn't he sleep enough in church now without rocking him into that state?

And then I went to church one evening—not a Methodist church, I hasten to add—and spent an hour and a half squirming and cramped in discomfort in one of those pews the virtues of which I had been thinking of extolling. My discomfort was initially physical, but it soon became mental and spiritual as well. I doubt if I ever achieved a mood where I could profit from the beauty and meaning of the well-planned and well-conducted ritualistic service: I couldn't get my mind off my physical discomfort and concerned with the intellectual-spiritual feast. The pew was too low, it was too narrow, and the back was too right-angled to the seat; the pew in front was too close, and the kneeling bench gave me no adequate space to keep my feet on the floor; the thin, and ancient, and non-

pick them from the bunches on the trees. Banana trees are almost a pest, since they grow from sprouts that come up all around the tree. Banana leaves are about the most useful thing I saw. In Ceylon, they were elephant feed. Here they are used for plates, to wrap up food, for fans, for shade, and other uses I can't remember.

foam cushion on the pew had the contour of a choppy sea . . . Maybe that is why, in this church, people "jump up and down" in the service more than they do in my church . . . Anyway you may get the idea I was neither physically nor spiritually comfortable . . .

Now that the passage of time has somewhat mellowed my reaction and perhaps given a bit of perspective, I may safely return to this subject—"a sadder yet a wiser man."

The problem seems to be one of making the body at enough "ease" so that the mind is not engaged in pitying the body's discomfort; yet not making the body so comfortable (easy chairs, air-conditioning, etc.) that mind and spirit come to "ease" also. On the other hand, it may be that one must be physically agitated, or discomforted, before mind and spirit are stirred to action. Maybe the physicians and the psychologists need to get together and give us a survey-report on this matter. I believe it was Dr. Sockman who once remarked that it is difficult to get people concerned about hell-fire when they are at ease in an air-conditioned sanctuary: that visualizes the problem.

I remember, as a lad, that many men used to go to sleep during service in the church my folks attended. Now I realize that these men, mostly farmers, carpenters, and other outdoor workers, labored from sunrise to sunset six days per week; Sunday, dressed in their best, they went indoors, sat down, relaxed—and Nature had her way. More recently I saw a dozen men asleep in an evening city congregation; and I learned that they were the first to arrive at and the last to leave office buildings each day: the cleaners, the elevator operators, the maintenance men. Such executives as weren't playing golf on Sunday could probably keep awake physically through an hour service. Maybe the four-day week will help.

The minister's real problem, however, is not so much with the honest man who dozes off during the dull paragraphs of a dry sermon, as with the man who seems physically awake, even attentive, but whose mind is on the mundane things of the week or on his neighbor, and whose spirit and will are dead to any idea of acting upon any challenge presented in the sermon. Cushioned ease, and soft lighting, and enchanting music he will take as his due—isn't he paying for it? He wants an eloquent and literary sermon—the congregation deserves and pays for it. But nothing must be done to disturb the club atmosphere, or said to disturb the even tenor of inherited religious practices and ideas. . .

Strange, isn't it, that we get our best "reports" when church services are in prison camps, in catacombs, in devastated churches and areas. Maybe ease in an earthly Zion isn't good!

His Hymns Concerned God and The Soul, Saints, Sinners, Mourners, Backsliders, God's Love and Judgment—Such Were The Hymns Of

Charles Wesley

—From The American Institute
On The Occasion of The 250th Anniversary
Of His Birth, December 18, 1707

CHARLES WESLEY was the eighteenth child, youngest and third surviving son of Samuel Wesley (1662-1735). He was born at Epworth Rectory, Lincoln, shire, on 18 day of December 1707. A seven months' child, he was reared with difficulty. In 1718 he entered Westminster School, under the care and at the expense of his brother Samuel, till he was elected king's scholar in 1721. He showed dramatic ability and quickness in acquiring an education, and bore a high character, although his lively disposition got him into scrapes.

Early Life

In 1726 he entered Christ Church, Oxford, as a Westminster student. In 1730 he graduated B.A. and began to take pupils. He was an excellent scholar, an especially good Latinist. His plan of associated study and religious exercises assumed new proportions under his brother John's lead. He threw himself into the movement with conspicuous zeal. Yet he looked forward to no career beyond that of a tutor, and "especially dreaded entering holy orders." He graduated M.A. in 1732-33. In face of the opposition of his brother Samuel, who thought him unfit for the work, he joined in the mission to Georgia, going as secretary to James Edward Oglethorpe, the Governor. He was ordained deacon and priest in October 1735, just before starting for the new world.

Returns From Georgia

His stay in Georgia was not long. His strictness made him enemies in a lax community. By his refusal to recognize lay-baptism, he prejudiced his efforts for moral reform. He did not get on with Oglethorpe. He was anxious to resign his post. He left Savannah July 26, 1736 and landed back in England December 3; but he did not resign the secretaryship till April 1738, when the state of his health and his brother's advice that he should remain at Oxford led him to give up the idea of the Georgia mission.

His Conversion Experience

He fixed the date of his conversion as Whitsunday, May 21, 1738. A similar experience reached his brother John on the following Wednesday. Full of new zeal, he resumed preaching on July 2. On July 24 he became unlicensed curate to George Stonehouse of St. Mary's Islington. He read daily prayers, preached constantly in London Churches, visited Newgate, and held private meetings for exposition and devotion. He entered upon the itinerant ministry on August 16, 1739, riding to the west of England. For the next seventeen years he pursued his evangelistic journeys, finding hearers up and down England and Wales. On two occasions he visited Ireland. His marriage (1749) made little change in his plans: his wife accompanied his journeys, riding behind him. Her fine voice led the singing at his religious meetings. After his return to Bristol in November 1756 he took no further part in the itinerant ministry. In 1771 he moved with his family to London. After the opening of City Road Chapel (November 1, 1778) he preached there twice every Sunday during the Worship Hours, and reluctantly submitted to share this duty with others. At the beginning of 1788 his strength entirely failed; by March he was unable to write. He died March 29, 1788.

Career As A Hymn Writer

Among the many services rendered by Charles Wesley to the cause of religion, his work as a hymn-writer stands pre-eminent. Exercising an hereditary gift, he had early written verses both in Latin and English, but the opening of the vein of his spiritual genius was a consequence of the inward crisis of Whitsunday 1738. Two days later his hymn upon his conversion was written. He is said to have written 6,500 hymns; about 500 are in constant use. Rich melody, invited singing, and in the best of them there is a lyrical swing and an undertone of mystical fervor which both vitalize and mellow the substratum of doctrine.

His Skill As A Hymn Writer

It was Charles Wesley's good fortune that he was set to express the Catholic faith as it was being newly received in the Evangelical movement at a moment when prevailing taste and prevailing literary habits combined to give him a perfect literary instrument for hymn-writing. It was Wesley's good fortune that the sort of literary skill most appreciated in his day, and therefore that in which he was most trained, was a skill which helped him in writing the concise verse that is necessary in hymns. He lived in an age of robust common sense, common sense that was often pedestrian and uninspiring and commonplace, but common for all that. This gave his language a clarity and reality and vigour that are most precious. Now, of all people who talk about religion, Charles Wesley is the least sentimental and soulful. There is no sort of self-conscious tension or priggishness of humbug about him. He says what he has to say in the simplest, plainest way he can. He does not take refuge in abstract nouns and over-subtle adjectives. Concrete nouns, active verbs, and plain metaphors: these are



Charles Wesley, Methodist Hymn Writer
1707-1788

his material. He can use a Latin word on occasion with great effect. At times he can be so scholarly as to be hardly understood by the crowd. But these are quite exceptional moods; and his is never foggy. His allusions sometimes may be too erudite for most to grasp; but, once grasped, they are quite simple.

Doctrinal Content of Hymns

The hymns are charged with dogma. They set forth, not the amiable generalizations of natural religion in which Wesley's contemporaries delighted, but the peculiar and pungent doctrines of uncompromising Christianity. References to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, of the Incarnation of Redemption by the Passion, of the Resurrection . . . we never move far from these. Simply to state the doctrine of the Holy Trinity is for Wesley a pleasure and a means of grace. A most prominent feature is "The hymns of the greatest hymn writers of the Greek Church," as in his, is the spiritual exaltation which they discover as they glory in a statement of the orthodox faith and as they triumphantly assert the Christian doctrine of God. For him, the important things are the great, external, objective truths about God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and the definite impact of faith in these on his own life and other men's.

The Hymn's Timelessness

There is something else. There is the solid structure of historic dogma; there is the passionate thrill of present experience; but there is, too, the glory of a mystic sunlight coming directly from another world. This transfigures history and experience. This puts past and present into the timeless eternal NOW. This brings together God and man until Wesley talked with God as a man talks with his friend. This gives to the hymn-book its divine audacity, those passages only to be understood by such as have set in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and being caught up into paradise have heard unspeakable words which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Charles Wesley binds his verse, not merely by rhyme, not merely by consecutive thought, but by verbal references which, without our noticing them, leads us from line to line. Wesley gives us no jumps in language to distract our attention from what he and we are saying. It is the technique that the careful reader notes in Macauley: every sentence is linked with the preceding sentence by a word or an allusion. This word or allusion throws the reader back to something which he has not had time to forget and so knits Macauley's paragraph, like Wesley's verse, into one.

Scriptural Content of Hymns

If we study Wesley's use of metaphors and similes, we shall note that a very large proportion of them come directly from Holy Scripture or are reminiscences of Holy Scripture. John Wesley praised his brother's hymns for their exposition of Scriptural Christianity. The praise, of course, was merited, but might have been extended; in metaphor and simile, not less than in doctrine, Charles Wesley deserves that high and unfashionable commendation: scriptural. This constant reference to the classical language of the faith . . . the written word of God . . . gives Charles Wesley's hymns themselves a classical poise and accent which marks them off from all other

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. JOHN F. KILPATRICK, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Pineville, spoke of "Things to Take Time For," before the Pineville Rotary Club members Tuesday, Sept. 24.

MRS. WILSON WATSON, wife of Rev. Wilson Watson, pastor of the Eunice Methodist Church, is now at home recovering from surgery which she underwent at the Physicians and Surgeons' Hospital, Shreveport, on August 28.

REV. C. D. PINKARD, pastor of the St. John Methodist Church, New Orleans, preached in a series of revival services at the Lottie Methodist Church, Sept. 15-20. Guy Guess conducted the song service. Rev. L. W. Taylor is pastor of the church.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Men's Club of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, are: O. S. Rakestraw, president; Byron Campbell, vice-president; and T. R. Trim, secretary-treasurer. Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor of the church.

MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S BUSINESS and Professional Club of Bogalusa were guests of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, Sunday morning, Sept. 22. Mrs. C. L. Stephen is president of the Club. Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor of the church.

REV. TED SMITH, pastor of the Pride Methodist Church, was guest preacher in a series of revival services held at the New River Methodist Church, Sept. 9-15, where the Rev. J. M. Wilkes is pastor. The New River church is on the Gonzales circuit.

REV. KENNETH McDOWELL, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jennings, was guest evangelist in revival services held at the First Methodist Church, Denham Springs, Sept. 15-20. Special music was under the direction of Jack Story, choir director. Rev. Ned L. Stout is pastor of the church.

REV. B. A. GALLOWAY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Houma, was guest evangelist in revival services at the First Methodist Church of New Iberia, Sept. 16-22. Jerry Fuller, director of music at the church, was in charge of the musical program for the revival. Rev. W. R. Wendt is pastor of the church.

WILLIE JABE PACKER was recommended by the Slidell Methodist Church at a recent Quarterly Conference for Local Preacher's license. He is a student at Southeastern College at Hammond, and plans to attend a theological seminary. Rev. W. H. Giles is pastor of the Slidell church.

REV. RAYMOND CROFOOT, pastor of the Kinder Methodist Church, was guest evangelist in revival services held at the Selma Methodist Church, Sept. 9-14. Song leader was Gloria Kelly of Pollock, and Lula Vaughn of Springhill was the pianist. Rev. Marvin Hockenhull is pastor of the Salem church, which is on the Pollock charge.

DR. WEBB POMEROY, acting head of the Bible department of Centenary College and pastor of Ellerbe Road Methodist Church, conducted a series of revivals at the Haughton Methodist Church Sept. 22-27. Song director was H. H. Ramsey, band director of the Haughton High School. Rev. Edgar C. Dufresne is pastor of the church.

CADDO HEIGHTS Methodist Church, Shreveport, climaxed the annual Chautauqua Series at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 22 with a special talk by Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Shreveport. He spoke on "Jesus Christ Speaks to Our Times." Mrs. Jasmine Egan, soprano, presented Bach's "My Heart Ever Faithful." Rev. George W. Ross is pastor of the church.

DR. SIDNEY HERNANDEZ spoke at the meeting of the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, Wednesday evening, Sept. 18, on the medical aspects of nuclear energy. In the business session held following a chicken dinner, plans were made to refinish the walls of the church Social Hall. Rev. Fred S. Flurry is pastor of the church.

REV. DOUGLAS McGUIRE, pastor of the Park Avenue Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest evangelist in revival services held at the Summer Grove Methodist Church, Sept. 16-20. Wednesday, Sept. 18, was designated as "Youth Night." Rev. Jack Shaw, pastor of the Cotton Valley Methodist Church, was in charge of the music for the services. Rev. T. M. Lancaster is pastor of the Summer Grove church.

REV. BYRL MORELAND, pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church of Lafayette, was guest evangelist in revival services held at the Lockport Methodist Church September 22-29. D. D. Thornton was song leader for the services. Rev. Mr. Moreland is the District Director of Youth Work for the Methodist churches in the Lafayette District. Rev. Robert Collie is pastor of the Lockport church.

REV. J. WOODROW HEARN, pastor of the Davidson Memorial Methodist Church, Lafayette, recently returned from Boston, Massachusetts, where he attended the Ecumenical Leadership Institute at Boston University School of Theology. During his three weeks visit in Boston, the Rev. Mr. Hearn earned credit toward completing the requirement for the doctor's degree.

JACK M. McNAMARA has been employed by the First Methodist Church, Eunice, as choir director. Mr. McNamara is a native of New Orleans, and is a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond, in the field of music education. He is now band director at the Church Point High School. He assumed his duties with the church on Aug. 15. Rev. Wilson Watson is pastor of the church.

GEORGE HOLSTEAD, JR., was elected president of the Parent's Group of the Trinity Methodist Nursery-Kindergarten, Ruston, at a meeting held Thursday, Sept. 12. Others elected to serve with Mr. Holstead were: Capt. L. L. Dorris, vice-president; and Mrs. Fred Barr, secretary. Mrs. Maxine Watkins, Mrs. Ralph Lennig and Mrs. Everett Wilder made short talks explaining the activities of the school. Rev. Jolly Harper, pastor, dismissed the group with prayer.

THE WILSON MEMORIAL Methodist Church at Lottie burned the mortgage on the church property at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Sept. 22. Rev. D. W. Poole, superintendent of the Baton Rouge district, was present and preached. A high fidelity record player for chimes and a public address system was also dedicated as a memorial to four girls who drowned a few months ago near Lottie. Rev. L. W. Taylor is pastor of the church.

JOSEPH SCOTT is the new choir director at the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church. Mr. Scott, who is a native of Baton Rouge, has his BA degree from Southeastern College, and his Masters degree in Music from Louisiana State University. He has a Fine Arts degree from Boston University, and for the past two years has sung for the Municipal Theater in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Scott will direct the Adult, Youth, and Children's choirs for the church, where Rev. James L. Stovall is pastor.

ELLERBE ROAD Methodist Church in Forbing sponsored a barbecue from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, in an effort to raise money for the church building fund. Plates were priced at \$1 each, according to Dr. Webb Pomeroy, professor of Bible at Centenary College, and pastor of the three-year-old Methodist church.

Meat for the occasion was donated by Charles Day. In charge of preparing the food were Mr. Day, Walter Jacobs, Jr., and A. C. Morgan. Dr. Pomeroy said additional Sunday School rooms are urgently needed by the church.

THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING of the Wilhite Methodist Church will be held Sunday, October 13, with Rev. F. P. Corie, pastor of the Harrisonburg Methodist Church, preaching. A basket lunch will be served at noon, and an old-fashioned singing will be held in the afternoon. A large crowd is expected to attend. Old friends and acquaintances, along with relatives will renew their friendships and an enjoyable day is anticipated. The Wilhite church is on the Calhoun Beulah Charge where Rev. Abe Conerly is pastor.

THE DISTRICT BOARD of Lay Activities of the Baton Rouge District met at the Scotts Chapel Methodist Church, Port Allen, Sept. 22. Oliver Williams, president of the Men's Club of the Wesley Methodist Church, was the guest speaker according to an announcement by G. L. Netterville, Jr., district lay leader. Mr. Williams used as his subject, "The Role of Men in the Local Methodist Church." The committee on ministerial scholarship reported on the progress of financing recruits that have been obtained to enter the ministry. Representatives of each charge in the Baton Rouge district were in attendance.

PRELIMINARY PLANS for the construction of an addition to the First Methodist Church educational building, Eunice, were presented to the congregation Sunday evening, Sept. 15. The plans were approved by the congregation, and the architect, Robert Coleman of Wilson and Coleman, Baton Rouge, was ordered to prepare detailed plans and specifications. The estimated cost of the building program will be approximately \$42,000. The plans are to build an addition of 4,600 square feet to the present annex to enlarge the present facilities. It is hoped that construction may begin by the first of the year. Rev. Wilson Watson is pastor of the church.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College, fulfilled three speaking engagements before church groups in Baton Rouge and New Orleans last week. He spoke Thursday noon at a luncheon meeting held in conjunction with the Interdenominational Mission Institute sponsored by the United Church Women of Baton Rouge at the University Presbyterian Church. At 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dr. Mickle addressed a church-wide meeting of the St. Paul Church of Harahan, just outside of New Orleans, sponsored by the Woman's Society of the Church. Friday he spoke at the third annual Missions Institute of the United Church Women of New Orleans. At all three places, Dr. Mickle spoke on Japanese cultural, political and religious life and showed colored slides taken in Japan when he accompanied the Centenary College Choir on its two tours of the Far East last year.

THE FIRST ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT of the First Methodist Church, Bossier City, was held at the Methodist camp at Caney Lake Sept. 15. The Retreat began at 3:30 p.m. and closed at 8:30 p.m. Supervised recreation was under the direction of Gaius Hardaway and Frank Lamkin. Various commissions and organizations of the church met to perfect plans for the coming year at planning sessions at 4:30 p.m. A picnic under the direction of A. M. Malone, Don Bailey, W. T. Waller, Mrs. A. W. Robertson and Happy Parker was held at 5:30 p.m. The Senior-Young People were in charge of an open-air vesper service at 6:30 under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Lott, counsellors, and Mrs. Lucy Foster, youth division superintendent. The choir was directed by James Simmons. The group assembled at 7:15 p.m. for presentation of planning reports and for action by the church on plans presented. Following the session, a booklet containing the calendar for the next 12 months and the program of all organizations and groups will be distributed to church members. Frank Curry, charge lay leader, was chairman of the executive committee of the church, which planned the retreat. Rev. A. M. Brown is pastor of the church, and Rev. Conrad Edwards is the associate pastor.

St. Tammany Parish Group Ministry Formed

Baily Hodges, Pearl River, was elected chairman of the St. Tammany Parish Group Ministry for the coming year at the executive meeting held recently at the Lacombe Methodist Church. The Rev. K. K. Carithers, pastor of the Pearl River Methodist Church, was elected co-chairman; Miss Norma Fussell of the Fitzgerald Church, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. James Levy, Sr., of Slidell, publicity chairman.

These officers with representatives from each church will meet in executive session in Talisheek Methodist Church, Sunday, October 27, to formulate plans for carrying out the objectives as outlined by the special committee and adopted by the Group Ministry. Miss Sheilla Nuttall, parish rural work deaconess, asked the churches to observe UNICEF at Halloween, giving all youth an equal opportunity to help the children of the world.

The group unanimously endorsed World Wide Communion Sunday and asked all churches to participate October 6. Dr. Virgil D. Morris, superintendent of the New Orleans District, Mrs. Morris, and Mrs. W. H. Giles were among those present. Dr. Morris praised the Group Ministry for its fine work in the past and urged continuance of projects not yet completed and goals to be reached this year. Mr. Embree, retiring chairman, thanked the members of the executive committee for their loyal support and stated he thought the Group Ministry had gotten off to a very fine start. He said he felt sure the objectives for the new year were such as to insure another successful year of united effort in the Methodist Churches of St. Tammany Parish.

CENTENARY TO OPEN HARDIN MEMORIAL DORMITORY SUNDAY

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of the cornerstone along with Prof. Bryant Davidson, head of the history department at the college and longtime friend of the Hardin family.

Dean R. E. Smith, for many years teacher of the Four Square Bible Class and also a friend of the Hardin family, will give the benediction.

Hardin Memorial Hall, already occupied by young women on the campus, adjoins the T. L. James Memorial Dormitory on the Centenary Boulevard side of the campus. Plans for the \$376,000 two-story building were drawn by J. Cheshire Peyton and Associates, Shreveport architects, and the construction contract was awarded to the Southern Builders, Inc., also of Shreveport.

Dean Hardin served the Centenary campus for more than thirty years. He came to the college in 1922 as head of the mathematics department and, from 1924 to 1947, he served in the dual role of dean of the college and head of the mathematics department. From 1947 until ill health forced his retirement in 1953, he remained as head of the mathematics department. He was a member of virtually every known mathematical and educational organization in the United States.

Logansport Observes Homecoming



Homecoming Day was observed at Logansport Methodist Church on Sunday, September 15th, with more than 150 present, including 30 out-of-town visitors. Rev. W. O. Lynch, who served the church between 1939 and 1941 was the speaker of the morning. Pictured, from left to right, are: Rev. Mr. Lynch, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Grambling and Rev. J. B. Grambling, pastor of the church.

Shreveport District Ministers Have Annual Retreat

Ministers of the Shreveport District met on Monday and Tuesday of last week at Caney Lake Camp near Minden for the sixth annual Shreveport District Ministers' retreat. The program was under the general direction of Dr. B. C. Taylor, superintendent of the Shreveport District.

The pastors assembled on Monday morning for the opening sessions, and the retreat was adjourned following the lunch period on Tuesday.

The program for the day retreat dealt with the following topics:

The Minister and His Prayer Life

Reading the Holy Scriptures

Preaching in a Changing World

The Minister and His Investments

Church Building Trends

The Growing Criticism of the Church.

Various ministers of the district presented several aspects of these subjects.

One of the high points of the program was an address presented by Dr. Keith Mason, Shreveport Methodist layman. Dr. Mason, who recently visited countries behind the Iron Curtain, spoke of "Russian Through The Eyes of a Doctor" and showed a number of pictures he had made on the visit.

Song leader for the retreat was Rev. James Grambling, Logansport. Rev. Ben Youngblood of Shreveport was the pianist and Rev. Lawrence Gilbert of Shreveport the registrar.

Devotions for the two days were conducted by Dr. Taylor and Rev. James Whitaker, Vivian.

MONROE DISTRICT LAYMEN PLAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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had proposed the program to the laymen. The following were named to a Scholarship Executive Commit-

Park Avenue Church Announces Revival Plans

The annual fall revival series will be conducted by the Park Avenue Methodist Church in Shreveport beginning Monday, October 7, and continuing through Sunday evening, October 13.

The guest preacher in this series will be the Rev. W. V. Sirman, pastor of the Curtis Park Methodist Church in Bossier City. A native of Shreveport, Rev. Mr. Sirman is a graduate of Centenary College and Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U. He has served as pastor of the Methodist churches in Gibsland and Farmerville.

Music for the services will be under the direction of the Rev. W. B. Shaw, pastor of the Cotton Valley Methodist Church, with Miss Hazel Daniels, organist, and the Park Avenue Choir. Rev. Mr. Shaw has served as pastor of the Greenwood and Summer Grove Methodist churches.

The pastor, the Rev. D. L. McGuire, announces that services will be conducted daily at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Adequate nursery facilities and workers will be available for all services; hearing aids are provided in the sanctuary for those who need them, and a warm welcome awaits all who attend.

tee to direct the program: Rev. James T. Harris, Monroe District Superintendent, Mr. Rushing, Mr. Cotton, D. B. Fiske of Oak Grove, Mr. Baker, F. G. Johnson of Grayson, Phillip Pfost of Bastrop, Ben Parnell of Monroe, and Luther Jones of Ferriday. Leaders report that every effort will be made to inaugurate the program by January 1, 1958.

Mr. Rushing is the Monroe District lay leader. Associate lay leaders include Mr. Perry, Thomas Pitt, Monroe, L. M. Cooksey, Delhi, Mr. Fiske, W. B. Glover, Winnsboro, Ted Johnson, Grayson, and R. L. Irvin, Ferriday.

Blackwater Plans Centennial Celebration Sunday

One hundred years of Methodism will be celebrated at Blackwater Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, on Sunday, October 6. The service will be led by the pastor, Rev. A. G. Taylor. The Rev. D. W. Poole, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, will be guest speaker at the 11:00 a.m. service when members and friends gather to pay tribute to all those who have led the church in Christian growth and development through the years. Special music for the occasion will be furnished by the choir under the direction of George Hicks.

Blackwater Methodist Church is in the midst of a growing community with new sub-divisions springing up around it. Through sacrificial giving, diligent service, and unending prayer, the membership of this church has recently met the challenge of the hour in this growing situation. A new Educational Building with approximately 13,000 square feet and a contract price of \$101,300 has been completed to provide adequate facilities for carrying on the program of this church of 500 members.

An Old-Fashioned Basket Dinner will follow the morning worship service. All former members and friends are invited to share this day of fellowship with the people of Blackwater Church. This day will afford an opportunity for all those interested to see the tremendous expansion program that has been brought to completion in the year of the Centennial Celebration.

No. Highlands Honors Church School Workers

The first Annual Workshop and Recognition Dinner for church school workers at North Highlands Methodist Church in Shreveport was held September 16-18. Sixteen attended classes on Monday and Tuesday evenings and twenty-five were present for the recognition dinner on Wednesday.

Leading discussion groups were Mrs. Leon Gray, children's worker from First Methodist in Shreveport; Rev. Ben Youngblood, Education Director at Mangum Memorial; and the pastor of North Highlands, Rev. B. E. Bond. Mrs. Ruby Cochrane, worker with adults and the family life movement in the Louisiana Annual Conference, was the speaker on Wednesday. Mrs. Cochrane is a member of First Methodist Church, Shreveport.

C. O. Foil, Church School Superintendent at North Highlands, and his staff planned the program which is a fore-runner to Rally Day and the beginning of a new church school year October 6.

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ROSE BUD YOUTH HELP ORGANIZE HARMONY MYF

The MYF from the Rose Bud, Ark., Methodist Church went Sunday evening, Sept. 22, to the Harmony Methodist Church in the same charge, where the group presented the regular program for the benefit of the Harmony Church.

After the program, Gerald Fry, president of the Rose Bud MYF, presided during the organization of the youth in the Harmony Church into a Methodist Youth Fellowship. On Sept. 23, seven of the members of the new fellowship went to McCrory with their pastor, the Rev. Tom Cowan, to the Sub-district meeting.

Miss Mildred Dupriest is sponsor of the Rose Bud MYF, and Troy Garrison is sponsor of the Harmony group. Melvin Smith is the new president. There are 11 members in the new organization.

WITH THE SUB- DISTRICTS

Acadialand

The Acadialand Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship held its September meeting at the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church in Opelousas, Sunday, September 8, at 3 p.m. The young people of the Opelousas MYF conducted the worship service and then a business meeting was held.

At the business meeting, the Sub-district officers for the year were nominated and elected. These officers are: president, Coralie Aymond, Opelousas; vice-president, Russel Harmon, Church Point; secretary-treasurer, Susan Quirk, Washington; counselor, the Rev. O. L. Golson, Jr., Melville; members at large, Lillian McCain, Opelousas, and Evelyn Ormand, Melville; reporter, Gertrude Schulze, Melville.

The officers will be installed at the October meeting of the Sub-district which will be held in Melville.

The Sub-district counselor, the sub-district president, and the two members at large will also be members of the Lafayette District Council.

Caldwell Parish

The MYF of Caldwell Parish held its Sub-district meeting, Sept. 2 at the First Methodist Church, Columbia, La.

Miss Ann Morris narrated the lesson which was enacted by members of the Columbia MYF. Dr. John Hearn gave a talk on the youth of Germany. He based his remarks on his personal experience there. He encouraged the group to do more mission work for German youth.

A short business session followed the program. A social hour was enjoyed in the recreation hall.

Rice

A Rice Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting was held at Centenary Methodist Church, Rayne, Sunday, Sept. 8, with the Rev. Byrl Moreland, district director of youth work, presiding.

The election of officers for the coming year was held. Those named are: Paul Lasseigne, Jr.,

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

HOW FIGURE PROSPERITY?

"Say did you hear about Clem Jones' brother-in-law?" This probing and promising question came hurtling through the barber-shop door on the lips of a passing plumber. I had just attained the barber chair location and was prepared for the clippers and shears in the local clip-joint in the South Dakota city where I had spent the night en route to a Methodist Pastors' School in that area last week. To save possible dog tax or to avoid being mistaken as a musician in those parts, I had resorted to the establishment across from my hotel with a view to reducing some of my fringe benefits a bit.

The barber paused with clippers whirring in mid-air, shifted his gum to the other side of his mouth and replied to the passing informant, "No what happened to him?" "Why, he was killed Saturday evening when his tractor fell over on him." Then followed a brief discussion as the two tried to establish which brother-in-law of Clem's it really was. That he was dead there was no doubt. The tractor had done its worst. Finally there was agreement as to just who the tractor had killed, and the plumber supplied the punch line for this story: "Never could figure that guy out. He owned a quarter section free and clear. That's about enough for the average fellow, but not Joe. He had to keep getting more. Why he just got 4 more quarters awhile back and he's mortgaged to the hilt on 'em. That's why he had to work so hard trying to keep up with his payments. Well, he don't need all that land now, does he?"

Being who I am and as I am, I felt like I should put in my six bits worth. After all I was the only paying customer in the shop at the moment, which should have given me certain rights. Said I, "You mean he can't take it with him?", with such originality! The plumber replied, "You said it, stranger, those quarter sections ain't doin' him a bit of good where he is now." I felt no need to explore the theological possibilities of that remark, but did comment, "Reminds me of a fellow Jesus tells about in the Bible." "Yeah," chomped my barbering friend, "you mean the guy with the barns."

That's who I meant. You remember the story of the fellow who was so prosperous that he couldn't house all his grain, so he was going to build better barns and store up his wealth and then take it easy. But that night he died, and there stood the barns choked full

Rayne, president; Joseph Harrington, Crowley, vice-president; Suzanne Fermin, Crowley, secretary; Sandra Rue, Crowley, treasurer; Lana Barron, publicity chairman; Ronald Sarver, Ebenezer, and Lane Sarver, Crowley, members of the council.

Following the meeting, the Rayne group served refreshments to the some 50 persons who attended.

Amite Youth Begin Varied Program Of Fall Activities

A "Fifth Quarter" party for the members of the Methodist Youth-Fellowship and their guests was the kick-off for the fall program of varied activities for the youth of First Methodist Church, Amite, La.

The party began immediately following the Amite-Magnolia football game, September 6, and was held at the Kiwanis Youth Camp. A feature of the "Fifth Quarter," in addition to games and eats, was the showing of the films of the Amite-Hammond encounter in the recent football Jamboree.

Little Rock Dist. Youth Attend Bible Seminar

Some 175 young people of the four-county Little Rock District Methodist Youth Fellowship met September 14 for a Bible seminar at Salem Church near Benton, Ark.

The morning session included the showing of a feature-length motion picture, entitled "Our Bible—How It Came to Us." The film, produced by the American Bible Society, has a cast of 250 actors.

During the afternoon session, discussion groups studied the topic, "The Bible in Daily Living." Leaders for the study were the Rev. Woodrow Smith, associate minister at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock; Mrs. Helen Scott and E. F. Price, both of Little Rock; Miss Mary Sue Shepherd of Mabelvale; and J. R. Henderson, Little Rock, district MYF director.

The Rev. Charles Ramsey, Mabelvale, gave the closing message. President of the group, Miss Beth Highfill, Lonoke, was in charge of the meeting.

The counties of Pulaski, Saline, Lonoke, and Prairie are included in the Little Rock District.

Fayetteville Group Observes Youth Activities Week

The Senior High Department of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, held annual Youth Activities Week, beginning September 29.

Tom Utley, president of the group, announced the Youth Council chose the theme, "Being Christian Makes a Difference." The Rev. George Ivey, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Springdale, was the inspirational speaker Sunday through Wednesday evenings.

of wealth he couldn't enjoy. There sit these several quarter sections out there on the Dakota prairies but Clem's brother-in-law isn't there any more to enjoy them or pay the mortgage on them.

But is he really any different from many citizens of the land in their estimate of what makes a person prosperous? Money and tangible property—these are the facts of material security for most folks today. And we get into an acquisitive rut which may provide us with property, but could very well be our coffin with the ends knocked out!

Jesus was also positive about how one is to figure security from the Christian standpoint. He didn't condemn the possession of property as such unless it was looming so large in one's thinking and living that there was room for nothing else. But here was his positive word, "Seek first the things of the Kingdom of God, and all the other values of life will fall into place."

Too bad about Clem's brother-in-law.

The autumn series of Sunday evening activities began Sunday, September 8, for junior high and high school students. The Youth Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Olga Morgan, met at 5:30 p.m. A snack supper was provided in the annex under the direction of the Louise Eldridge Circle of the Woman's Society.

At 6:30 p.m., the junior high and senior high fellowship groups met, and at the evening worship service, the Youth Choir, assisted by the Junior Choir, provided the music.

All junior high and high school students not already participating in some youth fellowship were invited to join with the Methodist Youth Fellowship in these activities.

Counselors for the junior high fellowship are Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Watson. Mr. and Mrs. Haynie Phillips are the counselors for the senior fellowship.

Elton MYF Elects New Officers

New officers were elected at a meeting of the Elton, La., MYF recently at a meeting at the Methodist Church.

Those elected are: Harvey Finch, president; Pat Bruchhaus, vice-president; Sandra Aylsworth, secretary; Jimmy Tonn, treasurer; Brenda Finch, reporter; George Aylsworth, worship center leader; and Faye Casselmann, recreation leader.

A program entitled "A Goal for your Life" was presented by George and Sandra Aylsworth, Pat Bruchhaus, John Bealer, Harvey Finch, Linda Faulk, and Rudy Tonn.

LR, PB DISTRICTS PLAN CHRISTIAN VOCATION CLINIC

A Christian Vocation Clinic for the Little Rock and Pine Bluff Districts will be held in Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, Saturday, Oct. 5, according to Darrell Smith, conference chairman, Christian Witness.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the program is planned to conclude at 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at the church for fifty cents per person. Winfield is located at 16th and Louisiana Streets.

The following are invited to attend, the announcement said: high school juniors and seniors, college and working young people, pastors, district superintendents, adult counselors, and teachers of youth.

"Please urge a large number of young people to attend from your local church in the Little Rock and Pine Bluff Districts," the announcement concluded.



Districts Report Seminars

Fayetteville

Fayetteville District Woman's Society of Christian Service held two Seminars in September. One was held September 11 at Berryville and one September 12 at Rogers. The studies for the year were presented at each meeting, Mrs. Lillian Fountain presiding.

Mrs. Elmus Brown, conference secretary of Missionary Education, was in the district for both meetings and brought inspirational messages.

At Berryville Leon Warren was the organist, with Mrs. Harold Womack opening the meeting with the hymn "O Spirit of the Living God." Mrs. Womack then introduced Mrs. Brown who gave the opening worship taken from the book of Mark.

At Rogers Mrs. Kennon gave the welcome from the local church, and Mrs. Martin Bierbaum was the pianist.

Roll Call showed that there were five ministers, two deaconesses, four conference officers, twelve district officers and one hundred eighty-one local women in attendance.

Mrs. Harold Womack presented the studies for 1957-58.

Mrs. Opal Dodson talked on "How To Publicize Studies" with illustrations as she talked.

Mrs. Lillian Fountain presented the theme and text "Japan" at Berryville; Dr. Roy I. Bagley showed slides and told of his visit in Japan last year.

At Rogers Mrs. Jack Keck told of her life in Japan, of the role of Japanese women and showed many articles that she had brought from Japan.

Mrs. Elmus Brown had an interesting display of articles that Dr. Pearle McCain had sent from Japan.

Mrs. Jeff Brown presented the theme and text "The Social Witness of the local church in the Ecumenical Movement." She presented Mrs. Lillian Fountain, Mrs. Elmer Hook, Miss Mary Chaffin, Mrs. Lillian Holt in Role play.

Mrs. Leo Schneider presented the Program and Worship Books; as she told of each month's program, she displayed a colorful poster that could be used in that particular program. Her theme was: "Find Yourself."

Mrs. George Ivey presented the theme: "Christ, the Church and Race" in a skit using Mrs. Hook, Mrs. Carl Watson, Mrs. Bob Bitter, and Miss Mona McNutt.

Mrs. R. K. Bent presented the theme: "The Gospel According to Mark" using the play, "One by One." The characters were: Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Pat Henry, Mrs. Elmus Brown, Mrs. Harold Womack and Mrs. R. K. Bent.

Mrs. Jeff Brown and Mrs. F. M. Meade presented the Charter on Racial Policies at each meeting, and it was adopted by the district by a unanimous vote.

Miss Mary Chaffin gave the closing worship using the theme, "The Shadow of the Cross," and the hymn, "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross."

Pine Bluff

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Pine Bluff held its Fall Seminar Wednesday, September 11 in Hawley Methodist Church, Pine Bluff.

Mrs. A. R. Merritt, district president, opened the meeting and presented Mrs. Claude Clark, district secretary of missionary education, who presided over the day's meeting.

The worship was opened by singing "How Beautiful Were the Marks Divine."

The devotional was given by Rev. George Reutz, host pastor.

A preview of the church-wide study "Lands of Witness and Decision" was given by Rev. Vernon Chalfant, Missionary Secretary of the District.

The study on Japan "Cross and Crisis" was presented by Mrs. Claude Clark and ladies from Lodges Corner and Bayou Meto societies.

Mrs. Curtis Williams previewed the study "The Kingdom Beyond Caste" assisted by ladies from DeWitt.

The study "The Social Witness of the Local Church Ecumenical Movement" was presented by Mrs. Howard Spurlock and Mrs. Tommy Shell.

Lunch was served in the dining room, following announcements of meetings in the future.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of the hymn: "What Grace O Lord and Beauty Shone."

Mrs. Everett Patton, district vice-president, presented the program materials for the coming year.

The Spiritual life study "Disciples To Such A Lord" was introduced by Mrs. Robert Kirkwood, assisted by ladies from the Pine Bluff churches.

The meeting was closed with the benediction.

Batesville

The Batesville First Church was hostess to the Annual Fall Seminar of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, August 29, 1957. Registration began at 9:30 with worship service at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. M. L. Kaylor served as chairman due to the absence of Mrs. William Quilhot, District Secretary of Missionary Education. The meeting was called to order, and the hymn, "This is My Father's World" was sung. Mrs. Cole, Vice-president of the local society, welcomed the guests.

Mrs. L. T. Zarub, District President, introduced the three conference officers, eight district officers, and eight ministers present.

Mrs. Elmus Brown led the opening worship, using as her subject, "Calling Disciples—What Does it Involve?" She read a part of the third chapter of Mark. She gave a poem, "Today." The hymn "How Beautiful Were the Marks Divine," was played softly, and the last verse was sung as a prayer.

Mrs. Brown discussed the study books for the year. She urged all

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Gretna Woman's Society of Christian Service held its general meeting on the evening of September 23 in the Social Hall of the church with members of the Lillian Christian Circle as hostesses. Virginia Aswell and Lorraine Bakewell presented the devotional and program. Eulah L. Cato, president, presided at the business meeting.

The University, Baton Rouge, Woman's Society of Christian Service met September 17 in the morning with forty members attending. Mrs. W. W. McElroy gave the devotional and led the singing of the hymns.

Mrs. W. E. Trice, program leader, spoke of "Mission Cinerama," assisted by Mrs. W. G. Parker and Mrs. John Harvey.

Mrs. Kenneth Swartwood, president, conducted the business session.

local secretaries of Missionary Education to avail themselves of all information possible. There is an abundance of free literature; get and use the handbook; put time and study on this work, and make the studies live and put Batesville District on top. Be sure to report studies.

Mrs. Cole made an announcement concerning lunch, which was served by the ladies of First Church.

Mrs. Clark, Secretary of Children's Work, discussed the new literature for children. There is a great need for more work with children, especially in extra sessions.

In the absence of Mrs. M. D. Harris, who was to discuss the book "Japan," Mrs. Brown gave a short review of the book. She stressed the importance of knowing the background of a subject and using the abundance of material that is available. She had a very attractive table of Japanese articles which she discussed. This display is available to local secretaries who will write to Mrs. Brown asking for it.

Mrs. Seibert discussed the book, "Christ, the Church and Race," pointing out that racial problems are brought about by suppression, misunderstanding, lust for power, and does not limit itself to the Negro race alone. Race prejudice is expensive from a money standpoint. The solution for it is Christianity and observance of the Golden Rule.

Mrs. Summerour, District Vice-President, discussed the program material for the coming year, "The March of Missions." She said that if we are to march, we must be in step at all times. The hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung. A skit, "Planning our Programs," was given by Mesdames Kaylor, Layton, Summerour and Luedeman, all of Yellville.

Lunch was served. Mrs. Jameson, Secretary of Literature and Publications, had a table of all lit-

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES LOUISIANA CONF.

OCTOBER

Vice-President: Assist in observance of United Nations Day and Week of Prayer and Self Denial.

Treasurer: Help to promote offering for Week of Prayer and Self Denial.

Missionary Education: Present suggestions for action following study.

Christian Social Relations: Co-operate in observance of United Nations Week and UNICEF Trick or Treat at Halloween. Encourage plans for use of World Order Sunday Message from the National Council of Churches. Be sure to mark the Check List on Racial Policies in THE METHODIST WOMAN and send the marked list to your District Secretary of Christian Social Relations.

Spiritual Life: Co-operate in observance of Week of Prayer and Self Denial.

Supply Work: Pack a Christmas box for institutions in Home Fields according to askings.

erature and study books on sale at this time.

The afternoon session was opened at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Nels Barnett reviewed the study, "The Social Witness of the Local Church in the Ecumenical Movement." She was assisted by several other ladies who demonstrated various methods of presentations that could be used in the study work.

The Gospel According to Mark was presented by Mrs. L. T. Zarub.

Mrs. Ben Jernigan, District Treasurer, led the group in a very impressive pledge service.

The benediction was given by Mrs. Elmus Brown.

LR DISTRICT CHILDREN'S WORKERS' MISSION INSTITUTE SCHEDULED

The Little Rock District, Children's Workers' Missions Institute will be held October 9th, at 9:15 a.m., at Asbury Methodist Church, 12th and Schiller, Little Rock, with a covered-dish luncheon at noon. The approved mission studies will be presented by Mrs. Eugene Fohrell, Conference Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. W. T. Sanders, Conway District Director, Mrs. J. Kenneth Shamblin, and Mrs. D. R. Rippey of Little Rock.



NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

BY IRA A. BRUMLEY

District Institutes Completed

The eight district institutes on Christian education have been completed with the following report as to participation. The Conway District had eighteen churches participating; Fayetteville District, twenty-two churches; Fort Smith District, twenty-five churches; Searcy District, twenty churches; Forrest City District, twenty-two churches; Jonesboro District, twenty-six churches; Paragould District, fourteen churches; Batesville District, nineteen churches.

Plans are being made to reach additional churches through local church or small area Christian education-institutes.

Church School Rally Day Offerings

Osceola was the first church in the conference to send in a Rally Day offering.

Offerings have been received from Spadra on the Hartman charge and from St. Francis, Langley's Chapel, and Wright's Chapel of the St. Francis charge.

Many churches will be sending in their offerings by the time this report is printed.

Any church that did not observe Church School Rally Day on the suggested date of September 29 and needs copies of Rally Day program, should write Board of Education office for copies of the program. Each local church will be supplied without charge a limited number of program copies.

Rev. Alvin C. Murray has been certified for the courses "Ways of Teaching" (second series) and "How to Teach in the Church School" (first series.)

Plans were completed September 26-27 for a series of training schools in the Jonesboro District to be held at the following centers: Marked Tree, Osceola, Jonesboro, Leachville, and Blytheville.

Berryville Area Training School

A three-unit first series training school is to be held at Berryville for the Berryville, Green Forest, and Eureka Springs charges on October 7-9. The following courses are to be offered in the school:

"Teaching Children," Mrs. H. E. Tomlinson

"The Methodist Youth Fellowship," Rev. Gerald Hammett

"Christian Beliefs," Ira A. Brumley

The Dean of the school will be Leonard Byers of Green Forest.

Secure New Church School Members

This is the time of the year for church schools to do a real promotional job toward securing new church school membership.

Our conference showed a decrease

Batesville Dist. Has Christian Education Institute

The Batesville District Christian Education Institute was held in First Methodist Church, Batesville, Sept. 23, with Dr. Paul M. Bumpers, district superintendent, presiding. The devotional was conducted by the Rev. Robert Howerton, district director of evangelism. The Rev. A. N. Storey, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Town and Country Commission, led in prayer.

Dr. Ira A. Brumley, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education, said some church schools lost enrollment rather than gained last year. He said 71 of every 100 who come into the Methodist church, come through the church school.

A film was shown depicting the importance of trained leadership and a well planned program in the promotion of Christian Education. Another idea, brought out in the film, showed what can be done in the way of in-service training by the local church.

The second half of the institute was given to class and departmental meetings. Among the directors and leaders of these meetings were Dr. Brumley, Rev. William A. Stewart, Rev. Mr. Storey, Rev. Mr. Howerton, and Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Hammett.

It was brought out that among the objectives of Christian Education are: (1) An understanding or knowledge of God; (2) An appreciation and understanding of the Bible; (3) An appreciation and understanding of the church; and (4) Growth in Christian character and Christian attitudes. The church school should seek to provide experiences for such growth, according to the report from the Rev. H. W. Jinske, reporter.

in church school membership last year. We can justify part of that loss on the fact that some communities are losing in population, but the reports of local churches show that the decrease was not all in churches of communities with decreasing population. Some churches in communities where there was an increase in population show decrease in church school membership.

There are thousands of persons within reach of our church schools who are not enrolled in any church school. Some of these are within reach of your church school.

Does your church school have adequate plans made for bringing more people into the membership of the church school?

Conference Youth Council To Meet

It became necessary to change the date of the Conference Youth Council meeting from September 27-28 to October 18-19.

The meeting will be held in Conway, beginning at 1:30 p.m., October 18.

This meeting is to be attended by youth members of the council, district and conference adult leaders of youth, and a few invited persons.

Theme Chosen For Christian Education Conference

"The Christian Church as a Redemptive Fellowship" has been chosen as the theme for the 1957 Methodist Conference on Christian Education.

The conference will meet at the Hotel Sheraton-Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio, November 5-10.

Dr. Albert C. Outler, professor of theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, will deliver five addresses on the theme. Topics of the addresses are: "The Redeemer and His Fellowship," "The Fellowship of the Redeemed," "The Redemption of Society," "The Redemption of the World," and "The Hope of Redemption."

Camden District Staff Meeting Conducted

The Camden District Educational Staff meeting was held at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the First Methodist Church, Camden. Among the leaders of the meeting were Dr. W. Neill Hart, district superintendent; the Rev. James E. Major, executive secretary of conference town and country work; and Dr. and Mrs. Roy E. Fawcett. Dr. Fawcett is executive secretary of the Little Rock Conference Board of Education.

Those attending met in age groups for program discussion and plans were made for the coming year. There was a fellowship dinner; and a sharing period was conducted, Dr. Fawcett said.

Among those participating in the various departments of work were: Children's Work—Mrs. R. A. McLeon, district director; Mrs. Marie Tucker, conference children's worker who served as resource person; Mrs. M. W. Miller; and Mrs. Margaret Patrick.

Youth Work—Rev. Virgil Bell, district director; and the Revs. David Hankins, C. Ray Hozendorf, Noel Cross, and Gerald Fincher. Intermediate Work—Rev. Howard Childs. Adult Work—Rev. Louis Averitt, conference director of adult work who was resource person; Col. Claude E. Haswell, district director; Mrs. Haswell; Edwin Swafford, district director of young adult work; and the Revs. M. W. Miller, John W. Lindsay, and Charles Baughman.

Lay Activities—Walter Birch, district lay leader; Dr. Myron Shofner, Burford Davis and Tom Harris.

Zachary Reports Rally Day, Other Observances

Rally day was held Sunday, Sept. 15, and was considered "the big day" at Zachary Methodist Church because it began the fall program. The Rev. Robert E. Taylor is pastor.

Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., pastor of Baton Rouge First Methodist Church, showed slides and spoke on "The First Missionary" at the evening service.

Sunday school attendance goal was set at 220.

Wednesday night, Sept. 18, family night was observed; and Sept. 20, a dinner honoring church school workers was held at the church.

On Sept. 22, Dr. W. E. Trice, pastor of University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, spoke on "Methodism in England." This Sunday was observed as Promotion Day, also.

Sept. 29, a film was shown on the

Working, as discussion leader, with Dr. Outler will be Dr. Robert R. Powell, professor of Christian education at Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Maryland.

Among the persons included in the membership of the conference are: presidents and staffs of conference boards of education; staffs of the Division of the Local Church and the Editorial Division, General Board of Education; chairman of the Division of the Local Church; treasurer of the General Board; one bishop from each jurisdiction selected by the College of Bishops of the jurisdiction.

The conference is composed of six commissions as follows: Children's Workers, Youth Workers, Adult Workers, Directors of Christian Education, executive secretaries and board presidents, and professors of religion.

Programs of the commissions are being planned by the executive committees of the commissions and will feature a wide variety of activities and interests.

New Story Paper Prepared For Kindergarten Children

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—Thousands of four and five-year-old children in Methodist Sunday schools across the nation will get a nice surprise on Sunday, October 6.

They will receive the first issue of a new story paper, *We Do It Together*. It will contain stories, poems, songs, prayers, and suggestions for a wide variety of activities that children enjoy in the family group. And it will be theirs to take home with them!

It will be the first time The Methodist Church has had a story paper for kindergarten children, said the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville, editor of Methodist church-school publications.

The paper and other kindergarten curriculum materials are prepared by the Methodist Board of Education here through its Editorial Division and published by The Methodist Publishing House, Nashville.

"This story paper and the regular curriculum material which is planned for use in the home provides a good link between the church and the family," said Miss Mary Edna Lloyd, Nashville, editor of Methodist church-school publications for children.

work of contributions towards mission projects and was entitled "The Work of Our Church."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Adopted by Interboard Council August 28, 1957)

SEPTEMBER

- 20 New Orleans W.S.C.S. District Seminar
 21-22 Church School Officers Conference, Camp Brewer
 29 Church School Rally Day
 29-Oct. 6 Christian Education Week

OCTOBER

- 6 World Wide Communion Sunday
 7, 8 W.S.C.S. Conference Retreat, Caney Lake
 8, 9 W.S.C.S. Conference Mid-Year Executive Meeting, Homer
 7, 8, 9 Annual Small Church Conference, Camp Brewer
 16, 17 Hearings on Central Jurisdiction
 19, 20, 21 W.S.C.S. Conference Promotion Workshop for District Officers, Alexandria
 20 Layman's Day
 22, 23 Area Every Member Canvass Planning Meeting, El Dorado, Arkansas
 20-Nov. 3 Prayer Vigil for Peace, Sponsored by Board of World Peace
 31 Reformation Sunday

NOVEMBER

- 3 Communion Offering for Retired Ministers' Homes
 5-10 National Conference on Christian Education, Cincinnati, Ohio
 District Conferences
 12 Lafayette at Houma
 13 Lake Charles at First Church, Lake Charles
 14 Shreveport at Plain Dealing
 19 Monroe at Gilbert
 20 Ruston at Minden
 21 Alexandria at Oakdale

DECEMBER

- 1 Commitment Sunday
 8 Universal Bible Sunday
 16 New Orleans District Conference at Gretna
 17 Baton Rouge District Conference at First Church, Baton Rouge
 15-18 Observance of Charles Wesley Anniversary
 27-Jan. 1 National Methodist Student Conference, Lawrence, Kansas
 29 Student Recognition Day

JANUARY

- Jan.-Easter Church Attendance Campaign
 12-19 "Louisiana Methodist" Campaign
 15-30 Local Church Survey for Prospective Members
 20-21 Adult Coaching Conference, Alexandria
 26-Feb. 9 Every Member Canvass District Workshops

FEBRUARY

- 6 Minister's Week, S.M.U.
 16-23 Race Relations Sunday
 23 Week of Dedication
 23 Day of Dedication

MARCH

- Vacation Church School Institutes
 2-9, 16-23 Two Periods of Social Church Evangelism
 10-22 District Alcohol Essay Contests
 23-29 Jones Lectures Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans
 18, 19, 20 Willson Lectures, Centenary College
 29 Conference Finals, Alcohol Essay Contest, Trinity Church, Alexandria

APRIL

- 6 Easter
 8, 9, 10 Camp Leader's Training Conference, Camp Brewer

MAY

- 4-11 National Family Week
 4 Loyalty Sunday, Every Member Canvass
 11 Victory Sunday, Every Member Canvass
 25 Rural Life Sunday
 27 Annual Conference, Shreveport

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Rayville Youth Have Busy Summer

The first council meeting of the Senior MYF was June 2, at which time plans were drawn up for the activities for the summer; special attention was given to a Youth Activities Week. The date decided upon was June 17 through June 21. Since only fifteen days separated the first council meeting and the opening night of Youth Activities Week, work was begun immediately, especially the publicity.

After final plans were made, letters were sent to each church in the district explaining the entire summer program with special emphasis on the Youth Activities Week which included a pot-luck supper, folk festival, weiner roast, and the John Wesley film. The subjects chosen to discuss during this week were: Why Believe in God?, Boy-Girl Relationships, Prayer—A Way of Life, Alcohol's Effect on the Human Body. Our resource leaders were Miss Rebecca Guice, Winnsboro, for Why Believe in God?; Mrs. Alvin McCarty, Mrs. Allen Cochran, and Rev. Lael Jones, Mer Rouge, for Boy-Girl Relationships; Mrs. W. L. Haley for Prayer—A Way of Life; and Dr. J. C. Ellington for Alcohol's Effect on the Human Body. The week of activities was concluded with the

Holy Communion, administered by Rev. W. D. Boddie, minister. With the help from neighborhood churches participants numbered approximately 350 compared to nearly 400 during the Intermediates' Christian Adventure Week July 1 through July 5.

As the Intermediate MYF had just recently been formed, plans were made to familiarize them with the MYF and the functions of this organization; therefore, a Christian Adventure Week was set up. This week of activities including morning discussion groups, afternoon handicrafts and evening activities. After consulting the entire group, the following subjects were chosen: John and Charles Wesley, Making the Bible Useful, Location of the Old Testament Towns, Meaning of Holy Communion. Resource leaders for the week were Rev. Norman Simmons, Oak Ridge, Rev. Mr. Boddie, and Dan Morse, Jr. Each evening was filled with activities selected by the Intermediates. They selected the following: hayride and weiner roast, swimming and watermelon party, hike, Bar-B-Q and vesper service, folk festival, and Holy Communion. The night scheduled for our hike was rainy; however, the group en-

From Our Readers

This publication will publish from time to time letters and comments from our readers. You are invited to send your letters marked for this column. Comments about editorials, articles, program materials, and current issues are welcomed. All letters should be signed.

The following letter written by S. M. Rainach is a reply to an editorial in "The Louisiana Methodist," September 5, entitled "Race Relations Is A Religious Issue."—Editor

Editor:

Your editorial in *The Louisiana Methodist* of September 5, 1957, "Race Relations Is a Religious Issue," has been called to my attention.

I note that you disagree with my television quotation that "Race relations is a social issue, not a religious issue." May I point out that the construction you place upon this quotation, which was taken out of context, entirely changes the meaning of what I said.

You are quite correct in your conclusion that race relations is a religious issue. They are becoming even more so, day by day. The reason for this is that a number of religious leaders are insisting upon racial integration in the churches, schools, homes and all other phases of our political, social and religious life. The consequence is amalgamation, a consequence naturally repugnant to most Americans.

America also abhors violence. History confirms that racial separateness means racial peace, that mixing and violence go hand in hand. Wherever two races live in harmony together, it teaches that each must remain separate from the other. But separateness alone is not enough. Each must also help, trust, and respect the other.

Placed in context, the correct con-

joyed Bar-B-Q at the E. E. Jameses. Due to circumstances beyond control, the group ran out of gas on the hayride; and decided to have a hike while the minister returned to town for some gas. Also twenty-five Intermediates enjoyed a night of skating during the Delhi Youth Activities Week.

Since the first Youth Activities Week for the seniors was so successful, another one was planned. However, in order to have another Youth Activities Week, finances had to be obtained. Therefore, a Work-Week was held in which baby-sitting was done, maid service was administered, cars were washed and a rummage sale of clothes was held. During this week \$100.03 was made to finance the second Youth Activities Week. This Youth Activities Week was primarily local with nearly 200 attending. Activities during the week of August 4 through August 9 were: skating outing, swimming and watermelon party, visitation to Tallulah's Youth Activities Week, hobo's convention, and MYF banquet with Rev. William Earl Nolan, III, First Church, Monroe, as guest speaker.

Throughout all the activities this summer, the MYF was helped by the W.S.C.S. and the Wesleyan Guild to an extent which is impossible to express in words—but a sincere "THANK YOU" to all the ladies, without whom the activities would not have been possible.

Week end activities included a Planning Retreat at the first of the summer, a Christian Witness Mis-

struction of what I said is this. Racial integration is not and was never properly a movement for any religious leader to support. Recent events in your state, Arkansas, and in neighboring states heavily underscore this. Since some pastors, nevertheless, persist in preaching race mixing, other pastors have felt duty bound to oppose them. Congregations, too, are becoming seriously alarmed at the trend to play up amalgamation and play down salvation.

I am confident that the future will further confirm my prediction that church leaders in growing numbers will heed the voices of those who have already spoken out against this trend.

Very truly yours,
 W. M. Rainach

Church of Christ Spreads In Germany

Forty missionaries from the U. S. have during the past ten years established 37 congregations of the Church of Christ in West Germany, a Texas evangelist reported recently. The Rev. Otis Gatewood said 17 were German-speaking and 20 used the English language, ministering chiefly to United States servicemen and members of their families.

Eight congregations have permanent buildings, erected at a total cost of \$500,000, the evangelist said. Largest, in Frankfurt's West End section, has a \$200,000 church and educational building.

Churches of Christ are strictly congregational, claim about one and a half million members in the U. S. Missionary work is undertaken and supported by local churches. Mr. Gatewood's work in Germany was underwritten by the Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas.

Labor Leaders Hail Use of Phrase On Paper Money

Washington—Two labor leaders today hailed the new use of the words, "In God We Trust" on paper money.

Pres. Earl W. Jimerson and Sec.-Treas. Patrick E. Gorman of the 350,000-member Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen (AFL-CIO) called it a good step "in a world which is attempting to crowd out the name of God."

"If the United States keeps moving an inch closer to God, then God will keep moving an inch closer to the United States," they wrote in an editorial in the *Butcher Workman*, the Union's official publication.

sion with special emphasis in surveying; also a Fall Planning Retreat in which projects for Thanksgiving and Christmas were discussed.

The Rayville MYF Church has had a very successful summer program in which over one thousand young people have participated.

Rev. W. D. Boddie is minister, and Rev. Dan Morse, Jr., youth director.

There were

Three Pupils To Each Seat

By The Rev. Borje A. Persson
Kambini, Inhambane,
Mozambique, Africa

Like Topsy, the school at Kambini just grew.

In the early days the church was used during the week for school. Later other buildings were pressed into service. In the late twenties and early thirties there was talk of new buildings. A new school building was needed and so was a new church. After a good deal of discussion it was agreed and rightly, that the church should be built first. One of those responsible was The Rev. Pliny W. Keys.

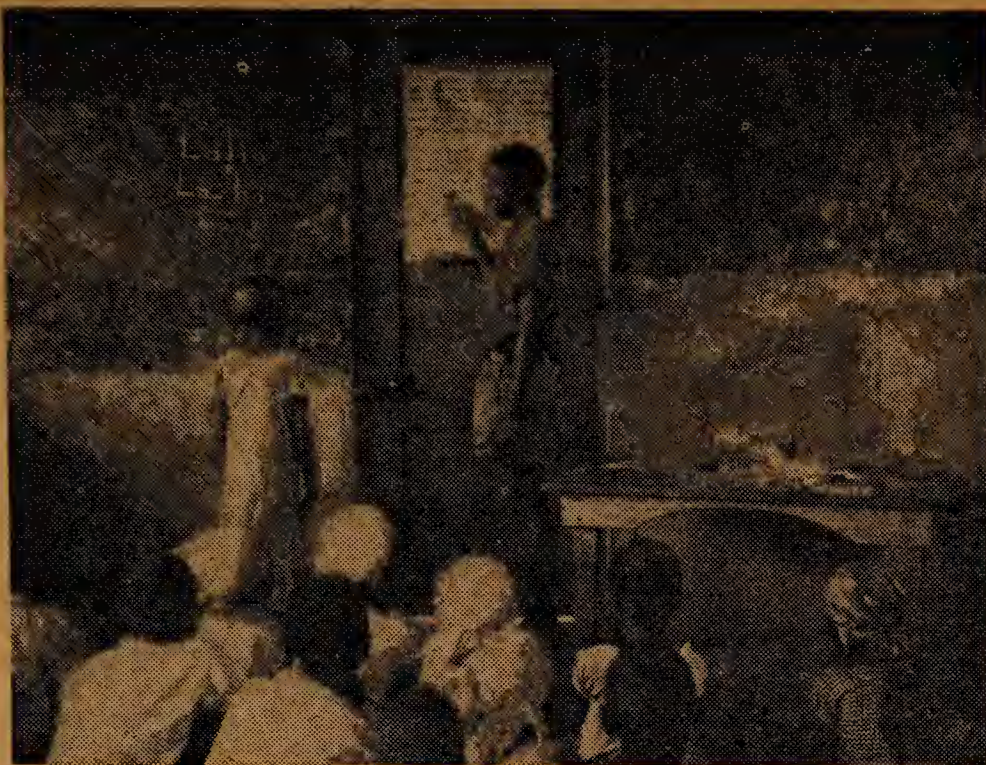
The church he planned was at the time considered too big and pretentious. Due to a lack of funds it took a long time to complete. After lying dormant at the "foundation stage" it rose and was finally completed in 1935. Now the church is too small. It is filled every Sunday by those who live on the station. There is very little room for anyone coming from the country round about. On special occasions it holds only about half of those who wish to attend.

After the completion of the church, Mr. Keys started planning for the new school that was so badly needed. He visited many African training institutions and wherever he went he kept his eyes open. He was looking for something that would be suitable for Kambini. The Rev. Pliny Keys passed on in the year 1942, before anything had been done about the new school.

In 1949 the question of a new building cropped up again; it was seen to be of vital importance. The school had never had a single building built expressly for its use. When Central Mission Press, then stationed at Kambini, moved to Johannesburg the empty building was pressed into use even though its plan did not readily lend itself as a classroom. Later when the boarding department built itself a larger dining hall to accommodate its rapid growth, the old hall was commandeered and pressed into service as yet another classroom. An old dormitory was taken over. Any old building that happened to be empty was snapped up before it could be used for anything else. The school borrowed buildings, set aside for the women's school—they even moved into the church.

In spite of all this we had only seating for about 350 pupils, while the enrollment was over 1,000. In order to be able to seat as many as possible we had to run our school with three sessions a day, so the benches never had a chance of cooling down. No sooner did one session finish than the next was ready to start. The overflow we taught out under the trees. A new building was therefore imperative.

The drive for funds to build the new school was sparked by the Rev. Julian S. Rea who worked with Mr. Keys for many years. From him he caught the vision of the future of Kambini. He spent an entire furlough in this drive for



A picture of an elementary class at work at Kambini School, Portuguese East Africa (Mozambique).

funds. He covered the States from Maine to Florida, and from New York to California. Slowly at first but in an ever stronger stream, the gifts started flowing in. Even so the school might not have been built. We needed a builder—someone who could give most of his time to it. Fortunately, when he was needed, the builder was there. Mr. Harry Greenberg who had been working elsewhere, moved to Kambini and took over the construction of the school.

Due to his meticulous attention to detail, and to his close supervision, we now have a beautiful school building, one we are proud of. It is a grand memorial to the Keyeses, who gave their lives, their all, to the work of God amongst the people of Mozambique.

Yet it would not have been possible without the cooperation of all. There are, I'm sure, thousands of friends in America who gave, sometimes until it hurt, in order that this school might be built to spread light throughout this land. Some who gave little yet gave more than they could afford. We received one gift of \$10,000 which enabled us to add the covered assembly area. Government regulations called for it but we were afraid that we would be unable to build it right away. For Conference Sunday last year, this area was

used because it holds twice as many people as does our church.

Yet it was the spirit in which the gifts were given that helped to build the school. The school children here at Kambini helped in various ways. Some of the bigger boys shovelled soil to level the site and also to help dig the foundations. There were days when the campus looked like a penal colony, with dozens of small boys

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University In Japan To Be Commemorated

New York—The founding of the International Christian University in Japan will be commemorated by churches throughout the United States next year on June 15.

The annual observance, known as "I.C.U. Sunday," was designated here by the Japan International Christian University Foundation. It will mark the exact date of the institution's establishment in 1949.

Supported by thirteen American denominations and The United Church of Canada, the project officially opened on April 29, 1953. The first senior class graduated from the College of Liberal Arts on March 21, 1957, and a month later, the University inaugurated its first graduate unit, the School of Education.

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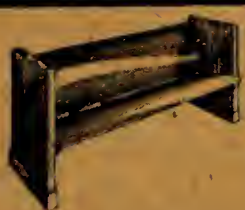
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OBITUARY

TIDWELL—M. W. Tidwell was born August 4, 1870, and passed away September 15, 1957, at the age of 87. He was married to Dora Timpleton, March 5, 1891. To this union was born six children.

He professed Christ, and united with the Methodist Church early in life, and was very active in his church. He served as Sunday School superintendent for more than 50 years.

He is survived by two sons, Ennis and Vernon Tidwell, both of Doddridge, Ark.; one sister, Mrs. Nora Jones of Doddridge; six grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews. A host of friends mourn his going.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. D. W. Harberson, Doddridge.

THREE PUPILS TO EACH SEAT

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sitting breaking stones, each with his pile of broken stone in front of him. Each boy had promised to supply about seven or eight cubic feet of cracked stone.

The school is now completed right up to the weather-cock which proudly stands on top of the tower. The school is constructed from the limestone which we quarry on the spot. This stone weathers to a cream or ivory color, so with the red cement-asbestos roof, it makes a pretty picture seen through the coconut palms. Yet as Mrs. Keys said at the dedication ceremony, "It is not the building that counts but those who pass through." We pray that those who pass through, may be better prepared to take their place in the Africa of tomorrow.

CHARLES WESLEY

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Hymns Concern God and the Soul

Wesley was obsessed with one theme: God and the soul; for the stage in space and in time on which that drama is set he has little concern. He is always at Calvary; no other place in the universe matters, and for him the course of historic time is lost in the eternal NOW. This is partly because of the urgent poignancy of his own evangelical experience. It is partly because of education, if polished in more classical form than Watt's, was less wide, less philosophical, less sweeping. You find, therefore, that in the age of Deism Wesley is, of all writers, the least Deistic, the most uncompromisingly, the most exclusively Christian. You find in Wesley, therefore, comparatively few occasional hymns for social, national, or human occasions. GOD and the SOUL: clear directions for

making your calling and election sure, for perfecting holiness in the fear of God . . . this is Wesley's concern. We find Sinners exhorted, Mourners convinced of sin, persons convinced of backsliding, backsliders recovered. We find believers in many postures, and the society in several. We find formal and inward religion distinguished. We find the goodness of God, the pleasantness of religion, and the four last things, Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell, described. Wesley means business all the time. He is in deadly earnest. He has no leisure for frills and furbelows. He makes no concessions to human interests and the sentimental associations of religion.

HIGH COURT. REJECTING DAMAGE SUIT

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a person enters a place of worship, call it by any name, and participates in worship and prayer to the God or Supreme Being of his choice for the benefit of the body or organization which owns the church, the religious or lay leaders who conduct the services, or the God or Supreme Being whom he worships and asks for guidance, help or forgiveness . . .

"One who is present at a religious edifice for the purpose of attending a religious services does so for his own convenience, pleasure or benefit," the ruling held.

"If it were not true that participation in religious services, proceedings and ceremonies is for the benefit of the individuals who gather to do so, it would be impossible to explain their presence at such activities."

CBS TV PROGRAM TO FEATURE EVANGELISM THEME

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will be the third presentation in the series.

The study of evangelism will be

COMMISSION ORGANIZED TO CURB PUBLISHING INDECENT LITERATURE

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agency to help combat obscene literature.

The Rev. Ralph A. Canon of the St. James Methodist Church, Spartanburg, S. C., was named research director; Roger Burgess, associate secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, Washington, was elected chairman of the finance committee, and Glenn D. Everett, Washington correspondent of Religious News Service and an active Methodist layman, was named public relations director.

The commission announced that it will work with all denominations and other groups to achieve "necessary federal, state and local laws to curb the publishing and distribution of indecent and obscene publications."

told by a combination of film and live presentation. The network recently sent a film camera crew on a tour of the South to obtain material on the Seventh Day Adventists, the "Holiness" groups and other denominations.

NATO Chaplains To Meet In U. S.

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Forty naval chaplains from 14 NATO countries will meet in the United States Oct. 10-28 to exchange information and experiences. The aim will be to "strengthen moral and spiritual foundations in the navies of the NATO nations," a Navy announcement said.

Business sessions will be held at the Marine Corps Schools in Quantico, Va. But the chaplains will visit major navy installations during their stay and meet with civilian groups in order to get a "closer look at religious aspects of service and civilian life in the United States."

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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 13, 1957

MORAL STANDARDS IN A CHURCH

READ 1 CORINTHIANS, CHAPTERS 5 and 6.

MEMORY SELECTION: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

—1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (RSV)

This week we have the second lesson in Unit IX, which has for its general subject, "The Gospel Applied to Society." The Scripture selections for all of the eight lessons in this Unit are taken from 1 Corinthians. The subject for our lesson is "Moral Standards In A Church."

There is a tendency in our thinking to idealize the apostolic church. It made such rapid progress under such adverse circumstances that we sometimes are led to think that it was composed entirely of faithful saints. A reading of Paul's letters to the various churches he founded will reveal that the early church had in its membership many people who were anything but saints. They were trouble makers who discredited the church and were a reproach on the cause of Christ.

While we must recognize that this is true, we should realize also that the church at Corinth, as most of the churches Paul organized, was composed of people with a pagan background. Many of these seemed to have joined the Christian church much as they might have joined any other new movement. They had little basic knowledge of the way of life taught by Christian leaders and often had little concern for its moral standards. If we recognize this, we will not be surprised that their lives often fell far below the standard set for Christian living. For this reason Paul felt that the church at Corinth would be better off if such people were put out of its fellowship.

Paul had spent eighteen months in Corinth, in the midst of its wickedness, while founding and organizing the church there. He knew the difficulties it would face and consequently kept in close touch with it by correspondence and an occasional visit. This letter we are studying through eight lessons is evidence of Paul's great concern for the church at Corinth.

The Power of Influence

In the opening verses of the 5th chapter of 1 Corinthians, from which the first selection of our lesson text is taken, Paul calls attention to a specific case of fornication in the Corinthian church. A son was living with his father's wife, his own step-mother. They may have been married but such a marriage was unlawful according to the law, both of the Jews and of the Roman Empire. While Paul here cites a specific case, he uses it to emphasize moral principles which apply to all. In Paul's mind the hurt of this illegal relationship did not stop with the persons concerned. Paul feared that the condoning of such conduct might affect the morals of the whole church at Corinth like a piece of leaven

which might leaven the whole lump. We should realize that the danger of such a situation in the church at Corinth was no more dangerous to that church than it would be in any of our local churches today.

The Difference In Greek And Christian Philosophy

There was a wide difference in the philosophy of life of the Greeks and that of the Christian church.

(1) In the thinking of the Greeks, mind, spirit, ideas were the matters of supreme importance. The body and matters related to the body, according to their thinking, were of only temporary value since the body perished at death. Consequently, according to Grecian thought, the body and matters related to the body were outside the realm of religion and morality since, with them, these dealt only with the spirit. Therefore, for the Greek, all appetites and passions of the body were lawful since these had nothing to do with the spiritual. "The belly for meats" was their slogan. Immorality had nothing to do with religion or morals. Hence it was that those in the Christian church, who were still under the influence of their pagan philosophy, may have not considered their immoral conduct as anything so bad. The "sacred" prostitutes that were normally found in numbers in their pagan temples would give them an entirely different idea of morality from that of the Christian faith.

(2) According to the teachings of the Christian faith man is made in the image of God. His body is the temple of God. The kingdom of God is within a person. Hence for the Christian, the body is sacred and we are just as accountable to God for anything we do which defiles the body as we are for that which defiles the soul. The restricting of religion to things of the spirit alone was one of the heresies of pagan Corinth.

Why Christianity Came In Conflict With The World

The whole world of Paul's day was religious after its fashion. The world of that day worshiped a multitude of gods. Fearful lest they may have failed to worship some god because they had not heard of it, the Greeks in Athens had erected an altar "To The Unknown God." Paul took advantage of that fact and declared in Athens, in his great sermon on Mar's Hill, that he was revealing to them this "Unknown God."

Why did not the heathen world embody this additional God in their worship? The answer, we believe, is found in the fact that to accept

this God meant that they must abandon the worship of the many other gods they worshiped. Furthermore, and possibly the biggest reason, was the fact that the God of the Christian religion required a change of life in order to worship Him acceptably. The Christian religion talked about the "transformed" life, the "new creature" in Christ, the "new birth" and "conversion," all of which terms were foreign to any pagan religion.

Much of the world of Paul's day refused the Christian religion because it demanded a changed life and placed morals and religion at the base of every activity of life. The world of that day did not want to change its way of living and refused all of the benefits offered by Christianity rather than change its manner of life.

This obstacle which confronted the Christian church in Paul's day has been the major obstacle which has confronted the Christian church throughout its history. Without question the Christian way of life is the ideal plan for life and, if accepted by the world, would solve the world's problems almost overnight. The trouble still is that the acceptance of the Christian way of life would require men to change their lives and today, as truly as twenty centuries ago, the masses of the earth do not want a religion which demands that life be changed.

One of the greatest dangers of the church of Christ today is the fact that, too many times, it lays too little stress on the "transformed" life. In Paul's day, masses of people would have looked favorably on the Christian movement if it had not demanded a change in personal life. However, had that demand not been made and emphasized, Christianity would hardly have survived the generation in which it was born. If it had survived it would have simply been another addition to the numerous religious sects of the day, powerless and without a future. Any church today that does not give emphasis to the necessity for a changed life in Christ will become spiritually powerless and endanger its future.

Paul Demands That The Corinthian Church Be Different

We study about the *Christian church in Corinth*. The thing that seemed to be gripping the attention of Paul as he writes to this church is the fact that he felt that too much of *Corinth was in the Christian church*. Paul seemed to have in mind, as he wrote, a thought that he stated in words in 1 Thessalonians 5:22, when he said, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." Paul wanted the Corinthian church to be free even from any "appearance" of evil. A man, in doubt as to whether he should wear a certain shirt, brought it to his wife and asked her if she thought it was dirty. Her wise reply was, "If it is doubtful, it is dirty." The Christian and the Christian church could well adopt the same attitude toward questionable practices and abstain from anything that is even doubtful.

The good morals of our generation are threatened from many sides. The world of entertainment, in movies, radio, television and many forms of commercialized entertainment is such as to threaten our moral life, especially our youth, unless we, and they, exercise Christian caution in selecting our forms of entertainment. The lax moral standards often evident in our social life carry a

direct threat to the high standard of life the church teaches. The divorce evil, centering in Hollywood, is a threat to the home life of America that we dare not ignore.

Paul exhorts the church in Corinth to be different in nature, purpose and moral conduct. We should keep in mind that "border-line" Christianity is just as powerless in our day as Paul knew it would be in his day. The church must live in the world but it should not be of the world. We are told that social leaders of Washington watched a President's wife as she arrived at the White House from what they considered a lower level of social life than that at Washington. When they saw her, they turned up their "high-browed" noses and, with what they thought was the final word of crushing criticism, said: "Why her dresses are not even in style." When the President's wife heard of their criticism, she simply said: "The President's wife does not follow styles, she makes styles." And so she did. It was not long until these same social leaders were cutting their dresses to conform to the style of garments worn by the President's wife.

So it should be with the church. We are not here to follow customs or standards set by the world about us. We are here to set spiritual standards which merit the admiration and respect of the world and which will save the world, if it is ever saved.

Must The Church Expel Evil Doers?

The RSV of the New Testament has Paul saying in our lesson, "Drive out the wicked person from among you." It was Jesus who said, in the parable of the tares, regarding the tares growing along with the wheat, "Let both grow together until the harvest."

A proper interpretation and harmonizing of these apparently conflicting statements should give us a proper course of action toward people who are in the church but not of the church. It would require a sense of tenderness, understanding and justice that few of us have to enable us to draw a line about those in the church who should be "driven out." In general it would appear that we had better leave such in the hands of the Lord.

Ye Are Not Your Own, Ye Are Bought With A Price

We are not "self-made" men and women who may be proud of the job we have done. We belong to God for three definite reasons. (1) We belong to God because He created us. (2) We belong to God because He bought us at an inconceivable price paid on a Roman cross. (3) We, as church people, belong to Him because we have voluntarily dedicated our lives to Him and pledged to Him the service of our lives.

We belong to God soul and body. Paul in this lesson distinctly teaches the stewardship of our physical bodies. We are the temples of God. In Romans Paul says "Present your bodies a LIVING sacrifice." We are taught to give our bodies to God and give them to Him alive.

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Laymen's Day To Be Observed October 20

Chicago (MI)—The head of The Methodist Church's Board of Lay Activities sees in the observance of Laymen's Day—Sunday, Oct. 20—an opportunity "to discover new talent and to put it to work in the life of the church."

In a statement, urging Methodist churches throughout the nation to share in a widespread observance of Laymen's Day, Dr. Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Lay Activities, had this to say:

"Observance of Laymen's Day is more than the mere observance of a special day. It is a means whereby we are able to discover new talent and to put it to work in the life of the church."

Dr. Mayfield said that regional reports from annual conference lay leaders indicate that last year nearly three-fourths of all Methodist churches in America observed Laymen's Day. "We hope," he added, "that this year the response will be even greater."

Methodists share in the observance along with many other Protestant denominations which cooperate in the National Council of Churches.

Theme of the observance is "My Father's Business." Special printed helps for lay speakers have been prepared by Dr. Clarence M. Dannelly, prominent Methodist layman and superintendent of the Montgomery (Ala.) city and county school system.

Area Stewardship Workshop To Be Held Oct. 22, 23

Two staff members of the General Board of Lay Activities will be leaders in the Area-wide Stewardship Workshop scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, October 22 and 23, at the First Methodist Church in El Dorado, according to the three conference EMC directors.

Dr. Edwin A. Briggs, Chicago, director of the Department of Stewardship and Finance, will be in general charge of the two-day meeting. Another staff member, Dr. R. J. Genis, Chicago, will assist Dr. Briggs.

The workshop has been set up by the three conference directors of the Every Member Canvass program, Rev. James E. Major, Little Rock; Rev. Karl Tooke, Shreveport; and Rev. A. N. Storey, Conway. Rev. Mr. Tooke and Rev. Mr. Storey attended a coaching conference at Chicago last week in preparation for the Area workshop.

Workshop leaders point out that the meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday afternoon and will conclude (Continued on page 9)

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TO THE METHODISTS OF ARKANSAS AND LOUISIANA:

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that Mrs. Martin and I return home to our Methodist Family in Arkansas and Louisiana. We are certain that we were sustained during our long journey by the love and prayers of our people. Our trip has spanned a distance equal to that of one around the world. We have had seventeen flights in airplanes and have used almost every other form of transportation. There were some real hazards, but we had in compensation experiences that were wonderful beyond words. The power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been revealed in the far places of the earth time and again. The Cross of Christ has been lifted by a noble band of missionaries, and there has been the inevitable response. The work of the Holy Spirit is apparent in the lands we have visited. At times we have been discouraged as we have seen man's inhumanity to man, but then we have been inspired by manifestations of understanding and love that are of God.

The Congo has been named a Land of Decision by our Church in the program of this quadrennium, but all of Africa is a Continent of Decision for our generation.

As we return home we are conscious of the fact that at this moment Arkansas is truly a Land of Decision for the forces of Christianity. We have been deeply grieved as we have learned of the tragic events that have taken place in Little Rock in these recent weeks.

Never have the Christian forces been given a greater opportunity to exert an influence for good than in this present crisis. This terrible disaster did not come because Christianity failed. Nevertheless the Christian Church would not be worthy of itself if it did not speak out bravely and forcefully for the principles for which it stands. The real Christian must stand for obedience to law and orderly processes for settling differences within the framework of our government. He must express in his relationship to his fellow man love rather than hate.

Before these lines are read the people of our churches will have observed World Communion Day. It seems that it comes this year in the Providence of God. The ancient invitation to the Lord's Table should possess a meaning for us unlike that ever known before:

"Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking from henceforth in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God meekly kneeling upon your knees."

We must always come to the Lord's Table with a sense of penitence. No thinking man would boast at this time of his own achievements. We must come in "love and charity with our neighbors." Jesus taught on more than one occasion that "neighbor" includes all the peoples of the earth.

We are under the compulsion of God, if we are Christians, to "lead the new life, following the commandments of God." We cannot allow ourselves to drift into attitudes of ill will toward any man. Our responsibility is to discover the will of God and follow it.

Our purpose is to follow in "God's holy ways." This may bring ridicule and abuse from evil men, but the Christian is not promised an easy way of life. We are told instead to bear a cross.

The last part of the invitation—"making your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees"—is applicable to each sincere Christian. In the fellowship of the Church there is no place for arrogant, self-satisfied individuals. We can only discover the will of God through a genuine humility that forgets self in a deep consecration to Christ.

In the thirteen years we have served this great Area, Mrs. Martin and I have come to love Arkansas and Louisiana, and to appreciate the people of these two states. We recognize the differences of opinion shared by sincere men and women concerning the matter of integration in the schools. We are firmly convinced that the great majority of our citizens are law-abiding and are genuinely concerned that there be a right attitude demonstrated between all races.

Now is the time for the Christian Church in the spirit of prayer to call upon all good people to encourage the forces that will unify rather than divide our people. Let us demonstrate to the world that peace and brotherhood are genuinely desired by an overwhelming majority of our citizens. In this crisis, let the Church be the Church.

Sincerely yours,

Paul E. Martin

Leader Says

Protestants Haven't Increased Influence By Current Revival

New York (RNS)—A Baptist leader said here the current religious revival has not increased the influence of Protestantism because "our churches have been reluctant to deal with questions relating to the social order."

The Rev. John W. Thomas, new executive secretary of the Council on Christian Social Progress of the American Baptist Convention, said a true return to religion must bring with it a "heightening of church influence upon the total life of the people."

He spoke to the council's board of managers as he was installed in the post.

To back up his claim, Mr. Thomas said church influence is not apparent in the "struggle for integration." He said integration is "most fiercely resisted in precisely those areas where the majority of citizens are ardent Protestant churchmen."

"With outstanding exceptions on the part of a small number of clergymen," he said, "the traditional sectional way of life exerts a far greater influence than does the Christian Church."

Mr. Thomas called upon the council to emphasize what he said was the Church's need to bring the judgment of God to bear upon all social structures, including the Church itself. The council administers the denomination's program of Christian social action and education.

A church which "makes peace with contemporary culture and accepts its goals and values," Mr. Thomas said, may grow in membership and financial strength but cannot cleanse or transform society.

He said reaching the local church is the most important task ahead for American Baptists in the area of social concern. The local church needs to realize, the council secretary added, that social concern is a part of the Christian gospel.

Munholland Opens New Educational Building

Several hundred members and friends of Munholland Methodist Church, New Orleans, attended the Open House held last Sunday afternoon where they inspected new educational facilities just completed. The Open House was part of a week-long celebration of the finishing of a \$225,000 building program which included the adding of approximately 13,000 square feet (Continued on page 9)

Saw

A Yellow
LeafBy
Rev. R. A. Teeter

falling to the ground in mid-summer. It had not lived out the normal season. As I watched it spiral downward, its pale yellow slanting across the deep green of the forest, I thought of the poet's lament: "My days are in the yellow leaf." And the prophet's simple statement of fact: "We all do fade as the leaf." But this yellow leaf had done some work. It had contributed something to the strength of the tree where it grew. It had done its bit in purifying the air for men. To turn yellow and fall did not mean total failure. Even in death it would add a small bit to the rich mold in which the forest grew, and would be joined there shortly by its longer living companions. The poet's lament over his misspent life contains some of the most beautiful lines he ever wrote, and the prophet's brief comment has probably reached more hearts than his longer orations.

This is about the way life goes. Some fall early, in midseason. Others round out the full season of years. Why the difference? I do not know. Every life, whether fading early or late has its chance to contribute something to the life about it, and does so if true to its nature as the leaf.

The great forest is made possible by tiny leaves each doing its small bit. Every fading, falling leaf leaves the tree a little stronger. Just so society is made up of individuals, each contributing his small but essential share to the life story of the day.

W. S. Council Hears Report of Gains

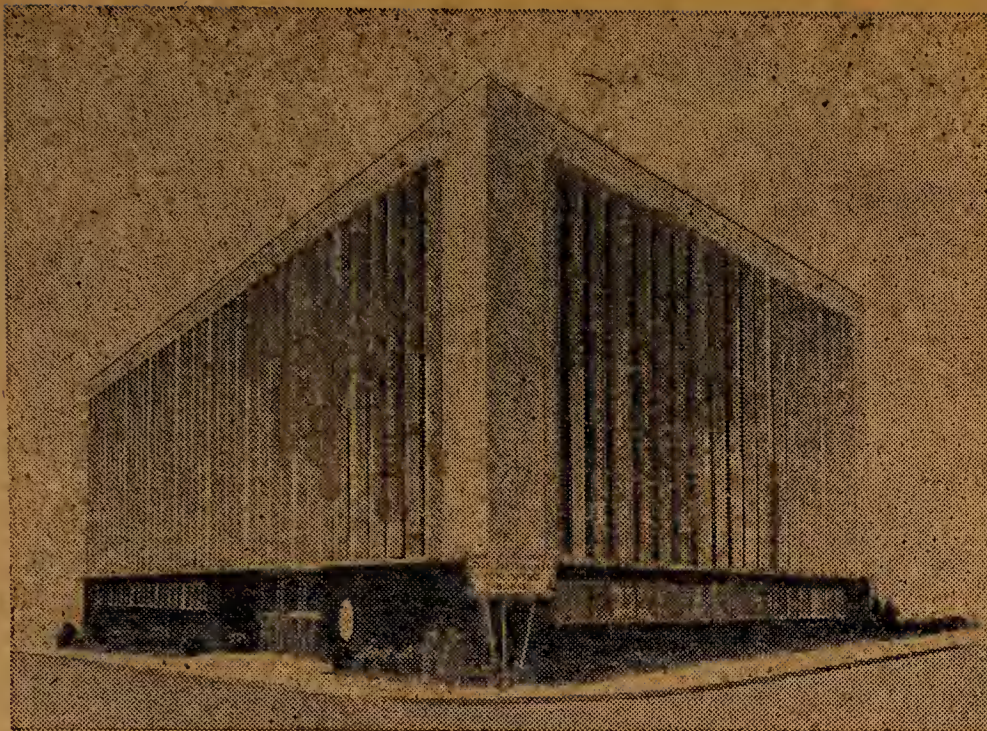
"Phenomenal" was the word Dr. Thomas B. Lugg used in reporting "the response of Methodist members to the challenge of the 1956 General Conference." The general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance was referring both to a 16% advance over last year in World Service giving and to equally striking increases in most of the twelve funds of which he has custody.

Dr. Lugg made his report to the 33-member Council which met in Los Angeles September 23-25. An unusual feature was the sharing with about 500 Southern California Methodists the presentations of the two major world service boards. Among council members in attendance was Joe T. Thompson, Little Rock insurance executive. Bishop Paul E. Martin, vice-chairman of the council, was unable to be present because he had not concluded his trip to African mission fields.

Secretaries of other agencies presented their audits and reports for the 1956-57 fiscal year at other sessions.

The Council reviewed transactions involving receipts and expenditures by Methodist agencies of

\$2 Million Publishing House Opened In Nashville



This is the new \$2,000,000 national headquarters building of The Methodist Publishing House. Located at 201 Eighth Avenue, South, Nashville, Tenn., it now houses offices of the publishing house, the Editorial Division of the Methodist Board of Education, the bishop of the Nashville Area of The Methodist Church, and other offices.

810 Broadway Site Replaced By New Structure

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — The Methodist Publishing House has occupied its new \$2,000,000 headquarters building at 201 Eighth Avenue, South, Nashville.

The announcement was made September 29 by Lovick Pierce, Nashville, publisher and president of The Methodist Publishing House.

The new office building was constructed adjacent to the publishing house's printing plant. An entire city block is covered by the building, plant, and a small parking lot. All property of The Methodist Church, this represents an investment of more than \$5,000,000 over a period of many years.

"A new building for our Nashville offices has been planned since before the unification of Methodism in 1939," said Mr. Pierce. "Crowded conditions in our building at 810 Broadway and the growth of The Methodist Publishing House made it necessary."

The building at 810 Broadway was sold July 9 to the University of Tennessee. Only the Cokesbury Book Store remains there now, and it is expected to move to a more central retail location about January 1.

The new five-story headquarters building has a total of 120,000 square feet of office space and working areas.

Modern in architectural design, the building is constructed of reinforced concrete with an exterior finish of black granite, white marble and aluminum with extensive use of blue tinted glass.

Located at the new address are publishing house executive offices, production departments and offices of the five administrative divisions, the Editorial Division of the Methodist Board of Education, the offices of the bishop of the Nashville Area and the Nashville district superintendent, the Nashville regional house, cafeteria, library, health center, auditorium, and conference rooms.

Long the nation's largest denominational publisher, The Methodist Publishing House was founded in 1789 for the furtherance of Christianity through the printed word.

The first Methodist publishing in Nashville was the Western Christian Advocate in 1833. In 1854, Nashville was designated as a headquarters for Methodist publishing. First located on the Public Square in a sugar warehouse, The Methodist Publishing House later built in that vicinity. In 1904 construction was begun on the building at 810 Broadway, and that was the headquarters for 53 years.

The publishing business is a self-sustaining service arm of The Methodist Church. In addition to the headquarters city of Nashville, the house operates in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Detroit, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New York, Pittsburgh, Portland, Ore., Richmond, Va., and San Francisco.

Approximately 2,000 persons are employed by The Methodist Publishing House, about half of them in Nashville.

Churches Burning At Rate of Nine A Day, Reported

According to the annual report of the National Fire Protection Association, nine church fires can be expected to break out tomorrow somewhere in the U. S. A. At least, that is the average per day that has prevailed in the past year.

Horatio Bond, the association's chief engineer, said there were 3,200 church fires last year which caused damage totalling \$20,800,000. He stressed that since 1952 loss from church fires in this country has never run less than \$12,000,000 a year.

The fire official warned all churches to check their premises for defective heating systems, faulty electrical equipment and overloaded wires which might cause short circuits. He said a principal cause for church fires is the wooden construction inside most houses of worship which make them real "fire traps." Each church should invite their local fire department to inspect their building for fire hazards before cold weather sets in. Mr. Bond said there has been enough investigation to prove that arsonists are definitely a factor in church fires, especially where doors are not locked, but proper precautions would prevent most conflagrations.

more than \$22 million. This figure does not include "large sums raised within and expended by the annual conferences for church extension and higher education," Dr. Lugg said. Funds contributed for the program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service are not handled by the central treasury in Chicago and represent an additional \$10 million of benevolent giving.

The total received during the fiscal year for the relief of Hungarians and other victims of oppression was \$1,076,440. Fellowship of Suffering and Service offerings and contributions to the Methodist television ministry were less than

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Urges Local Action Against 'Smut Salesmen'

Washington, D. C. (MI) — Local action by church and civic groups is the surest way to put "smut salesmen" out of business and rid newsstands and drug stores of obscene publications, an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation said here.

"Law officers are convinced that the increasing flood of obscene magazines and pornographic materials is a major factor in the rapidly rising rate of sex crime," Special Agent Charles E. Moore, Jr., told members of the Woodside Methodist Men's Club in suburban Silver Spring, Md.

He suggested that church men and women's organizations join in organizing community campaigns to clean up the newsstands, and the "sex racket" of under-the-counter sales of pornographic comic books, pictures and films.

"Sex peddlers also are doing a thriving business in schoolyards," he warned.

Pointing out that the FBI is restricted to cases of inter-state transportation, and that local law enforcement officers cannot do a thorough job of policing, Mr. Moore recommended that church and civic groups act as follows:

"Become familiar with your local ordinances, confer with local law enforcement agencies and school authorities, ask magazine dealers and proprietors of newsstands and drug stores, etc., to stop handling obscene publications—use the boycott if necessary."

Most of the "smut" publications on public sale are barely within the law, he said, and only a public outcry can get them off the market.

Pornographic materials, a \$500 million-a-year business and "sold secretly in nearly every town," should be called to the attention of the local police, he said.

RIAL Sets Annual Campaign

New York (RNS)—The Committee on Religion in American Life announced here that several million dollars worth of advertising will be contributed to its 1957-58 campaign to increase regular attendance and support for all churches and synagogues.

Highlight of the RIAL program every year is the national "go-to-church" drive in November. The month is designated as "Religion in American Life Month."

The committee said this year's campaign will be given a send-off with a radio and TV show featuring a top-name cast.

Posters showing a family going to church will be displayed on thousands of billboards, car cards in subways and buses, in newspaper and magazine advertisements and on TV, the agency said.

Theme of this year's campaign is "Find the Strength for Your Life . . . Worship Together This Week." The message appears on the posters and will be broadcast over radio spot announcements.

RIAL is supported by 24 national religious bodies with American business cooperating through the Advertising Council. Formed in 1949, its purpose is to promote the religious life of America's Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews.

Conduct Phone Campaign Against Beer Sales

Gainesville, Ga. (RNS)—Church members here bombarded city commissioners with telephone calls in an all-out campaign against proposed package beer sales.

Clergymen all over the city asked their congregations to take the action. Many made the request from their pulpits.

City and county commissioners reported they had been "swamped" with calls into the wee hours of the night. Two admitted they finally took their telephone receivers off the hook so they could "get some sleep."

The city commission authorized beer sales by private clubs early this year. It recently gave first reading to an ordinance to permit city-wide package sales.

Both the Gainesville-Hall County Ministerial Assn. and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union assailed the proposed ordinance. The latter group threatened to circulate a recall petition against the city commissioners and to seek a court injunction.

Beer has not been legally sold in Gainesville since 1943. Its sale

Clergy To Conduct Air Force Preaching Missions

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Clergymen will conduct preaching missions this fall at U. S. Air Force bases and installations overseas, it was announced here.

Chaplain (Major General) Charles I. Carpenter, Chief of Air Force Chaplains, said the annual missions "contribute to the spiritual development of our personnel through their reaffirmation of their religious obligations."

Eleven civilian Protestant clergymen from various parts of the country will visit 45 bases over the world from Oct. 13 to Nov. 3.

Says Membership Figures Are Too Low

Philadelphia (RNS) — Church membership in the United States actually totals 129,300,000 — some 26,000,000 more than records indicate—according to a survey by Presbyterian Life, official organ of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., published here.

The 1958 Yearbook of American Churches places the membership total at 103,224,954, based on figures supplied by the various denominations and faiths.

However, most Protestant bodies included in the yearbook count only those young people and adults who have attained full church membership, all but a small number of these being over 13 years of age. The Roman Catholic Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church and Lutheran bodies report all baptized members regardless of age.

The Presbyterian Life survey included all baptized Protestants even if they are not counted as "official" members because they are too young or they have not sought "official" church membership.

Counting all baptized persons the total Protestant constituency should be 86,250,000, instead of 60,148,980 as reported in the Yearbook of American Churches, the survey said.

Figures for Roman Catholics, Jews and other faiths remained

was legal in the county, outside city limits, until a referendum last year went four to one against it and county commissioners cancelled all permits.

Sees Increasing Secularism As Threat To Christianity

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Christianity in the United States faces the danger of an increasing secularism, the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, told guests at a dinner here marking the 50th anniversary of Washington Cathedral.

He said this secularism "assumes that the State can by itself fulfill many of the important functions of religion" and "misapprehends the significance and depth of our Christianity."

"There are so many to whom Christianity is simply a vague expression of goodwill without real meaning for our democracy, our system of education, indeed to our total life," the Bishop said.

"We are too apt to believe that our spiritual needs can be met by broad generalities about spiritual forces and spiritual undergirding and by enacting legislation."

Bishop Sherrill said that if Christianity is weakened "democracy as we know it is doomed, for the basis of democracy is belief in the inherent and eternal worth of the individual as the child of God."

"Let Christianity falter," he continued, "and liberal education as we know it cannot remain the same. It is no accident that many of our great liberal universities and colleges are the product of Christian faith and action."

"Let Christianity die and humanitarianism will dwindle, for in our civilization the care of the aged, of the sick and of the underprivileged are dependent for their motivation and inspiration on religious faith."

"No public demand, no acts of government, however important in their place, can take the place of Christian Faith."

Revised Version Of Apocrypha Published

New York (RNS)—A Revised Standard Version of the Apocrypha was published here by Thomas Nelson & Sons on the fifth anniversary of the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Dr. Luther A. Weigle of New Haven, Conn., dean emeritus of Yale Divinity School, directed the Apocrypha translation. He served as chairman of the Standard Bible Committee of the National Council of Churches which translated the RSV Bible.

The Apocrypha comprises 15 books or portions appearing in the Latin Vulgate Bible of 1592 but which are not in the Hebrew Bible or the Hebrew Canon of Holy Scripture. With the exception of one, these books appear in the Septuagint, a Greek version of the Old Testament.

Because of their inclusion in the Latin Vulgate, the Church throughout the medieval period looked upon these books as belonging to the Scriptures, though not unaware of their lack of canonical status among the Jews.

In 1952 the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church asked the National Council of Churches to undertake the translation of the Apocrypha, and it was authorized to do so by the council's General Board in December of that year.

The four-year project involved the preparation and circulation of drafts of translation, discussion of disputed points in conferences, circulation of new drafts, and a review of each book by an advisory board made up of representatives appointed by denominations which accepted the invitation to review the drafts.

Treasury Puts 'In God We Trust' Bills In Circulation

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Some 25,000,000 one-dollar bills bearing the motto "In God We Trust" were put in circulation by the Treasury Department.

They are the first American paper currency to bear the motto which has appeared on U. S. coins since 1864.

Bills of higher denominations containing the motto will be printed as additional presses of a new type are installed. It will be several years before the new currency is in full circulation.

The new one-dollar bills are printed by an entirely new process called dry printing since it involves the use of plates into which ink is rubbed in recesses, rather than being applied in liquid form on rollers to raised surfaces.

the same in the survey as those reported by the yearbook.

"Under the mixed standards which have been used generally to estimate relative religious strength in the U. S.," the magazine said, "the impression has been given that almost half of the country's population is unchurched. Statistically this is untrue."

"Only one fourth of the men, women and children in the U. S. are unaffiliated" with some church, Presbyterian Life said.

On the basis of research, the magazine declared, "it can be said generally that for every two 'official' Protestant church members there is at least one church-related person who is not an 'official' member."

Graham Predicts Interracial Friendship In South

NEW YORK (RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham predicted here that at some future time interracial friendship in the South would be the "best anywhere."

"There is a foundation of affection and love because of the close contact between the races there," he said, "That will make race relations in the South ultimately better than anywhere else in the country."

The evangelist made his comments at a news conference after addressing more than 1,500 Protestant ministers at a breakfast here. He returned from his home in Montreat, N. C., to start a week-long series of special suburban area rallies to accommodate commuters unable to attend his recent four-month New York City Crusade.

He was to speak in Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties and Staten Island, N. Y., Teaneck and Trenton, N. J., and Stamford, Conn.

Mr. Graham told the clergymen that "all thinking Southerners" were appalled at the recent violence in Little Rock, Ark., over school integration.

Most of the residents of the city, he said, were not involved in the "tragedy" at Central High School where Negro children had been barred by segregationists.

Though Southerners may be opposed to integration they are just as strongly against violence, the evangelist declared. He said the trouble was started by extremists from out of town.

How Missionaries Get Started

HAVE you ever wondered how missionaries break down superstition and age-long customs in mission fields at the outset of their work? Consider this story from Borneo, a mission field where Methodists are emphasizing their work this quadrennium.

"This report comes from a Methodist correspondent in Sarawak, Borneo, telling how Methodism's new Christ Hospital got its first in-patient: The leader of a Chinese worshipping sect had burned incense to his gods to no avail in trying to save his tiny granddaughter. As a last resort, he called in Dr. Lik-Kiu Ding, the new Methodist Chinese doctor. Dr. Lik-Kiu went into the bedroom and saw a two-month-old girl gasping for breath, apparently in the last stages of pneumonia. He decided this was a case for a specialist, a pediatrician; so he called in his wife, Dr. Lillian Ding, who is just that. Her verdict: 'We must take the child to the hospital and give her constant attention.'

"But the hospital isn't opened yet and won't be for months," said her husband. "Never mind; put her in the living room-clinic during the day so we can watch her and teach the mother what to do at night."

"And so Christ Hospital, named for Him who said, 'Suffer the little children to come unto me,' had its first in-patient. After a week of uphill battle, the baby pulled through. The family is grateful and the barriers which separated them from Christ and His Church are gradually breaking down."

Remember, your missionary gifts are helping to make possible this helpful and saving ministry.

Laymen Becoming More Effective

WE have found it impossible to get away from a statement made last spring by Dr. Elton Trueblood, a noble Christian statesman, who as the Raney lecturer, observed that the great new fact of this generation of Christianity is the activity of laymen in the work of the church and in the interest of religion generally. Dr. Trueblood's statement came out of his long firsthand acquaintance with organized religion and his contacts with people throughout the nation. His comment cannot be dismissed lightly.

The hope of making the current widespread interest in religion blossom into a vital, sustaining force in the world, lies, it seems to us, at this very point. The concerns and talents of the laity must be marshalled into channels of usefulness through local churches.

This is already being done to some degree by many wise pastors and lay leaders. This, undoubtedly, is what has prompted Dr. Trueblood's observation. However, the future of the church depends upon how much further this trend goes.

Layman's Day, Sunday, October 20, is a reflection of the rising tide of laymen's activity in local church programs. The lay speaker in your church symbolizes the significant role that these unordained leaders are accepting to make more effective the witness of the Church in the world.

Prayer Will Help

WHILE much of the nation, and the world for that matter, is lambasting various participants in the Little Rock situation for what is happening in the school crisis in that city, there are those who have chosen another way to make their influence felt—the way of prayer.

We have been made aware of this fact by the receipt of several communications from individuals, many of them outside the state, who say that they are praying each day for a solution along peaceful lines. Among visitors to our office last week was Dr. Thomas A. Caruth, staff member of the Board of Evangelism and director of Methodism's Prayer Life Movement, who shared with

us several telegrams from individuals in all parts of the nation and from all walks of life, who reported they were praying each day for a settlement of the crisis. Included were wires from pastors reporting that their congregations pledged prayer about the Little Rock situation.

All of us are well aware that ministers in churches of many denominations in Little Rock and nearby are deeply concerned about the crisis and have been much in prayer. The sharing of this concern by Christians elsewhere means much to those who are more directly involved.

Continued condemnation by outsiders who are unacquainted with the situation and whose conclusions are based on newspaper, TV and radio reports, add little toward eventually resolving the issues. But a sincere prayer for a solution in keeping with Christian decency, honor, and love will help immeasurably.

No one is without fault, and mistakes have been made in word, judgment and deed by all parties to the dispute. All stand in need of the Grace of God. Prayer is not the whole answer, but if it is not used as part of the answer, the settlement will be without spiritual foundation.

Increased Support For Increased Service

ONE of the outstanding Methodist institutions for homeless children to be found anywhere is owned and operated by Louisiana Methodists. Located at Ruston, this program has been ably administered, generously supported, providing a haven of security for hundreds of children who, unfortunately, had been denied normal parental love and care.

Under the able and consecrated leadership of Dr. C. B. White, the Home has been coming through a period of physical development which has increased its opportunity of service. Seven new buildings have been erected during the past decade, each one of which has added to operating costs of the institution. Furthermore, increased staff personnel for a more effective program has meant more expense. These additional costs together with the rising costs of living have resulted, according to Floyd James, Ruston, Home board chairman, in costs exceeding income last year by \$10,000.

Louisiana Methodists want their Children's Home to continue the fine ministry which has been in operation for many years. Your generous offerings next Sunday, Harvest Day, will make that possible, and on a sound financial basis.

Reports Chaplains Helping Rid Military Posts Of Indecent Literature

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Chaplains are playing a large role in carrying out the directive of the Secretary of Defense that indecent magazines be removed from post exchanges and military bases, Chaplain (Col.) Wallace M. Hale told Protestant churchmen here.

Chaplain Hale is chief of the training division in the Office of Chief of Chaplains. He told the newly-formed Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications that chaplains are screening literature at the PX's and appraising movies and other entertainment at theaters on military bases.

Emphasizing that all departments of the Armed Forces are cooperating in a unified approach to moral development, Chaplain Hale said "There can be no doubt that the military intends to make unavailable to servicemen any printed or pictorial matter that is obscene."

He stressed the need for church groups to guard against deterioration of moral standards in the civilian population, pointing out that "The Army cannot enforce standards apart from the backing of the public as a whole."

Chaplain Hale was one of several speakers who addressed an organizational meeting of the interdenominational commission.

More support from Protestant groups for legislation to tighten loopholes in federal laws against obscene matter was urged by Fred Belen, chief counsel of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

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Report On National Youth School of Alcohol Studies

It was our privilege this summer to attend the National Youth School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action, which was held at Adrian College, in Adrian, Michigan, from July 29-August 4. There were young people there from 30 different states, and the District of Columbia. The overall purpose of the school was to provide young people of today with positive answers to the problem of drinking in America. The speakers that were there are National leaders in the Methodist Church.

We were divided into workshop groups, which met twice a day. There we discussed the lectures we had heard, and brought out facts on the alcohol problem and tried to find some solutions to these problems in our own local situations. Did you know that:

- (1) 26 out of every 100 traffic accidents are caused by liquor?
- (2) 3 out of 4 college students drink?
- (3) 79% of the men took their first drink before college?
- (4) 65% of the women took their first drink before college?
- (5) More than 2/5 of all the women in the jails in America are there because of drunkenness?
- (6) Every year Americans spend nine billion dollars on alcoholic beverages?
- (7) America is 2nd in the number of alcoholics (France is first)?

Dr. Thomas Shipp, pastor of Lovers Lane Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, told us that, "Young people drink because it makes them feel more mature and like an adult. Social pressure is why most young people drink. They want to belong and be accepted with the crowd."

You can be a Christian witness against this alcohol problem. Stand up for what you believe in, and let others know how you feel. Does alcohol have any place in your life?

If you would like any further information on the alcohol problem, please feel free to write either of us.

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GOOD NEWS FOR MYFUND

Yes, it's good news for your fund too! The Penny-a-day idea is helping for Rev. Lewis Averitt, our MYFund treasurer, (1723 Broadway, Little Rock) reports that for this quarter we have turned in \$1,073.94 whereas for last year, this quarter, we only gave \$659.15. Let's keep up the good work, and send our reports in monthly as suggested by the MYFund. If you need any materials, drop a note to Rev. John Hassler, 1723 Broadway, Little Rock, and tell him of your needs!

BIBLE STUDY IS FALL ACTION PROJECT

The Little Rock Conference of Methodist Youth will be engaged in Bible Study for the next three months. We young people of today do not use our Bibles as much as we should. In school we are told to read good books, why not try a book in the Bible for a book report?

A Methodist minister once told the story of a visit to one of the most prominent homes in his community. After a chat with the family, he suggested that before he left they read a portion of God's word together. The daughter went to the table where the Bible was always kept in plain sight and handed the book to the minister. As she did this, the minister noticed that the book was covered with dust, and he could see the girl's handprints.

Some of us are guilty of letting our Bible collect dust. Dust your Bible by reading some of God's holy word every day. It will bring you closer to God and His ways.

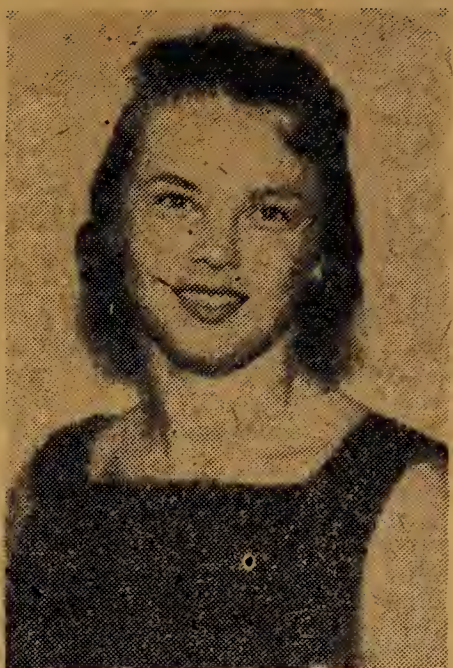
LEARN MORE ABOUT GOD BY READING THE BIBLE.

For more information about the Fall Action Project in Bible reading, write to: Miss Rayanne Heien, Star Route, Stuttgart, Ark.

Christian Career Clinics Scheduled

During the month of October Christian Career Clinics will be held for the six Districts in the Little Rock Conference. On October 26th at the First Methodist Church in Prescott the Arkadelphia and Hope Districts will have their by-district Clinic. On October 12 in the First Methodist Church in El Dorado, the Monticello and Camden Districts will hold their Career Clinic. We urge each and everyone of you to come, and take part in your Conference program. We feel that this program will help you in deciding what your career should be. The Little Rock and Pine Bluff Districts held a clinic Oct. 5.

ATTENTION - All Chairmen of Christian Faith



RAYANNE HEIEN
Christian Faith Area Chairman

PENNY A DAY

Can you afford a PENNY A DAY to further the work of God's kingdom? Or did you use that money for a chocolate milkshake yesterday? A PENNY A DAY is such a small amount, yet, added together, they would make a \$37,000 contribution from our conference. To think that we only gave a sixth of that amount last year—only 1/6 of a PENNY A DAY—brings on a feeling of shame.

It is never too late to start giving to the MYFund. Share your Christian faith by contributing regularly to the MYFund. Have your MYF turn its MYFund contribution in each month to Rev. L. W. Averitt, Treasurer, 1723 Broadway, Little Rock, Ark.

It is your job to publicize, plan, and carry through with our Fall Action Project this year. The emphasis is on "Bible Study." This study should take place during the months of September, October, and November. This is very important because I don't think that we MYF'ers of today know as much about our Bible as we need to know or would like to know. So, hurry up and meet with your council and start planning for a bang-up Bible study in your MYF. Start planning now for a good program later. This project should stir up a lot of interest in your MYF and in its activities.

There are many interesting times and ways to conduct a Bible study. You might like to meet early in the morning. It is fun to meet about six or six-thirty for breakfast at someone's house and then have your Bible study in a Roundtable fashion until the time desired to close, or you might rather meet after choir practice or at some other time which your members choose. You may want to just study one phase of the Bible such as History, Romance, etc., since it is impossible to cover the whole thing effectively.

If you would like a packet containing material to use in your Bible study, write to your Conference office at 1723 Broadway in Little Rock.

I am your Conference Chairman of Christian Faith so let me know if I can be of any help to you. Feel free to call on me at anytime for anything. It is really my honor to serve you this year in this office. We are going to need each other to make this a great year and together I know we will do it.

All local church presidents, would you please send me your name, your address, and the name of your church, also what district and sub-district your church is in so I can send you information and Bulletins for your benefit during the year.

I am looking forward very much to this year of serving you. If I can ever be of any help to you or your MYF, don't hesitate to get in touch with me. If you need any more information on the Bible study or the area of Christian Faith, let me know. My address is Rayanne Heien, Star Route, Stuttgart, Arkansas. I am looking forward to meeting each of you personally during this year.

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THE JOY OF BELONGING

One day the taxicab in which I was riding got caught in a traffic jam—and those who live in large cities know that jam means something less pleasant than Grandmother's preserves.

I looked out of the window on a little sea of confusion—gesturing drivers, scurrying pedestrians, anxious, even frightened faces. But in the midst of the jostling group was a boy about 5 holding his father's hand.



His big blue eyes were like two calm pools in the surging tide. He was not scared. He was not worried. He was looking around in untroubled confidence. Why? He was secure in the hand of the one to whom he belonged. He was his father's boy, and his father was with him.

Great is the security derived from belonging to a family. Well do I recall the words written to me by a friend at the time of my father's death. He said that when a man's father dies, it is like moving up to the front-line trench in a battle zone. The defenses ahead of him are removed.

In the struggle of life when we have to make difficult decisions, do we not often look longingly back to the days when we belonged to our parents and enjoyed a security behind their front-line facing of responsibilities? And soldiers can testify what it means in the danger zone to feel your family is behind you.

Belonging to a nation also gives a sense of security. In the summer of 1946 a member of our Red Cross delegation to Russia was a prominent Jewish philanthropist, Louis Levine. When we reached Prague he was taken out at midnight to the Polish border where the poor Jewish refugees were being smuggled out of Poland. He told me how he waited in the dark until there would emerge from the blackness the bedraggled fugitives, frightened and desperate.

The Czechoslovak Government winked its eye at the practice and was willing to have the refugees pass through its territory. But where were they to go? They were people without a country.

No form of insecurity is more acute than that of "not belonging." The orphan without a family, the boy ostracized by his crowd, the man without a country—all these feel a lack of support which leaves them weakened.

What we belong to gives more security than what belongs to us. A boy may go to college with the best car on the campus, but if no group makes him feel he belongs, he is not happy. You may own the finest house in the community, but if you are not made to feel that you belong, you are not socially secure.

A person without fellowship is like a fish out of water. A person cannot work absolutely alone. All effective work involves some cooperation. A man cannot play long alone. Sometimes on the golf course I see a man playing around by himself; and there are times when I have felt it would be less embarrassing if I were to play golf by myself. But no game keeps its zest without fellow players.

But where is adequate fellowship to be found? Our little social cliques, our clubs, even our families are not enough when times of testing come.

What keeps the crews of our ships at their post of danger in times of storm? It is something we call "the honor of the service."

And where does it come from, this honor of service, this spirit which sends a policeman into a burning building to save a stranger, which keeps a soldier from dishonoring his uniform on a lonely frontier post, which keeps men faithful to their oath in the service of others?

Well, I submit to you without argument that honor of service and oaths of loyalty mean little without belief in God. By drawing closer to God, we come closer to our fellow men, because we ourselves become more fit to live with—and that is the first point to watch in the matter of fellowship.

Recently there came to our shores a reproduction of the Mayflower. But the 1957 celebration lacked at least one feature of the 1620 voyage. Tradition has it that when the Pilgrims climbed up on Plymouth Rock, they read these words from II Corinthians: "As unknown and yet well-known; as dying, and behold we live."

The Pilgrim Fathers had left the communities where they belonged in England. They were strangers in a new wilderness. They were unknown in this new land, but they were known to God.

Like the Pilgrim Fathers, men can endure almost anything when they can say as Saint Paul said of God, "To whom I belong and whom I worship."

The Layman's Column

By
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METHODISM IN THE PHILIPPINES

The Methodist Church is making a large contribution to the spiritual life of the Philippine people. The visitor is impressed early by the great ability and consecration of the pastors and deaconesses, all of whom are Philipinos except a few in Manila. These native people now have a bishop from their own people, Bishop Jose Valencia, who leads the work with great devotion and ability. Mrs. Valencia, aside from heading up the work of the Woman's Societies, is doing some missionary work of her own in Formosa.

One source of the power of the Church in the Philippines is the large number of deaconesses who are scattered over the islands where our work exists, assisting the pastors in their work. They are all graduates of Harris Memorial School in Manila, which trains young women for the jobs of training children, looking after many activities in the Church School, doing a great deal of visiting in the families, and sundry other jobs that they somehow seem to inherit. All of us who went on this mission were deeply impressed by the imprint that Harris is making on the spiritual life of our people. The deaconesses . . . even some of the seniors at Harris . . . did a great job of helping the pastors in our visitation program of evangelism.

Philippine Methodism has a large group of consecrated ministers. Some of them have been trained in the States. Many more of them have been trained in Union Theological Seminary in Manila. Of course there also are the many local preachers, some of whom can hardly speak English, but who are ministering to their people in areas where few of us would like to go, because of the primitive conditions of their life. In the Philippines they teach English in practically all the schools, but there are still many older people who speak their native dialect. And even though there are five prominent native dialects, there are more than eighty other lesser known. This creates a language barrier even among the people themselves, and certainly to the visitor from the States. But this does not seem to slow down the activities of our Church there. The pastors all

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

YOUTH NEEDS THE CLASSROOM PLUS

An editorial in the *Somerset (Pa.) Daily American* recently pointed out an angle of the problem of juvenile delinquency generally overlooked in the vast stream of comment, helpful and otherwise, that is spoken and written on that topic these days. Briefly, it is that youth must now go to school until their late teens whether they want to or not; that not all youth profit from "book learning;" that it is those who do not "adjust" to the school routine and are literally "unemployed" who get into trouble with the law. This is, of course, not a new discovery: even Isaac Watts could not claim originality when he phrased it, "For Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do."

Now I am sure that Editor Reiley is not advocating a return to child labor conditions of yesterday—nor are we. But he points out: "Boys like to be regarded as men early in life. When opportunities for doing manly tasks are denied them, much of the best that is in them is quenched. That may be one occasion for juvenile delinquency. . . . When denied opportunities for usefulness, boys and girls too often occupy themselves with harmful practices." It occurs to me that all Horatio Alger's heroes had men's work to do while still in their teens.

When we listen to the spokesmen of the profession, and hear of the shortage of teachers, of doctors and nurses (in the needy areas), of ministers, and of engineers, we must be aware that we need more and more youth in schools, training for lives of usefulness. Labor leaders tell us that the market is already overcrowded with unskilled labor; and the prophets of automation foresee a dwindling market for the untrained workman, unlimited need for men and women who can visualize all that lies behind the levers and buttons and tracks of the new machines. We need more educated and trained youth: there is going to be little place tomorrow for the man whose only asset is brawn.

But the Editor has a real question when he wonders if compulsory school—even for those who rebel at books, and lectures, and group regimentation—is the only means to education; and if legislation can "cure the lack of educated youth in the places where they may be useful in life." The whole history of the United States would have been changed, he suggests, "if Abraham Lincoln had waited until a school house had been built before beginning his education."

I am, of course, in favor of giving a boy or girl all the schooling he or she "can take." But I agree that we cannot—and should not—attempt to "stick education down everyone's throat." (Education, you remember, is literally "a drawing forth" of the capacities with which each is endowed.) We need to devise means in addition to books, and classes, and "formal disciplines" to inspire youth to reach for high goals and to train them as they march forward. "Hero worship," a boy on a log (or in a boat) with a man who inspires and lifts vision, is still "good education"—though if the right man is "too busy" the wrong man may take his place. I still believe there is great value in the "merit badge system" as it was originally carried on by Boy Scouts: "exposing" boys to a number of crafts and skills under the counselling of mature masters of those crafts. The system has inspired many a boy and led him into happy vocation or avocation.

Environment is still an important factor. Recently I had occasion to observe a group of city boys and country boys in the same camp. The country boys—they drove tractors and used power tools at home—were self-reliant, cooperative, useful. The city boys were fascinated by axes and wanted to cut down all the young trees, and they were irked by the ordinary routine.

The other day, a father told me his boy was doing passably good work in school, but that he had "not yet had a teacher who awaked and inspired him to bring out the best that is in him." And I wondered why any father left that to a teacher who might or might not appear.

Why We Baptize By Sprinkling

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WE differ from our immersionist friends not only in our view of the mode, but also in our view of the meaning of baptism. They think that baptism points to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. We object to that interpretation:

(1) Because it is generally agreed that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper refers to the death and resurrection of Christ. If baptism also signifies the death and resurrection of Christ, then we have two Sacraments which are signs and symbols of the same facts of the life of Christ. Why this double representation of these facts? In that case we have no sign and symbol of the work of the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament it was not so. There the passover pointed to the work of Christ, but circumcision pointed to the work of the Holy Spirit. For circumcision meant the putting away of carnality, the removal of the sinful flesh. This is the peculiar work of the Holy Spirit. Baptism means the same thing; it means the washing away of sin. We object to the immersionist's view of the meaning of baptism for another reason. The burial of Christ has no redemptive value. Christ would have saved the world if he had not been buried. Why should a rite be ordained to signify a fact which is not essential to the accomplishment of salvation?

Three Bible Symbols of the Holy Spirit

We think that baptism represents the work of the Holy Spirit. Why do we so think? For several reasons. There are three Bible symbols of the Holy Spirit. One is oil. In I Samuel 10:1-6 we have an account of the anointing of Saul by Samuel setting him apart to the Kingship. The oil was poured on Saul's head, and in connection with that anointing the Holy Spirit came upon him.

In I Samuel 16th chapter we have an account of the anointing of David by Samuel. The oil was poured upon David's head and the Spirit came upon him. These passages indicate that the anointing with oil is typical of the anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Another symbol of the Spirit is water. In Ezekiel 36:25-27, the Lord Jehovah says, "I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you . . . And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep mine ordinances, and do them." The gift of the spirit is associated with the sprinkling with water. In Matthew 3:16, there is an account of two baptisms. One with water, one with the Spirit baptism. In John 7:37-38, Jesus stood and cried, saying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him were to receive."

The third symbol is fire. In Acts 2:3-4, we have an account of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first group of believers. "There appeared unto them tongues parting asunder like as of fire, and it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

These symbols point to the Spirit and his work, and not to Christ and his redemptive action.

The Mode By Which These Symbols Were Applied

Now by what mode were these symbols applied? The oil was poured upon the head. The water, throughout the Jewish dispensation, was

sprinkled or poured, and the fire descended upon the heads of the believers.

There is one other passage to which I must direct your attention: I John 5:8, "There are three who bear witness, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood; and the three agree in one."

These three, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood agree, says the Apostle. In what respect? In meaning for one thing, they all signify cleansing. Do they not agree also in mode? The blood was always sprinkled. The water of purification among the Jews was always sprinkled. And the Spirit, as we shall see, always descended upon.

It thus appears from Scripture that water baptism symbolizes the work of the Spirit. If so, it should not be supposed that the mode of baptism is by immersion.

But some—many—say that the question of mode is settled by the word baptizo, the Greek word which gives the name of the rite. We do not think so. The Greek word for the Lord's Supper, the second Sacrament, does not settle the question of the mode of its administration. The Greek word for the Supper is deipnon, which signifies a full meal; a table spread with sufficient food to satisfy a man's hunger. The Greek Christians at Corinth, perhaps reasoning from the meaning of that word, misobserved the Lord's Supper; and the Apostle had to correct them. I Corinthians 11:20-22. If reasoning from the literal meaning of the classic word for the second Sacrament leads to error, may not reasoning from the literal meaning of the word for the first Sacrament also lead to error? It not only may, but does.

A Physical Sign of A Spiritual Cleansing

In the Lord's Supper we have not a physical feast, as the word for it suggests, but physical signs of a spiritual feast. In baptism we have not a physical bath, but a physical sign of a spiritual cleansing. A small quantity of bread and wine is sufficient to signify a spiritual banquet. And a little water is sufficient as a sign of spiritual purifying.

But it is contended by many that baptizo always means to dip, to plunge, etc. Not in the Bible.

At the beginning of my ministry in Tennessee I attended a debate on the subject of the mode of baptism between a Baptist minister and a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Baptist brought many books of authority by which he intended to prove that baptizo always means to dip, to plunge, etc. The Cumberland Presbyterian brought only his Bible. He said he proposed to show that baptizo in the Bible does not mean to immerse. What he proposed to do, he did.

Some years ago a Baptist publishing house in the north requested Dr. Edmund B. Fairfield to prepare a book in defense of the Baptist view of the mode of baptism. This man had been a Baptist minister for more than a quarter of a century, and no man was more certain of being right than he was. He said he had no doubt on the subject. For two years he investigated the evidence relating to the mode of baptism. To his surprise, the farther he went in his investigation, the more he saw that the evidence was against the Baptist position. In the presence of his accumulated evidence, honesty required him to surrender his former view. He wrote a book, but it was on the other side of the question.

New Testament Evidence

I will now give you instances of the use of the word in the New Testament where baptizo

does not, cannot, mean to immerse. Luke 11:37-38: There we are told that a Pharisee asked Jesus to dine with him; and Jesus went in, and sat down to meat. And when the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that he had not first bathed himself before dinner. The word there rendered bathed, is the word baptizo. Was the Pharisee surprised that Jesus did not first immerse himself before sitting down to meat? Impossible!

Hebrews: The author in the 9th chapter is describing the ordinances of divine service in the old sanctuary. "The priest offered both gifts and sacrifices that cannot as touching the conscience make the worshipper perfect, being only (with meats, drinks, and divers washings) carnal ordinances." The word render washings is baptizmois. These washings were called baptisms. There were many washings, purifying, among the Jews, but no immersions.

The third instance of the use of the word baptizo, where it cannot mean immerse, is in the accounts of the baptisms with the Holy Spirit. John the Baptizer, (would you say John the Immerser?) says: "I indeed baptize you with water; but there cometh he that is mightier than I; . . . He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Was baptism with the Holy Spirit by immersion? Was anybody ever immersed in the Holy Spirit? The idea is foreign to Scripture, foreign to reason. The Spirit was always applied to the person, never the person to the Spirit. The same is true of water in the Bible. It is always applied to the person, and that by sprinkling. The immersionist applies the person to the water, we apply the water to the person, that is the Bible way, there is no exception.

The same is true of the use of blood in the Bible, as we have seen. There is a song we sometimes sing:

*"There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains."*

I like the music, but not words of the first stanza. The words are thoroughly unscriptural. When was any sinner ever plunged beneath a flood of blood!

Peter Tells How Blood Was Applied

Let Peter tell you how the blood was applied. His First Epistle addressed to the "elect . . . according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ." And listen to the author of Hebrews: "Having a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water . . ." 10:21-22. The washing with pure water is a reference to water baptism. In the passage there are two cleansings, the cleansing of the body and the cleansing of the heart. It says that the heart was cleansed by sprinkling. Was the body cleansed by immersion?

The Greater, Better Baptism Is the Spirit Baptism

Now all will agree that the greater, the better baptism, is the Spirit baptism. John says: "I baptize you with water, but he that cometh after me shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit." John's baptism was typical of Jesus' baptism. Jesus' baptism with the Spirit was the real, the important baptism. For the mode of it, read Joel's prophecy: "It shall come to pass that I will pour out my Spirit in all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions and also upon the servants and the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit." 2:28-29. Now read the account of the fulfillment of that prophecy in Acts 2:3-4: "There came from heaven tongues parting asunder like as of fire, and it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." The tongues of fire and the Holy Spirit came from above, from heaven, upon the believers.

Administration of Baptism

In Acts, the 10th chapter, we are told that while Peter was yet speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on all them that heard the word. That is the
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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. R. LEONARD COOKE, vice-president of Centenary College, Shreveport, will be guest preacher at the Gretna Methodist Church, Sunday morning, Oct. 13, where Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh is pastor.

DR. CARL F. LUEG, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was guest preacher at the Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, Sunday evening, Sept. 29, where Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr., is pastor.

REV. JOE ROBINSON, pastor of the Church Point Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the September meeting of the Men's Club of the Rayne Methodist Church, where the Rev. Douglas T. Williams is pastor.

REV. JAMES T. HARRIS, superintendent of the Monroe District, will be guest evangelist in revival service to be held at the Melville Methodist Church, Nov. 20-29, where Rev. Ollie Golson is pastor.

REV. PAUL CASSELS, pastor of the Shongalo Methodist Church, was the guest evangelist in revival services held at the Brownville Methodist Church, West Monroe, Sept. 22-29, where Rev. Paul Durbin is pastor.

DR. CARL F. LUEG, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was guest evangelist in revival services held at the DeQuincy Methodist Church, Sept. 15-22, where Rev. A. A. McKnight is pastor.

REV. JOHN F. KILPATRICK, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Pineville, will be the guest evangelist in revival services to be held at the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church, Jena, Oct. 13-20. Rev. W. O. Lynch is pastor of the church.

REV. W. D. BODDIE, pastor of the Rayville Methodist Church, is preaching in revival services now being held at the Dubach Methodist Church. The services began on Oct. 7 and will continue through Oct. 12. Rev. Henry Blount is pastor of the church.

REV. W. H. BENGTON, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Winnsboro, preached at the morning worship service of the Pharr Chapel Methodist Church, Morgan City, Sept. 1. The Rev. Mr. Bengton is father of the pastor of the church, Rev. R. W. Bengton.

REV. BARRY BAILEY, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest preacher at the morning worship service of the First Methodist Church, Minden, Sunday, Sept. 29. Rev. Dan R. Robinson is pastor of the church.

REV. JACK MIDYETT, pastor of the Haynesville Methodist Church, is preaching in a series of revival services at the Epps Methodist Church. The services began on Monday, Oct. 7, and will continue through Sunday, Oct. 13. Rev. J. B. McCann is pastor of the church.

DR. WM. E. TRICE, pastor of the University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was guest speaker at the Baton Rouge Rotary Club meeting held at the Capitol House, Sept. 18. Dr. Trice was an exchange pastor in Harrow, England, this summer.

REV. W. O. LYNCH, pastor of the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church, Jena, was the guest speaker at the Homecoming Service of the Logansport Methodist Church, Sunday, Sept. 15. The Rev. Mr. Lynch served as pastor of the Logansport church from 1939-44. Rev. James B. Grambling is now pastor of the church.

REV. P. M. CARAWAY, retired member of the Louisiana Conference, was guest preacher at the Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie, Sunday morning, Sept. 22. The Rev. Mr. Caraway baptized his new granddaughter, Ann, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Caraway, at the service. Rev. Mr. J. J. Caraway is pastor of the church.

REV. A. W. TOWNSEND, superintendent of the Alexandria District, preached at the evening worship service of the Haas Memorial Methodist Church in Bunkie, Sunday, Sept. 22, and held Quarterly Conference following the worship service. The Rev. Mr. Townsend is a former pastor of the Bunkie church, where Rev. J. J. Caraway is now serving.

REV. FRED S. FLURRY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, will be guest evangelist in revival services to be held at the Palmetto Methodist Church, October 2-26. Sunday Services will be held at 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Services will be held each night during the week at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Raymond DeHainaut, Wesley Foundation director, L.S.U., will be the song leader. Rev. Ollie L. Golson is pastor of the church.

DR. GUY M. HICKS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, conducted a special service of installation and dedication at the morning worship service of the church, Sunday, Sept. 29, for Church School Workers. An Appreciation Banquet was held Monday evening, Sept. 30, in the Fellowship Hall. All teachers and workers were honored guests. A good program, delicious meal, and fine fellowship were enjoyed by the group.

A "WELCOME PARTY" for all Methodist students was given by the Methodist Student Movement of Centenary College Friday afternoon, Sept. 20, at Camp Margaret. Freshman students were special guests. Lynda Scurlock of Center, Tex., and Judy Parker of Shreveport, were co-chairmen of recreational activities, and Deen Thompson of Eunice, was in charge of the supper. Marcella Flynt of Baton Rouge is president of the MSM, and the Rev. James McLean, director of religious activities at Centenary, is faculty sponsor.

DR. ROBERT CASHMAN, formerly national moderator of the Congregational Christian Church, preached Sunday evening, Sept. 22, at the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church. Dr. Cashman is author of "The Business Management of the Church" and "The Finances of the Church." He was formerly vice-president of the Chicago Theological Seminary. Dr. Cashman is retired and resides at 655 Prospect St., Shreveport. His sermon topic for the evening was "The Better Things of Life." Rev. James L. Stovall is pastor of the church.

REV. DOUGLAS L. MCGUIRE, pastor of the Park Avenue Methodist Church, Shreveport, will be the guest preacher in revival services at the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie, Oct. 27 through Nov. 1. Rev. Tracy Arnold, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Shreveport, will lead the singing in the church services and deliver the radio devotionals over Radio Station KAPB each morning at 8:30 o'clock. Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. daily. Rev. J. J. Caraway is pastor of the church.

THE CORNERSTONE LAYING and formal opening of the John A. Hardin Memorial Dormitory for Women was held Sunday, Oct. 6, at 4:00 p.m. on the Centenary College Campus. Dean John A. Hardin was one of the outstanding men of Centenary and First Methodist Church, Shreveport, for a generation. He exerted a wholesome influence upon the lives of a countless number of youth, an influence which still bears fruit in the building of character, according to the present pastor of the church, Dr. D. L. Dykes. The public was invited to attend the ceremony.

WILLIAM B. COLLINS of Naperville, Ill., has been named assistant treasurer of the General Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church. He began work October 1 at the board's national headquarters, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Ill. In announcing the appointment, the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Calkins, general secretary of the board, said that Collins will be in charge of the

CORRECTION

The annual Homecoming of the Wilhite Methodist Church will be held Sunday, October 13, with Rev. F. P. Corie, pastor of the Harrisonburg Methodist Church preaching. A basket lunch will be served at noon, and an old fashioned singing will be held in the afternoon. A large crowd is expected to attend. Old friends and acquaintances, along with relatives will renew their friendships and an enjoyable day is anticipated.

This was reported in the issue of Oct. 3 as being on the Calhoun-Beulah Charge, and was a mistake. The Wilhite Church is on the Carlton-Wilhite Charge where Rev. R. H. Hearne is the pastor.

new death benefit program of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund. Mr. Collins has been an auditor for Wolf and Company, Chicago, for the past six years. Prior to that time, he worked as auditor for a private estate and as an auditor for Celotex Corporation and Philco Corporation.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Men's Club of the Trinity Methodist Church, are: president, F. O. LeVasseur; vice-president, Robert E. Holladay III; and secretary-treasurer, L. F. Cato. Hale Shadow is the new chairman of the Program and Entertainment. His committee members are Gale Chumley, W. L. Caldwell, J. W. Richardson and R. L. Seegers. Serving on the Membership and Attendance committee with R. D. Campbell, chairman, will be William Rogers, W. A. Jones, Richard Steere, Dr. L. F. Green and J. B. Milam. The group meet on the third Wednesday of each month. Rev. Jolly B. Harper is pastor of the church.

THE W.S.C.S. AND THE W.S.G. of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, honored the Rev. and Mrs. William E. Nolan, associate pastor and wife, and Miss Tennie V. Severtson, director of Christian Education at a reception Sunday evening, Sept. 22, in the Fellowship Hall. Those receiving the guests were the honorees, Dr. and Mrs. George W. Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. Haynes L. Harkey, Mrs. Paul Ransom, and Miss Ruth Whatley. The church parlor and reception rooms were lovely in arrangements of pink roses and stock. Mrs. E. P. Cudd and Mrs. H. B. Cruthirds, assisted by members of the two church groups served delightful refreshments. A large number of guests called during the appointed hours.

REV. DR. MARCUS J. BIRRELL, president of Wesley College, Grand Forks, North Dakota, has been elected executive secretary of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations of The Methodist Church. Dr. Birrell, who is expected to take his new position in Nashville, Tenn., sometime in October, succeeds the Rev. Richard G. Belcher, who resigned last May to join the staff of the Methodist Board of Missions, New York City. Among the responsibilities of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations is the enlistment and guidance of persons into church vocations. It correlates recruitment and guidance activities of several boards and agencies of The Methodist Church.

DR. CARL LUEG, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, will be the featured speaker at the Kick-Off Dinner of a \$300,000 campaign for funds for the erection of the new First Methodist Church plant at New Orleans. The dinner will be held at the St. Charles Hotel on Tuesday evening, October 15, according to Dr. N. H. Melbert, pastor of First Church. Carl L. Olschner and Associates, Architects, are now completing plans and specifications for the new plant which will be erected at the corner of Canal Street and Jefferson Davis Parkway. Expected to cost between \$900,000 and \$1,000,000, the building program is the result of the merger last year of the congregations of First Methodist and Canal Street church. The First Church building on St. Charles Avenue was taken by the city and state as part of the approach to the new Mississippi River bridge under construction. The Canal Street property is now being used by the merged congregations and is expected to be sold following construction of the new plant. The new construction will be of pure Georgian architecture. Rev. Mr. Lueg is a former member of the Canal Street church.

Lake Vista Church Conducts Fall Preaching Mission

A Fall Preaching Mission at the Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, began Sunday, September 29, and continued through Friday, October 4. Dr. Carl Lueg, pastor of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, did the preaching.

High praise was expressed by the pastor, Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr., for the careful planning, which began eight months ago, that had been done by William G. Crouch, commission chairman, and the entire commission on Membership and Evangelism.

Simultaneously with the services on Monday through Thursday nights, teams of laymen visited in the homes of prospective church members. George Noulles, chairman of the Fishermen's Club of the Lake Vista Church, was in charge of this phase of the program.

C. Dan Brown, general chairman of the plans for the Preaching Mission, listed other special activities of the week. On Monday morning the men of the church met for breakfast with Dr. Lueg at a neighborhood restaurant, Mr. Drew Flegal presiding. Tuesday, the women of the church heard Dr. Lueg at a meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Methodist Youth Fellowship gathered at the church for a before school breakfast with Dr. Lueg on Wednesday. The fellowship center of the church was the scene of a family dinner preceding the Thursday evening worship service.

Those persons who made commitments for church membership during the Mission will be received into the fellowship of the Lake Vista Church at the eleven o'clock worship service on October 13.

AREA STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP TO BE HELD OCT. 22, 23

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at noon on Wednesday. Expected to attend are the Area's 22 district directors of stewardship, and any pastors and laymen who are interested in developing stronger local church stewardship programs.

Leaders pointed out that those planning to attend should make their own arrangements for entertainment.

Workshop leaders suggested further that those attending the workshop will miss only two of the Peace Lectures which will be delivered that week at the First Methodist Church in Magnolia, only 30 miles from El Dorado. Those attending the workshop may desire to come early enough to go by Magnolia, or return there to participate in the series. Dr. Kenneth Copeland, the 1957 Peace Lecturer, will be delivering lectures twice a day Sunday through Thursday.

The conference directors of the EMC point out that the purpose of the workshop is to give additional training in the techniques of the Every Member Canvass. A new series of materials have been developed, which will be presented. The work of local church EMC committees will be thoroughly outlined and discussed, with ample time being given for questions and group discussions. Several new visual aid materials will also be presented.

Next Sunday Is Harvest Day



Next Sunday, October 13, Methodist churches in Louisiana will observe Harvest Day, at which time offerings will be received for the support of the Methodist Children's Home. This institution located at Ruston is owned and operated by Methodists of Louisiana for homeless children.

Dr. C. B. White, superintendent of the Home, in a recent statement concerning the observance pointed

out that the need for support this year is greater than it has been in the past. "The cost of living continues to increase from year to year, and the past two years the cost of the institution's operation has succeeded its income. Overhead costs have been increased by the addition of several new buildings and increased staff personnel."

Webb Hall, one of the institution's new buildings, is pictured above.

New Orleans First Church Men's Club To Sponsor Broadcasts

First Methodist Church Men's Club held its regular monthly meeting on Friday, September 20.

Chaplain Joseph Pickens, Chaplain of the Veterans Hospital in New Orleans, was introduced by president William J. Michon. Chaplain Pickens gave a very inspirational talk. Dr. N. H. Melbert, First Church pastor, and Ray Rooks spoke on the group's new project, "Our New Church."

The Club voted unanimously to help financially and co-operate with the Methodist Men's Clubs of Louisiana in sponsoring a student attending Centenary College who is going into full time church work.

The club also voted unanimously to support the "Methodist Men's Hour" over Radio Station WTPS. They voted to sponsor four of the broadcasts, which will be heard

each Sunday at 7:30 p.m., and began October 6.

The men voted to hold, for the month of October only, the meeting on the second Friday, October 11, in order that the supper not interfere with the Kick-Off Supper of the Church Drive to be held in the St. Charles Hotel on the third Tuesday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m.

The dinner was prepared again by "Winnie Cook," and served by stewards, Clyde Shaw, Edward Williams, Robert McQuary, H. L. Brockman, Walter Wellman, and Robert Ruano. Frutz Sekhy is publicity chairman.

MUNHOLLAND OPENS NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

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of educational and social facilities and rearranging and repartitioning existing educational facilities.

Dr. Virgil D. Morris, superintendent of the New Orleans District, led in the service of consecration following his sermon at an early service Sunday morning which formally opened the building. Rev. Karl Tooke, Shreveport, former Munholland pastor and now director of stewardship for the Louisiana Conference, was the guest preacher at the 11 o'clock worship service. The pastor, Rev. Edward W. Harris, led the services, assisted by Rev. R. E. Parrot, associate pastor.

World-wide Communion Day observance on Sunday evening concluded the opening day's activities, with Rev. Mr. Parrot delivering the meditation.

Rev. D. W. Poole, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District and former Munholland pastor, will deliver sermons on next Sunday morning.

The new construction included three nursery rooms, two kindergarten rooms, choir room, kitchen community hall (capacity of 300) with stage, men's classroom with

Bunkie Church Begins Building, Improvement Program

A \$55,000 building and improvement program at the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church of Bunkie is now in progress. Final approval of the program was authorized at the First Quarterly Conference of the church which was held Sunday evening, September 22, and presided over by Rev. A. W. Townsend, district superintendent.

Included in the program is the purchase of additional property, renovation of the present educational building, and construction of a new educational unit.

The additional church property which adjoins the present property was recently purchased by the Board of Trustees. The new property includes a lot and residence. The property was purchased by the church for future use when needed.

Renovation of the present educational building will include enlarging the primary and junior departments, provide additional office and library space, a church parlor, modernization of the kitchen, and installation of a summer and winter air conditioning system.

The new educational unit will be connected to the present church plant by an enclosed passage. The new building will include a nursery, kindergarten, ladies' classroom, choir practice and robe rooms, kitchenette, and restrooms for children and adults.

Wilson and Coleman of Baton Rouge are the architects for the additions of the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church. The Building Committee includes: W. L. Constant, chairman, W. B. Townsend, Frank Mulhearn, J. G. Kavanaugh, T. M. Butler, Philip Stanly, and W. L. Thayer.

A successful every-member canvass of the church which secured cash and pledges in excess of \$56,000 was concluded September 22. Mrs. F. T. Mikell was general chairman of the canvass.

The David Haas Memorial Methodist Church sanctuary, a gift of Gen. and Mrs. W. D. Haas in memory of their son, was completed in 1952. The brick parsonage was completed in the same year during the pastorate of Dr. W. L. Doss. Before beginning the present building and improvement program the value of the debt free church property is over \$250,000. Upon completion of the present program the Bunkie Church will have one of the most complete church plants of its size in Methodism. The Rev. Jimmie J. Caraway is pastor.

adjoining kitchenette, and senior and intermediate classrooms. Several of the rooms open through glass paneling onto an open-air patio around which the new construction has been erected. In the alteration of existing facilities a new church parlor has been provided and other classroom space rearranged. W. E. Bergman was chairman of the Planning Committee, D. G. Couvillon was chairman of the Building Committee, and Mr. Bergman of Favrot, Reed, Mathes and Bergman, the architect.

La. Tech Wesley Foundation Council Holds Fall Planning Retreat

Wesley Foundation Council members from Louisiana Tech convened at Caney Lake for their annual Fall Planning Retreat in early September.

Rev. William M. Stokes, Jr., the new director at Tech, and Jim Wyche, president of Wesley Foundation, led the week's planning sessions. The council members spent the week outlining the year's work and renewing friendships.

Rev. Stokes came to Tech from Woodville charge in the Mississippi Conference. He attended Millsaps College and Emory University and has done graduate work at the University of Southern California.

Leading the students in worship was Rev. J. Phil Woodland, pastor of the Broadmoor Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

Each morning was begun with a morning watch period led by the students.

Council members planned specifically the Freshman Orientation program and generally the entire year's work.

Reports were given concerning the Regional Methodist Student Movement Conference held at Camp Egan, Oklahoma. Attending the regional meeting from Tech were Larry Miles of Minden, Betty Wall of Tallulah, Betty Benefield of Haynesville, and Vernon Fairley of Opelousas, who is vice-president of the Tech group.

Chaperones for the outing were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Covington of Ruston, Rev. and Mrs. Woodland, and Rev. Stokes.

Techsters who are serving on the Wesley Council for the coming year and who were present at the retreat were: Jim Wyche of Monroe, president; Vernon Fairley, vice-president; Betty McClanahan of Shreveport, secretary; Charles Farrar of Huttig, Arkansas, treasurer; Myra Ann Moore of Winnsboro, Thursday evening Vesper chairman; Brent Doan of Welch, Sunday evening Vesper chairman; Joan Blondin of Ruston, publicity chairman; Tom McBride of Monroe, publicity chairman; Milo Shearer of Jackson, house and grounds chairman; Sonny Hardee of Pleasant Hill, boys personnel chairman; John Stormont of Bastrop, boys intramural sports chairman; Ann McCaleb of Winnsboro, girls personnel chairman; Becky Jones of Minden, food chairman; Virginia Crowley of Ruston, librarian; Pat Chapman of Archibald, house and grounds chairman; Bobby Eason of Shreveport, recreation chairman.

Robert Mac Caruthers of Shreveport, deputations chairman; and Jimmy Love of Ruston, Sunday morning worship chairman for Trinity.

Committee members attending were Martha Gillen of Shreveport, Valleau Resweber of Bastrop, Darryl Mount of Lisbon, Lucy Banks of Kelly, Larry Miles of Minden, Betty Benefield of Haynesville, and Betty Wall of Tallulah.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The youth of St. Charles Methodist Church were hosts to the senior Sub-district meeting for September. The program theme, "Christian Witness," was presented in the form of a panel discussion by Dorothy Jean Reed, Gillett; David Bormann, Stuttgart; Rayanne Heien, Lodges Corner; Nancy Johnson, St. Charles; and Mick Burke, DeWitt.

Rev. V. E. Chalfant, Grand Avenue Church, Stuttgart, showed slides and gave narration of the "Dominican Republic." Vice president, Dorothy Jean Reed, presided over the business meeting and roll call included representatives from DeWitt; Gillett; Grand Avenue, Stuttgart; Lodges Corner; Point Deluce; and St. Charles.

The October Sub-district meeting is scheduled to be held at First Methodist Church, Stuttgart. Reporter is G. W. Sorrells, Jr.

Little Rock

The Little Rock Sub-district met at the Hunter Methodist Church, on Monday night, September 16.

The president, Anne Hansen, presided over the business meeting. Everyone was urged to attend the career clinic at Winfield, October 5. The power and concern representative, Bill Cooper, gave a short talk on Power and Concern. It was announced that the next meeting would be October 21, at Highland Church. Dianne Carter, Christian Outreach chairman, is in charge of the program which is to be on World Peace.

Recreation was led by Johnny Lamb and Mary Brannon, fellowship co-chairmen. Following the refreshments, the meeting was adjourned to the sanctuary, where a very interesting talk on the Bible was presented by Prof. Richard Dixon, Prof. of Religion at LRU. The meeting was adjourned with the MYF benediction, led by Joe Miller, the vice-president.

Grand Prairie

The Grand Prairie Sub-district met at Hazen, Arkansas, September 23, at 8 o'clock. One hundred thirteen members, representing the Hamilton, DeValls Bluff, Carlisle, Lonoke, Des Arc and Hazen churches were present.

Following the business meeting presided over by Miss Nettie Sue Miller of Hazen, the program on "Christian Outreach" was presented by members of the host MYF.

Recreation and refreshments consisting of cold drinks and sandwiches concluded the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 21 at the Carlisle Methodist Church.

McGowen Memorial Youth Name New Officers

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the McGowen Memorial Methodist Church of Jeanerette, La., met recently. The following officers were elected for the coming term: president, Penny Fletcher; vice-president, James Dube; secretary and reporter, Ann Sumner; treasurer, Larry May; and program chairman, Carol George.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Taylor May and Dr. Lane Fletcher, this comparatively new organization has grown to 13 members who meet each Wednesday evening at 7:15 for Bible Study, using as their motto, "Christ above all."

Though the heart of their organization is the study of Christ and His Church, this group has one planned social a month at the different members' homes.

One of the major goals of the MYF is to raise money for the Educational Building Fund. Currently the girls of the group are catering under the direction of Mrs. May and contributing the profit to this fund.

The MYF members though few in number, hope to increase in number, and would like to extend an open invitation to all who would like to, to come and join.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

THE SUNDAY PROBLEM

Dr. Elmer E. Helms late Minister Emeritus of First Methodist Church, Los Angeles, reported that he once passed a newsstand and noticed an article advertised in a magazine for sale there. The caption of the article was "The Sunday Problem." With eager anticipation he purchased the magazine hopeful that it would shed some light on the problems of Sabbath observance.

Picture his surprise when he found the article dealt with the question of where one can go and what one can do in America on Sunday, that doesn't involve the problem of overcrowding. The article lamented the crowded Sabbath conditions in recreational areas. Come a fair Sunday and every tee and green are crowded—you have to wait and wait for your turn. Try the beaches—but there you hardly find leg room in the teaming mass of sun-worshippers. And the highways, of course, are crowded so there is really "close communion" in a sort of bumper-to-bumper fashion. And suppose one forsakes his TV set to go to the movies—city-wise that often means standing in line so that the pleasure is lost before it's gained.

Dr. Helms reported that the article's author submitted as America's greatest unsolved problem, the question of where one can go and of what one can do on Sunday. I only hope that one of the movies that author stands in line for is "The Ten Commandments." It's a good picture, but I especially want him to see the fourth commandment. If I recall correctly it speaks about remembering the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. Apparently the author hadn't heard about it in relation to the Sunday problem, for he gave no hint at all about this basic commandment of the religious community.

By way of contrast, if you sidle up

Arkansas MSM Conf. Scheduled For Dec. 6-8

"Into All the World" will be the theme of the annual state conference of the Arkansas Methodist Student Movement to be held this December 6-8 in Fayetteville. Host for this meeting will be the Wesley Foundation at the University of Arkansas.

The platform speaker for the conference is Dr. Samuel Stumph from the philosophy department of Vanderbilt University. Bob Breihan, director of the Texas M.S.M., will speak at the breakfast meeting Sunday morning and will serve as discussion leader besides being in charge of one of the workshops.

Eight different workshops are being planned for the Saturday afternoon of the conference.

Miss Polly Lassiter, Methodist student director at Henderson State Teachers College, is serving as dean of this year's conference. Working on the steering committee arranging for the conference are: Alice Featherston, Emily Jo Joyce, Pete Pitman, Sue Hudson, Homera Anderson, and Max Sutton, chairman. All are students at the University.

Monticello District Elects Officers

Officers for the Monticello District MYF were chosen at the Senior Retreat at Camp Keener this summer. New officers for the year are as follows: Mary Ruth Price, Dumas, president; Buddy Johnson, Crossett, vice-president; Holly Hartrick, Fountain Hill, secretary; Jean Johnson, Hampton, treasurer; Mary W. Prewitt, McGehee, publicity; Woody Harrell, Hampton, Faith; Al Atkinson, Fordyce, Witness; Dickie Harper, McGehee, Citizenship; and Judy Tillery, Parkdale, Fellowship. Rev. Ed Hollenbeck, Portland, is District Director of Youth Work.

Vivian MYF Has Retreat

Nineteen members of the Senior MYF of the Vivian, La., Methodist Church spent Saturday, Sept. 14, in a Planning Retreat at Magnolia Safety Chapel near Rodessa, Louisiana. The group left the church at 6:30 a.m. and enjoyed cooking and eating breakfast at the Retreat site. Sack lunches furnished the noon meal.

The purpose of the Retreat was to plan the programs and activities for 1957-58. The youth and the four adult counselors studied program building and activities, using the Youth Planbook 1957-58 as the guide. After several hours spent in Workshop Groups, final plans were formulated. The MYF Council will work out details of the plans month by month.

Brief worship services, group singing, some recreation, and, of course, good food—all helped to make the day a most enjoyable one.

Rev. James C. Whitaker is the pastor of the Vivian Church; and Laura Lee Miles is MYF reporter.

to a group of preachers who are batting the breeze about things in general and in your youthful innocence mention something about the Sunday problem, I have an idea what you will hear. For many of
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A Louisiana Pastor Discusses The Theme

Worship Thru The Sermon

By Donald M. Risinger*



"And they read from the book of the law of God clearly and gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading." Nehemiah 8:3-8

"And Peter lifted up his voice and addressed them . . . now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and they said, . . . 'Brethren what shall we do?'" Acts 2:14,22,36-42

"It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believe." I Corinthians 1:21

PHILLIPS BROOKS said that, "Preaching is the communication of truth through personality." The Bible has at least two great assumptions, first that, "God does speak to people," and second, "Man can and must speak for God." These assumptions we find running through the Scripture. They are illustrated by the remark of Lincoln, who in the time of tension and stress, seemed calm and possessed. When a friend said, "How can you be so calm?" Lincoln said, "I am only a pipe for the omnipotence to sound through." That is what the preacher is supposed to be.

In the first place if there is to be worship through the sermon, we must remember that we have a very human vehicle in the pulpit, the preacher. This was brought especially to my attention at Pastors' School this year when someone made the remark, "Just think about the plight of the preacher's wife, who has to live with him all week and then come to church and sit down and listen to him as the voice of God on Sunday." She knows the preacher better than anyone else, except perhaps the Lord and the preacher himself.

Surely no one feels that he is wise enough nor good enough to stand anywhere and say, "Thus saith the Lord." And yet that responsibility cannot be escaped, for the preacher must be a "pipe for the omnipotence to sound through," to speak for God. Does he speak for God? Or is he only a highly polished mirror to reflect the wishes and notions and opinions of the people?

What do the people think of this calling and this place? I have wished sometimes that I could have listened in on all of the Adult Sunday School lessons Sunday, September 15th, when they were dealing with the preacher, the pastor. What do the people really think the preacher is supposed to say, to stand for? How can he make the sermon a vehicle of worship? Is he supposed simply to ooze a little heavenly unction over our otherwise questionable behavior? To lend a little respectability to the various functions of our lives? And perhaps bring a ray of hope to give us courage? Is he supposed to be a sort of Chamber of Commerce fellow, making us feel good and dispensing peace of mind, crying, "Peace, peace, when there is no peace?" Can the people worship if they see only the reflection of themselves in the sermon?

Surely if there is any part of the service of

worship which is designed to help us to see what are the true values and to give "the sense" and the interpretation, the sermon is that part. It is a time when we are supposed to look squarely at the facts as best we can find them, to think, to find the solid and eternal foundation of life.

Worship is forming opinions and expressing them, "Worth-ship." A religion without opinions degenerates into a sort of magic and superstition, devoid of the intelligence and judgment which distinguish man from the beast of the field, making us spineless, boneless creatures like jelly fish. And it is here, most of all, where the responsibility rests for forming opinions, for dealing with opinions, worth-ship, evaluation.

How can we worship through the sermon? Well, in the first place we can worship through the sermon, if it is what it is supposed to be. The sermon should help us to see God, the truth, and the way of life. The Revised Standard Version translates the verse about the "foolishness of preaching," by "The folly of what we preach," the Cross, Christ, put here in the midst of things for us to look upon and then see ourselves again. The sermon should help us to see ourselves, not our own opinion of ourselves, but to see ourselves in the light of God. It should convict us of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. And at times it should perform surgery upon us and apply the "Balm of Gilead." It should be a window through which the light shines, and through which we can see the stars beyond the dark.

It is easy to preach glory and majesty and love, and mercy and the Fatherhood of God. It is very difficult to preach the brotherhood of man. And yet this is the heart of the gospel, revealed in John 3:16 which says "God so loved the world . . . that whosoever." And there is not anything more universal nor inclusive than that. This is the conviction which has hurled men and women around the world for 19 centuries to tell all people everywhere that God in his heavens is their God, and they are His children. But it is possible to worship through the sermon only if it is true and fearless, and is applied to our day. The production of "Great sermons is not the aim of preaching, but to make great Christians," to help people to live. That is worth-ship.

But the plight of a preacher is this, as his responsibility develops, he has human hands and a human heart and mind, unless touched by the divine. Yet who can make this claim, that he is touched by the divine? Early in my ministry I heard a devotional given to preachers about their calling, saying that, the preacher stands in a "sacred place" with a "sacred task" and "to speak the sacred word." This reminds one of the words of ordination as the Bishop intones the charge, "Be thou a faithful dispenser of the Word of God and of the Holy Sacraments." Be a window pane, dispel all of your own prejudices, and your own opinions. This says to the preacher that his own opinions don't amount to anything, not any more than yours, nor do his prejudices.

What if when he stands here he is untrue, or what if he hears the word, and does not pro-

claim it, and gives an uncertain sound or yields to the temptation to back away and stand in some other place?

He has a great many hinderances in trying to make the sermon a vehicle of worship. One is the desire to please, to keep peace, and to keep his job. Someone says, "remember the budget, if you make folks mad they might quit giving." John Wesley's standard was that if you did not convert anyone or did not make anyone mad you had been a failure.

But we see the pressures to avoid the things people do, and the things they are opinionated about and to say that God does not have any word about these things. Avoid talking about speeding, nearly everyone does that. Avoid questionable social activities, or gambling, or drinking. I am quite well acquainted with one instance where the official board asked that the preacher be moved because he preached about drinking. Don't think that the preacher is not aware of these pressures. It may be that God has something to say to us even about race. God may know as much about that as we do.

The preacher needs pressures, but when the pressure is in the direction of selfishness and greed and profit and hatred and side-stepping, then it does not take much of a prophet to tell what kind of pressure that is.

A "sacred place," a "sacred task," and a "sacred word," who does not want to shy away, and yet he has to stand there. Shall he tell the truth as he sees it, or shall he refuse to function for God, and lie? Do you think that he ought to tell the truth as he sees it, or lie, as he sees it; to agree with others. If you are going to make a liar out of a man, don't put him in the pulpit to do it. Let him do it off somewhere else. The preacher may be wrong, very wrong, but God can speak through no man unless he tells the truth as he sees it. The worst charge against the church, is not that it is a preacher's church, which it is not, but that those who pay the bills call the tune. This is the most disastrous charge and frequently it is borne out, so that the people, and not God, speak through the preacher. Neither the preacher nor the laymen have anything whatsoever to do with what the message should be. Both must be dedicated to the discovery of the will of God or our worship is spurious and false. It becomes idolatry.

So we come to the obligation of the preacher, if we are to have worship through the sermon. It is an obligation too heavy to be borne. If he is to meet it, there must be a banishment of self and of his own opinions, and that is hard considering human factors and consequences. It is so much easier to give soothing syrup, or to serve up "half a Christ." Then he must subject himself to Christ and study the Word revealed, with no mind to establishing his own opinions, but only discovering God's opinion. He must study the conditions and opinions of his day and study the needs of people. And then learn how to deal with the "elusive issues and the hidden secrets with delicacy and tact and taste and tenderness and understanding," always with a keen eye to sin.

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

BY IRA A. BRUMLEY

Wesley Foundation Work

Student work at the four centers in the North Arkansas Conference has gotten a good start this year, perhaps the best yet in these programs in our conference.

The four centers lost their adult workers with the close of last school year, but each center has been able to secure adult leadership this school year: Dr. A. W. Martin at Fayetteville, Rev. Fletcher Dodson at Jonesboro, Rev. Harold Wells at Conway and Mrs. W. F. Cooley at Russellville. Mrs. Cooley had given up the work at Russellville, but agreed to take some responsibility for this year with the assistance of other workers.

Reports coming to our office indicate excellent interest on the part of students in each of these four centers.

A visit to Fayetteville last week gave me a chance to see some of the work at Fayetteville and get reports on other parts of the program. Every report was most encouraging. The vesper service attended was a very vital service. The Wesley Foundation Board of Directors held their meeting at a supper meeting. The reports as to program, interest and future plans were good. The weekday meetings are being held in a residence leased for this purpose near the university.

The program at Jonesboro is now being conducted during the week in a temporary building secured to use until the new student center can be constructed. Plans for the new building are moving forward rapidly. The new plant is to be on the campus of Arkansas State when it is constructed.

The reports concerning the program at Conway indicate that there has never been greater, if as great, interest on the part of students in the Sunday program of Wesley Foundation.

The North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences are giving the best financial support to the student program these conferences have ever given. The local churches in these centers have carried a major responsibility in the past for this student program, and they continue to respond in a fine way as the programs develop. The local churches are showing more interest in encouraging their young people to participate in these religious programs at the various centers.

Plans for Fort Smith Area School

Plans have been completed for a second series training school for the Fort Smith Area to be held at First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, November 17-21. The following are the courses and instructors:

"Guiding Nursery Children," Mrs. Frances Winter
"Guiding Kindergarten Chil-

dren," Miss Anna Rose Miller
"Teaching Children," (for parents and teachers of primary and junior children), Mrs. Dorothy La-Croix Hill

"Finding Your Life's Work," (for youth only), Rev. Jim Clemons

"The Methodist Youth Fellowship," (for adult workers), Mrs. Herschel McClurkin

"Helping Adults Learn," Mrs. M. Earl Cunningham

"Developing Christian Workers," Rev. M. Earl Cunningham

"The Book of Revelation," Rev. William Wilder

"The Work of the Local Church," Rev. Elmo Thomason.

This school promises to be an outstanding program for the churches within reach of Fort Smith. We hope all the church school workers and members of various church commissions along with parents will be making their plans to be in this school.

Rev. E. B. Williams has recently been certified for the course on "The Gospel According to St. Mark." He plans to teach this course in his church at an early date. He is completing a one-unit school on "Homes Can Be Christian." Gardner Memorial Church is one of the number of local churches carrying on a considerable training program on the local basis.

We continue to receive reports of increases in church school membership and average attendance. A

Shreveport District Training School Scheduled For November 17-21

The Shreveport District Training School will be held Nov. 17-21, at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, according to the Rev. Tracy Arnold, who is publicity chairman for the board of managers for the session. He explained the date has been changed to November from a previously scheduled time in February.

The Rev. Ira Flowers, Shreveport, is dean of the school which will begin at 2:30 Sunday afternoon and continue with evening sessions at 7:30. The Rev. Barry Bailey, Shreveport First Church associate pastor, is chairman of the Board of Managers, and Mrs. C. O. Foil is treasurer.

Courses to be offered and the in-

MONTHLY PUBLICATION GETS NEW NAME

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—A Methodist church school publication which has been known as *Daily Bible Lessons* will become *Epworth Notes* with the October issue.

The publication also will be a different size, 3¾ by 6½ inches, and is now intended for class use rather than additional reading, said the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville, editor of Methodist church school publications.

The monthly periodical will have daily treatments of the International Lesson Series, short articles, poems, and other features.

number of church schools have indicated that they have had increases in average attendance during the summer months.

structors include the following: "Use of the Bible with Children," Mrs. John Carter, Ocean Springs, Miss.; "A Course in Nursery Work," Mrs. A. Q. Sartain, Dallas, Tex.; "Plans of the Church for Kindergarten," instructor to be announced; "Plans of the Church for Primary Children," Mrs. Lloyd Beall, Tyler, Tex.; "Plans of the Church for Junior Children," Mrs. H. M. Secord, Borger, Tex.; "The Methodist Youth Fellowship," Miss Louise Sharp, Shreveport; "An Intermediate Lab Course," Mrs. Bob Clark, Memphis, Tenn.; "Home and Church Working Together," Mrs. Ruby Cochran, Shreveport; "The Local Church," Dr. B. C. Taylor, superintendent of the Shreveport District; and "Adult Work in the Church," Mrs. Elmer Hook, Fayetteville, Ark.

Of the above courses, two (Kindergarten and Intermediate) are laboratory and will continue through Friday evening, Nov. 22.

In addition to the Training School, a Bible Conference is planned for January 26-30, with the Rev. A. M. Brown, Bossier City, as dean.

Japanese, Indian Families Visit Crowley First Church

In keeping with the study theme of "Meet Your Neighbor, Far And Near," a program was held this summer for members of the junior department of the Daily Vacation Bible School of the First Methodist Church, Crowley, to meet families from Sapporo, Japan, and Madras, India. Each member in the class had a chance to shake hands with the guests. Pictured below

are (left to right) Dottie Holloway, class member; Mrs. Taeko Takahashi, Taro Takahashi, Manemon Takahashi, of Japan; Sridher Seetharaman, Mrs. Lakrmi Seetharaman, R. Seetharaman, of India, and Robert Gates, class member. The Bible school at the local church began July 28. Mrs. A. E. Stanton served as departmental director of the school. The Rev. Louis Hoffpauir is First Church pastor.



Whatsoever Thy Hand Findeth To Do

By Annie Kendall Wilson

DURING the era when religious leaders of the country were sweeping the little churches into towns with a zealous broom, the people in the sparsely settled Greer's Chapel community, Columbia County, Arkansas, rocked back on their heels and emphatically said—"No!"

I was one of them, though I no longer live in the community. My grandfather and grandmother were two of seven people who reorganized what had once been a flourishing church, in an old school house around 1900. An uncle remembers as a small boy carrying a lamp from one to another of the seven as they voted by writing on a slip of paper, their choice for the first preacher. It's a nice thing to remember that the vote was unanimous.

Some years later, Grandfather gave his note for lumber to build the church as it stands today, and my father did much of the actual labor.

In the 1940's there was a period of years with only occasional services and much talk of merging with a church in town. Just when the pressure for termination became heaviest, there came a minister, the Rev. C. B. Harris, who began restoring other such churches in the county, and Greer's Chapel was one of them.

Several times during the years following, an attempt had been made to establish a Sunday school, but each attempt had ended in failure, and when the call went out to meet on April 15th, 1956, for this purpose, not many were willing to try, but there were a few who KNEW it could be done.

Only seven families live in the community, but those of us who lived in town and held on to our first love, brought the number of families up to twelve.

On that Sunday in April, there was no regular song leader, no on-the-job pianist and only two men in the community who prayed publicly, and when it was time to elect officers and teachers, no one wanted to do anything.

Then a young woman anxiously wanting to help suggested that people volunteer for what they felt they could do best—it worked. All offices were promptly filled and such a plan has continued with those best suited volunteering when something needs to be done.

There were 29 present that first day and the collection amounted to \$5.78 and neither collection nor attendance has been that low since. Sunday after Sunday the enrollment increased. People out of the community were anxious to work at a

place where nothing was expected of them except what they were capable of doing.

There were no rooms for classes and two of them moved outside. The little folks sat on the grass and the young people's group sat on planks laid on nail kegs in the shade of a big oak tree, but interest was not lessened by lack of facilities.

The enrollment climbed to 57 with an average attendance of 41. A bassinet has been placed in the church but there is still no nursery. Three babies attend church regularly, but they learned early to be quiet as in old time churches where children seldom cried.

On August 5th, a committee met to plan a building to house the classes. Plans were marked off with a stick in the sand and discussed to find the most effective manner of enlarging the present structure which needed repair.

It was decided to add a room 14 feet wide down an entire side of the church 45 feet long. The space to be divided into three compartments, a small room for primary pupils and the largest room for the young people.

Members of the committee made donations as a beginning and collections each Sunday improved but no one during the entire time of renovation and building was approached by the committee for money.

This is a low-income community, and the building had to be done by free labor, at night, since the members were employed during the day. The minister, Rev. C. B. Harris, worked as hard as anyone, and he too, holds down an eight-hour job each day, aside from his pastoral duties.

During the months of September and October, women carried food and served supper at the church, once each week. By October first, the rooms were enclosed so that classes could be held inside, the first Sunday weather had not permitted outdoor classes.

The building was done in time for a Christmas celebration. The rooms have hardwood floors and the walls are beautifully finished in pastel colors. Carpenters, electricians and painters donated tools and materials so that the exact cost of the building will never be known. Doors, lumber, stoves, chairs for primary room, light fixtures and so on, were donated as well as money.

The Christmas tree was set up ahead of time in order that young eyes might feast on its lighted splendor. The young people's group put on a creditable play; former attendants came home and people

Rev. C. B. Harris of Magnolia was named the "Arkansas Minister of the Year" at the recent southwide convocation of rural leaders of all denominations at Emory University, Ga. Rev. Mr. Harris has been very effective in his leadership among small churches near Magnolia and El Dorado.

from other churches came to help sing Christmas carols.

Small children were busily singing—"Here comes Santa Claus," when the old gentleman stepped inside to unload the first Christmas tree in the church in thirty years. After the service the congregation was served a buffet supper from a long table in the young people's room.

Those who worked so hard for the consummation of the project seemed to walk on air that night and there was laughter on shining faces and tears in the eyes. The spirit of God filled the church as it did Moses' tent—(Exodus 40:34) and hearts were filled with thankfulness as in Solomon's time when the people heard the prayer of the dedication of the temple. (King I, 8:22-53). God had blessed our labors.

On January 1, 1957, the chairman of the finance committee reported all indebtedness paid, with money left, and we are still planning. There is to be musical instructions for a directed choir, new pews for the church and summer camp for young leaders, for—"If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

Pastors Cautioned On 'Handed-Down' Theology

St. Mary, O. (RNS)—Dr. Charles Ray Goff, pastor of the Chicago Temple, urged more than 300 ministers attending a retreat near here to be guided by truth they attain for themselves.

"Too many people have their theology handed down to them," Dr. Goff said. "Living, vital truth must be discovered by each one. Our moral and religious life should be based on something that's real and alive to us—then things happen."

The retreat was for ministers in the Central episcopal area of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Present were clergymen from all parts of Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Dr. Goff likened the search for truth to a treasure hunt.

"There is no new truth," he said.

City of Refuge Established By Clergyman

Austin, Tex. (RNS)—A Baptist clergyman has founded a community on an 80-acre tract near here where people can forget the past and get a new start.

The community, known as the City of Refuge, was started by the Rev. Lester L. Roloff, pastor of Alameda Baptist Church in Corpus Christi.

Mr. Roloff, 42, said he wanted to establish a city of refuge similar to the six God commanded Joshua to build in Jordan and Canaan.

At present the community has only five trailer homes, a quonset hut and a water well. But a large brick building, which will include a church, is nearing completion. The building will contain living quarters for about 65 men. Similar residential buildings for women and boys will be erected later.

Director of the project is the Rev. Robert Smith, a young pastor, who said the community is getting more applications than it can handle. He said they are coming from all over the country.

An individual's past will be no bar to residence. But Mr. Smith asks that residents attend church services twice daily and determine to improve their lives.

There will be no charge to those who live in the community. The sponsors hope that donations will finance food, upkeep and other necessities.

Post Office Unveils 'In God We Trust' Plaque

Ossining, N. Y. (RNS)—A bronze plaque bearing the inscription "In God We Trust," official motto of the United States, was unveiled in the post office here.

It was donated by the Ossining Women's Christmas Committee, headed by Mrs. Irving N. Valentine. The committee comprises Protestant and Roman Catholic women who work for a more spiritual observance of Christmas.

The plaque is the first installed in a post office in New York state and the second in the country. The first was erected at Durant, Okla., earlier this year.

Present at the ceremony were Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish clergymen. They were the Rev. Donald Lloyd of Trinity Episcopal church, the Rev. Peter J. Marino of St. Ann's Catholic church, Rabbi Bernard Gelbart of the Congregation Sons of Israel, and the Rev. Douglas Collins of St. Matthew's Methodist Church, a Negro.

"In God We Trust" was adopted by Congress last year as the official motto of the U.S. The phrase appears on U.S. coins and on three-cent and eight-cent postage stamps.

"All truth is known to God. But its discovery awaits the effort of man to think God's thoughts."

Bishop Fred L. Dennis of Dayton, presiding official, said the retreat was only the second of its kind to be held by the EUB church. Its purpose, he said, was to undergird the ministers' own faith and to enrich fellowship across regional lines.

WHY WE BAPTIZE BY SPRINKLING

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invariable rule, the Spirit always falls upon, descends upon, or is poured upon the subjects. If water baptism is to present a picture of Spiritual baptism, it should be in mode like Spirit baptism. Well, if the mode is not given in the word which designates the rite, how are we to learn what the mode is? In two ways: 1. By the meaning of the rite in Scripture. I have dealt with that already. 2. By the examples of its administration. The passages in the New Testament that relate to the administration of baptism are divided into three classes: First, those which taken by themselves seem to favor immersion. Matthew 3:16. The authorized version says that he went up straightway from the water. The preposition used is not *ex*, meaning out of, but *apo*, which means from the water. He could have gone up from the water without going up out of the water. In Acts 8:38-39, we have an account of the baptism of the eunuch by Philip. The record says that both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip. The immersionist says that this language indicates that the baptism was by immersion, but the passage, correctly read, indicates no such thing. "If going into the water and the coming up out of it were parts of the baptism, then both Philip and the eunuch were baptized; for they both went down into the water and came up out of the water. The passage says that the Baptism took place between the going into the water and the coming up out of the water. And all the lawyers of Philadelphia cannot tell how the baptism was performed. No valid argument can be based on prepositions. In the 8th chapter of the Acts, the proposition *en* is used several times, but only in the account of the baptism of the eunuch is its translated into. Elsewhere in that chapter it is translated at, by, etc. So I say that this class of Scripture only seems to favor immersion.

Second, there is a second class of passages relating to the administration of baptism from which the idea of immersion is excluded. Under this head belong the accounts of baptism with the Holy Spirit. With this class of passages we have dealt already.

A Class of Passages Not Decisive, But Favorable

Third, there is a third class of passages which, in themselves, are not decisive, but which are altogether favorable to baptism by sprinkling. First, the baptism of the 3,000 at Jerusalem. Was it by immersion? Where? In what water? Jerusalem's water supply was mostly in cisterns under the ground, no river flowed by Jerusalem, only a little brook which was a wet weather branch, at other seasons its bed was dry. There was no large pool or lake at Jerusalem. If there had been, it would have been under the control of the Pharisees, who, of course, would have forbidden it to those despised followers of the crucified pretended to Messiahship. If there had been a body of water sufficient for baptism by immersion and the Apostles had used it for that purpose, the whole body of the water would have been polluted, rendered unfit for use by and Jew fearing defilement. The facts of the situation in Jerusalem are dead against the

notion that the 3,000 converts were baptized by immersion.

Take now the baptism of the case of the eunuch, which was down toward Gaza, which was desert. Some tourists were shown the place where it was said the eunuch was baptized. And what did they see? A little stream no bigger than your little finger flowing out of a rock. A Baptist in the party exclaimed, "Oh, it didn't take place here, it didn't take place here, not enough water." Exactly, not enough water for immersion, but a plenty for sprinkling.

More Examples

Next, the case of Cornelius and his household. While Peter was yet speaking the Holy Spirit fell on all that heard the Word. Did Peter say, "Is there a baptistry here, or a pool convenient where these may be baptized?" No, he said, "Can any man forbid the water that these should not be baptized?" He then commanded them to be baptized then and there. Was it by immersion?

The case of the jailer at Philippi. His baptism took place without delay at midnight at the jail. Was it by immersion? The case of Paul is peculiarly clear and convincing. Ananias was sent to administer to Paul, then called Saul. Laying his hands on him, Ananias said, "Brother Saul, the Lord has sent me that thou mayest receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And straightway there fell from his eyes as it were scales, and he received his sight. And he arose and was baptized. Baptized then and there, standing up. Was it by immersion?

Two Final Points

Two points more and I am done.

1. According to our view of baptism there is unity and harmony in Scripture. There is one method of purification in Both Testaments and that is by sprinkling—sprinkling of water, sprinkling of blood.

2. Baptism by sprinkling is universally applicable. Universally applicable as to place. Wherever there is water enough to sustain life, there people can be baptized by sprinkling. In World War I there was a large military camp in Greenville, South Carolina. The Baptists complained that no provision was made for administering baptism by their mode. They seemed to think that the government should run a river into the camp, or create a lake for their convenience. A distinguished Baptist minister, Dr. Norwood, pastor of City Temple, London, England, was a Chaplain at the battle front in France. He said the application of the rite of baptism by immersion was out of the question there. He said he did not repudiate that mode of baptism, he simply had no use for it in that situation. He could never again insist that the quantity of water was important in Baptism.

Universally Applicable

Baptism by sprinkling is universally applicable as to time. It can be safely administered in the frozen North in winter, as in the balmy South. It is universally applicable as to people. It can be applied to infants as well as to adults; to the sick as well as to the healthy; to the dying as well as to the living.

Remember, according to the Bible, people were baptized with water, not in water; they were baptized with the Holy Spirit, not in the Holy Spirit. The water was applied to the person, not the person to the water. The Spirit was applied to the person, not the person to the Spirit. And believers were baptized im-

Men and Missions Sunday Set For October 13

Men and Missions Sunday is observed in many churches and communities on Sunday, October 13—though it may be on any other Sunday. In addition, in many communities the men of the several churches unite on one evening of the following week (14th to 19th) for a church dinner, a program of missionary addresses, and other presentations emphasizing human need at home and overseas. Such a day or week can be organized in one church or in a group of churches: Methodists are usually in a position to do it by districts or sub-districts. How about your town or district?

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Then he must have a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. Does he really listen to the Holy Spirit? Or does he have one ear to the ground, to hear the static and the clamor which has come across 19 centuries with every generation saying, "Not this man but Barabbas." Can he see the glory and adequacy of redemption and then feel the urgency of the need of people for God, and the urgency that God Himself lays upon him to discover and know and speak the truth?

If he is to find help to do these things, there must first of all be a consecration to the task, regardless of the consequences and love must be his motive and method. But he needs a people earnestly seeking light and truth. "If the church treats the pulpit with contempt it will have a contemptible pulpit." He needs a people praying for light, praying for the preacher, who will listen when their toes are stepped on, who are consecrated to discovering the will of God. Then, of course, he has to depend on the Lord to do the sounding through.

What we are trying to do is to see God through imperfect win-

mediately on the spot.

Reasoning from the use of baptizo in Scripture, from the meaning of the rite of baptism, and from the instances of its administration, we conclude that baptism was, and should be now, by sprinkling or pouring.

"I will sprinkle clear water upon you," sayeth the Lord, "and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you." "Wherefore, let us all draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from all evil conscience and having our bodies washed with clean water."

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In many communities this "positive" use of the Halloween spirit has not only helped the work of UNICEF, but has materially reduced juvenile destruction of property on that day. A number of radio stations across the nation are cooperating in the program; magazines and newspapers are giving it considerable space; the Advertising Council is using its facilities to promote the idea.

There are films and detailed suggestions that may be secured by any community, or any promoting church or other organization, by writing to the U. S. Committee for UNICEF, United Nations, New York. In 1956, some 7,500 communities participated in this program. Will you help initiate it in your community?

dows. You think that sometimes you have trouble with the preacher, or with the sermon? You don't know anything, think what trouble God has with the preacher. He is the one who has trouble with the preacher. Think what trouble the preacher has with himself, as he tries to polish and grind and to stand entirely aside to let no opinions or prejudices of his own discolor the light of God. That is a job. Think of the trouble of Christ. See his trouble in the Garden coming to a climax, trouble with the disciples, trouble with the peo-

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OBITUARY

DASPIT—Mrs. P. J. Daspit, Sr.—On September 11, 1957, at the Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital in Sulphur, Louisiana, Mrs. P. J. Daspit, Sr., nee Henrietta Thielemann, passed away after a lengthy illness. In November she would have celebrated her eighty-second year. In Sulphur, she was affectionately known as "Mammy."

Her long and useful life in her family, church and community was one to be emulated. Her family looked to her for inspiration and guidance. Until illness began last February, she was an active participant in all community and church life. She truly lived for others. She expressed it by her life of service in visiting the sick, in thoughtfulness of the lonely, in ministering to the bereaved, and in helping anyone in need of a friend. In her latter years she worked as a receptionist in Dr. Robert Marshall's office in Sulphur where she endeared many to her by her warm friendliness and concern. Her home was marked by a gracious and loving spirit. She was the friend of all her pastors as they came and went.

Funeral service was held for Mrs. Daspit on September 12 in the beautiful sanctuary of the Henning Memorial Methodist Church in Sulphur by the Rev. James C. Whitaker, a former pastor, with the Rev. Edward Haug, pastor, assisting. Her love for the church and all its work came first in her life. Several times when a youth could not afford to pay expenses to summer camp, "Mammy Daspit" took care of the expense. She was an active member of the Wesleyan Service Guild while she was employed. Upon retirement two years ago, she became active in the Woman's Society. Her life was surely a blessing to her church. She always spoke kindly of people with a heart of love and understanding. She was one to lend encouragement to any situation.

Survivors are three sons: Leo P. Daspit of Lake Charles, La.; Taylor G. Daspit, Sulphur, La.; Preston J. Daspit, Hermosa Beach, Calif.; two daughters: Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., and Mrs. R. E. Land of Sulphur, La.; seven grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren; one brother and two sisters.

A host of friends throughout southwest Louisiana regret the passing of this one, for it can be truly said that "all who knew her loved her."

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

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them the Sunday problem has to do with sagging attendance, gleaming varnish on empty pews come worship time on the Sabbath, and particularly, since you are a youth asking the question, they will probably respond with "Our young people just don't stay for church." I hope that isn't true in your church, but it does constitute a Sunday problem for altogether too many congregations.

The tone of our culture is too often one which regards church attendance as something reserved for rainy Sundays, or those few Sabbath morns when insomnia takes its toll and they can't sleep in anyway. But I rise to suggest that youth do attend as well or better than adults — percentage wise, particularly where there is some recognition that preachers and adults are aware that youth are present and the entire service is not pitched too high for their interests.

And should some vagrant parental eye wander over these words, may I suggest that the quickest way to get Junior disinterested in church attendance is for Dad to stay home on Sunday mornings but insist that Junior go.

What's your Sunday problem?

W.S. COUNCIL HEARS REPORT OF GAINS

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last year. Total items handled by the central treasury, however, advanced for the year from \$18,842,000. in 1955-56 to \$22,360,866. in 1956-57.

While the number of dollars given for world service has increased from \$4,300,000. in 1940 to \$11,511,920. in the year ended last May 31, Dr. Lugg pointed out that the purchasing power of the latter figure in terms of the 1940 dollar is now only \$5,511,900. "The slight increase over the 1940 figure may be attributed to an increase in total membership," he stated.

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ple about him, trouble with the religious leaders, trouble in his own heart in trying to accept the idea that there was a cross.

Now all of these things are not said to glorify the sermon, but they are true of it. And they do glorify the sermon and place the preacher in an uncomfortable and agonizing predicament. Does he speak for God? That is what he is supposed to do. Or is he more interested in what the people think? He is not supposed to be.

What do you want the sermon to mean? "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Then we hear the word pointing at the pulpit "Be thou a faithful dispenser of the Word of God." "For we are ambassadors of Christ, as though God did beseech you by us, in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 20, 1957

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTER

READ 9th CHAPTER OF I CORINTHIANS.

MEMORY SELECTION: *How are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher?*

—Romans 10:14 (RSV)

Let us keep in mind that we are studying Unit IX, with its series of eight lessons from I Corinthians, all emphasizing the general idea of "The Gospel Applied to Society."

Last Sunday our lesson was concerned with "Moral Standards In A Church." In that lesson Paul was giving attention to the membership of the church as the lives of its members were related to the moral standards that should govern the conduct of those who are a part of the church membership.

In today's lesson we have Paul's estimate of what "The Christian Minister," the leader and shepherd of the flock, should be. The minister and the congregation are, of course, mutually dependent on each other. The congregation looks to the minister for leadership and instruction in the Christian way of life and the minister looks to the congregation for his material support and for cooperation in the church program he plans and promotes.

Paul Asserts His Authority As A Minister

In this letter to the Corinthian church, Paul finds it necessary, in his exhortations and rebukes, to speak very plainly to members of the church at Corinth. He had to say some things that just a good citizen or personal friend would hesitate to say. Hence it was that Paul felt that it was necessary for him to establish the fact that he was speaking as one called of God and vested with authority by the Lord, as an apostle, to give direction and leadership to the church.

The matter of authority was important in Paul's day, as it is today. We will remember that a group approached Christ, as late in His ministry as Passion Week, with the question, "By what authority doest thou these things?" Paul continuously recognized the right of people to question his authority as a minister of God, if they so desired; and he repeatedly gave his call from God as his authority to speak.

It is quite likely that rumors had reached Corinth that Paul was not one of the original twelve apostles and hence that his teachings were not authoritative. Paul gave the Corinthians two answers to the question as to his authority to speak as a Christian minister:

(1) Paul stated that he himself had seen Christ after His resurrection and was personally a witness of His resurrection.

(2) He also calls the Corinthian Christians to witness that they themselves were evidence of the fruitfulness of his ministry and of the fact that God had honored his

work as a Christian minister.

In the chapter from which our lesson is taken, Paul refers to himself four times as an apostle. In practically all of his letters to the churches, he opens his letter with the statement that he is an apostle. He never let people forget that fact.

Today, it is not the license to preach, granted by the church, which gives one the authority to preach the gospel. The license to preach, granted by the church, is simply evidence that the church, after a careful examination, recognizes the fact that the candidate has been called of God to preach. His authority to preach comes from God; his license to preach is simply evidence, to those who do not know him, that his church recognizes that he is a God-called man.

Full-Time Ministers Must Have Adequate Support

Paul declares, in our lesson text "that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel." In the verses of this chapter, between the 2nd and the 13th, Paul is arguing the fact that a minister has the right to receive his living from his services as a preacher. In substance Paul is saying the soldier is paid and God's minister is fighting the battles of righteousness; the husbandman who plants a vineyard eats of its fruits and the shepherd who tends the flock partakes of the milk of the flock. Hence ministers "should get their living by the gospel."

Fortunately, today it is not necessary to argue the point that full-time ministers should have adequate material support. The program of our churches now demand the full-time of trained capable ministers. No church of size would expect its minister to support himself financially, and very few churches of any size are even willing for their minister to supplement his salary outside of the regular work of the church.

The Impelling Power Of A Call To The Ministry

While Paul argued that the "laborer is worthy of his hire" and that the minister must be supported financially by his church, he himself did not accept material aid from the church at Corinth. While he calls their attention to the fact that he had supported himself while he was founding the church at Corinth, he does not claim any particular credit for that fact. He had ministered to them because of an impelling power within himself which made it necessary for him to give himself to the ministry. It was a matter of conscience with Paul. In our lesson text Paul de-

clares "necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel."

Every minister who is truly called of God to preach the gospel has something of this inner urge to preach regardless of the personal cost. Without that inner urge and call, and sense of mission no man should attempt to preach. Someone has put it a little stronger by saying that no one should preach who can keep from it. No man could make a greater mistake in choosing a life's work than to go into the ministry simply because it seems to him an attractive vocation. There are so many disheartening, discouraging, disillusioning experiences in the ministry that no one can be happy in that work unless he carries into it a sense of mission and an inner consciousness that God has called him, even him, into the work of the ministry. However, if one enters the ministry, with the inner urge of conscience that he is called of God to that work, there will settle on his life an indescribable, inner joy and he will find in the work of the ministry opportunities for the most rewarding service possible this side of the gates of gold.

Qualities Essential To A Successful Ministry

(1) The first essential is a personal experience of God in his heart. (2) Today it requires more than a sincerity of heart and a personal knowledge of God to be successful in the ministry; one must be trained intellectually if he is to get a sympathetic hearing for his message. (3) The minister must have a Christian patience that will enable him to meet difficulties with calm and poise. One of the most expensive luxuries any minister can engage in is to "kick the bucket over" when a crisis develops. (4) The minister should have that hard-to-describe quality of "common sense" which, unfortunately is not so common after all. It is the ability to look at a problem in a practical, sensible manner and come to a conclusion that is normal and proper. (5) The minister must love people, even those who are not so lovable either in appearance or conduct. No minister can find happiness and joy in serving the wide variety of personalities that come under his ministry unless he has an inborn love for people. (6) A preacher must be able to preach. While serving a district, we were approached by a judge who wanted a change of preachers in his church. The judge made this rather significant statement: "It is a strange thing to me that a man will say he is called to preach and then can't preach." (7) Every Methodist minister, in the vows given for admission into full connection into the Annual Conference, promises to "visit from house to house." It is very important for a Methodist minister to visit his people, not because he has promised to do so, but because such a ministry has incalculable values for both the homes visited and the minister who makes the visit.

Situations Every Minister Must Face

(1) It is impossible for a minister to escape criticism. His life is lived in a "fish bowl" and his people, with contradictory desires and expectations, watch his every move and some of them will not like what they see.

(2) It is hard for a minister to

succeed financially. His salary may increase but his responsibilities, financially, increase in almost the same ratio and his "take home" pay is not much different whether he serves large charges or small. There is often a wide difference in living conditions, but not much difference in savings.

(3) No minister can long neglect his work and maintain his place in the ministry. If he is neglectful of his work, his people soon know it and his acceptability as a minister drops rapidly.

(4) It is hard for a minister always to keep a clear conscience. He will find it hard to emphasize some truths which need emphasis. Here, however, he must follow his conscience or stultify his conscience. He will find it hard to rebuke the faults of personal friends in his congregation. He will find it hard, and often unpopular, to take a position on moral, civic and political matters on which there is a difference of opinions in his congregation.

Being All Things To All Men

In Paul's statement here about "being all things to all men," he is not talking about a moral compromise in an effort to win followers. He is thinking about the adaptation of self to a better approach to people. Furthermore, Paul might even be thinking about a compromise where only policies and methods are concerned. There is no record of Paul compromising where a moral principle was involved.

In attempts to resolve differences that arise, the minister should be careful to distinguish between customs, methods, ideas and moral principles. If only methods and policies are involved, it is sometimes folly to make an issue of the matter and often an act of wisdom to sacrifice his own opinions and certainly his prejudices for those of an appreciable number of his people. If, however, after a careful examination of the matter, he is convinced that a moral principle is involved, there is nothing left for him but to follow his conscience, regardless of opposing numbers.

Every Minister Must Practice Self-Discipline

Paul declares, in the closing verses of our lesson text, that he is not running about aimlessly. He is about a definite work. He is not "shadow boxing" or "beating the air." Paul felt that he faced a real opponent. Therefore he disciplines himself in order to better accomplish the work at hand. Paul had an uneasiness lest, after preaching to others, he himself "should be a castaway."

Most ministers recognize the fact that it is an easy matter for a minister to backslide even while preaching regularly in the pulpit. He may become so professional in his work, and think of it merely as a job to be done, that he takes his opportunities as a matter of fact and loses out of his ministry that urgency and spiritual compassion so essential to a successful ministry.

Because of this fact it is always essential that a minister keep fresh in his heart a sense of mission. He must discipline himself in his use of time. He must be careful in selecting those things to which he lends his influence as a minister. He must discipline himself in study and private devotions.

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First Church, New Orleans, Begins Building Drive

The kickoff banquet for a \$300,000 campaign for funds for the erection of the new First Methodist Church in New Orleans was held on Tuesday night of this week at the St. Charles Hotel. Above is pictured the architect's drawing of the plant. Carl Olschner and associates is the architectural firm.

The new structure will be pure Georgian architecture, and according to Dr. N. H. Melbert, pastor, is expected to cost between \$900,000 and \$1,000,000. All of the building is expected to be constructed at one time.

Present plans call for a sanctuary seating 600 with a center pulpit arrangement. The structure will also include a chapel, social and recreational facilities and educational rooms to accommodate a church school of 900 pupils.

All of the children's division will be housed on the first floor, with the adult division and the youth division on the second and third floors. A covered passageway will extend across part of the front of the building connecting the chapel with a side entrance to the sanctuary proper. A drive will be provided

from the street to the covered passageway to permit entrance to the building in inclement weather. The structure will include an elevator to permit easier accessibility to the second and third floors.

Dr. Carl Lueg, pastor of First Methodist Church in Lake Charles, was the featured speaker at the kickoff dinner which was attended by several hundred members and friends of the church. Dr. Lueg is a former member of the Canal Street Methodist Church, which congregation last year united with

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Area Represented At Nat'l Evangelism Meeting This Week

Bishop Paul E. Martin will head a group of 18 ministers from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area who will attend the annual meeting of the national Methodist Council of Evangelism, October 17-22 in Minneapolis, Minn.

This meeting will draw several hundred representatives from annual conferences and districts throughout Methodism and will furnish opportunities for discussion of evangelism needs, opportunities and responsibilities, giving considerable attention to long-range evangelistic strategy.

Bishop Martin will be one of the featured speakers at the meeting.

The meeting is under the sponsorship of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

Those attending from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area include:

Little Rock Conference, Rev. Darrell Smith, Hendrix College, Conway; Rev. Harold Davis of Malvern; Rev. Winslow Brown of Hot Springs; Rev. Roy Jordan of Salem; Rev. H. O. Bolin and Rev. Herston R. Holland, both of Little Rock;

Louisiana Conference, Rev. Jack Midyett of Haynesville;

North Arkansas Conference, Rev. Harold Eggensperger of Blytheville; Rev. Robert Howerton of Mt. Home; Rev. Norris Steele of North Little Rock; Rev. George Ivey of Springdale; Rev. Elmo Thomason of Ft.

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Nightview of the patio around which new educational facilities of the Munholland Methodist Church, New Orleans, have been constructed. Open house was held on Sunday, October 6. The new addition was used for the first time also on that date.

Stewardship Workshop Set For Next Week

Various aspects of organizing and promoting an Every Member Canvass in local churches will be discussed by stewardship leaders at the Arkansas-Louisiana Area Stewardship workshop, scheduled for next week, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 22-23, at the First Methodist Church, in El Dorado.

In releasing the program for the workshop, Rev. A. N. Storey of Conway, Rev. James E. Major of Little Rock, and Rev. Karl Tooke of Shreveport, emphasized that the program has been developed to be of as much practical help as possible to local church leaders. These ministers are directors of the Every Member Canvass programs in the North Arkansas, Little Rock and Louisiana Conferences, respectively.

Two staff members of the General Board of Lay Activities and Bishop Paul E. Martin will con-

tribute leadership with the conference directors in the workshop. Dr. Edwin A. Briggs, Director of Stewardship and Finance of the General Board of Lay Activities and Dr. Robert J. Genis, associate director, will discuss materials and technique of the EMC. Bishop Martin will deliver the opening address when the workshop convenes at 1 p.m. on Tuesday. The workshop will conclude at noon on Wednesday.

Those expected to attend include conference lay leaders, district superintendents, district lay leaders, district directors of Stewardship and EMC, those having training responsibility on a district level, and all pastors and laymen who are interested in the local church EMC program.

Those attending will be expected to make their own hotel reservations.



New Churches And Sunday Schools Next Emphasis

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — From March, 1958, to March, 1959, The Methodist Church will concentrate on establishing new churches and Sunday schools, it was announced October 8 by Methodist Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville.

The twelve-month emphasis on expansion will be the third phase of Methodism's "Quadrennial Emphasis on the Local Church," which began in 1956 and will continue until 1960, said Bishop Short, who is leading the local-church emphasis for all of Methodism.

Special attention will be given to organizing new churches and Sunday schools in suburban and new industrial areas, said Bishop Short.

Emphasis also will be given to establishing missions in neglected city and rural areas, to reopening abandoned churches wherever feasible, to serving deteriorating areas, and to improving the facilities of already existing churches and church schools.

The success of the year-long emphasis on expansion will depend largely upon local initiative, said Bishop Short. All of the 37 episcopal areas of Methodism in the United States will deal with their local situations under the leadership of their own bishops and other leaders. However, the Section of Church Extension of the Methodist Board of Missions and the Methodist Board of Evangelism will offer leadership in the organization of new churches, and the Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church will do the same for the organization of new Sunday schools.

At the beginning of the four-year emphasis, churches engaged in self-analysis and set goals for themselves. Many are continuing the self-study.

Reports show that 76 per cent of The Methodist Church's charges (A charge consists of one or more churches.) have secured self-study kits that were produced for the quadrennial emphasis.

Religion In American Life Emphasis Set For November

Find the strength for your life...



RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE PROGRAM

WORSHIP TOGETHER THIS WEEK

"Worship Together This Week" Is Announced Theme

New York, N. Y.—Several million dollars' worth of advertising will be contributed in the ninth annual Religion In American Life campaign this fall in a continued public service effort to encourage regular attendance at worship services of all Churches and Synagogues.

During November, which is observed throughout the nation as Religion In American Life Month, messages urging Americans to "Worship Together This Week" will appear in all major media of mass communications. American business and the advertising industry donate the time and space for the messages through The Advertising Council.

At the same time, thousands of members of Churches and Synagogues, clubs and other groups, will volunteer many hours of their time in hundreds of community Religion In American Life campaigns in every state of the nation.

Thousands of local Churches and Synagogues will also hold congregational attendance building programs, taking advantage of the national effort to do something about a perennial problem—the empty pew.

Theme of the campaign is "Find the Strength for Your Life... Worship Together This Week." This message and its accompanying illustration, showing a family of four worshipping together, will appear in thousands of newspaper and magazine advertisements, on outdoor posters, on car cards in buses, subways, and commuter trains, and in brief television films. It will also be heard in radio announcements.

The Religion In American Life movement is sponsored by a committee of 68 lay men and women and is supported by 24 national religious groups. Another 44 national groups cooperate in its promotion. Robert T. Stevens, president of the textile firm of J. P. Stevens and Co., Inc., and former Secretary of the Army, is national chairman.

The United States Junior Chamber of Commerce for the second year has adopted RIAL as its religious activities project for its 3,500 local chapters. Kiwanis International cooperates by urging the use of the program as a public service project by each of its 7,000 clubs.

Other groups cooperating include the Public Relations Society of America and the Boys' Clubs of America.

To aid communities, Churches and Synagogues in their worship attendance programs, RIAL offers free kits of sample materials, all of which are available in quantities for mass distribution.

Two types of kits are available from RIAL, 300 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. One is for use in community campaigns and includes a brochure outlining "7 Steps" for building attendance. For the first time this year a kit specially tailored to the needs of the individual Church or Synagogue has been prepared. This Congregation Kit contains a new brochure entitled "More Power for Your Congregation."

Area Represented At Nat'l Stewardship Workshop

Chicago (MI)—Sixty-four Methodist leaders from all jurisdictions of the church spent an intensive four-day period here Sept. 30-Oct. 3 at a seminar and workshop on stewardship and the every-member canvass.

The meeting was sponsored by the department of stewardship and finance of the Methodist General Board of Lay Activities. Among those attending were Rev. Karl Tooke, Shreveport, and Rev. A. N. Storey, Conway. Rev. Mr. Tooke was one of the speakers.

In explaining the purpose of the meeting, the Rev. Dr. Edwin A. Briggs, director of the department, said that "because of an increasing number of conference directors of stewardship and finance, we felt we should bring the group together for a briefing session, to acquaint
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Mission Board To Move Headquarters

The executive committee of the national Board of Missions of the Methodist Church on September 26 gave final approval to the leasing of about 80,000 square feet of space in the proposed Interchurch Center to be built on Morningside Heights in New York.

By its unanimous action, the 38-member committee ended almost three years of indecision as to whether the Board would move from the present 67-year-old headquarters, 150 Fifth Avenue, to the new building which is to house the offices of several Protestant denominations and the National Council of Churches. The Board of Missions with a staff of about 400 persons is the largest Methodist agency in New York and in the denomination. According to present space allotment in the Interchurch Center, the Board will occupy the
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National Council Begins Studies of Ministers' Salaries

NEW YORK (NC)—The National Council of Churches will launch a pioneer study of ministers' salaries aided by a \$33,500 grant from the Rockefeller Brothers' Fund.

The special clergy research and action project will be carried out by the Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Blizzard, a recognized authority on the life of the parish minister, whose appointment as its director was made recently by the National Council's General Board.

The new study, projected as the first far-reaching, interdenominational analysis of salaries, will be carried out in cooperation with denominational leaders, lay and clerical. Since responsibility for initiative in the review of ministers' salaries varies from one denomination to another, arrangements for the participation of the several denominations will be worked out in consultation with them.

The study will be two-pronged in its approach. It will establish facts on what salaries ministers actually receive, as distinct from prerequisites (housing, etc.) and fringe benefits. It will suggest ways by which cooperative religious agencies may aid denominations and local churches in solving salary problems.

Further, it will seek to discover how various church groups make decisions on the services required of a minister and the provisions they make towards budgeting.

Recently there has been fresh evidence that ministers' salaries are lagging behind those of other professional workers. The 1957 edition of the Yearbook of the American Churches, published by the National Council of Churches, shows that the average 1954 salary of clergymen of three denominations — the only ones reporting consistently since 1939—is about \$4,000 a year.

This figure, when compared with projected government figures on incomes in other categories, shows architects, dentists and lawyers doing twice as well or better, physicians and surgeons better than three to one. Farmers and restaurant waiters earn significantly less.

Further, the salary figures, as submitted by the three denominations, while showing steady cash increases ranging from \$700 to \$1,000 over the past five years, actually declined in purchasing power in one case by \$348 and increased by just \$204 and \$82 in the other two.

The director of the new National Council project has been professor of Sociology and Rural Sociology at Pennsylvania State University for the past 10 years. Dr. Blizzard has also been visiting professor of Social Sciences at Union Theological Seminary in New York since 1953.

Says Youth No Longer Ignore Religion

Columbus, O. (RNS) — America's young people no longer wish to ignore religion as many of their elders did in the past, a prominent New York educator said here.

Dr. George N. Shuster, president of Hunter College, spoke to more than 3,000 new students at an Ohio State University convocation.

He said youth's interest in religion stems mainly from the fact that "we have all lived in a world which seemed to have everything save the transcending healing power of affection."

Today's society is "inventive but murderous," Dr. Shuster said. It has brought to the surface "incredibly evil" lusts for power, leading to Hitler's gas ovens and Soviet terror in Hungary, he said.

The educator said a college freshman should explore three basic avenues of learning: science, the arts, and religion.

"Unfortunately, it is possible to devote oneself to the laboratory or the studio so completely that there is no time left for religion," Dr. Shuster said.

"That has particularly been the case in our country. There have been relatively few who have hated and despised it but many who have ignored it.

"Now, young people no longer wish to do so."

P. O. To Issue Religious Liberty Stamp

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — A commemorative three-cent stamp honoring religious freedom will be issued at Flushing, N. Y., on Dec. 27, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced here.

The occasion will be the 300th anniversary of the Flushing Remonstrance, believed to be the first declaration of religious liberty by ordinary citizens in American history.

Details of the stamp's design will be announced later, Mr. Summerfield said.

The Remonstrance was a message to Gov. Peter Stuyvesant of the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam signed by 31 citizens of Flushing protesting against an edict banning Quakers from the colony.

Earlier this year the Post Office Department authorized a slogan cancellation for mail at Flushing bearing the inscription: "Flushing Remonstrance, 1657-1957, Origin Religious Liberty in America." It has been in use since August.

Report Communists Increasing Pressure For Youth Rites

Berlin (RNS)—Soviet Zone leaders are increasing their pressure on parents and children to force youngsters to take part in Communist-sponsored youth dedication ceremonies, the West German Radio reported.

The ceremonies are an atheistic counterpart of Christian Confirmation and First Communion devised by the East German Communists to wean children from religion.

The West German station said the campaign is led by Walter Ulbricht, first secretary of the Socialist Unity (Communist) Party.

It quoted him as stating at a youth rally in Sonneberg that all boys and girls "must participate in the youth dedication ceremonies irrespective of the beliefs in which they have been brought up."

Church authorities in East Germany have decided not to relax their opposition to the Communist rites, the station said. The ceremonies have repeatedly been condemned by Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders.

Church Construction Set New Record In September

Washington, D.C. (RNS)—Church construction in September, totaling \$31,000,000, set a new record for a single month, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported. It was one million dollars more than in August and \$8,000,000 above the September, 1956, figure.

Total church construction for the first nine months of this year amounted to \$630,000,000 or 16 per cent above the same period last year.

Private hospital and institutional building also continued an upward trend in September, with a total of \$48,000,000. This was \$18,000,000 more than in September, 1956. Hospital construction is now 56 per cent above the first nine months of 1956.

Construction by private schools and colleges was \$47,000,000 last month, a drop of two million dollars from September of last year.

President Endorses Laymen's Sunday Observance

New York (RNS) — President Eisenhower said that Laymen's Sunday, Oct. 20, "provides an opportunity for members of every congregation to express in their own words the faith which directs

Meth. Conferences Approve Amendment On Jurisdiction Transfer

NEW YORK (RNS)—Ninety-seven of the 139 Conferences in The Methodist Church have approved a proposed amendment to the denomination's constitution which sets up a procedure for the gradual dissolution of the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction and the integration of its churches, on a voluntary basis, into the five white geographical jurisdictions. Only six Conferences have rejected the amendment.

The proposal must be adopted by two-thirds of the total number of Conferences, with a two-thirds vote of approval in each. Final tabulation

will be made on the basis of the individual votes cast. It appeared certain, however, that the amendment has been carried.

After all the Conferences have voted, the vote will be reviewed by the Church's bishops and the result announced. The announcement is expected to be made in November.

At some Methodist Conference sessions speakers stressed that the measure is permissive, not mandatory, legislation and that it does not concern the question of interracial membership in local Methodist churches.

The amendment was approved by the Methodist General Conference last year and sent down to the individual Conferences for ratification.

Shipping Containers To Advertise Religion

New York (RNS)—Newest medium that will be used to promote support of churches and synagogues is the shipping container.

The Committee on Religion in American Life announced that a program had been worked out by the Stone Container Corp. of Chicago in cooperation with the Advertising Council. Business firms will be able to carry on their shipping containers, at no extra cost, a message advertising religion. It features a picture of a boy and girl and the words, "Give them a faith to live by . . . Worship with them this week."

The RIAL committee recently reported that several million dollars worth of advertising will be contributed by business to its 1957-58 campaign to increase regular attendance and support for all churches and synagogues.

Most of this advertising will be through billboards, newspapers, magazines, buses, subways and television. Highlight of the program is a national "go-to-church" drive in November.

Tenn. Governor Bids Christians Tackle Hard Jobs of World

Atlanta, Ga. (RNS)—It is up to Christians to "tackle the hard jobs of the world today," Gov. Frank Clement of Tennessee told a gathering of businessmen here.

"God needs the first-string players in these perilous times," he said, "and if Christian ministers and laymen aren't that first string I should like to know where to find it."

The governor spoke at the first breakfast meeting of the newly-formed "Men in Action for Christ," an association of Atlanta Christian business and professional men.

He said the time has come for "all of us to decide whether we are Democrats, Republicans, Americans, segregationists or integrationists first and Christians second or whether we're Christians first and everything else second."

President Hails World-Wide Bible Reading Observance

NEW YORK (RNS)—The 1957 Worldwide Bible Reading observance, from Thanksgiving to Christmas, was hailed by President Eisenhower as holding "a mighty promise" for mankind.

"As the Bible's message is made available in 1,100 tongues, reaching into the most distant corners of the earth," the President said, "we are given strength to continue our work toward that greatest objective of all: peace on earth, good will to men."

His comments were made in a message to the American Bible Society here which sponsors the annual program. Mr. Eisenhower is honorary chairman of the National Sponsoring Committee for the observance. Members of the committee include former Presidents Herbert C. Hoover and Harry S. Truman.

During the designated period, people all over the world read a pre-selected Scriptural passage on the same day. Last year persons in more than 50 countries participated in the observance, the society said.

Climax of the program is Universal Bible Sunday, a tradition in this country since 1904, which falls on Dec. 8.

This year's theme is "Now In 1,100 Tongues," a reference to the fact that the Bible, or portions of it, have been translated into that many languages or dialects.

Millions of bookmarks listing the suggested day-to-day Bible readings are distributed by the society. For the sixth year, it will make the list available in Braille for the blind.

EMC Workshop Next Week

ONE of the most significant pieces of work being done in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area at the present time is in the field of stewardship cultivation. As a part of the local church emphasis of this quadrennium, 1956-1960, the claims of Christian stewardship have been presented in a challenging way. While much of the emphasis has been on the financial aspects of stewardship, the emphasis has by no means been confined to this one point. However, in this field it is possible to measure attainments in a larger degree than is possible in other phases such as stewardship of time and talent.

We were amazed recently to learn, for example, that in the Louisiana Conference there has been an increase in pledges to local church programs of more than a \$1,000,000 during the past conference year due to the program of stewardship cultivation. Figures are not available as to increases in the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences, but it is supposed that significant increases have likewise been made there. The increase noted in the Louisiana Conference is among churches which have made reports. Many churches, the conference director reports, which have participated in the program have not yet made their reports. When these have reported the increase will be even more significant.

This amazing advance has been the result of the Every Member Canvass program being promoted in connection with the stewardship emphasis. Oftentime referred to as the EMC, the program gets at the very heart of the financial problem of many churches, lack of adequate support financially by many of the church's members. The program has been projected on the theory that when all of the families of a church are familiarized with what the church is planning to do to meet its opportunities and are challenged with the opportunity of making a pledge to support such a program, the response will be in keeping with the church's vision. Reports from many, many local churches indicate that the EMC has been and is the answer to the church's struggle with inadequate resources.

Next week, an Area-wide EMC workshop will be held at the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, at which time additional instruction will be given conference, district and local church leaders in EMC techniques. A two-day meeting, Wednesday and Thursday, the workshop offers guidance by qualified leaders who have much to offer. While certain leaders are especially being invited, the workshop is open to all interested church leaders. Your attendance will be a good investment for your church.

The Small Church Conference

SOME 30 leaders of town and country churches met at Camp Brewer last week where they received helpful information and stimulating inspiration. Held annually now for six years and promoted with the role of the small church pastor in mind, the conference has never failed to come up with a good program and its effectiveness restrained only by the limited number who attend.

The conference has drawn larger numbers in the past five years, but leaders reported satisfaction with the interest manifested and the spirit of those who profited by this year's presentation.

We were deeply impressed by the attitude which the program leadership of the annual conference expressed in their participation in the small church conference. There is, we believe, a genuine interest on the part of these leaders in the unique problems faced by small churches. This is, of course, as it should be.

One could hope that something might be worked out to make it possible for a larger number of small church pastors to share in this annual fellowship. Many of the pastors who would have profited the most were not in attendance. We believe that responsible conference leadership should seriously consider ways and means of financing the attendance of small church pastors who could profit much from such helpful programs.

Bishop's Devotional Messages Published

THE devotional addresses at the 1957 annual conference sessions delivered by Bishop Paul E. Martin were so impressive and helpful that two of the conferences requested that these addresses be reprinted for wider distribution. These devotionals have now been published by "Tidings," the publishing department of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, and are now ready for distribution.

Printed in booklet form under the title "Humanity Hath Need Of Thee," the three chapter headings include "Profile In Courage," "Through Gates of Splendor," and "The Singer Makes the Song." The booklet's subhead, "Stories of Faith in Action," point up Bishop Martin's approach to the chapter's contents, stories of men who exercised great faith in their calling. The first story deals with a Kansas political statesman, Edmund Ross; the second with that of the five missionaries who lost their lives in missionary endeavors in Ecuador; and the third with that of the beloved Methodist hymn-writer, Charles Wesley.

Copies of the booklet may be ordered direct from Tidings, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. Price, 25c each, or 20c in quantities of 10 or more.

"Men At Work"

WE were driving past a church one recent Sunday morning in the city in which we live and noticed a sign which had been placed in the street to slow the traffic near the church. Ordinarily, these signs remind drivers that church services are being held nearby, but this particular sign read, "Slow, Men at Work." Whether the placing of this particular sign was intentional or unintentional matters little. The sign spoke volumes of words about what actually constitutes a real church, "Men At Work."

Next Sunday, October 20, there will be hundreds of laymen at work in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area as Layman's Day is observed. This is part of a nation-wide observance which crosses many denominational lines. Laymen will be speaking from many of the pulpits, declaring their witness to the power of the Gospel of Christ in human experience.

There has been a rising tide of sincere interest on the part of the laity in religion in general and the organized church in particular during the past generation. At no time in the memory of any of us has this genuine interest been so widespread. Manifestation of this interest is seen in church attendance, participation in lay groups such as the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild for women and Methodist Men's groups for men, increased support of the church's financial program, the large number of lay people participating in district and conference programs, and the increasing number of lay people who are responding to missionary opportunities open to lay people.

The health and success of any local church's program is determined by the number of lay people who are actively engaged in its program. The day is passing when the church is thought of in terms of being the "preacher's business." The pastor in administering the church's program now seeks to cultivate and train the largest possible number of lay persons with whom to share the responsibility which is his. One of the pitfalls of new members is not becoming actively engaged in some aspect of the program life of a church.

Stated negatively, Layman's Day is not the one time in the calendar of the church when the laymen of the church have their day. Layman's Day is recognition of the fact that every day in a church's life the laity have a very important place and that the degree to which the laity responds to leadership opportunities determines the health and success of the church. The layman who speaks in your church next Sunday is simply evidence of the fact that "Men Are At Work" in the church.

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From Our Readers

This publication will publish from time to time letters and comments from our readers. You are invited to send your letters marked for this column. Comments about editorials, articles, program materials, and current issues are welcomed. All letters should be signed.

Editor:

I thought I would write and let you know how I have learned to appreciate our church paper, and it would be nice if the chairman of the committee on Christian literature would at some service call to everyone's attention special articles.

I appreciate especially the editorials which in these trying times reveal the high spiritual attitude of our church. I don't care for anything less.

I had not given much attention to the paper beyond noting the special articles until one evening I began to read it and found that all through the paper one could find items of great interest.

In your latest issue there was of course a story about our Bishop Martin's return, the new Union County ministers organization; increased enrollment at Hendrix and Dr. Kenneth W. Copeland's lectures at Magnolia.

But in the remainder of the paper there were articles of significance; "The Church's response to relief needs"; Membership growth in Japan; the story of Hong Kong; the plea for more ministerial students; the increase in receipts for the MYFund; the construction of the great pavilion by the Protestants at Brussels' Universal exhibition in 1958, and Dr. Roy L. Smith's global view of the church's task as the world remains half slave and half free, with millions going to sleep hungry and America quite prosperous.

These are but a few of the stories that attracted my attention, somehow I had all too often only read the front page, and neglected the smaller headlines.

A Forgetful Methodist.

Editor and friends throughout Arkansas Methodism:

You all have been very much in our prayers these past few weeks as you have undergone the stress and strain of tension in one of our nation's severe social problems. Recent incidents in Little Rock and other places as segregationists and integrationists lock horns in this tremendous legal and emotional battle have brought to focus much unfavorable publicity upon places and people my wife and family and I proudly claim as our homeland and home folks. If it is any comfort to you, you may know that Methodism all over America shares with you the pain and agony of this strife.

Our own people here at Junction City Methodist Church remembered you in a 24-hour prayer vigil last weekend in which our people pray-

establish a firm basis for a World Peace and a World Order marked by justice and freedom for all men. Justice and freedom belong to all men or they belong to none. The overwhelming opinion of mankind today is that they belong to all. And one of our greatest tasks is to make it a reality.

H. W. Jinske, Chairman,
Committee On World Peace,
North Ark. Conference

ed continuously in the sanctuary of our church for you as you face in the front line the issues in this great social conflict. We pray constantly that God will guide you, and bless you and keep you. We pray fervently that His Spirit shall so permeate the parties involved that we may together find the most constructive and the most Christian solution to the problem—and that right early.

We yearn for an opportunity to aid and assist you in any way we can in bringing about such a solution. It is clear that the answer will not be easy to find. We are aware of the fact that it is not all black and white on either side of the current conflict. But we share with you consciences that are sharpened by Christ's God-like ethics and therefore we look forward with you to that day when we shall all be one people under God, wholly integrated in the finest sense of the term. Toward this end we offer our sincerest prayers and any assistance which we as your brothers in the West can afford you in achieving this goal. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to help.

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. and Mrs.

James W. Workman, Jr.

Karen Sue, Jimmy Robb and Thomas Mark and

Our People of the Church at Junction City, Oregon

Editor:

I feel I must reply to the letter of W. L. Calavary concerning the offering in connection with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This practice is not building up as something new. It was done in the early days of our church. I have a copy of the Discipline, dated 1866 and I read: "during the reading of certain sentences from the Bible the stewards shall take up the collection for the poor."

I am glad to see our church practicing the rules laid down by our foundation. My only regret is that I am not able to give more.

How can any born again Christian feel that the church is asking too much of them, as they kneel at the altar in memory of God's greatest gift?

Must you be giving and giving again? Oh, no, just give till the Master stops giving to you.

Mrs. L. W. Duff
Wabbaseka, Ark.

AREA REPRESENTED
AT NAT'L EVANGELISM
MEETING THIS WEEK

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Smith; Rev. Clarence Wilcox of Brinkley; Rev. J. T. Byrd of Harrisburg; Rev. J. Ralph Hillis of Paragould; Rev. Lee Cate of Jacksonville; and Rev. Alvin Murray of Searcy. Rev. Mr. Bolin and Rev. Mr. Eggenberger are chairmen of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conference Boards of Evangelism, respectively. Rev. Mr. Murray is the secretary of evangelism of the North Arkansas Conference. The other pastors attending are district directors of evangelism in their respective districts.



Among the several dozen Methodists on hand to greet Bishop and Mrs. Martin at Union Station in Little Rock on their arrival Wednesday evening, October 2, was Austin Ledbetter, layman of the First Methodist Church in Benton. Rev. J. Ralph Clayton, Benton pastor, is shown with Mr. Ledbetter welcoming Bishop Martin. At the extreme right is Mrs. George Stewart, wife of the associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock. Bishop and Mrs. Martin had just completed a 3½ month visit to Europe and Africa. In Africa they visited many of the Methodist missionary stations. While in England, Bishop Martin attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Methodist World Council of Churches, of which he is a member.



By
Rev. R. A. Teeter

Says World Order
Sunday Promotes
World Understanding

We might say that World Order Sunday November 10 is the climax of World Order Week October 20 to 24. Both events give us an opportunity to look into the face of all mankind. On these occasions we can be lifted beyond our provincial thinking, beyond our community, state, and nation and even beyond racial lines.

On November 10 ministers will have an opportunity to make pronouncements of wide interest global in their scope. It will be an opportunity to clear up misunderstandings relative to race relations and International Good Will. Often the church's attitude has been misunderstood or misrepresented on issues of world-wide significance. If the church is to remain truly Christian it must have a profound social concern for all nations and races of men. To be anything less is to be less than Christian. And if the church is less than Christian, then we doubt if it deserves the support of laymen and ministers.

We are fast coming to recognize the fact that man must have a world view and act accordingly if he and his posterity are to survive in this atomic age. World Order Sunday relates that view to all men.

Today we discover a major twofold struggle: 1. The struggle for superiority in armaments; 2. The struggle for the control of the minds of men. A struggle of this magnitude cannot be ignored by the Christian church. As a consequence the church must also engage in another kind of struggle—a struggle marked by Christian principles and a desire to help es-

prove your own selves . . .

We cannot escape the personal implications of the proving ground.

Saw

A Proving
Ground

that was used by the army to test cannons and shells. Some projectiles would go beyond the limits—get out of bounds, some would fall short, and others were duds. Out of the information thus gathered, adjustments were made and standards of manufacture and operation were set. The objective was to produce weapons that would function properly in the wider circle of combat conditions. The soldiers, of course, did not have to "start from scratch." They already had much information. But this had to be tested under many different conditions.

All life is a kind of proving ground. Every day we are tested, proven, in some way. Also we have to make tests as well as submit to them. We do not start from nothing. We already have much information and experience. But we have to use it under varying conditions and our own changing moods. Our objective is to turn ourselves into men who will function properly under the ever widening and intensifying conditions of society—our combat conditions. We may overshoot the mark and get out of bounds, we may fall short of any worthy goal, or we may be a dud, though of course we are not artillery shells but rational personalities. That is the sharp point of the scripture: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." And lest we turn the matter aside as no concern of ours it is added: "Examine yourselves . . .

THE MOST INTERESTING WORD TO YOU

What is the most interesting word in our language? What word above all others will make us sit up and take notice? A popular writer on the psychology of success gave an answer. To each person the most interesting word in the language is his own name.



This is only a vivid way of saying we are all very much interested in ourselves. We need not deny this fact, nor apologize for it. Jesus founded His social philosophy on the basic assumption of man's self-concern. When He took over from Leviticus the law "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," He did not change it to read "Thou shalt love thy neighbor *instead* of thyself."

To love our neighbors does not mean we have to like what they do. We may be opposed to many things they do, but we should always love them in the sense of desiring their highest good.

Similarly to love ourselves does not mean we like ourselves. The fellow who is stuck on himself is usually stuck with himself. Nobody else wants him. But while you should criticize yourself and dislike many things you do, nevertheless you should love yourself—that is, you should desire your own highest good. To love yourself is to have a high self-respect.

Moreover, we are rightfully interested in ourselves, partly because we are ever surprising ourselves. Youth, we say, is a period of wonder when every bush is aflame with some new touch of heaven, when "the trailing clouds of glory" have not yet been dispelled by the light of common day.

Yet when sweet sixteen ripens into the sixties, the wonder grows that one small head could carry all it knows, yes, could carry so much more than it knows. As the shadows of evening fall on our lives, the lights outside of us may grow a bit dimmer to us, but new lights are turned on to illumine the mysteries within. The world within the self flashes more and more hints of its beyonds.

These surprising self-discoveries come in various ways. When, for instance, a mind has reached wit's end and knows not which way to turn, a

saving flash of higher wisdom comes like the leading of a kindly light amid the encircling gloom.

Or when human strength has come to "the end of its string," a new supply of power wells up from somewhere, and a person, walks out of a situation after a demonstration of endurance amazing to himself, saying, "I did not know it was in me."

Or it may be the surprising thing about ourselves is discovered by getting glimpses into the inner abysses of darkness. After some deep dark temptation, we shiver at the thought of how close we came to the brink of disaster.

After a crime of passion, the wrongdoer looks at the wreckage left by his deed and cries: "How could I have done that?" Having done what he would not, a person feels with Saint Paul, "It is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me."

Strange demonic powers sometimes seem to take possession of us. Mysterious possibilities of sinfulness are revealed within us. As William James once wrote: "Most of us do not live within sight of our limitations."

No, there is so much more of possible good and evil in us than we realize; but now and then we are pushed out to the frontiers of our routine living where we catch hints of the heights and depths and reaches of our lives.

The study of ourselves has become the most absorbing interest of our time. Books on psychology, peace of mind and self-help flow from the press. But one danger is that they set us looking at ourselves too much. A Persian fable tells of a father who, departing on a long journey, left with his son a mirror. When the father returned, he found the son starved to death. Too much introspection may close the intakes of the mind.

The fellow who is always looking out for Number One or looking at Number One fails to see the real and whole Number One. Photographers do not get the best effects by taking pictures of persons while they are looking in mirrors. The photographer tries to catch a person off guard. Then his real self comes out.

When we forget ourselves in something larger than ourselves, we discover unexpected possibilities within us.

The late Emmet Fox gave what he called the "Golden Key" of prayer. It was this: "Stop thinking about the difficulty whatever it is and think about God instead." Try it. —

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



OUR MISSIONARIES IN THE PHILIPPINES

Any story about a mission field would be incomplete without telling about the work of our own people who have dedicated their lives and their talents to the spreading of the Gospel. They will not let you call them heroes and heroines. They laugh about their unusual experiences and the frequent difficulties that they face. They pour their lives out freely into the life of the people whom they serve, and ask nothing more than the privilege of doing it again. Of course they get homesick just like you or I would, but you'll never hear it from their lips. They are too busy loving the people they serve to take time out for airing their troubles.

I'm sure that many Methodists do not know that we actually have two parallel missionary activities in Methodism. There are the works of the Board of Missions, and there are the works of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. These two agencies work together very happily. Furthermore, they add a "woman's touch" to much of our overseas work that definitely needs it. Now for purpose of brevity I shall not divide the story of our missionaries, but try to tell about as much of it as possible. . . . There are many names which shine out as one thinks of our work there. My team had the joy of knowing and working with Beverly Jackson, Betty Rogers, Dana Tyson, Madaleine Klepper, Sybil Casbeer, Elizabeth (Libby) Johannaber, and Leila Dingle. We met some others, but these young women worked by our sides on many occasions. They all possess radiant personalities and a seemingly endless source of energy. What is more, they all seemed able to look fresh and crisp after a long hard day which had been punctuated often by tropical rains. . . . There is Dr. Gerald Hartman (whose lovely home I visited) who bounces over rough roads with a mobile clinic in order that he can minister to both physical and spiritual needs of village people. There is John Lundy, a wonderful layman who gives his whole time to handling many financial affairs of the Church work. I think also of Charles Mosebrook, John

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

TRANQUILIZERS AND PEACE OF MIND

"The quest for 'peace of mind'—which normally is worthy and wholesome—has become an overwhelming fetish," Dr. Abram Leon Sachar, president of Brandeis University, told leaders of the Boy Scouts of America recently. Many of the people following this cult he described as "just willing to be tempted into any kind of aggravation."

"We are flooded with prescriptions on how to escape from anxiety," said Dr. Sachar. "The best-seller lists burgeon with guides to the Shangri-La of ease and serenity. The fashionable code-word seems to be 'relax.' We have virtually a national movement to evade any personal responsibility that may affect the blood pressure or agitate the colon."

Most of the people who read the better books on the general theme of how to secure peace of mind—such as the late Joshua L. Liebman's "Peace of Mind"—seem to fail to understand the real purpose of the books and the real avenue along which this "inner peace" is to be attained, Dr. Sachar suggested. The "peace" to be desired is not "the sloughing off of all responsibility," but the actual meeting and overcoming of prob-

Holt, Robert Goodloe, all of whom are adding their noble efforts to the spreading of the Kingdom. These are only a part of the total personnel of missionaries from the States. They are the ones whom I had the joy of knowing.

These people . . . and for that matter, all our missionaries . . . need three things from you and me. They need our constant prayers. The fellowship of prayer is much more powerful than you may know. I can testify to that. They also need your money. Just remember that if they are giving all their lives, you can at least think seriously about giving one-tenth of your taxable income. Most of all, these people need more fellow-workers. We must be willing and even anxious to send our own sons and daughters if God puts His hand on them. I know of no happier people than those whom I have met in our various mission works around the world.

lems and situations. It is not retreat from difficulties, but advance into them; not fear, but faith that they can be overcome; not surrender to what we call "the inevitable disaster," but belief in one's own power—and in God's help—to overcome.

The "peace of mind" that too many people are seeking is an escape from the facts of life, of men's living together, of the physical and moral laws of the universe. It is a lulling of the mind and spirit into sleep and forgetfulness. Indeed, it is on a par with the "tranquilizers" that have come into such common use that the medical profession is frightened at the possible long-time results. The tranquilizer puts mind and body to sleep—perhaps makes them dangerously inactive—yet cures nothing whatsoever. The "peace of mind" that deadens one—or lulls him into self-satisfaction—so that the challenges of life are by-passed, forgotten, or ignored, can be as damaging to human personality, individual and group, as is the sleeping pill.

The *Journal of the Alabama Medical Association* has estimated that in one year the amount of barbituric acid derivatives ("tranquilizers") produced in the U.S.A. was the equivalent of 32.3 grains for every man, woman and child in the nation—or enough to secure 176 hours of artificial sleep for each citizen. They are used to end "the little headaches"—but they may, doctors say, depress the spirits and undermine the memory.

Now I am sure that those who have written the best books on "peace of mind" (such as Rabbi Liebman's) have not intended them to be tranquilizers or "happiness pills." It is the non-understanding reader who has so taken them. The writers have been urging an attitude toward life, a belief in God and his purposes, a perspective of the place of the individual in the world that will lead him to face and overcome difficulties with mature understanding and re-action.

This "peace of mind" is not rest and sleep, but cheerful activity even to the facing of pain. That was the "peace of mind"—the long-range understanding and faith—that enabled the martyrs to go unflinchingly to the stake. That is the "peace of mind" that leads its possessor to tackle the causes of juvenile delinquency—not just ignore or deny them; to strive for the end of warfare—not to acquiesce in its "inevitability"; to get into the struggle for human rights and justice—not to seek isolation; to vote, to speak, to write, and to plan for human betterment—not to surrender because the path may be steep and rocky. True "peace of mind" is a call to responsibility, with a smile at the pain it may cause.

Securing Leaders In The Local Church

By Thomas H. Grafton, Mary Baldwin

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following articles of interest to leaders in town and country churches was originally printed in "The Rural Church," a publication for rural religious leaders in the middle west, and edited by Dr. Rockwell C. Smith, staff member of The Garrett Biblical Institute. This article is reprinted here at the suggestion of town and country leaders of this Area.

"FOUR indispensables are to be found in every successful church," writes Weldon Crossland. "They are program, organization, morale, and leadership, but the greatest of these is leadership."¹

Yes, the average minister may say, but where are the leaders to come from? Society suffers from a dearth of great leaders and so does the local church; what is to be done about it?

One answer is that more funds should be raised to bring in competent people from the outside. There are some advantages to imported paid leadership: it is likely to be better trained and more specialized, better motivated in some ways, and at least initially free from involvement with factions in the local status system. But on the other hand it cannot be sufficient to do all the work of the church directly, and the financial and other sacrifices entailed in procuring may seek compensation in the attitude of letting George do it.

Combining Profession and Volunteer Leadership

Our own point of view looks to a combination of professional and volunteer leaders, an equilibrium between the importees and the grass-roots variety. The objectives of the Christian movement are too personalized and decentralized for a few people, however expert, to achieve them alone. Even the collective aims, the ones to be achieved through concerted action in church and society, require the collaboration of a vast number of participants, ideally, all of them. The professional leader can put his knowledge, technique, connections with the wider world, and prestige at the disposal of the group; he can show them how. But lay leaders who come out of the community's life have their own kind of authority. They lack the career motivations of the professionals, but the fact is that the church is theirs in a peculiar sense, to be supported when the professionals are gone and whether they succeed or not. There is something formidable and inspiring about any man who stands for what is truly his. And the lay leader can exert influence upon and perhaps deliver other persons over whom he has ascendancy in the community's web of life: his family and other relatives, business associates, fellow club-members and other friends. Enlist him and he gives to the church a kind of power which the outsider may never have or require years to build up. There is always the fear, of course, that the lay leader will exploit his church position for other interests, either intentionally or unwittingly; this means he needs guidance and training and supervision. Here is where the minister and other professional leaders may come in.

Now it must be made clear that by leadership we no longer mean domination, a mere telling to others what they must do, backed by some kind of power. Leadership is a function of the group, a way in which the group defines its situation, clarifies its objectives, and selects those in whom it has confidence to lead the way.

The sociometrists have familiarized us with the fact that different leaders are selected for different functions. In this new perspective the leader gets his following along with his leadership status. Actually, of course, there are some people who hold offices who have usurped them in one way or another, or have lost touch with the people who once accepted them. Almost every church has somebody in an official capacity



who is in the way, and the group must take thought of how to get rid of him as well as replace him with a competent person who commands the confidence of the members.

Every Congregation Has Leadership

In general, it may be said that the congregation has ample latent talent if it can be discovered, recruited, and trained.

Supposing a particular church has gone along for many years allowing a few people to do all the work and now feels that the time has come for reappraisal and reorganization, where is the best place to start? Perhaps with the official board, which may endorse a program of surveying the current leadership, spreading tasks over a larger number of people, and relieving the over-worked of their disproportionate share of the load.

Nominations

A nominating committee will be needed, made up of people who are respected and trusted by the congregation and at the same time know the people and the current program. The membership should represent the entire church. Its size will depend on the size of the church and the work to be done. It is important that the members should feel that they have the congregation behind them in their work, and for this reason it is suggested that they be nominated from the floor.² The duties and qualifications of the members should be clearly understood before the election takes place. The confidential nature of their work must also be clearly understood. This is no place for the gossip.

Before nominations can be made intelligently, there must be some analysis of the total work to be done. A job analysis of the sort which is found so commonly in the business world will consider each position in terms of purpose, tasks, place in the general organization, time involved, and potentialities of the job provided the right

person can be found.³ Crossland lists some nineteen functions, namely: worship, preaching, music, Christian education, youth activities, women's work, missions and benevolences, fellowship, property, finances, visitation, membership, counseling, public relations, community outreach, Christian vocation and service, devotional life, secretarial service, and ushering.⁴ Within each of these areas the roles to be filled will be analyzed so that when recruiting is undertaken each prospect may be given a blue-print of the job to which he is being called.

Once the jobs have been mapped out, the Nominating Committee will build up its personnel file. The work will be greatly facilitated, of course, if records of positions held, meetings attended, and even refusals in the past to accept nominations are available.⁵ If the Committee has to start from scratch, it may be helpful to ask each member of the church to fill out something like the Volunteer Service Enlistment Blank prepared by the Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention. Opposite the church positions, classified under church administration, educational leadership, group leadership, and general church service, the member checks in the appropriate column to indicate the amount of previous experience he may have had, and whether he is "now doing," "needs help," or is "willing to prepare."⁶

The Committee will need to spend hours matching the tasks with available personnel. This will require frank discussion of the personal and technical qualifications of the prospects. Several candidates may be urged for the same position. The best one should be named. It may turn out, of course, that the best man has already been given enough to do in another part of the church structure; in this case it will be necessary to consider whether the church will profit, on the whole, by his serving there or here. One result of the discussion will be the discovery of other good people who may be recruited if the first choice fails us.

Discover New Leaders

An important part of the Committee's work will be to look for leaders who have been over-worked with the view of spreading the responsibilities over a larger number. Embarrassment in relieving individuals of some of the extra work they have been carrying is obviated by appealing to the church's stated policy of spreading the work and getting more persons to participate. The policy of rotation is also a resource in moving misfits. It is too much to be hoped for that all the square pegs should be retired at once; some, however, may be relieved of chairmanships in which they have lacked initiative or been too domineering with the explanation that others need to share the training many have had in leadership.

Enlist Selectees

The work of the Nominating Committee having been accomplished, the next step will be to enlist the selectees. We pass over, in this paper, the question of what body will confirm the nominations themselves; this may be answered in different ways according to the policy of the church involved. Who will undertake to make the recruiting interviews? No doubt a number of persons will be involved, care being given to choose the best persons to approach specific individuals. It is important to understand both the person and the job to which he is to be called. It is often desirable to carry along materials which may help to define the task. Denominational folders describing the particular work to be done will be helpful, also lesson materials for teachers, financial reports for those to be entrusted with the financial interests of the church, and so forth. The recruitment interview should be by appointment and, of course, face to face. "The prospective worker is led to a clear understanding of what is involved in the position that he is asked to accept, its importance, and how it affords opportunities for creative work."⁷ It is explained that the church has given careful consideration to the qualifications entailed and chosen him as the best person available. The appeal should be to the highest motives: loyalty to Christ, love for the church, the specific need, the opportunity to acquire and deploy skills of value to the Kingdom of God, the desire to serve.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

RAYMOND POTTER was the lay speaker for the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, Sunday, Oct. 13, where Rev. W. D. Milton is pastor.

REV. R. M. BENTLEY, pastor of the Abbeville Methodist Church, was guest preacher in revival services held at the Bayou Blue Methodist Church Sept. 29-Oct. 5, where Rev. Ira M. Robinson is pastor.

DR. G. W. POMEROY, pastor of First Church, Monroe, will be guest evangelist in revival services to be held at the First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, Oct. 27-Nov. 7, where Rev. George Pearce, Jr., is pastor.

REV. JOHN LEE of Natchitoches, who organized the Dry Prong Methodist Church nearly 40 years ago, preached in revival services held at the church Sept. 30-Oct. 4, where Rev. Sam Holladay is pastor.

REV. FRANK C. LANKFORD, pastor of the Litcher-Reserve Charge, was guest evangelist in revival services held at the Lasseigne Memorial Methodist Church, Laplace, Sept. 29-Oct. 4, where Rev. C. D. Pinckard is pastor.

JUDGE M. D. MILLER, JR., of Jennings, will be the Layman's Day speaker at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church of Bogalusa, where Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Men's Club of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, include O. S. Rakestraw, president; Byron Campbell, vice-president; and T. R. Trim, secretary-treasurer. Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor of the church.

REV. L. W. TAYLOR, pastor of the Rosedale and Lottie Methodist Churches, is guest preacher in revival services now being held at the Port Allen Methodist Church. The series of services began on Oct. 13 and will continue through Oct. 19. Rev. John Keller is pastor of the church.

REV. COLLINS D. PINKARD, pastor of the Lasseigne and St. John Methodist Churches in New Orleans, is preaching in revival services now being held at the Reserve Methodist Church, where Rev. Frank C. Lankford is pastor. The services began on Oct. 14 and will continue through Oct. 18.

FAMILY NIGHT was held Wednesday night, Oct. 9, in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church of DeRidder, and was sponsored by the Young Adult Sunday School Class of the church. W. E. Hall, Jr., is the teacher of the class and Rev. Robert H. Jamieson is pastor of the church.

THE JUNIOR CHOIR of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, under the direction of John Hammond, sang on World Wide Communion Sunday, Oct. 6. Sponsors of the choir are Miss Angle Tourne, Miss Tenney Moye, Mrs. H. E. Rinehart, Mrs. J. B. Whatley, and Mrs. Robert Easterling. Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor of the church.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Men's Club of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, are: president, George Gibson; vice-president, T. C. Landrum; secretary, Gene Ernst; treasurer, H. G. Pruyn. The Club meets every 4th Monday for a supper meeting served by the members of the W.S.C.S. Rev. George W. Harbuck is pastor of the church.

E. C. HOGAN, JR., of New York City, assistant director of Protestant Relationships of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, was guest speaker at the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Sunday evening, Oct. 6. Mr. Hogan was in Lake Charles attending a Conference on Protestant Relations in Boy Scout work. Dr. Carl F. Lueg is pastor of the church.

B. A. ROSE will be Laymen's Day speaker when the annual observance is held at the Louisi-

ana Memorial Methodist Church in Opelousas Oct. 20. Laymen in the church will be in charge of the entire service that day. On the committee for planning the observance are Ira Burleigh, Charlie Robertson, Charles Goodwin and B. A. Rose. Rev. R. E. Walton is pastor of the church.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES were held Sunday, Oct. 6, for the construction of the first unit of a new building of the Castle Manor Church, New Orleans. Those participating in the service were Dr. Virgil D. Morris, district superintendent; W. W. Purvis, building committee member; Charles Pumilia, building contractor, and the pastor, Rev. S. P. Emanuel.

REV. ANGUS CARRUTH, pastor of the Tangipahoa Methodist Church will be the guest evangelist in a series of revival services to be held at the Greensburg Methodist Church Oct. 27-Nov. 3. Homecoming will be observed on Sunday, Nov. 3, the closing day of the revival, according to plans now being made by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism of which O. D. Carruth is chairman. Rev. James A. Knight is pastor of the church.

REV. RUSSELL STELLWAGON, missionary on furlough from Japan, was guest speaker Wednesday night, Oct. 9, at the Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria. The special meeting, to which the public was invited, was sponsored by the W.S.C.S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild, according to an announcement made by Mrs. C. I. Davis, W.S.C.S. publicity chairman. Rev. Stellwagon showed slides of his work in Japan in connection with his discussion of that country. Rev. O. W. Spinks is pastor of the church.

THE ANNUAL Christian Workers training school at the First Methodist Church, New Iberia, was held Oct. 7-9. There were two sessions each evening. The courses taught were: Planning for Children in the Church, taught by Mrs. R. R. Branton, wife of Rev. R. R. Branton, superintendent of the Lafayette District; and Understanding Youth, taught by Rev. Byrl Moreland, pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette. Rev. W. R. Wendt is pastor of the church.

THE METHODIST MEN of the First Methodist Church of Hammond were guests of the Men's Club of the Ponchatoula Methodist Church at a dinner meeting, Tuesday evening, Oct. 1. Thirty-six men from Hammond made the trip in a chartered bus. A feature of the meeting was the showing of films of the Freeport Sulphur Company, a Louisiana industry. Rev. E. R. Thomas is pastor of the Hammond church and Rev. J. W. Matthews, Jr., is pastor of the Ponchatoula church.

REV. LOUIS M. COPPAGE, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, was guest preacher at the DeQuincy Methodist Church, Sunday morning, Sept. 29. At the evening service Robert E. Smith led a song service and showed a film, "The Way." On Oct. 6 Rev. Sam Nader, superintendent of the Lake Charles District, conducted the communion service. That evening, Rev. Carl Lueg, Jr., of Lake Charles preached. Rev. A. A. McKnight, pastor of the church, Mrs. McKnight and Alton, Jr., were on vacation in Sun Valley, Idaho.

THE RACELAND Methodist Church has just completed a week of extra church school class meetings held each evening for the different age groups. The adult class was taught by the pastor, Rev. Robert Collie, who used the text, *Disciples To Such A Lord*, the W.S.C.S. study book for the year. At the close of the extra sessions a covered dish supper was served. Average attendance for the classes was 29. It was decided to continue the adult meetings by having a Bible study each week in the homes of the members. The Raceland church is one of the current 1000 Club projects.

A NEW ROSTAND Hexagonal Chapel Set was presented to the Melville Methodist Church on Sept. 22. The presentation was made during the morning worship service by Rev. J. C.

Zerangue, in behalf of the family and friends of Mrs. Addie V. Zerangue. It was received for the church by Mrs. Ruth Hebert, chairman of the Official Board, and was dedicated by Rev. Ollie L. Golson, Jr., pastor of the Melville Church. The altar set is engraved with the following inscription: "In memory of Harnas E. and Addie V. Zerangue." It will be used in the sanctuary of the church at all services.

AT AN EXECUTIVE meeting in the Lacombe Methodist Church, Baily Hodges of Pearl River was elected chairman of the St. Tammany Parish Group Ministry for the ensuing year. Rev. K. K. Carithers, pastor of the Pearl River church, was elected co-chairman; Miss Norma Fussell of the Fitzgerald church was made secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. James Levy, Sr., of Slidell was named chairman of publicity. These officers with representatives from each church will meet in executive session on Oct. 27 to formulate plans for carrying out the objectives, as outlined by the special committee and as adopted by the Group Ministry.

SEPTEMBER RECEIPTS for Methodist World Service were slightly under September, 1956, receipts, but the first third of the fiscal year (June through September) registered a gain of 5.63 per cent over the corresponding four-month period a year ago. In his monthly report issued Oct. 2, the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, indicated that \$808,719.25 was received during September for World Service. This brought the four-month total up to \$2,171,668. All other funds, with the exception of World Service Specials, showed gains for the four-month period when compared with June through September, 1956. World Service Specials stood at \$17,962.57, a drop of 35.71 per cent.

DR. GUY M. HICKS, pastor of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, conducted the morning worship service at the annual homecoming of the Masonic Home in Alexandria, Sunday, Oct. 6, when approximately 500 Eastern Star members and Masons from throughout the state attended. Frank J. Stevens, superintendent of the institution, gave the address of welcome. Elmer I. Gibson of Harrisonburg, grand master, brought greetings from the Grand Lodge. Special music was presented by David P. Colvin and Miss Emma Rae Warner. Mrs. L. L. Ballard was general chairman of the homecoming. Members of her committee are, Mrs. A. B. Givens, Mrs. Roy Waitz, Mrs. Ross Wilson, David George, Vernon Dickerson, Virgil Simon and Rev. Clyde Shaw.

DR. ROBERT CASHMAN of Shreveport, was guest speaker at the evening service of the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church, Sunday, Sept. 22. Dr. Cashman has for more than 30 years been business manager and later vice president of the Chicago Theological Seminary. He is a former national moderator of the Congregational Christian Churches of the USA and as such he and his wife were delegates to the International Congregational Council at St. Andrews, Scotland, in the summer of 1954. Rev. James Stovall, pastor of the church, said Dr. Cashman has traveled over America and has been three times to Europe and once to the Orient. He is also the author of two books, "The Business Management of the Church" and "The Finances of the Church."

THE St. Claude Heights Church, Arabi, was organized Sunday, Sept. 30, 1956, in the St. Claude Heights Grammar School, Arabi, with 31 charter members and Rev. A. D. St. Amant, Jr., of Olla Methodist Church, as first pastor. The church now has 63 members, an active W.S.C.S. with 16 members and a church school of over 80 members. Rev. Robert Galatas was appointed full time minister of the congregation at the last session of the Louisiana Annual Conference. Ground was broken Sunday, Sept. 8, and the congregation expects to worship in the completed first unit of the new church plant on Christmas Sunday. The Building Committee of the church includes R. C. Abercrombie, Mrs. Walter Heston, John Redd, Jr., Miss Mildred Hoffpauir, and Rev. R. I. Galatas. The contract for the first unit has been let for \$30,740 and will provide church school rooms, a temporary sanctuary, and fellowship hall facilities. The entire unit will be air-conditioned.

Centenary Choir Begins Concert Schedule

The Centenary College Choir, whose members are veterans of two tours of the Far East, will present its annual "Rhapsody in View" concert Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 28 and 29, in the Byrd High School auditorium in Shreveport.

Methodists from throughout the tri-state area of Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas annually attend the concert, which traditionally launches the choir on its fall concert schedule.

The Shreveport Lions Club again is sponsoring the program, and proceeds from the event will be used to finance the club's sight conservation program in Shreveport. Dr. A. C. Voran, director of the 49-voice singing troupe, is a member of the



ROBERT H. MCGIMSEY

club and serves as musical director of Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport in addition to serving as associate professor of choral music at Centenary.

The majority of the choir members are of the Methodist denomination and are active in church youth work and also serve as choir soloists and members of the choirs of

Simpson Church Installs Playground Equipment



The Jack Rogers family recently gave \$1,000 for outside playground equipment for Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, according to the Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid, pastor. The church now schedules parties for children, birthday and other, on Saturdays. Many of the coming Saturdays have already been scheduled, the minister said. Rebecca Boisture, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Boisture, was entertaining when the above picture was made. The new playground is used for the recently organized nursery and kindergarten school and also for the Saturday parties.

their respective churches. For this reason, Methodists are among the staunchest supporters of the singing troupe and annually arrange for many concerts by the Centenary songsters in churches throughout the Ark-La-Tex.

The guest soloist at this year's event will be Robert H. McGimsey, composer of "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," "Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego," "Daniel in The Lion's Den" and many other spirituals. A brother of C. V. McGimsey of Shreveport, who is a member of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, the guest artist is equally well known as a composer, author, lecturer, musician and singer. He is termed the world's only three-tone whistler and can whistle in chords of three tones almost as easily as the average person can

carry a one-tone air.

A native of Pineville, McGimsey is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McGimsey of Shreveport. He was a successful lawyer, real estate dealer and cotton planter prior to achieving fame as a composer. He has studied piano, organ, theory and composition under Frank Damrosch at the Institute of Musical Art in New York and has had vocal training under Oscar Seagle.

McGimsey will join the choir in singing his own "Shadrach" and also will do some of his much-heralded whistling as well as lending his rich baritone to several compositions of his own.

Tickets for the forthcoming concert may be obtained by writing to Dr. A. C. Voran, Centenary College Choir, Shreveport, Louisiana. Early purchase of tickets is advised, since last year's event was a virtual sell-out on both evenings.

Southside, Monroe Reports Revival

Some 21 persons united with Monroe's Southside Methodist Church during a revival Sept. 22-29. Eleven became members on profession of faith and ten by transfer, according to the Rev. Lea Joyner, minister.

The Rev. Troy Garrett, pastor of First Methodist Church, Quitman, was the revival preacher; and R. L. Jones directed the music. Mrs. W. P. Stewart and Mrs. L. S. Chapman were organists. Pete Medak served as evangelism chairman.

Morning worship services were held at 9:30 Monday through Friday, and evening services, Sunday through Sunday. Other services included those for youth led by the Rev. Mr. Garrett; children's services led by Mrs. Carl Cheatham and Mrs. Edwin Fuller; and an adult prayer group led by Mrs. Jack Dana and Mrs. Mae Goode.

FIRST CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS, BEGINS BUILDING DRIVE

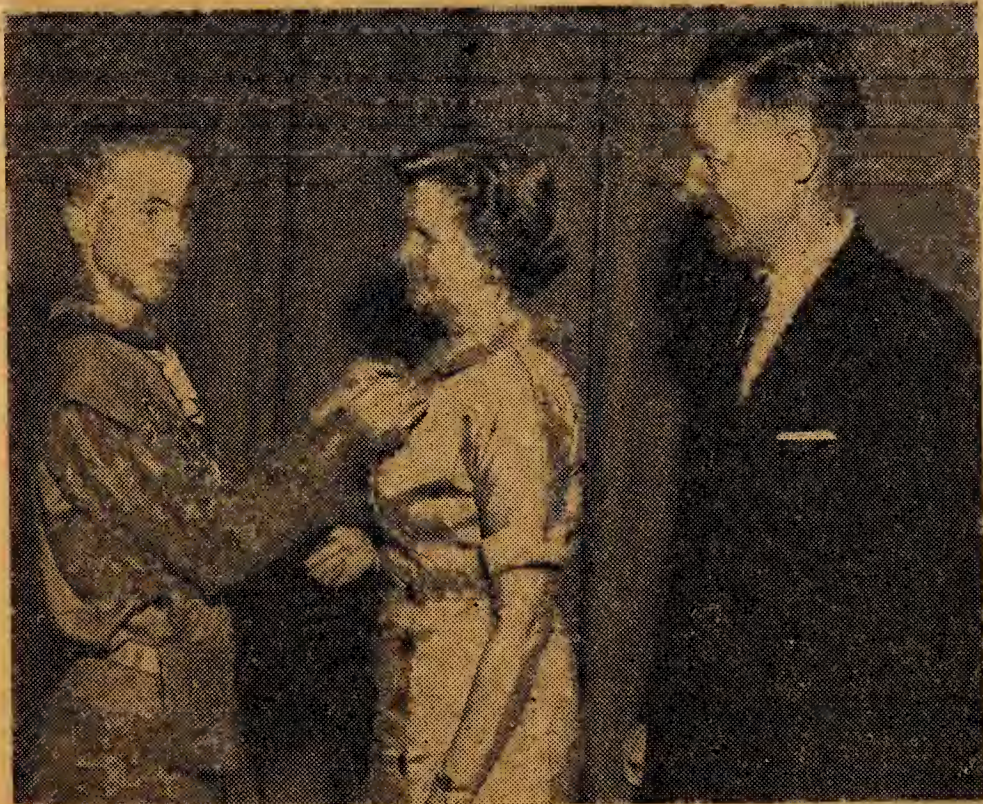
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the former First Methodist Church on St. Charles Avenue to form the present First Methodist Church. The new First Methodist Church is presently meeting in the former Canal Street property.

The structure will be erected at the corner of Jefferson Davis Parkway and Canal Street.

Plans and specifications are now being completed by the architectural firm and it is expected that these will be placed out among contractors for bids before the first of next year.

Henry Walther, Jr., is general chairman of the building committee and of the building fund campaign. The building committee is made up of members of the church Board of Trustees including Mr. Walther, Al Hanson, vice-chairman, W. W. Shaw, secretary, Forrest Rendleton, R. R. Rooks, A. M. Walker, D. M. Hayes, O. E. Schupp, and E. M. Caruth.



Above is pictured Don Pearce, member of Boy Scout Troop 60 in Natchitoches who recently received the Eagle Badge, the highest award in the scouting program. Don is shown pinning a miniature Eagle Badge on his mother, Mrs. George Pearce, Jr., as his father, Rev. George Pearce, Jr., pastor of First Church, Natchitoches, looks on. Troop 60, is sponsored by the Methodist Men's organization of First Church, Natchitoches.

EMC Director Reports Large Gains

There was an increase of more than 45% in the amount pledged by the 174 churches in the Louisiana Conference that submitted reports in the Every Member Canvass program last conference year, according to Rev. Karl Tooke of Shreveport, conference director of the EMC.

In a report released last week based on reports from the 174 churches, \$4,260,654 was reported as having been pledged for these churches for the 1957-58 year. This represents an increase of \$1,336,860 over the \$2,923,794 which these churches had pledged for 1956-57.

The Alexandria District, according to Rev. Mr. Tooke, showed the largest per cent of gain. \$380,062 has been pledged for 1957-58, an increase of 85.66% over the \$204,713 which had been pledged the previous year. This is a per capita pledge of \$61.32.

The Ruston District showed a 82.01% gain, having current pledges of \$175,637.

The Lake Charles and Lafayette

Districts were other districts showing substantial gains. The Lake Charles District increased from \$315,831 to \$500,587, a gain of 58.34%; the Lafayette District increased from \$245,756 to \$407,729, an increase of 74.05%.

Rev. Mr. Tooke reported that the per capita pledge for the 174 churches now stands at \$50.88 as compared to \$34.92 of last year. Local church membership represented in the report is 72.21% of the conference membership.

Rev. Mr. Tooke paid high tribute to the district superintendent, district directors of the EMC, and local church leaders who have made this report possible through their leadership.

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MYF ORGANIZED AT MELLWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

The Mellwood Methodist Youth Fellowship was organized at a meeting Sunday night at the Mellwood Church which is on the Elaine Circuit. The officers are as follows: Miss Fay Beith, president; Miss Kay Beith, vice-president; Miss Sallie Pickard, secretary; Miss Ginger Marks, treasurer; Miss Shela Brock, recreation chairman; and Miss Jo Ann Davis, worship chairman.

The group sponsors are: Mr. and Mrs. Willis Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Quinn. The group will meet each Sunday night at the church at 6:30. There will be a business meeting, a worship service, and a period of recreation and refreshments. Miss Tabbie Ann Blackburn was appointed refreshments chairman for the year.

The newly formed MYF stated that it would have two projects. The first would be to formulate a youth choir in an endeavor to improve the quality of music for the Sunday morning service; and secondly, great emphasis is to be placed on the MYF Fund. The Rev. Charles Casteel is pastor of the Elaine Circuit.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Howard Brown

The regular meeting of the Howard Brown Sub-district was called to order by the president, Ann Powell, in Rayville, La.

Rayville was in charge of the program and also the installation of the new Sub-district officers.

Roll was called and Pioneer had the most members present. They received the MYF pennant to put in their local church, because they have had the most present for four consecutive meetings.

The Monroe District Workshop was discussed and all Sub-district officers were urged to attend.

The meeting was then adjourned.

The next Sub-district council meeting will be October 29 at Dillhi. All members are urged to be there. Janet Proctor is publicity chairman.

Buffalo Island

The Buffalo Island Sub-district met at the Manila, Ark., Methodist Church, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. The group met in the recreation hall for a period of recreation and fellowship, and then had refreshments. The Sub-district officers, counselors, and ministers, who constitute the Sub-district council, met and elected Judy Dennis of Caraway, representative for the district council. The president, Michael Powell, was in charge of the business session. Roll call was held, and Riverside won the banner with 734 points. Myra Ashabanner, Sub-district secretary from Manila, was elected reporter to send news of the Sub-district meetings to the Arkansas Methodist once a month. The next Sub-district meeting will meet at Macey. After the business meeting the group went to the sanctuary for the program, on "Prayer." Rev. Clyde Crozer, pastor of the church, was in charge. The meeting was closed with the MYF benediction.

Youth Activities Week Observed In Fayetteville

Central Methodist and Wiggins senior youth shared in a Youth Activities Week September 29-October 2. The Youth Council chose the theme, "Being Christian Makes a Difference"; and asked Rev. George Ivey, pastor of First Methodist Church, Springdale, to be the keynote speaker each evening.

Timely subjects such as "Daily Social Temptations," "The Christian Versus Racial Prejudice," and "How Can I Know there is a God?" were used in discussion groups on different evenings. The groups were led by Dr. Joe Bill Hall, Mrs. Paul Noland, and Dr. John McKinney.

A "foreign feasting" was enjoyed each evening. The first night Italy was "visited" and spaghetti was served; the next, "a quick trip" to Japan to have a rice and chicken dish; the next night the youth "skipped over" to Mexico for some red-hot tamales; and the last night a "trip was made" to France when the group enjoyed some very special meat pie with vegetables.

The youth expressed their week of activities in this way — "Wow, there was so much good food, so many good talks, we couldn't help but have a wonderful experience." Mrs. Frankie Adams is educational assistant at Central Church.

"Citizens of One World" Is Fall Action Project

An action project for older youth, with the theme "Citizens of One World," has been planned for fall, it has been announced by the Rev. Wallace Chappell.

Mr. Chappell is a member of the Youth Department staff of the General Board of Education, with responsibility for older youth work.

The project is planned as an outgrowth of the study unit, "All Nations Under God," that will appear in the October *Christian Action*, which has been changed from a quarterly to a monthly periodical.

The study unit has been written by Mr. Herman Will of the Board of World Peace staff and will contain basic guidance materials for the project.

A flyer, No. 2465-B, is available free from the Service Department, General Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. The flyer lists possible types of action and additional resources mentioned in the unit.

GLENMORA MYF REORGANIZES

The MYF of Glenmora, La., met recently for reorganization. Gayle Myers, president, presided, and Jimmie Nell Willis was elected to serve with her.

Plans were made for a Halloween party and Suzy Blackburn, program chairman, outlined the program for the next Sunday's meeting.

Others attending were Laura Deen, Ruth and Mack Goree, Donald Tolbert, Gary Elliott, Joy Dell and Anita Kent, Lillie Stewart, Sharon Jenkins and Mrs. Phillip Higdon, Mrs. Ada Ruth Gann, and the Rev. D. R. Deen, pastor.

Worship Service Prepared For 16th Anniversary of MYF

A special worship service has been prepared to help Methodist youth observe the sixteenth anniversary of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Prepared by the Rev. M. Leo Rippey, Jr., the service is entitled "New Men for a New Day." It will appear in the December *Roundtable*. Reprints will be available in quantity by November 1 from the Service Department, Methodist Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

DISSERTATION ON DOG-BITE

By Hoover Rupert

As one who has had his share of dog-days in the routine of rural parish visitation, I read with sympathetic concern the news release some time ago from the office of the Postmaster General of the United States. Mr. Arthur E. Summerfield released some startling and arresting information, which is not surprising news. During the previous twelve months, exactly 5,880 mailmen were bitten by American dogs. How many of the brethren suffered return calls from friend pooch is not in the report, but doubtless there were many.

In case you want all the bitter facts, 72 per cent of the 5,880 hardy warriors of the mail bag received their canine greeting with teeth below the knee. The dogs confronted 13 per cent of them on the hand or forearm. 12 per cent were bitten above the knee, while the remaining 3 per cent nursed wounds elsewhere on the anatomy. So much for the gory details.

Dogs have long been an occupational hazard for the men who have braved the sleet, the snow, the rain, the storm and wind from the days of the Pony Express right down to the stage-coach drivers who make so much work for Tonto and the Lone Ranger. Of course, mailmen aren't the only folks who face this occupational hazard. Take the fellow who delivers groceries at the back-doors of his clientele — he has to gain entrance into a kitchen which is often guarded by a snarling defender of the premises. And the visiting preacher — got so I never got out of the car at an isolated residence particularly where dogs, friendly or otherwise, are cavorting around the auto, until I discover that someone of the human species is also around. Not all dogs are as smart as Lassie and thereby able to discern divinity when it appears in the form of the village parson.

But back to boys with the mail pouches on shoulder and the dog at heels. It is interesting to note that 5,880 of the brothers encountered difficulty sufficient to make a report on it. But what of the thousands and thousands of others who braved the same dogged barking and snappings without a break in their epidermis through the incisive infiltration of canine molars. They safely and successfully delivered the United States mail, and many times the only comment from constituents was a complaint that they hadn't brought the letter which Aunt Nellie had promised or which Junior expected from the girl he met at Methodist youth camp.

Seems there might be several morals to be drawn. I won't exhaust the list but note a couple so I'll feel justified in recording these

The Methodist Youth Fellowship as an organization was installed throughout the church at a Watch Night service December 31, 1941. Since that time thousands of Methodist Youth Fellowships have observed the occasion each year.

All members of the congregation are invited to attend this hour of worship sponsored by the youth of the church. MYF members have discovered that this is the best way to celebrate New Year's Eve as well as the birthday of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, it was said by the Rev. Harold W. Ewing, director of the Youth Department, General Board of Education.

It is expected that as *New Men for a New Day* is used in thousands of congregations on New Year's Eve, it will serve to emphasize the importance of youth work in The Methodist Church.

Texarkana Group Attends District Meeting

Twelve members of the Senior Department, of First Methodist Church, Texarkana, with their adult workers, attended the Hope District MYF meeting in DeQueen recently. The meeting began with a hamburger fry at 5:00 o'clock. Following the supper, Anita Erb led the group in recreation.

The devotional message was given by the Rev. Howard Williams, College Hill Methodist Church pastor. His theme concerned the "Origin of the Bible." He stated that throughout the youth work in the conference during this quarter, special emphasis will be given to the study of the Bible.

In line with the theme, members of the Miller-Little River Sub-district presented a skit, "To Tell the Truth," which was based on Biblical characters. Participating from the Texarkana church were Joan Davis, Zollene Bennett, Bobby Ross, Robert Burton and Anita Erb. The skit was planned by Bobby Ross and directed by Miss Ruth Nolze, Sub-district counselor.

tidbits of information here. The church and its leaders might well find a moral in the successful and safe deliveries of the mail, suggests Graham R. Hodges in commenting on this report.

Another moral I see in it with a youthful accent is the fact that there is no indication that they plan to stop the mail deliveries because of the dogs. The threats to morals in our time, the dangers inherent in standing up and being counted as Christian in a time of crisis — these have never deterred the true Christian from his witness nor from his Christian service.

THE LOUISIANA METHODIST



Camden District Children and Youth Missionary Institute

The Camden District Missionary Institute for Children and Youth Workers was held at Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, October 4th with eighty-three workers present.

Mrs. J. F. McKinnon, District President, gave the call to order. Dr. W. Neill Hart, District Superintendent, gave the devotional. The Mission Studies for the year for both groups were presented, Christ, The Church and Race; Primaries, Mrs. Margaret Patrick; Juniors, Mrs. M. W. Miller, Intermediates, Mrs. Noel Smith and Seniors, Miss Polly Lassiter.

The Study, Japan, was presented by, Primaries, Mrs. W. J. Lester; Juniors, Mrs. B. O. Blackmon, Intermediates, Mrs. J. M. Curtis and Seniors, Mrs. John G. Rickey, District Secretary of Youth.

Conference officers present were

Mrs. E. E. Forhell, Secretary of Children's Work, and Mrs. M. E. Scott, Conference President of W.S.C.S. District officers, Mrs. R. A. McLeon, Director of Children's work, and Rev. Virgil Bell, Director of Youth work, addressed the group in the afternoon giving the program for the year of each group.

Mrs. C. A. Proffitt, District W.S.C.S. Secretary of Literature and Publications, was in charge of the sales. Mrs. Curtis is Secretary of Missionary Education for the District W.S.C.S. Lunch was served by the ladies of the church, with Mrs. Perry Bolding, President of church W.S.C.S., in charge. Invocation was given by Dr. Hart.

Dr. Hart held a District Pastors meeting in connection with this meeting. Rev. M. E. Scott, host minister, gave the benediction.

Societies Have Studies

Morrilton

Women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Morrilton church have just concluded a four-session study on *Japan Today* which had many interesting features.

At the close of the first afternoon program, a Japanese Tea was held at the parsonage. Mrs. Floyd Villines, Jr., in Japanese costume, was hostess; the rooms were gaily decorated with lanterns and Japanese art work, and tea was served in the Japanese manner.

Other features were elaborate and colorful exhibits of handicraft and souvenirs; a display of Japanese Flower Arrangements—one for each season of the year; a table arrangement of the principal foods of Japan; and a demonstration of Japanese games. Slides, pronunciation charts and maps, including one showing Methodist centers at work, were used in presenting the subject-matter.

Mrs. Orlando Stephenson, Mrs. Paul Liddicoat and Mrs. Elmer Parlette were among those who contributed first-hand information about Japan. The course was directed by Mrs. D. F. Newkirk. As reminders of the study, Mrs. Newkirk distributed to all members of the class the Japanese fans and miniature paper parasols which were used as illustration in the opening session.

Mulberry

The Woman's Society of Mulberry is studying "Disciples to Such a Land" with Mrs. Boyd Farmby as leader. Miss Lillian Winfrey is leading the Wesleyan Service Guild in the study. Both groups have good attendance at the studies and much interest is shown.

Circle Named For Mrs. George Redman

The Oppello circle No. 1 at its regular October meeting, voted unanimously to name its organization the Maude Redman Circle in memory of the late Mrs. George Redman.

Mrs. Redman exemplified a fine Christian spirit in her circle work and was an active member from the time the circle was organized in 1937.

Mrs. Redman led a busy life, however, she was never too busy to take an active part in church work.

Truly she lived a consecrated Christian life that is an inspiration to other circle members. It is with great pride and loving memory of her spirit that the Oppello circle one shall henceforth be known as the Maude Redman circle.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, honored all women of the church with a tea on Sunday, October 6, from three until five, in the church parlor.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. J. H. Walker, president of the Society, Mrs. Ralph Cain, wife of the pastor, and Mrs. Dan McDuff, president of the Guild. Mrs. Barr Corry attended the guest book.

Alternating at the punch bowl were Mrs. W. W. Stevens, Mrs. Jim Davis, Mrs. W. C. Honeycutt, and Mrs. M. L. Mason.

Members of the Ringgold Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the parsonage Monday morning, September 30, with Mrs. Roy Grant and Mrs. L. D. Kinnard, co-hostesses.

In addition to regular business and worship program, officers' training was conducted. Mrs. E. C. Huggins gave the opening prayer with Mrs. Roger Lawson, Mrs. Etyle Conly and Mrs. Kinard presenting the program. Miss Gladys

Arkadelphia District Day Apart

Following a Retreat at Mt. Sequoyah, The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Arkadelphia District observed a "Day Apart" in First Church, Hot Springs, on September 6, 1957.

Mrs. Farrar Newberry, delegate from the district who attended this retreat, was in charge of the meeting with the assistance of Mrs. H. King Wade, District Secretary of Spiritual Life.

After opening the meeting with the singing of a hymn and prayer, Mrs. Newberry gave a most inspirational talk, explaining what the retreat was and likened the spiritual strength gained from devotions and a quiet time, with Our Heavenly Father, to the plugging in of power in our homes of electricity, pointing out that the power is always available if we only avail ourselves of it.

Mrs. Wade spoke of a time for meditation and prayer as being a date with God, reminding us of how important we make appointments and engagements with our friends. She asked that we try to be just as diligent in keeping our appointment with God and strive to let nothing interfere. She then led a discussion on spiritual life.

Almost everyone present contributed some thought of inspiration from her own personal experience.

Lunch was served in the dining room of the church by the host Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Following lunch the meeting reconvened for the afternoon service. Mrs. Newberry spoke on The Lord's Prayer, giving an analysis of its meaning and application to the individual. Mrs. Louis Hickman then sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. T. H. McLean.

Mrs. C. A. Evans, from Arkadelphia, spoke on the value of a quiet time for Bible Reading and prayer.

The meeting closed with a devotional service given by Mrs. E. D. Galloway, using God's Grace as her theme, and ending with the hymn, "Amazing Grace."

Truly for those present, it was a "Day Apart."

Bryan gave the closing prayer, followed by a covered dish luncheon.

At the regular business meeting held on the anniversary date, special emphasis was placed on the October anniversary of the Morningside, Shreveport, society. The society was founded on October 2, 1947 and has grown from 13 members constituting one circle to 62 members in five circles. In September a membership program was begun wherein a visit would be made to every woman in the church not a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service or Wesleyan Service Guild. Rev. Eldred Blakeley is the pastor.

Memorial Church, Monroe, Honors Women

Rev. Ralph Cain, at the request of the Board of Stewards of Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, proclaimed September as the month to emphasize women's work in the church.

At each worship service during this month, a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild or of the Woman's Society of Christian Service presented a three minute talk on various phases of women's work. Thus the women who belong to neither organization, and the men of the church became acquainted with some of the tasks Methodist women have undertaken.

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy of Monroe's First Methodist Church, gave the principal address at Memorial for the evening worship service on September 29. A very able speaker, she brought an inspiring message on a Christian's responsibility in the world. This was a fitting climax for the month's program.

New Wesleyan Service Guild Organized

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Bald Knob Methodist Church was organized on October 7, 1957, with the following members: Mrs. Sallee Martin, Mrs. Opal Street, Miss Sarah Ford, Mrs. Mary Lou Lambert, Mrs. Coy Richards, Mrs. Faye Ward, Mrs. Grace Huffaker, Mrs. Bonnie Dark, Mrs. Montine Whitley, Mrs. Estelle Edwards, Mrs. Donna Sue Haisty, Mrs. Virginia Biggs, Mrs. Katherine Bone, Mrs. Hazel Burkett, and Mrs. Ruth Hamilton.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Katherine Bone; Vice-president, Mrs. Donna Sue Haisty; Secretary and Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Hamilton; Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. Montine Whitley; Treasurer, Mrs. Opal Street; Coordinator, Mrs. Bonnie Dark; Spiritual Life, Miss Sarah Ford; Missionary Education, Mrs. Virginia Biggs; Membership, Mrs. Coy Richards; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Grace Huffaker; Supply Work, Mrs. Sallee Martin; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Estelle Edwards; Status of Women, Mrs. Hazel Burkett.

The program chairman, Mrs. Virginia Biggs, presented an explanation of the What, Why, and How of the Wesleyan Service Guild. The four goals of the Wesleyan Guild which are: Enrichment of Spiritual Life; Practice of World Brotherhood, Promote Christian Social Relations, and Local Church Activities, and Better Use of Leisure Time, were given by Miss Sarah Ford, Mrs. Virginia Biggs, Mrs. Donna Sue Haisty, Mrs. Bonnie Dark, and Mrs. Ruth Hamilton.



NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Pastors Send Official List

The pastors of the North Arkansas Conference have been asked to send in a list of church school officers and other names for mailing addresses.

We appreciate the fine number of responses made by pastors to this request. Should any pastor have failed to receive the forms on which to send his church school official list to the office of the Conference Board of Education, we hope he will write our office at an early date, and we will send the needed form or forms.

We find this splendid list of church school officials very helpful in planning the conference cultivation program in the field of education.

The reports coming to our office indicate that the Bentonville area had a splendid training program during the week of September 30 and following. Dr. and Mrs. Roy I. Bagley taught in this school offering the following courses: "Teaching Children" and "The Meaning of Methodism." Thirty-one course cards were issued.

The Berryville area had a three-unit training school October 7-9 with the following courses being offered: "Teaching Children," Mrs. H. E. Tomlinson; "The Methodist Youth Fellowship," Gerald D. Hammett; "Christian Beliefs," Ira A. Brumley. Seventy people were enrolled in the school. The response made by the four churches participating, Berryville, Eureka Springs, Green Forest, and Alpena, probably was the best response these churches have made to a training school in some time.

The Fayetteville District is planning for three other training enterprises at an early date. Lincoln area school, November 4-6; Fayetteville area school, November 10-14; and the Siloam Springs area school, date not yet announced.

Rev. A. C. Brannon of Trumann has recently been certified for the first and second series courses on "Young Adult Work" in the Church.

Rev. W. Leonard Byers of Green Forest has been certified as a Dean for training schools.

Rev. Worth W. Gibson of North Little Rock and Rev. William Wilder of Van Buren have been certified as laboratory instructors in the field of intermediate work.

Splendid reports on Church School Rally Day offerings con-

GREATER LR ANNUAL TRAINING SCHOOL IN SESSION

Some 350 persons registered for the Annual Training School for Christian Workers, sponsored by the Methodist Churches of Greater Little Rock, which is in session this week at Winfield Methodist Church. The five-day program, which began Oct. 13 and will adjourn this evening (Oct. 17), is featuring a faculty of nine resource leaders.

Courses and instructors are as follows: "The Child's Approach to Religion," Mrs. Delbert Hill, Evansville, Ind.; "The Home and Church Working Together for Children," Mrs. H. L. Tomlinson, Memphis, Tenn.; "The Use of the Bible with Children," Mrs. J. H. Monday, Little Rock; "The Methodist Youth Fellowship," Rev. John Hassler, Little Rock; "Understanding Youth," Dr. James S. Upton, professor at Hendrix College, Conway; "Music in Christian Education," Dr. Fagan Thompson, staff member, Ft. Roots Hospital, North Little Rock; "How to Read and Study the Bible," Dr. Lindsey Pherigo, professor at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.; and "The Gospel of St. Mark," Dr. Wesley C. Davis, professor at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.

Officers of the board's school of managers are Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, chairman; Dr. Arthur Terry, dean; Mrs. J. H. Monday, secretary; and James H. Johnson, treasurer.

tinue to reach our office. We hope to be able to give a detailed report on Rally Day offerings in a few days.

Splendid reports continue to come to our office concerning church school membership and attendance in a number of church schools.

This is the time of year for church schools to increase membership and attendance.

Letters are going to church school superintendents calling attention to the membership situation in the conference, in their respective districts, and in their local churches, according to the Annual Conference report last June.

We are suggesting to local churches that they set a membership goal. The conference office has no tendency to suggest goals for local churches. These goals should be set on the basis of available prospects for church school membership.

Has your church school made a study of the community to see what the responsibility of your church school is for reaching and enlisting new church school members?

The future of evangelism in our conference depends in a large measure upon our church school programs of membership increase.

Christian Education Week Observances Reported Throughout Louisiana

Melville

Rally Day and Promotion Sunday were observed on September 29, at the Melville, La., Methodist Church. Certificates of promotion were awarded to the following persons: KINDERGARTEN TO Primary: Richard Savage, Charles Moreau, Charles Antie, Audrey Thibodeaux, Jerry Aguilard, Lynn Moreau; JUNIOR TO INTERMEDIATE: Ray Goudeau, Faye Goudeau, Michelle Slater; INTERMEDIATE TO SENIOR: Jim Wade Pullen, Bernadine Allaine, Bobby DeMann, Herbert Thomasson, Dorothy Coulon, John Brooks, Ronnie Barras, Jeanette Curtis, and Evelyn Ormand.

As a part of the Morning Worship Service, there was a recognition service for the officers and teachers of the Church School. These workers and their offices are as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. Ethel Wyble; Membership Superintendent, Mrs. Evie Jones; Adult Division Superintendent, Mrs. Florence Bailey; Youth Division Superintendent, Mrs. Ruth Hebert; Children's Division Superintendent, Mrs. Phillip Geady; Assistant Superintendent Church School, Mr. Dasmel Myers; Cradle Roll teacher, Mrs. Ruby Satterly; Beginners Teachers, Miss Peggy Thomasson and Miss Debbs Pullen; Kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Evie Jones and Miss Donna Lee Jones; Primary Teachers, Mrs. Evelyn Geeary and Mrs. Ethel White; Junior Teachers, Mrs. Marceline Teer and Mrs. Betty Thibodeaux; Intermediate Teachers, Mrs. Leslie Worden and Mrs. Neva Pullen; Senior Teachers, Mrs. Ruth Hebert and Mrs. Maude Zerangue; Adult Teachers, Mrs. Florence Bailey and Mrs. C. P. Overton; and Adult Home Department, Mrs. Ethel Wyble. The Rev. Ollie L. Golson, Jr., is pastor.

First Church, Crowley

Christian Education Week was observed September 29-October 6, at the First Methodist Church in Crowley. On Sunday, September 29, a Rally Day program entitled "The Time Is Now" was presented. This program, which included all ages in the cast, portrayed not only how a person develops in the Church School, but also gave an opportunity to introduce the workers and teachers in the church. Immediately after the program, the pupils were awarded Promotional Certificates. The members of the group entering the fourth grade were each given a copy of the R.S.V. of The Holy Bible.

On Monday, September 30, the first Worker's Conference of the new year was held. After the meeting was opened by Dr. A. E. Stanton, Norma Girlington led the devotional. The group then divided into departmental groups to plan and discuss their particular needs. A sharing session followed.

Wednesday, October 2, was Family Night, and about 90 persons enjoyed the fellowship. One of the outstanding things planned for the evening was the showing of a film of the Church School, taken by Dr. Stanton about six years ago. The children, especially, enjoyed seeing themselves as they looked then.

On Sunday, October 6, at the regular morning worship service, a dedication of the workers and teachers of the Church School was held.

Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial, Bogalusa

The Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, La., installed church school officers and teachers on World Wide Communion Sunday, according to the Rev. Robert B. Crichlow, minister.

Officers include: Louis Mitchell, general superintendent; Byron Campbell, attendance superintendent; W. M. Givens, superintendent of adult division; Hugh Goldsby, superintendent of youth division; Mrs. I. J. Williams, superintendent of children's division; Mrs. Bobbie Hutchinson, superintendent of senior department; Mrs. Gary Holcomb, Jr., acting superintendent of intermediate department; Mrs. H. F. Wesley, intermediate MYF counselor; Mrs. J. H. Verdel, superintendent of primary department; Miss Sara Wadsworth, superintendent of junior department; Mrs. M. L. Simmons, superintendent of kindergarten; Mrs. Claude Carr, superintendent of nursery; Mrs. Arthur Rigsby, superintendent of Cradle Roll department; Mrs. Christelle Knight, general secretary; Mrs. John Miller, assistant secretary; and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rigsby, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gates, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Simmons, and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Givens, recreation counselors.

Teachers in the various departments are as follows: nursery—Mesdames Frank Graves, H. V. Patten, Alcous Stewart, and Sam Lancaster, Jr.; kindergarten—Mesdames Earl Gates, Dave Lewis, B. D. Talley, Jr., and Julius Seal; primary—Mesdames W. A. Page, Hilda Less, Leverette Smith, H. T. Hill, Carl McKay, and Coleman Knight; junior—Mesdames Charles Traylor, J. E. Sapp, E. J. LaCroix, Norman Ott, Jr., and Mr. W. L. Henderson; intermediate—Mesdames Corbett Mitchell, W. F. Caldwell, and Gary Holcomb, Jr.; senior-youth people—Frank Graves; and adult classes—Mrs. B. H. Alford, Ray Wallis, Al Paddock, Mrs. Leonard Young, Miss Louise Peritt; and substitute teachers—B. D. Talley, Jr., and Mrs. Frank Kentzel.

(Other reports of special observances held in connection with Christian Education Week have been received, and will appear on this page as space permits.—Editor)

ELAINE CLASS REPORTS SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

In an endeavor to improve the religious social life of the youth of the Elaine, Ark., Methodist Church, Mrs. J. M. Countiss, Jr. had a Sunday School party in the church dining hall for the junior class, which she teaches. A dinner was served at 6:00 p.m., and a period of recreation followed. A religious play, written by a member of the class, Felice Lee Huber, was presented.

This church social had as its special guests Miss Pearl Knowlton and Mrs. Dan Tillman. Those who attended were Mary Virginia Crow, Lee Huber, and Harold Tillman, who had perfect attendance for a long period of time. Others include: Warren Wheeler, Larry Alderman, Pat Pennell, Danny Stallings, Jim Sullivan, Ronald Stallings, Evelyn Mabry, Ben Williams, Rosamond Stallings, Anita Danley, Rosalind Wong, Larry Casey, Sue Casey, and Gloria Brinkley.

Munholland, New Orleans, Opens New Educational Building

One of the Munholland Kindergarten groups meets in new facilities on opening day of new educational building.

Munholland Memorial Methodist Church entered a new and significant era in its brief 21 year history on Sunday, October 6th., when the doors to the new quarter million dollar educational building were opened to the public at an open house 2-5 p. m. Located at 1201 Metairie Road, and ministering to a fast growing residential area, this church is now the largest Methodist Church in the New Orleans Area.

The new educational building is constructed to accommodate, under ideal space conditions, 750 pupils. Capacity load is estimated to be 1,000. The building includes a nursery unit, with a reception room, kitchenette, toilet facilities, separate room for bed babies and toddlers, a room for two year olds, and one for three year olds. A Kindergarten department includes two large rooms, each having separate toilet facilities for children. Along with these modern and functional values, a touch of "Old New Orleans" is included. The Nurseries, Kindergartens, and the Choir Room are built around an interior patio. Glass panel doors permit access to the broken tile courtyard, where green tropical plantings add to the natural beauty. Other rooms for Church School use include three for the Primary Department, three for the Junior Department, five for the Intermediates, two for the Senior Young People, one for Older Youth, and four rooms for adult classes. In addition, there are offices for the Minister, Associate Minister, Church Secretary, Financial Secretary, Church School, and spacious storage closets for the building custodian.

Fellowship features include a church parlor, 25 by 30 feet, which is paneled and has a marble fire place at one end. The floor is carpeted wall to wall. Adjoining the parlor is a spacious community hall, which has a seating area of 44 by 55 feet. At one end is a stage, 12 feet by 44 feet, with dressing rooms, and sound system. At the opposite end of the hall is a large, modern kitchen, designed to serve crowds estimated at 250, the number that can be served at tables in the Community Hall. Including the stage, 300 can be served. The hall will accommodate approximately 400 people as an assembly. In addition to the main kitchen, there is a second floor kitchenette unit designed to serve the Men's Bible Class Room, Sunday night Youth Groups, and special groups that do not need the larger facilities. This kitchen contains an electric stove with grills and burners, electric refrigerator, and a sink and cabinet unit. In the main kitchen will be found a dishwashing unit, steam table, cooking facilities, serving and preparation facilities, together with necessary refrigerator and storage and dry storage areas.

The building is constructed of masonry, steel, wood plaster, and sheet rock. All ceilings throughout are acoustically treated, and the light is fluorescent, giving a light level of some fifty foot

candles in all the class rooms. Rest room facilities in various locations in the building on both the first and second floor.

The entire plant will be air conditioned for year round comfort and will contain 95 tons of cooling capacity. This is broken down so that various sections of the building may be cooled without other sections having to be turned on. The heating for winter conditioning will be produced by a boiler providing hot water to coils in the various conditioning units.

The total cost of the new construction and the remodeling of certain existing areas amounts to approximately \$207,000 and, including equipment and Architect's fee, the total facility will cost \$227,000, exclusive of the value of the property, making the total approximately one quarter of a million dollars. The architects were Favrot, Reed, Mathes and Bergman,



Architect's drawing of completed Munholland plant. New construction begins in center, extends to back of building and then to left in a U shape.

of New Orleans. Mr. Bergman was also Chairman of the original Planning Committee. Mr. Dudley Couvillon is chairman of the Building Committee. Other members are: I. V. Ton, Amos Brewer, Walter Blessey, Mrs. M. T. Holloway, George D. Williams, R. G. Mittelstatdt, Jack Toler, D. W. Poole, M. H. Cunningham, M. D. Hogan. The pastor is Rev. Edward W. Harris, and associate pastor, Rev. R. E. Parrott.

Formal celebration of the opening of the new educational building was begun Sunday morning, October 6th., at the 8:30 a.m. service of worship, with a sermon by Dr.

Virgil Morris, New Orleans district superintendent, and the use of the ritual for consecration of the building. At the 11:00 o'clock service, Rev. Karl B. Tooke, former pastor delivered the sermon. From two to five o'clock in the afternoon, the public attended an open house in the Community Hall, sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. At 7:30 o'clock, Worldwide Communion Service was observed with the sermon by associate pastor, Rev. Mr. Parrott.

Monday night, October 7th., a Boy Scout Court of Honor was held in the Community Hall. Tuesday night, another Scout troop met

in the Community Hall. Wednesday night, October 9th., the Couples Club held its monthly dinner. Rev. Mr. Harris was the speaker. Sunday, October 13th., Rev. D. W. Poole, former pastor, delivered sermons at the 8:30 and 11:00 services. A covered dish luncheon was held in the Community Hall, sponsored by the Friendship Class. A Youth Service concluded the week's celebration, at the 7:30 o'clock service in the sanctuary.

Promotion Day, for the Church School, was held at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, the 6th, and Rally Day the following Sunday, October 13th.

PLAN A HARVEST FESTIVAL, SAYS SUPERINTENDENT OF TOWN, COUNTRY WORK

Both urban and rural churches are being urged by Dr. Glenn F. Sanford, superintendent of town and country work in the Division of National Missions, to have a service of *Harvest Festival* on some Sunday this autumn. "It is natural for those who till the soil, plant the grain, and harvest to recognize God in the whole process and to give thanks at the altar of the church," says Dr. Sanford. "And it is equally important for all the rest of us—especially city folks—who are wholly dependent upon what happens in the country for their food and raiment to give thanks to God." The Harvest Festival has always been observed as a religious celebration and has a strong Biblical background. Harvest time offers one of the best opportunities to make clear the divine relationship between the spiritual and the physical. It offers, by far, the best opportunity to help people understand the value of land and the place of the farmer in the total life of the people, the nation, and the world."

Dr. Sanford suggests that the *Harvest Festival* be held at the normal harvest season in any area; that there be a special preaching service in the morning; a common fellowship luncheon at noon; and perhaps a quarterly or other conference in the afternoon; and a youth rally and perhaps motion pictures of rural life in the evening. The National Council of Churches has an order of services for a *Harvest Festival* that may be had from Dr. Sanford (150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N.Y.) at 5 cents per copy, \$1.50 per 100. It was written by Dr. Mark A. Dawber. (Dr. Sanford can also furnish supplementary hymns, "Fourteen New Rural Hymns," selected by the Hymn Society of America at 15 cents per book. And the National Council of Churches (120 East 23rd St., New York 10, N.Y.) can furnish a hymnal, "Hymns of the Rural Spirit.")

NEW AUDIO-VISUAL CATALOGUE ISSUED

VISUALIZING MISSIONS, a new catalogue of missionary audio-visual materials for use in the local church, has been released by the Department of Visual Education of the Board Missions. Several changes have been made from previous catalogues to help pastors and members of the Commission on Missions find the mission films they need.

A new feature is the inclusion of an evaluation of many films and film-strips, taken from the "Audio-Visual Resource Guide" of the National Council of Churches. These ratings represent a composite evaluation by twenty or more viewing committees throughout the country. Ratings are "Highly Recommended," "Recommended," "Acceptable," and "Not Recommended." No films rated "not recommended" are listed in the catalogue. Materials are evaluated in terms of their relationship to the basic objectives of religious education. Thus a person in the local church has a better yardstick for choosing the missions audio-visual material he requires.

Another new feature of the catalogue is a page listing materials for use with the interdenominational mission study themes "Japan" and "Christ, the Church and Race," and with the Methodist study theme, "Lands of Witness and Decision." In addition, an index and new layout help make the materials more easily located in the

AREA REPRESENTED AT NAT'L STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

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them with our resource materials and methods."

Dr. Briggs explained that there are now more than 30 conferences which have directors of stewardship and finance. Some are full-time positions, some are part-time jobs, and in some cases the director serves on a volunteer basis.

In addition to these conference

booklet.

A copy of *Visualizing Missions* has been sent to all pastors. Additional single copies may be obtained without charge from the Literature Circulation Department, 10 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N.Y. The director of the Department of Visual Education is the Rev. William F. Fore.



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directors of stewardship and finance, those attending the meeting included conference lay leaders, district lay leaders and district superintendents. This is believed to be the first national meeting of this type held under Methodist auspices. Numerous regional or area stewardship meetings have been held, of course.

MISSION BOARD TO MOVE HEADQUARTERS

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third largest amount of floor space in the building.

Under the terms of a resolution

approved by the executive committee, the Board will rent three floors and will negotiate a 10-year lease with an option for renewal of 10 years.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., Board president, said no move would be made until 1960 when, according to present plans, the building probably will be completed.

When the move is made, all of the offices of the Board and three of its divisions, the Division of World Missions, the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, will be moved.



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OBITUARIES

MILLS, MISS ADA—Miss Ada, as she was lovingly called, the daughter of the late S. S. P. Mills and Rebecca McCord Mills, first saw the light of day August 27, 1873 near what is now Wilton, Arkansas, and passed away at St. Michael's Hospital, Texarkana, on September 10, 1957 after an extended illness.

Both her paternal and maternal grandparents were early settlers of Little River County. At the age of seven years, she came to Richmond with her parents where she resided until she reached womanhood. It was here she received her elementary and High School training after which she attended Galloway College at Searcy, Arkansas, and later Kidd Key College at Sherman, Texas, where she majored in music.

She united with the Methodist Church at Richmond when she was twelve years of age and ever after gave herself freely to the work of God.

She taught two terms of school, one at Pine Prairie and the other at Oak Hill. Then she decided that teaching was not her chosen profession and in 1902 entered the business world by putting in the first millinery store in Ashdown. The following year she entered mercantile business with the firm, S. S. P. Mills and Son at Wilton, where she remained until she retired three years ago. She assisted in organizing the Bank of Wilton and became the first woman cashier in Arkansas. In 1910 the owner of one of Wilton's best hotels retired and Miss Ada, desirous of keeping a first-class hotel in Wilton, purchased the hotel and successfully operated it until a few years later when the building burned.

She owned much real estate which she successfully managed until failing health made it necessary for her to dispose of most of it. She was also successful in the real estate business. In fact, she was an unusually good financier and accumulated much property, most of which she used to lighten the burdens of other people living around her.

Miss Ada was a charter member of the Wilton Methodist Church and always contributed liberally of her time, her talents, and her finances to the upbuilding of God's work. She was greatly interested in young people and gave of herself freely and willingly in assisting them in their Christian life. She was especially interested in the Methodist Children's Home at Little Rock to which she also contributed liberally. A few years ago when three children from her home-town were sent to this Home, Miss Ada made a most generous contribution to it.

She was a charter member of the Eastern Star chapter at Wilton. At the time of her death, she was a member of the Jefferson OES chapter in Ashdown.

After retiring from business, Miss Ada remodeled and redecorated the Methodist Church at Wilton. She gave her piano to this church and served as pianist until two years ago when her health began failing. One of her last acts of generosity was the repairing of the Methodist Church for Negroes of Wilton.

The large number of people attending Miss Ada's funeral service at the Wilton Methodist Church on September 12, attested to the love and affection which so many people, whom she had be-

friendened, have for her memory. The service was conducted by Rev. Harry Weed of Ashdown and Rev. J. Wayne Mann of Lewisville. By special request, one of her favorite songs, "Others," was sung by a special choir and a friend, Mr. Gunter, sang "Does Jesus Care?" She was laid to rest under a mound of beautiful flowers in the Mills Cemetery near Wilton.

A beautiful life has gone from us and we shall miss her! Oh! How we shall miss her!

She is survived by a foster son, J. L. Messamore, Sr. of Wilton who together with his wife and two children, gave Miss Ada much pleasure in her declining years. Their loving care and affection lavished upon her were of great comfort during her last illness. Miss Ada is also survived by three nephews and four nieces, Henry Sykes of Oakland, California; Joel Mills, Jr. of Ben Lomond, Arkansas; Henry Mills of Memphis, Tennessee; Mrs. Paul Scott of Santa Barbara, California; Mrs. W. H. Oberrender of Maplewood, New Jersey; Mrs. H. C. Beverly of Shreveport, Louisiana; and Mrs. C. T. Kimball of St. Louis, Missouri.

—Her Friend.

HAYES — Mrs. Mary Ernestine Hayes, 44, a great Christian, died Thursday evening, September 26, 1957, in a Sterlington, La., hospital after a very short illness. Mrs. Hayes was born in Muldrow, Oklahoma. She is survived by her husband, Oliver of Sterlington; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Adine Archer, Terre Haute, Indiana; one brother, Henry Bates Miller, of Nashville, Tennessee; and three grandchildren.

Mary and her husband had lived in Sterlington 18 months having been transferred from Terre Haute, Indiana. Mr. Hayes is employed by Commercial Solvient.

Mrs. Hayes was a member of our church. She moved her letter here from the Terre Haute Methodist Church, December 30, 1956. She was a faithful member to her church. She was Co-chairman of Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, member of the Commission on Evangelism, and secretary-treasurer of the Scott Horton Sunday School Class in which she was a member.

Mrs. Hayes was loved by every member of the Sterlington Methodist Church because of her loyalty and love for the church she loved. We are going to miss her smiling face and her willingness to do the job as she was called upon to do. All of our lives have been richer for having known such a wonderful person. May I say to her husband,

SECURING LEADERS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

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If the prospect asks how long he will be expected to serve in this capacity, an answer may be made in terms of the accepted policy of rotating the leadership. If he pleads lack of training, this will be the time to show him what training opportunities are in sight.

Training The Leaders

The training of leaders is in itself of the utmost importance; we cannot expect a good person to undertake work for which he will not be qualified, nor can we do the work of the church adequately without constant thought to how we may do it better. The little booklet, *And Gladly Serve*, suggests such training devices as apprenticeship, supervision and coaching, observation of those already skilled, workers' conferences, guided reading, visits from specialists, attending summer schools, conferences, and institutes, standard leadership courses, study groups, and some others.⁸ Denominational resource material is put out in great abundance by the Boards of Publication and can be made readily available. Dr. Gwynn emphasizes the importance of keeping leaders constantly informed of opportunities for self-improvement. Perhaps the best training comes through direct participation and assumption of responsibility in the over-all program of the living church.

A dignified installation service will bring to the selectees a proper sense of the importance of their new duties in the eyes of the church. Living up to the expectations of others is one of the most compelling of all motives.

There can be no thought of solving the leadership problem once and for all. New leaders must be developed and the ones now in office moved around and retrained for new places in the organization. Supervision and coordination are continuous functions. It is for the pastor to remember that these leaders who minister to others may need his pastoral oversight as much or more than ever.

Know Where You Are Going

One more thing. Life moves on and a sense of progress toward de-

daughter, relatives, and friends, that in our Father's house she is waiting for us. — Rev. W. M. Allen, pastor.

finied goals and objectives helps to sustain and give meaning to present endeavor. The church needs a combination of long-range goals and short-term projects. Somebody must be constantly dreaming of where the church is going. Morale must be kept at high pitch and morale is the confident expectation of success. To keep this defined and before the mind and conscience of the church is an aspect of the leadership program which cannot be neglected.

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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 27, 1957 USING OR ABUSING OUR FREEDOM READ 8th and 10th CHAPTERS OF 1 CORINTHIANS.

MEMORY SELECTION: No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. But God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

—1 Corinthians 10:13 (RSV)

This is lesson four of Unit IX which, through eight lessons taken from 1 Corinthians, is giving a study of "The Gospel Applied To Society." For this week's lesson our subject is "Using Or Abusing Our Freedom."

In last Sunday's lesson we found that Paul was willing to renounce some of his rights as minister of Christ in order that he might be of larger service to others. We were taught, in that lesson, that the faithful Christian minister of every age has found it necessary to sacrifice something of his personal liberties in order to better serve his people.

In today's lesson, Paul goes a step further and teaches that it is just as necessary for members of the Christian church to make personal sacrifices and give up certain rights as it is for ministers, if they render their largest service to others. Paul's teachings are in accord with the teachings of Jesus, who said, "If any man will come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Clean and Unclean Food Important To Ancients

About the only question with us today about food is whether it is wholesome, nourishing and palatable and within our price range. We do not think of the eating of meats as having moral implications. With Paul we say, regarding the moral quality involved in the eating of meats, "We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do," (RSV) religiously.

The ancient world thought quite differently regarding the eating of certain meats. The Jews traditionally thought some meats were unclean, and for religious reasons they refused to eat such meats. Jews converted to Christianity carried into the Christian church some of these beliefs. The converted Gentiles of pagan Corinth had been accustomed to eating meats offered to idols. When converted to Christianity, many of them refused to eat meats offered to idols, lest, by so doing, they appear to be again giving their approval to idol worship. For us, the argument over the ceremonial cleanliness of meats seems to be a "tempest in a teapot," but not so with the people of Paul's day.

A person must follow his conscience, if he is to be sincere in his actions, even though his conscience has been mistrained. If a person thinks a certain action has moral content, then it does have moral content for him. It was for this reason that Paul was very sym-

thetic with the opinions of some of the Corinthian Christians, even though Paul knew that they were influenced by mistaken ideas. Paul knew until they were better informed, they must follow their conscience even though, through false training, their conscience had led them into erroneous viewpoints. Paul was very patient with these sincere Christians who, because of their background, followed certain courses of conduct, and he exhorted the more enlightened members of the Corinthian church to follow his example.

Paul Gives Timeless Standard For Use of Freedom

Anyone who is uncertain as to the course he should follow in the exercise of his Christian freedom should familiarize himself with the three standards Paul set for himself in determining what course he would follow when he faced questions of conduct. The three standards Paul used to determine his course of action, if there was any uncertainty as to what he should do, are as follows:

(1) In 1 Corinthians, chapter six, Paul is discussing the liberty and freedom which he had as a Christian. The first half of verse twelve of this chapter reads: "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient." Paul is here saying that many things he might do as a Christian are not quite suitable for a Christian, and do not add any special advantage to his Christian plans and purposes and do not help him in the accomplishment of his Christian objectives. When Paul decided a certain course of action would not help him on in his religious life, he simply left it out of his life. So should we.

(2) The last half of that same verse gives another standard by which Paul measured a possible course of action. He says, "All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any." Paul is here saying that he will not follow any course of action, as a Christian, that might enslave him or bring him under its power. Sometimes Christian people follow certain activities to such an extent that they form habits that hinder their influence, although the thing itself may not be wrong. It is possible to follow some activities to the point of compromise of Christian standards. Then, of course, the thing itself became wrong for them. Paul, in the exercise of his Christian freedom, would not be enslaved by any activities in which he engaged.

(3) There is another standard by

which Paul measured his course of action. It is stated in 1 Corinthians in the latter part of verse 10:23. Here Paul says, "All things are lawful for me, but all things do not edify." Here Paul declares that he measures what he does by whether or not it improves him or builds him up morally and spiritually. There are many practices in which a Christian may engage that are not morally wrong but Paul would raise a question also as to their usefulness. If they did not "edify" him, Paul seemed to feel he was better off without them.

If we, as Christians, would get these three standards for conduct well fixed in our hearts, and use them, we would have little difficulty in determining what we should do when we stand before the many possibilities for the use of our time and influence. If what we contemplate doing is not "expedient," if it has a tendency to bring us "under the power" of it, "if it does not 'edify,'" Paul felt that it might profitably be left out of our lives.

What Should Be a Christian's Attitude Toward Liquor?

Today's lesson is our quarterly lesson on temperance. We have said before, and would like to say again, that the word "temperance" is a very poor word to use in our fight against the liquor traffic. The liquor forces themselves pretend to be in favor of "temperance" in the use of intoxicating beverages. They advocate temperance in an effort to deceive some people but, more particularly, to keep people from really getting so drunk that they make such asinine fools of themselves that they discredit the use of liquor. The sooner we find a better word with which we habitually describe the attitude a Christian should have toward the use of intoxicating liquors the better it will be.

There are those who take the position that the Bible teaches temperance. It might be stated, also, that it seems to condone slavery. However, it should be said also that the Bible distinctly proclaims the principal that anything which hurts human personality is sin. In the face of that principal, slavery had to go among civilized nations. That principal applies just as directly to alcoholic drinks as it does slavery. In fact the drinking of alcoholic liquors often makes men abject slaves in the worst form of slavery possible.

Some declare that they may drink without physical hurt to themselves. While that statement may be questioned, it is certainly true that a principle declared by Paul definitely applies to the use of alcoholic drinks by a professed Christian. Paul says, "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth." When Christian people remember that Christian America has the highest rate of alcoholism in the world, we should be very humble. In France, which ranks second, the rate of alcoholism per 100,000 is 2,850. In the United States, which ranks first, the rate is 4,390 per 100,000, or almost twice the number of the next highest nation in the world. That fact should cause our nation to blush in shame and repent in tears.

A recent article in *Better Homes And Gardens* estimates that the United States has a drinking pop-

ulation of 70,000,000. It states that "The chance of any one of these drinkers becoming an alcoholic is about one out of fifteen." According to that estimate, and similar estimates elsewhere, there are about 5,000,000 alcoholics in America now. No Christian should, in any manner, lend his influence to a situation so wasteful of the material resources of our nation and so destructive of life and character as the liquor traffic has proved itself to be.

Total abstinence is a self-imposed attitude. It is legal to drink. Much of society approves it. Too often the church condones it. It is simply up to the individual church member to decide whether, for his own sake and for the sake of others, he will abstain.

A Difference In Personal Freedom and Self-Indulgence

In determining our conduct in exercising our religious freedom, we should ask ourselves whether conscience motivates our action. Are we guided by principle or policy? Christians face many problems where only Christian principles are a safe guide.

Paul, as a liberal, saw eye to eye with the liberals in the Corinthian church as to their right to eat certain meats; he did not agree with them as to their right to exercise these "rights." They were putting personal rights above their responsibility for others.

Love Determines The Proper Use Of Religious Freedom

There are many courses of action open to Christian people where, personally, there is no moral question involved. Under such circumstances, if our activities are determined by love instead of liberty or rights, we would soon revolutionize society. In the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians, Paul tells us that the greatest power on earth is love. The New Testament indicates that the major factor which determines the acts and attitudes of God himself is love. "God so Loved."

The person, in whose life the spirit of love predominates, is not so concerned about the exercising of his rights as he is about the effect his actions will have on those about him. Quite often people about us, who have had limited opportunities in Christian development, insist on certain things that to the informed Christian, may seem to be foolish. They do not, of course, appear foolish to those who advocate them. Under such circumstances a spirit of bigotry or an air of superiority are of little value. We must simply, in love and with an understanding spirit, try to be helpful instead of playing the snob.

Self-Denial For the Sake of Others

Paul gave us an impressive example of self-denial for the sake of others when he declared "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth." Self-denial is one of the first essentials in Christian living. Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me let him deny himself." A true Christian cannot be selfish. In whatever he does, he is more concerned about whether his actions will help others than he is as to whether it will help him. "Others" is one of the most important words to be found in the vocabulary of a Christian.

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25 To Represent Area At Nat'l Education Meet

Nashville, Tenn. (MI) — The Arkansas-Louisiana Area will be well represented at the twelfth national Methodist Conference on Education, to be held November 5-10 at the Hotel Sheraton-Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Rev. E. B. Williams, North Little Rock, of the North Arkansas Conference, a member of the executive committee of the Conference on Christian Education and president of the conference board chairmen, will attend. Others from north Arkansas who plan to attend are: Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Conway, executive secretary of the conference; Dr. Paul M. Bumpers, Batesville, representing the district superintendents; the Rev. Pryor Cruse, Newport, conference director of youth work; and the Rev. Arvill Brannon, Trumann, chairman of adult work.

From the Louisiana Conference, Dr. Bentley Sloane, Shreveport, executive secretary, will head a delegation of 12 which will include the following conference staff members: Miss Louise Sharp, Shreveport, director of youth work; the Rev. George Pearce, Jr., Natchitoches, chairman of adult work; Dr. John J. Rasmussen, Shreveport, board chairman; Mrs. E. L. McKay, director of children's work; and Dr. Webb D. Pomeroy, Shreveport. Directors of Christian Education from Louisiana who will attend are: Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Shreveport; Miss Tennie V. Severtson, Shreveport; Mrs. Maxine Watkins, Ruston; the Rev. Estill Allen, Shreveport; the Rev. John T. Barrett, and Miss Leoncia Boudreaux, Lake Charles.

Dr. Roy E. Fawcett, Little Rock, executive secretary of the Little Rock Conference, said he and the following conference staff members will attend: Mrs. Marie Tucker, children's work director; and the Rev. John Hassler, director of youth work. Also, planning to be present are Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, chairman of the board; and the following directors of Christian Education: Mrs. Margaret Ann Patrick, First Church, Camden; Mrs. Frances McLean, First Church, Malvern; Mrs. H. H. Thompson, First Church, Little Rock; and Mrs. V. B. Story, Pulaski Heights, Little Rock.

A total of 800 Methodist educational leaders from across the country are expected to attend the biennial meeting.

Among those attending will be presidents, executive secretaries and other staff members of boards of education of Methodist conferences, presidents of conference young adult fellowships, professors

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Participating in the formal opening of the Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, October 13, 1957, were: (left to right) Rev. Luman E. Douglas, Ruston District Superintendent; Jim V. Hinton, Chairman of the Building Committee; Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr., Pastor; John A. Mitchell, Contractor and Builder; Clyde Taylor, Chairman of Trustees; and Troy Anders, Chairman of the Official Board. (See story on page 9.)

Bishop Announces Changes In Pastorates

Rev. W. R. Wendt has been appointed pastor of the First Methodist Church at Springhill, according to announcement by Bishop Martin following his meeting with the District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference Wednesday, October 16, at the First Methodist Church in Shreveport. Rev. Mr. Wendt has been pastor of the First Methodist Church of New Iberia since 1953.

Rev. Frank Tucker, Jr., who has been pastor at Springhill since 1953, was transferred to the Southwest Missouri Conference several weeks ago and appointed to the First Methodist Church at Nevada.

District Conference Schedule Announced

Announcement has been made of the dates and location for the annual meetings of the eight district conferences in the Louisiana Conference by the superintendents of the districts.

These conferences usually held at the approximate half-way mark of the conference year received reports from the local churches in each district, have various aspects of the Methodist program presented, considers matters of ministerial relationship, and makes plans for the district program.

The district, place of district conference, and the date for the district conference are as follows:

Lafayette District at the First Methodist Church of Houma, Tuesday, November 12;

Lake Charles District at the First Methodist Church of Lake Charles, Wednesday, November 13;

Shreveport District at the First Methodist Church of Plain Dealing, Thursday, November 14;

Monroe District at the Gilbert Methodist Church, Tuesday, November 19;

Ruston District at the First Methodist Church of Minden, Wednesday, November 20;

Alexandria District at the First Methodist Church of Oakdale, Thursday, November 21;

New Orleans District at the Gretna Methodist Church on Mon-

day, December 16;

Baton Rouge District at the First Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, Tuesday, December 17.

Hearing Reveals Opposition To Juris. Change

Several hundred Methodist pastors, lay men and lay women attended the hearing held in Shreveport last week, conducted under the auspices of the General Conference Commission named To Study and Recommend Action Concerning The Jurisdictional System.

All persons who spoke favored the retention of the jurisdictional plan of organization as well as the continuance of the Central Jurisdiction. Several indicated a willingness for legislative changes permitting other jurisdictions to develop or not develop their jurisdictional programs as they desire. At present this legislation is mandatory, not permissive. Many of those appearing before the panel felt that present legislative and constitutional provisions are adequate to deal with changes where change is desired.

The Shreveport hearing was one of 24 hearings being conducted throughout The Methodist Church in an effort to learn the mind of Methodism on the jurisdictional system, with special reference to the place of the Central Jurisdiction in Methodist organizational plan, according to Dr. C. C. Bell of Lynchburg, Va., the executive secretary of the commission.

Testimony was presented by 36 Methodists including 30 Louisiana Methodists and three Methodist leaders from Arkansas.

The procedure followed was the presentation of statements by those desiring to do so to the panel after which panel members were permitted to question those making statements. Dr. Harold Bosley, chairman of the 12 person panel, pointed out that it was the desire of the panel members to obtain as much information as possible from those making statements.

Members of the panel who attended the Shreveport hearing included Dr. Bosley of Evanston, Ill., pastor; Leonard Slutz of Cincinnati, Ohio, lawyer; Rev. Leonard H. Cochran of Macon Ga., pastor; Mrs. George K. Marple of Haddonfield, N. J., Woman's Society conference President; Dr. C. M. Luster of Houston, Texas, pastor; Mrs. Frances Swayze of Tacoma, Washington; Bishop Marshall Reed, of Detroit, Michigan; and Tom Payne of Missoula, Montana, professor.

Bishop Paul E. Martin headed the group of 36 ministers and laymen making presentations. Two representatives from the Texas Conference were Mrs. Harmon Loman of Huntsville, and Rev. John Wesley Hart of Marshall, Texas. Dr. Marshall T. Steel of Dallas, Texas, former chairman of the

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CWS Airlifts Relief Supplies To West Pakistan

The news in the cable from its Pakistan representative to Church World Service recently was tragic: Floods now cover 5,000 square miles, five million homeless, disease on rampage, starvation imminent, worse than 1955 flood which devastated Punjab area.

Officials of the Protestant and Orthodox churches' relief agency went to work immediately and on Sept. 20, food staples, blankets and clothing were on their way by sea and air. Drugs to combat eye diseases, malaria and dysentery, which left by air the same day, were carried free of charge by the airlines.

At the same time, CWS got on the phone to officials of CROP, its rural food collection department, and 1,000 tons of U. S. surplus wheat, 10,000 gallons of cottonseed oil, dried milk and other staples are now speeding on their way.

"The flood crisis in West Pakistan built up during the first two weeks of September," Dr. R. Norris Wilson declared, "and more supplies will be earmarked for the area if the situation worsens." Dr. Wilson is executive director of Church World Service, through which 35 major denominations pool resources for emergency relief and reconstruction.

Notes Sweden Controversy Over Women Ordination

During the 27th biennial Convocation of the Swedish Lutheran Church at Stockholm, considerable excitement arose over the ordination of women. Ester Lutteman, one of Sweden's most prominent churchwomen, announced that she was resigning from the State Lutheran Church of Sweden because of its "negative attitude," especially toward the ordination of women as pastors.

The 69-year-old divinity graduate, who for decades has been the most popular woman lay preacher in the country, told a mass-meeting that "the negative attitude of the Church is causing a deep cleavage between itself and the people." She said the Church "has become institutional, ceremonial and exceptionally masculine." She added, "There is no real interest inside the Church for women," and

AMERICAN MARINES MAKE CASH GIFT TO JAPANESE

A little more than 12 years ago American and Japanese soldiers, sailors and airmen were engaged in deadly combat.

This year, on a recent Sunday, a group of American marines attended services at a United Church near Yokosuka, Japan, and presented the congregation a cash gift of \$500.

Through their chaplain, Capt. Hansel H. Tower (a Methodist) of the Third Marine Division, the visiting Americans told the congregation:

"The gift that we present today represents the friendship of Christian Marines for the Japanese people and particularly for those who worship here. We have learned to love your people, your kindly, friendly ways and your deep sincerity. We ask that you pray for us as we leave your fair land and though we are absent in body we know that those of us who are Christian, though separated by race, national boundaries or miles, are one body in Christ."

Holding Temperance Training Conferences This Week

Washington, D. C. (MI)—A regional briefing conference for Methodist leaders of 10 south central states is being held this week, October 22-24, at Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The briefing session, one of five being sponsored across the country this fall by the Methodist Board of Temperance, Washington, is designed to help church leaders develop more effective local programs of education and rehabilitation. The three-day meeting is being directed by the Rev. Donald Kuhn of Washington, director of organizational activities for the board.

Delegates will comprise chairmen and directors of district and annual conference temperance boards and committees of the Methodist South Central and Central Jurisdictions.

charged that "the opposition to permitting women in the ranks of the clergy is greater today than it was 30 years ago." Her resignation was headlined in the Stockholm newspapers.

Says Alcoholism More Dangerous Than Asian 'Flu' and 'Killer Diseases'

Green Lake, Wis. (MI)—Alcoholism is a more serious national health problem than the Asian flu and several "killer diseases," an official of the Methodist Board of Temperance charged tonight.

"There is no vaccine against alcoholism and only one of 20 victims can hope for recovery," said Roger Burgess of Washington, D. C., associate secretary of the Methodist board.

He was the opening speaker at an eight-day national School of Alcohol Studies sponsored by the board for regional chairmen and directors of Methodist temperance work.

Reporting that some 68 million persons in the United States drink alcoholic beverages in varying amounts, Burgess cited as "accompanying problems:"

—The United States has more than 4½ million alcoholics, according to the Yale University School of Alcohol Studies, a ratio second only to France.

—Alcoholism is now six times more prevalent than cancer and 11 times greater than active cases of tuberculosis.

—One out of four "mentally disturbed" Americans is an alcoholic.

—Nearly 60 per cent of all arrests last year were for drunkenness, or alcohol-related, according to the FBI crime report.

—One out of four traffic fatalities or 10,000 annually is traced to drinking drivers or pedestrians.

—Americans spend more than \$10 billion annually for alcoholic beverages—\$50 million more than for all milk and dairy products.

Despite the "bad side," Burgess said "this is an era of unprecedented opportunity" in the field of temperance.

"As never before the newspapers, magazines, radio and television are reporting the problems of alcohol to the public," he said. "If churches and temperance organizations can meet the public demand for facts and answers with a constructive program, founded on spiritual values, we can make an unprecedented contribution to society."

He said that the National Council of Churches for the first time is preparing a statement on alcohol problems as a guide to member denominations. Also, that a new interdenominational committee on alcohol problems, representing dozens of denominations, will be formally organized in 1958.

"For the first time theologians of the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths are meeting together regularly to explore common denominators in the religious approach to alcohol problems," Burgess said.

A Roman Catholic temperance leader, the Rev. John C. Ford of Weston, Mass., will address the Methodist group Sunday on "Alcohol and Moral Theology." He is a professor at Weston College.

Announces 'Keep Christmas For Christ' Materials

Methodist laymen and their ministers have been called to a renewed campaign to keep CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST by the church's General Board of Temperance in Washington, D. C.

The program is an annual attempt to remind individuals and communities of the true spirit of Christmas as a religious event.

Special effort is made to encourage non-alcoholic Christmas parties. Business representatives and individuals are urged to discourage the giving of alcoholic beverages as Christmas gifts and to hold office parties and social functions in keeping with Christ's birthday.

Materials for the 1957 campaign feature three items:

1. A new CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST seal for sale and/or distribution by local groups. Cost is \$1.00 per 200 stamps. There are large quantity discounts.
2. A leaflet titled "Will Yours Be A Christmas Hollowday?" for church and community distribution. Cost is \$2.00 per 100 copies.
3. An unusual Christmas portrait of Christ for use as a poster or Christmas gift. Size is 8½ by 11 on paper suitable for framing; \$1.00 each.

Samples of materials are available free from Methodist Board of Temperance, 100 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington 2, D. C.

CHURCH SEEKS 'MISS METHODIST STUDENT NURSE'

"Miss Methodist Student Nurse" will for the second year be one of the highlights of the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes, Feb. 11-13, 1958.

The contest, which was inaugurated last year, is open to the 53 Methodist Schools of Nursing throughout the United States, each of which is eligible to select one girl to compete in the national contest. Deadline for entries in the contest is Jan. 8.

All candidates for the title must be attractive, have a pleasing personality, be seniors in their school of nursing, and in the upper third of the class scholastically. Each girl must have a professional interest in nursing, be unmarried, and of high moral character.

The contest winner will be the guest of the association's annual convention in Chicago Feb. 11-13. She will be introduced at the general luncheon on Feb. 12, and will make radio and television appearances.

19 Decisions Recorded At State Fair Exhibit Recently

A spiritual survey, sponsored by the radio ministry of the North Syracuse Baptist Church, was conducted through a "Christ At Noon" exhibit in the Horticultural Building at the New York State Fair. The motif of the booth was a huge question mark with vari-colored lights and the printed question, "Do You Have the Answer?" This outreach was under the direction of Mayre Gelsomini, assistant to the pastor. Over 1800 participated in the survey and thousands of pamphlets *Life's Most Important Questions* were distributed. Nineteen persons recorded a personal decision to accept Christ as their Saviour.

In response to the first questions, "Do you believe that there is a personal God?" 1763 replied "Yes"; 81, "No"; 48, "Uncertain." To the second question, "Do you believe that the Bible is God's message to man?" 1739 answered "Yes"; 40, "No"; 29, "Uncertain." To the third

question, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?" 1737 said, "Yes"; 32, "No"; 37, "Uncertain." To the fourth question, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins, rose again, and lives to be your personal Lord and Saviour?" 1757 indicated, "Yes"; 36 "No"; 56, "Uncertain." In answer to the last question, "Do you believe that you will go to heaven when you die?" 1183 replied, "Yes"; 76, "No"; and 584, "Uncertain." Commenting on the survey, pastor Ernest L. Laycock, said:

"The apparent reason for a number of negative answers to the first question, despite the fact that national surveys reveal that 99% of all Americans believe in God, was due to the word 'personal.' By this we meant that God was more than influence or force, but that He possesses a personality and manifests all the attributes of personality."

Reports Yokefellows Setting Up 'Seminaries For Laymen'

Miami, Fla. (RNS)—A Quaker educator said here that "seminaries for laymen" are being set up in Washington, D. C., and California and another is planned for Florida.

Dr. D. Elton Trueblood of Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., said they will be sponsored by the Yokefellow Foundation, an interdenominational lay organization which he founded.

He said the seminaries will be patterned after the one conducted for the last three years at Yokefellow House in Richmond with "remarkable and far-reaching results."

At these seminaries, he said, laymen can seriously study the Bible, church history, classic Christian literature and learn how to "meditate in a Christian vein."

Dr. Trueblood addressed leading clergymen and civic leaders here for the national convention of Presbyterian Men, laymen's organization of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern).

He predicted that such "seminaries for laymen" would "revolutionize" Christianity by returning to the individual believer the responsibility of spreading the Gospel.

The educator said he was looking forward to the "abolition of the laity" and the rise of a "universal ministry" of all Christians who would put into practice the Protestant doctrine of "priesthood of every believer."

He called on each layman at the convention to return to his own church and start classes for the study of Christian classics like the works of St. Augustine, the Bible, Church history and theology.

BAPTISTS ADOPT RECORD FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET

Richmond, Va. (RNS)—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board adopted the largest budget in its 112-year history—\$9,633,162—at its annual meeting here.

The figure is a million dollars higher than the budget for the current year.

About eight million dollars will be spent in the 38 countries in which Southern Baptist missionaries are located. The balance will go for administrative and promotional purposes within the United States.

Graham Calls For Increased Spiritual Power As Satellite Answer

Richmond, Va. (RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham said here "we must supplement our material strength with spiritual power" in order to "answer Russia's latest advance in armaments."

Asked for his reaction to the Russian earth satellite, he said the development means that "a period of ease and luxury are coming to an end" and Americans must "tighten our belts and condition and dedicate ourselves."

"America has to look to God for help," he said. "There is one power stronger than the Soviet, and that is God."

"The Bible says put on the whole armor of God, and we need spiritual armor at a time like this. If we had spent as much money for world missions and in preaching the gospel as we have for military power or even our give-away program the world picture would be a different one."

President Gets Bible To Mark Half-Billion Distribution

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—President Eisenhower received a nine-pound, 1,051-page family Bible here to mark distribution of the first half billion volumes of Scripture by the American Bible Society.

At a White House ceremony, Mr. Eisenhower was presented with volume number 500,000,001, a red morocco-bound King James Version.

The President expressed appreciation for the gift and for the society's work since its formation in 1816. He remarked that this work has been particularly helpful to members of the Armed Forces and to American missionaries abroad.

Dr. James Z. Nettinga, the society's secretary for encouragement of the use of the Bible, made the presentation.

Dr. Nettinga told the President the society has distributed 40,000,000 Bibles to members of the American Armed Forces. He also said some 600,000 copies have been made available in Braille for the blind. The Bible has been published in 1,100 languages and dialects, he added, with the society presently carrying in stock copies in nearly 200 languages.

Bishop Raines

Warns of Declining Morality

Cleveland (RNS)—Methodist Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis warned here that the growing membership of religious bodies is not being accompanied by an increase in moral character among the people.

He spoke at a communion service in the Public Auditorium sponsored by the International Convention of Disciples of Christ and the Cleveland Church Federation. It was held in connection with the Convention's annual assembly here.

Bishop Raines noted that church membership has increased nearly twice as fast as the general population during the past 25 years. But on the other hand, he said, personal morality has "been on a steady decline."

He cited the number of divorces, juvenile delinquency and crime, gambling, alcoholism and children born out of wedlock as illustrating the "dangerous decay in personal moral standards."

"Religion has always been the source of moral standards and the inner power to live by them," the bishop said. "If today's religion is not producing moral character its growing size is deceptive."

Bishop Raines said that "psychology has been very successfully sold as real religion."

"God is something extra that enables a man to go on more successfully his own self-centered way," he said. "Man decides what he wants, then calls God in to help. In true religion, God decides and man seeks God's will and follows it whether or not its immediate results pay off in increased sales or personal success."

The bishop said the chief concern of religious leaders today should be "not that so few people are in church on a given Sunday morning but rather that so little seems to happen to them when they are there."

"There must be a radical change," he said, "not in externalities but in inner quality, in vision, in recognition of our self-centeredness, our puerile, self-pitying cry for peace of mind, interpreted to mean unconcern freedom from responsibility, and financial security."

Church Members Urged To Run For Office

Dayton, O. (RNS)—Mayor Henry S. Stout opened a national Conference on the Church and the Community here by urging ministers to interest members of their churches in running for public office. The conference was sponsored by the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

"There is nothing more difficult than to find the right kind of persons willing to stand for political office," the mayor said.

"I believe in the separation of Church and State. But I wish the churches would see more of their members willing to assume their obligation to the community through service in municipal jobs."

He urged the 200 delegates to consider ways to recruit church members as candidates for public office.

President Eisenhower and Secretary of the Navy Thomas S. Gates, Jr., sent greetings to some 40 naval chaplains from 14 NATO countries as they convened at Quantico, Va.

The chaplains, guests of Secretary Gates, include Protestants, Roman Catholics, Jews, Anglicans and Eastern Orthodox.

In his message the President said that the conference's theme, "There Is No Freedom Without Religion," strikes a responsive chord in the hearts of all citizens.

COMMUNISTS SET ANTI-RELIGIOUS ANGLE ON SATELLITE

London (RNS)—Well, the Russian Communists have finally come out with it—we mean the anti-religious angle to their earth satellite.

The Moscow Radio broadcast a statement by the Komsomol, Communist youth league, saying the satellite "proves how wrong were all religious organizations and beliefs in speaking of heaven."

"We materialists create our own heaven and fill it with our own moons and stars," it said.

Anarctic Base First To Observe World Communion Day

Auckland, New Zealand (RNS)—The first observance anywhere of World Communion Sunday this year was held at the Antarctic base of Little America by a United States Navy chaplain, delayed reports from the area said.

The observance customarily begins in New Zealand, the first country west of the International Date Line. Little America is well east of the line but it observes New Zealand time, as do other Ross Sea area bases.

U.S. officers and men of several denominations attended the service conducted at Little America by Methodist chaplain Lt. Comdr. J. E. Zoller in the Richard E. Byrd memorial chapel.

Prayers were offered for the people of all nations, with special mention of men of other countries taking part in Antarctic expeditions in connection with the International Geophysical Year.

Quakers Report Anti-Religious Persecution Ending In Poland

Philadelphia (RNS)—Anti-religious persecution has "largely disappeared" and there is "freedom of religious worship" in Communist Poland, according to a group of American Quakers who returned here from a visit to that country.

They were members of an eight-man delegation which spent two weeks in Poland under the auspices of the Polish Institute of International Affairs. Five of the delegates were Americans and the others were an Englishman, a Swede and an Austrian.

The returnees here said that Poles with whom they talked had described the "liberalization" trend begun by the Gomulka regime last year as irreversible.

But the Quaker visitors said they doubted this assertion, especially in view of the new press censorship and the government's recent efforts to discourage strikes.

The American group said there is nevertheless "a remarkable degree of freedom of thought and discus-

sion" at present and "it seems no longer dangerous for individuals to express unorthodox views."

"Many Poles," they said, "told us that the secret police, as an instrument of internal political repression, has disappeared. Peasants have been permitted to dissolve or withdraw from collective farms and the government declares that the future collectivization can take a variety of forms and should be voluntary."

The Quaker visitors said efforts are being made to reduce the bureaucratic control of Polish industry, schools and universities are free from the interference of the United Workers (Communist) Party, and students and teaching staffs are renewing contracts with academic institutions in the West.

The group described the changes in Poland as representing a peaceful revolution, but they said Poland is still not a democracy in the Western sense of the word.

The Quakers described Poland as a Communist State "with a difference" and said there are not many rigidly doctrinaire Communists there.

The Danger Of The Reformation

THE annual observance of the Protestant Reformation is October 31. It might serve some useful purpose to consider one of the dangers inherent in the interpretations of the reformation experience, a danger which has become somewhat apparent of late. Historically, the Protestant Reformation dates from the early 16th century when certain church leaders broke from the Roman Catholic Church essentially on its position of the Church as the final authority in matters of belief and practice. Luther, the reformationist, and his followers declared that every Christian was his own priest and the Holy Bible was the final authority.

The danger in every generation since has been that among Protestants there are those who insist on their own interpretations of belief and practice, with little or no concern as to what has been the best in human experience. Carried to an extreme, a local church could become a fellowship reflecting a point of view held by its members which could be something entirely different from the teachings of Jesus in whose name the fellowship is carried on. Conceivably, this point of view might be at variance with the position of the larger fellowship of which the local church is a part. We suggest that any appraisal of the present situation in Protestantism today that overlooks this occurrence will fall short of being a true appraisal.

The Protestant Reformation did not set men individually free to determine their course of conduct and attitudes apart from the teachings of Jesus. Man is free to choose since man is a free moral agent. However, when he identifies himself with the Christian movement, he indicates that by his choice he believes that Christian teachings and ideals lead to triumphant living.

As we understand it, the genius of the Reformation spirit is that there must be constant re-examination of one's Christian faith and practice in the light of Jesus' teachings, the Scriptures and experience, and that each individual is accountable only to God through Christ for the life which is his. The danger of living in a time when it is popular and respectable to belong to a church is that the church tends to reflect a point of view which is something short of the "mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." The point of view could be human, not divine. There is need for re-examination in the light of the teachings of Jesus and the best in human history, lest the freedom which the Reformation proclaimed be the undoing of the believer.

Sputnik And The World View

ONE of the many repercussions which the Russian satellite now circling the world 500 miles above has brought, is the adjustment in the thinking of many of us who have tended to confine our thinking to matters of closer concern. Whether anyone chooses or not, the advent of Sputnik leaves no choice. The age of space is with us. Its significance cannot be ignored. Its implications cannot be comprehended. The chances are that more people will be keeping up with what is going on in the rest of the world because of Sputnik than before.

Sputnik all but crowded the Little Rock situation off the front pages of the newspapers and television screens for a few days. That wasn't so bad either for some respite is welcomed. Sputnik and his successors will likely be around a long time, much longer than what has been going on in Arkansas' capital city—at least we hope.

We would like to suggest that it is strange that it would take something of Sputnik's nature to cause people to think in world terms. A couple of World Wars, the introduction of nuclear energy, and the U. N. didn't quite bring the results. But neither did the Star of Bethlehem 20 centuries ago which heralded the arrival of the King of Peace, the Christ-child. His gospel was proclaimed

for all peoples, to meet their every need, and it teaches that every man is his brother's keeper. Timeless in its scope and comprehensive in its breadth, the Christian faith has always urged its followers to think in terms of the whole world as its range of operation. Sputnik will help.

The Jurisdictional Hearing

SEVERAL hundred Methodists met at the First Methodist Church in Shreveport last week to hear 37 Methodists express their views concerning the jurisdictional system of The Methodist Church. Taking testimony was a panel with a membership of 12 Methodist leaders, members of a 70-member general Commission named by the 1956 General Conference to study and make recommendations concerning the jurisdictional system, with special reference to the Central Jurisdictional system. In keeping with the policy of the General Commission, no member of the panel is from the South Central Jurisdiction.

Briefly, five of the six jurisdictions are geographical regional divisions of Methodism in the United States, the Northeastern, the Southeastern, the North Central, the South Central and the Western Jurisdictions. Eight states compose the South Central Jurisdiction—Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico. The sixth jurisdiction is composed of Negro annual conferences and churches, and this jurisdiction overlaps the other jurisdictions.

The main issues prompting the General Conference's directing the study and recommendations of the jurisdictional organizations centered around: 1) desirability of the continuance of the Central Jurisdiction as a separate jurisdiction, and 2) place, effectiveness and desirability of the five geographical jurisdictions.

There was no question about the point of view of those presenting testimony at the Shreveport hearings: the Central Jurisdiction must be retained, and the jurisdictional system as presently constituted with the six jurisdictions is serving the church and its program well and also should be retained.

We were impressed that generally speaking there is a woeful lack of understanding by many Methodist lay members as to the true nature of the jurisdictional system. Many of those making presentations, for example, were not aware that the South Central Jurisdiction maintains headquarters in Oklahoma City, has organized boards, commissions and committees, and in general assists greatly in actively promoting the program of Methodism in the eight states of the jurisdiction. There seems to be a general impression that the Central Jurisdiction is simply an arrangement for Negro Methodist annual conferences and churches, and that its elimination would mean the elimination of separate Negro and white churches. Nothing could be further from the truth.

If the Shreveport hearings failed to reflect the true point of view of Methodists of the Louisiana, Texas and Little Rock Conferences, the reason for this failure was a lack of understanding on the part of many of our people as to the true nature of the jurisdictional system. There is no doubt, if we correctly understand the situation, that Methodists of these three conferences believe that the Central Jurisdiction should be retained and that the present geographical jurisdictions are serving a useful and practical purpose and likewise should continue. In both of these points of view we are in hearty accord.

There were at least two useful purposes served by the Shreveport hearings. First, the hearings were a helpful educational experience for those attending. Many who were there learned more about the true nature of Methodism's jurisdictions and their place and function in connectional Methodism. Second, members of the panel were undoubtedly impressed that there is no disposition by Methodists of this jurisdiction in these three annual conferences to dissolve the Central Jurisdiction or to see the function and place of the South Central Jurisdiction changed. As was said by many of those speaking in support of the jurisdictional program, "We need the jurisdictional program; we like the jurisdictional program. We want to keep it."

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THE SEARCH FOR SECURITY

The recent launching of the earth satellite by the Russians has brought the question of security to fever pitch. What protection are armed forts and patrolling navies or even sheltering oceans when man has mastered the air with "moons" traveling 18,000 miles an hour and intercontinental ballistic missiles?

While the prime concern of governmental policies is to find security against war, the burden of their domestic programs is to provide economic security against unemployment, sickness, old age helplessness, and all the other ills that flesh is heir to.

And beyond all our military and monetary worries, consider the search for security against illness itself, especially the dread diseases of cancer and the heart. Our ancestors a few generations ago were living in a world of demons and inexplicable disasters. Physical science has helped to explain away many old fears, but it has created so many new ones. As J. B. Priestley suggests, it almost seems we have lost our angels and kept our devils. Ours is a frightened world.

And let us make clear that up to a certain point, at least, security is desirable. Watch the little child nestling so safely on its mother's bosom or riding so fearlessly atop the shoulders of its father. The infant, deprived of such a sense of security in its early stages, is usually stunted in some parts of its nature. The tender plant of childhood unfolds and blossoms only on the trellis of mutual trust.

And so is it in later life. A certain feeling of security is necessary to release the creative and cooperative powers of a person. When we live under the shadow of impoverished old age or threatened unemployment or impending war, we cannot give our best to the world.

If you doubt the desirability of a sense of security, read your Bible. The pages of Scripture are dotted with promises of divine safeguarding. "God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble"—that is

but one of the uncounted promises in the Psalms. And the very first chapter in the Book of Proverbs contains these words: "Whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil."

The hardest mariner at times longs for the harbor, and the healthiest spirit at times needs refuge from the buffetings of life. In fact, only by such shelter can the human spirit keep healthy.

Yet the search for security must be watched lest it become a weakening thing. If we demanded safety to be guaranteed in all things, where would be the virtues of faith and courage? We are in danger of becoming so security-conscious that we shall be weakened by unworthy fears and become trustful of unreliable securities.

When the standard of living gets low enough, people will prefer a full stomach to a free spirit, and even surrender to a police state. That has happened in certain parts of the world. That must not happen here.

One great source of security is the stability of values. We of the United States and Canada are profoundly grateful that we live in lands of comparative economic stability. Yet even in great, strong nations like ours we cannot be secure against all possible changes in circumstance.

We may lose our money or be stricken with disease. We cannot be secure against what may happen to us. But with God's help we can be secure against what may happen in us. No one can rob us of our character or our courage.

At Mont Blanc this summer I watched the brave mountain guides. They daily faced the dangers of those cliffs and glaciers, but their courage was undaunted. They demonstrated the Scriptural truth that "suffering produces endurance and endurance produces a character and character produces hope." We too can catch that spirit.

And we can have the security which Robinson Crusoe felt when he had been shipwrecked on a lonely isle. He read his Bible daily. One day he opened to the promise of God, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

Then Robinson Crusoe wrote, "If God does not forsake me, of what ill consequence can it be, or what matters it, though the world should all forsake me; seeing on the other hand, if I had all the world and should lose the favor and blessing of God, there would be no comparison in the loss?"

The Layman's Column

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On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

WHEN THE MAN OF GOD SPEAKS CONCERN

Someone suggested the other day that too many "social action resolutions" passed by church bodies and given to the press are a result of "the pooling of the ignorance" of the resolution-makers. He was advocating "long time studies, perhaps over a period of years," the taking of evidence pro and con, the understanding of the "deeper causes" of the conditions criticized or complained about, before any word is spoken or written on the question.

Now no reasonable person is opposed to study and weighing of all angles of a question . . . and I hope I am reasonable. Some questions do need long and careful study. But I have lived long enough and seen enough "studies," and surveys, and investigations (congressional and others) to know that they are too often employed as "a delaying tactic," to thwart action, to get the *status quo* or "a cross-section of the thinking of the community" into control of the situation. And I would sooner have "the pooling of ignorance"—if that is to be the jeering vilipendency

ing dinner in the dining room which practically touches the sea. As we sat there we both noticed the scene which captured the entire sky. In the west was one of those breath-taking tropical sunsets resting gently on the sea, which somehow had quieted for the final ritual of sunset. A beautiful white ship glided toward the harbor a mile or so away. A tiny sail boat sat poised on the water awaiting a fresh breeze. The sky, not content with furnishing a rare sunset, decorated itself clear across to the eastern horizon with varying colors of clouds reflecting the sun. I hope I shall never forget that scene. It was a glorious finale for a wonderful trip that took me far from home for over two months, but which brought me a lot closer to God and to many of His people around the world.

When you read this I shall be home for several weeks. Perhaps I shall be able to tell more of my experiences as I visit over the Conference and in other places where I shall go.

of the instinctive and immediate reaction of a group of Christ-motivated and humanitarian-motivated men and women to injustice, sin, or wrong—than the pooling of prejudices, and the pooling of indifference, and the pooling of un-Christian mores that are often the motive of the motion, "Lay on the table for further study."

I do not recall that before Jesus denounced the activities of the Scribes and Pharisees he had a committee of the disciples take evidence ("over a period of years") as to their point of view, what long history lay back of their formality of worship, nor with what slow timetable they might be induced to change their ways; nor when he shamed those who would have stoned the woman taken in adultery did he await any Kinsey Report upon which to base the pointing of his finger against her accusers. I do not recall that Paul, when he wrote stinging rebukes to some of the churches he had founded, based his Epistles upon well-documented surveys.

Yet no one would say that Jesus "went off" ill-advised, or too soon, or with "the pooling of the ignorance" of himself and of the disciples. His judgments were based on his knowledge of the truth and will of God, of his observations and experiences of the sins and suffering of men, of his sensitive and instant reaction to injustice, sin, and wrong, and of his love and concern for every man as a child of God. Every other consideration—economic, historical, political—was secondary to God's will for man's good. Nor did Paul "go off half-cocked" nor in ignorance. Christ and the Way Christ taught Paul's measuring-rod of right or wrong, of truth and untruth, of justice or injustice, of God's design for man or of the devil's design upon man.

Now I submit that when a minister of the gospel of Christ—or a group of them—is faced with a situation in which justice is denied some of God's children, when a demoralizing action is proposed or flaunted in the face of a community, when issues that affect the well-being, the safety, the health, or the spiritual-moral stature of human beings are up for immediate action, the quick re-action (and resolution) of a body of clergy is not a "too-hasty decision." They are measuring the matter in the light of their own walking with Christ and their knowledge of his Way. They have talked, and walked, and suffered with men—and they know what proposed measures, or continued wrongs, or social indifference mean and will mean to men, women and children. They are at the sensitive pulse of life, conscious of man's shortcomings and needs, conscious of God's hopes for man. Let us hear from our ministers—and quickly—when social issues arise!

BEAUTIFUL HAWAII

It's somewhat of a coincidence that the first and the last stop outside the United States should be the most beautiful places that we visited. Paris was a joyful surprise to me because of its many points of beauty. Now as we dreamed of home just a few hours away, we could not have stopped at a more beautiful place than Honolulu. It was especially welcome after an air trip from Japan that kept us over the Pacific Ocean for about 18 hours. But the beauty of the place seemed to grow on us. The cool breezes were simply too good to be true after nearly two months in the tropics. We were welcomed in true Hawaiian style at the airport with beautiful leis, made of fragrant flowers, and a kiss from a pretty girl! A quick trip to the hotel that gleamed white in the moonlight, and a comfortable room where we could hear the restless sea, while the hotel orchestra wafted its tuneful music up toward our window. Sleep came easily after the long ride.

The next morning we took a ride over the island of Oahu, where Honolulu is situated. But Dr. Manning Potts and I sneaked a before-breakfast dip in the ocean that almost laps at the back of the hotel. The day brought us many points of interest . . . sugar cane fields with the heavy equipment harvesting it in the latest and most economical manner . . . pineapples growing and being harvested also with very efficient machinery . . . a small sugar refining factory . . . the constantly beautiful blue Pacific which stretches away to the horizon where a ship is usually plodding along toward the harbor . . . Pearl Harbor where we looked with silence at the remains of the battleship Arizona which sank on December 7, 1941 with 1100 men aboard . . . the lovely little shops that line the streets around our hotel . . . the stately Royal Palms mixed with the other kinds of palms which always give a look of exotic beauty. I could go on and on because we all were delighted with the constantly arresting beauty of the country. But the sunset was probably the most beautiful scene of it all. My partner, Rev. Edward Lewis, and I were eat-

Trip Behind The Iron Curtain

By L. Keith Mason*

ON July 7, 1957, I left Shreveport to fly behind the Iron Curtain for a three week visit. I joined in Paris the previously organized group of Dr. Sherwood Eddy consisting of seventeen others being authors, college professors, teachers, ministers and their wives, and my father-in-law, Bishop Dana Dawson.

We held fifty-nine Conferences with novelists, poets, politicians, college professors, our own newspaper correspondents and ambassadors and other Americans stationed there.

In addition we were allowed to go anywhere and take pictures except in their military establishments.

We were also fortunate in that our leader, Dr. Eddy, now eighty-six years old, had been to Russia twice before the Revolution in October, 1917, and fifteen times since, so his constant appraisal and assistance in evaluating the party-line so as to have the facts was invaluable. With his guidance and much help from the rest of the group I came back with some definite impressions which I will try to give you of Russia, although we also visited Vienna, Austria, which was behind the Iron Curtain until 1955, Yugoslavia and East Germany.

Winston Churchill once said "Russia is indeed an enigma wrapped up in a mystery," and I might add a country of contrasts which defies analysis.

What is this strange land and people that has arisen in modern civilization to become the second power in the world, and to fascinate Asia and the Middle East, and strike fear in the hearts of the peoples of the Earth?

Difficult To Be Objective

Russia is three times larger than the U. S. A. and covers one-sixth of the earth's surface, with a population of two hundred million.

Because of our emotional involvement with this potential enemy it is not easy to take an objective view, nor to differentiate between fact and propaganda. On this trip I was resolved to take an objective view and to report what I observed, and the impressions I received, regardless of my personal attitude toward the Communist experiment.

The Good Side

Every country, like every one of us, has a good and a bad side, and is hopeful of becoming better. Russia, as a country, showed us many things. Let us consider the good side:

Rebuilt Fast

(1) They have rebuilt faster and better than any one of us dreamed possible. They have built since the war in Kiev, Moscow and Leningrad many skyscraper hotels, apartment houses and office buildings. Their museums, art galleries, opera, ballet, and the agricultural and industrial fair were the greatest I have ever seen, even in London, Paris, Rome, or New York.

(2) Moscow Subway: This was finished in 1953, and its elegance defies description. Their trains are about as fast as trains in New York and the stations are much more elaborate with mosaic, marble and modern indirect lighting. There are many modern escalators that take you up and down, probably one hundred feet, to and from the stations.

Large University

(3) Moscow University was completed in 1954, and is the largest in the world. It has thirty-two stories and twenty-three thousand students. They say there is more teaching space in this building than in Yale, Harvard and Princeton combined. It has all the facilities of our colleges, and approximately six thousand students live on the campus.

Russians Value Education

(4) Grammar and High School education compares more than favorably with ours. In fact, Henry Shapiro, our United Press Correspondent there since 1933, talked to us one evening and told us he married a Russian girl. After Stalin's death they were able to come to the United States and when they entered their sixth grade daughter in the New York Public Schools she was promoted to the ninth grade at once.

They know the value of education, and also most of their young people are taking English and are beginning to ask questions.

At the time of the 1917 Revolution Russia was ninety per cent illiterate under the Czar and the Orthodox Church. Now, under atheistic Communism they are ninety per cent literate.

They are as far ahead of the rest of Asia and the Middle East, where I



visited the previous summer, as we are ahead of them in most categories. To the Asian or Middle Eastern (Arab) they have revolutionized industry, agriculture and education, and they are greatly admired. But, by American standards they are still approximately a generation behind us.

Contentment of People

(5) Another good, or positive impression I received was the relative happiness of the people. We must realize they accept Communism as we accept our Constitution, or the English accept Parliament. My experience in Russia convinced me that Communism is not about to collapse in our lifetime. There has been and will continue to be changes, but there is no more evidence now of a revolt or an alternative system than there is in this country. But why, you may ask?

Anyone who has been there and studied will tell you there is not and could hardly be (1) any opposition to the Communist regime. Then too (2) they are proud of their Government; and, finally (3) they have a great sense of expectancy.

Communism is omnipresent and omnipotent, and their youth has been thoroughly indoctrinated in the past forty years. No person under fifty years of age now knows anything except Karl Marxian Communism and an atheistic ideology since that is all they have heard from the time of the nursery and the kindergarten.

Friendly And Peace-Loving

(6) They are a friendly and peace-loving people. I am speaking now not of the Kremlin, although Justice William O. Douglas in his book "Russian Journey" says he is convinced the Kremlin would like to avoid war, even though the ultimate aims of Communism have not changed.

Wherever we went in Russia first one or two youth would appear, then from twenty-five to fifty would crowd around us on the street seeking information about America and the U. S. A. and asking why we cannot have peace. Thirty-two thousand Doves of Peace were turned loose over Lenin Stadium during the Youth Festival the night we were there. The people moved over to accommodate us in this packed stadium where one hundred five thousand could be seated, even loaning us opera glasses, rain coats and offers of candy or tea, — all this from rank strangers. That there is a natural desire for friendship in the human heart I now know for sure.

Adequate Medical Facilities

(7) Another good side of Russia was its medical facilities although not deluxe they are adequate, and widely distributed.

The equipment is not as modern as ours; the hospitals are not as well constructed; the rooms are large wards containing many beds; and there are no private rooms except for a few severe psychiatric cases. But wherever one goes there are the different specialists in surgery, medicine, etc. with all the modern antibiotics, anaesthetics and other drugs which we use. I noticed several ambulances with nurses and doctors and equipped with oxygen and the other necessities. I did not see any surgery as I was there during the Youth Festival and only emergency work was done.

Their doctors are well trained and efficient. The infant mortality rate in East Asia and the Middle East is from fifty to eighty per cent, whereas in Russia it compares favorably with ours of about one per cent. Over sixty per cent of their physicians are women; in America only six per cent. In 1956 they graduated twenty thousand new doctors as compared to our seven thousand. Under their "stupid" socialized medical system it just takes three times as many doctors to do about the same job as here. I was glad, however, to see it being done and that they were getting good medical care. I only wish this were true in East Asia and the Middle East.

Moral Standards

(8) Finally, since I call myself Christian, I liked their moral standards even though they were Atheists and Communists. One of our group said it looked to him like they had kicked God out the front door and brought our Theological training and concepts in the back door.

When asked why I tell you there is no prostitution in Russia; the answer is that Lenin decreed that. There is very little drinking. I saw only one bar in Russia and that was in the back end of the Leningrad Hotel in Moscow instead of out front in the lobby as we have in this country. In all our travels in Russia I saw only four women smoking and there was no exploitation of sex such as one sees on the Continent of Europe and in the United States.

There was absolutely no begging or tipping in Russia, as there is in

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the Middle East and elsewhere. And, finally, in a lighter vein, there was no horn-blowing. You could rest out a red light as long as you wanted to.

The Bad Side, Poverty

Now Russia as a Country on the bad side:

(1) Poverty and the lack of consumed goods were worse than we expected. It was appalling. There were poor and vile places in the side streets, alleys and in the country. The shoddy materials, like the cheap print calico dresses which the women wore, and the flour-sack-looking material the men wore for trousers, surprised us all. And, by-the-way, bell-bottom pants are in style there now.

Prices High By Comparison

Prices there are high to discourage purchases. For instance, an average man's suit is \$145.00 and shoes \$48.00. Women's shoes are about the same and a cheap print dress there will cost nearly \$100.00. When you consider the average income is about \$560.00 per year you can see why they dress as they do. Food and staples are not so high; sugar is 32c a pound, meal 20c, butter \$1.20. There are very few electric appliances such as we have in this country. A five cubic foot refrigerator costs \$165.00, — about one-quarter year's work, and in 1955 only 115,000 were made. This same year 170,000 television sets were made, most of them being eight inch screen and very inferior to ours. Only Government offices, hotels and the better paid individuals owned them. So, in spite of their "party line" statement that there were "no slums," by our standards there are many.

Poor Transportation

(2) The transportation system, generally speaking, is very poor except for the previously mentioned subway in Moscow. Their trains are not too bad and are the chief means of travel in Russia. In fact, eighty-five per cent of the freight is handled by rail. The train, "The Red Star" on which we rode to Leningrad and back to Moscow, was supposed to be their best. Four of us slept in each compartment on four padded shelves, with cinders and the many odors of the station blowing in on us. You have no choice of roommates and you may draw a Russian female, — which none of us did! Only tea was served by an overmanned staff, as there was no diner.

The automobiles are few, — about one to every one hundred Russians, whereas we have one car to every three Americans. In 1955 we assembled eight million passenger cars and they 115,000. I saw no filling stations, garages, agencies, etc. They have the Zeiss, much like our old Packard, the Zim, much like our Buick, the Pobeda, like our Ford or Chevrolet, and the Moskvitch while is like our Austin. Most cars are owned by the State and the various department heads. The State makes them and buys them as it does everything else. There are no companies or corporations in Russia. The State owns everything.

The commercial airlines also are owned by the State and are fewer in number and inferior to ours. In fact, when one of our group sat down in a plane the seat collapsed and fell back with her. There were only a few seat belts and no pressurized cabins on these twin-engine aeroflot planes. We were all definitely afraid when we entered and were seated, but as travellers' have to do, we turned it over to the Lord and kept going.

Anti-Religious And Atheistic Ideology

(3) The third, and last, distasteful aspect of Russian life that I will mention is the definite anti-religious or atheistic ideology of the Government.

Historians tell us that in 1721 the Czar, Peter the Great, took over as head of the Russian Orthodox Christian Church. In time the Church lost its identity and become subservient to and part of the State. The Church owned much land, and in turn made the people slaves of the Church. This condition existed with minor revolts—like the one in 1905—until the big revolution in 1917 when Lenin overthrew the Czar and the Church as one. Communism replaced the Czar and atheism replaced Christianity. This is still the philosophy of the Russian Government. From the kindergarten to the grave they are taught Marxism, and most of the youth of Russia claim no God. In fact, on many occasions they would tell us "There is no God and that religion is only an opiate for the older person." One young lady, when I asked her what about life after death, answered "Kaboutz"—meaning "that's all." I said "Do you mean you are dead, like a dog?" and she said, "yes."

No young person up to the age of sixteen can receive any religious instruction in a group. There are no Sunday Schools or religious youth groups allowed by law in Russia since the Revolution. In fact, ninety per cent of their former beautiful Churches have been turned into museums, largely of an anti-religious character. The professor of English at Lenin University, in Leningrad, told me he studied Karl Maxism for three hours a day for six days a week six of the ten years he was in prep school, and no Bible study groups were allowed.

Hopeful Signs

With all of this, there are still some hopeful signs which I will enumerate:

(1) They are not only more literate, but English is their foreign language by choice in the schools. They are learning it and at the same time learning more about America and our side of the Iron Curtain.

(2) There is a trickle of exchange, — many of you know of their agricultural group that came over here, with Krushchev's son-in-law being one of them. There have been some cultural exchanges also, one of the Russian Ballets recently went to London and several of their operas have been sent out, and all of this should be encouraged.

Moving To The Right

(3) Finally, and most important, this June there was an attempt in the Presidium by Molotov and Malenkov to oust Khrushchev due to his advocating a policy of co-existence in peace with all Socialistic Nations, and a local decentralization of the Moscow Government. When this hap-

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Social And Economic Board Comments On Social Issues At Meeting

Chicago (MI)—The Methodist Board of Social and Economic Relations, meeting in Chicago Sept. 25-27, heard a statesman-like report from its general secretary, adopted a message on vital issues and made plans for conferences on industrial chaplaincy.

In his annual report to the board, General Secretary A. Dudley Ward said that, because The Methodist Church is the largest Protestant denomination in the United States, "we can easily become as ultimately inconsequential as a social club."

"The ecumenical church is wise," he said, "in proclaiming continuously that Christianity cannot be identified with any political, or economic, or social structure."

Calling attention to some of the other hazards facing the church today, Mr. Ward listed "inability of the ministry to be actually independent and prophetic" and the "danger that we will put organization before organism."

"If the church is too much involved," he pointed out, "it becomes simply a social agency. If it is not involved, it is obviously forgetting a large part of its ministry to the total community."

He saw the responsibility of his board as including: pointing out the issues that are involved in a changing culture, finding out as accurately as possible what these issues are from ethical and technical sources, and enthusing people to action on an individual and collective basis.

"Religion and its institutional expression, such as our board, face peculiar hazards from the pressures of materialism, of conformity, of the desire to be in harmonious relationship with all people," he emphasized.

The board adopted a message on the relations of Christian democracy to current issues. In its statement, the board had this to say on the following topics:

COMMUNISM AND CIVIL LIBERTIES -- "No discerning Methodist can be sympathetic with its godless materialism and disregard the dignity of the individual human person. . . We believe the best defense against Communist ideology is to be found in the preservation and growth of democratic institutions and in the daily practice of the Christian way of life."

ATOMIC ENERGY--"We ask our government, as a minimum, to forego such tests (testing atomic and hydrogen bombs) for a trial period while making every effort to secure reliable agreements from other nations to do the same. Our goal must be the final and total abolition of nuclear weapons."

LABOR AND MANAGEMENT--"We do not take sides with either group against the other. We stand for the right of employees and employers alike to organize for collective bargaining. . . We believe that the public has an abiding interest in every dispute between labor and management and that the interest of the public should be given paramount consideration at all times by both labor and management."

AGRICULTURE -- "We deplore the fact that in spite of government subsidies the farmer's income has not kept pace either with industrial wages or with the rising cost of consumer's goods. . . We call for greater financial and moral support for the rural ministry."

INFLATION -- "A responsibility rests upon all those who help determine the price of goods and services. In addition to the legitimate claims of sellers, there is also

a social responsibility which rests upon those to whom the society has entrusted the making of prices."

EMPLOYMENT -- "We believe that every person who is able to work should have satisfying employment adapted to his ability to provide for his personal and psychological as well as financial needs. . . The maintenance of prosperity and full employment in the U. S. is a major necessity not only for this country but for the rest of the world."

EDUCATION--"We urge that our public schools be continued, supported, and improved as an essential part of our system of public education. . . We believe that federal aid can and should be given without surrender of the principle
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Saw

A White
Stone

By
Rev. R. A. Teeter



which in fact was a white diamond—a beautiful and valuable jewel. I doubt if the lady who wore it knew that it was pure carbon in the crystalized form. But she did know that it was the symbol and token of enduring love and devotion. That is what it meant to her, a very significant meaning.

Carbon takes on numerous forms and combinations. Some of these are black and ugly and some are deadly poison. But many of them are useful to men, and even essential. In the heat and pressure of volcanic fires this same carbon is crystalized into the diamond, beautiful, enduring, indestructible. It is somewhat new and has a new name. Nature creates a value which men cannot duplicate in quality.

St. John, in the Book of Revelation, speaks of a white stone. "To him that overcometh I will give a white stone, and in that stone a new name." The fires of persecution were raging. One could escape them if he chose, or he could endure them and come out as something different—new and with a new name—as the diamond. This was a gift, not a personal creation. It was the reward of enduring love and devotion to Christ. It is something that no man can duplicate in quality. He can receive it and use it as the jewel of life. "Behold I make all things new" and "if any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature."

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. ROY GRANT, pastor of the Ringgold Methodist Church, was guest speaker in revival services held at the Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport, Oct. 6-13, where Rev. Roy E. Mouser is pastor.

REV. W. D. BODDIE, pastor of the Rayville Methodist Church, will be guest evangelist in revival services to be held at the Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, Oct. 22-Nov. 2, where Rev. Ralph Cain is pastor.

MRS. SUE BOYDSTON, enrollment counselor at Centenary College, participated in the sub-district meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship groups in New Orleans recently. She addressed several hundred Methodist youth and showed colored slides of Centenary College.

GAYLOR H. COX, past president of the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church was guest speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club of the Oak Park Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Wednesday evening, Oct. 9. Rev. H. A. Gibbs is pastor of the church.

REPRESENTATIVES selected by the Official Board of the First Methodist Church, Sterlington, to represent the church in finding a suitable church site are: Baxter Sinclair, J. H. Rushing, Ferrell Earl, Frank Roach and L. B. Gannaway. Rev. W. M. Allen is pastor of the church.

DR. W. F. PLEDGER, professor of Bible and sociology at Centenary College, was guest speaker Friday evening, Oct. 11, at the Sunset Acres Church of God in Shreveport. Dr. Pledger also serves as pastor of the Bethany-Keithville circuit.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College, gave his annual address Tuesday, Oct. 15, before the Centenary Women's Club, headed by Mrs. A. E. Blizzard. Dr. Mickle discussed the progress being made by the college as well as plans for the future.

W. C. FULLILOVE was guest speaker at the Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday morning, Oct. 20, in observance of Layman's Day. Mr. Fullilove is an active layman in the First Methodist Church of Shreveport. Rev. Ira W. Flowers is pastor of the Mangum Memorial church.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College, Shreveport, was in charge of the evening worship service of the Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, Sunday, Oct. 13. Dr. Mickle showed pictures of the Centenary College choir on their recent trip to the Orient. Dr. J. Henry Bowdon, Sr., is pastor of the church.

REV. JOHN F. KILPATRICK, pastor of the Pineville Methodist Church, was guest evangelist in revival services held at the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church of Jena, beginning Sunday, Oct. 13, and continuing through Sunday, Oct. 20. Two services were held each day. Rev. W. O. Lynch is pastor of the church.

DR. DANA DAWSON, pastor of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was guest speaker at the evening worship service of the Live Oak Methodist Church, Watson, Sunday, Oct. 13. His message was entitled, "In His Steps." Dr. Dawson also showed slides taken on his recent trip to the Holy Land. Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr., is pastor of the church.

DEAN R. E. SMITH, instructor of the Four Square Bible Class in Shreveport and retired head of the Centenary College department of Bible, was guest speaker Thursday, Oct. 17, at the weekly program in the Brown Memorial Chapel at Centenary. He was introduced by Rev. Webb D. Pomeroy, acting head of the Bible department.

EDWIN C. SCHILLING, JR., will be the speaker at the morning worship service of the Pine Ridge Methodist Church, on the Tangipahoa charge, Sunday, Nov. 3. Mr. Schilling is the Church School Superintendent at the First Baptist Church of Amite. Hugh D. Young will be in charge of the service. Rev. Angus L. Carruth is pastor of the church.

EARL TAYLOR brought the Layman's Day message at the Melville Methodist Church on Sunday evening, October 20. He is a member of the Palmetto Methodist Church and has done lay-preaching in several churches in the Lafayette District. Rev. O. L. Golson, Jr., is the pastor of the Melville and of the Palmetto Methodist churches.

A NEW HAMMOND ORGAN was presented to the Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, three days prior to the formal opening of the new sanctuary on Oct. 13. The donor remains anonymous. A. E. Tellinghuisen, Music Instructor at Louisiana Tech is the choir director of the Grace church and Miss Gail Waugh, student at Tech, is the organist. Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr., is the pastor of the church.

AN APPRECIATION DINNER honoring all of the Church-School workers of the First Methodist Church, New Iberia, was held Monday, Oct. 7, with approximately 35 of the honored guests being present. The dinner was served by members of the married couple's Sunday School class, under the leadership of Mrs. John Abdalla. Rev. W. R. Wendt is pastor of the church.

THE FARMERVILLE METHODIST Church reports that the beautiful new Educational Building is now debt free. This building and the new brick parsonage, which has also been paid for in full, represents an investment of \$72,000. Both buildings have been erected since 1953. It is hoped that the sanctuary can be constructed in the near future. Rev. Rupert Coles is pastor of the church.

REV. W. V. SIRMAN, pastor of the Curtis Park Methodist Church, Bossier City, was guest preacher in revival services held at the Park Avenue Methodist Church, Shreveport, Oct. 7-13. Rev. W. B. Shaw, pastor of the Cotton Valley Methodist Church was in charge of music for the services. He was assisted by the church choir under the direction of Miss Hazel Daniels. Rev. D. L. McGuire is pastor of the church.

DR. WILLIAM F. BEYER, JR., assistant to the Dean at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, was guest speaker at the First Methodist Church, Monroe, Sunday, Oct. 20, when Layman's Day was observed. Dr. Beyer is a member of First Church, Natchitoches, chairman of the Commission on Education, superintendent of the Intermediate Department of the Church School and a member of the Official Board. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor of First Church, Monroe.

MIKE JOHNS, JR., Monroe, was guest speaker at the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday morning, Oct. 13, in observance of Layman's Day. Mr. Johns is active in both religious and civic affairs in his community, and has been a member of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church in Monroe since 1938. He is the author of the book "Think Spiritually" as well as numerous articles. Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor of the Noel Memorial church.

DR. W. F. PLEDGER, professor of Bible and sociology at Centenary College, discussed the topic, "Problems in Marriage Counselling" at a meeting of the Men's Club of the Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport. Dr. Pledger was introduced by J. E. Herndon, a former student of his at Centenary. The Centenary College professor is pastor of the Bethany-Keithville circuit. Rev. Ira F. Flowers is pastor of the host church.

THE METHODIST Student Movement at Centenary College has established "Kulture Korner," a Friday night program devoted to discussions of drama, movies, art, books and other forms of fine art. Jerry Woods of Tyler, Texas, is in charge of the program, and the Rev. James

A. McLean is faculty sponsor. The initial speaker on the program last week was James Hull Miller, associate professor of speech and drama, who discussed the topic, "Pantomime's Role in the Theater."

DR. D. L. DYKES, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest speaker Thursday, Oct. 10, at the weekly chapel program at Centenary College. Marcella Clynt of Baton Rouge, led the opening prayer, and the scripture reading was given by Jay Koonce of Sulphur. The invocation and benediction was given by Gwen Johns of Monroe and Dean Thompson of Eunice, respectively, and special music was presented by the Centenary College choir under the direction of Dr. A. C. Voran.

FIVE CENTENARY COLLEGE students attended the state seminar on evangelism of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at MacDonnell Methodist Center in Houma recently. The Rev. James McLean, director of religious activities and faculty sponsor of the Methodist Student Movement at Centenary, accompanied the delegation, composed of Jerry Woods, Tyler, Texas; Jeanette Crocker, Memphis, Tenn.; Marcella Flynt, Baton Rouge; Jay Koonce, Sulphur; and Truly Anne Drake, Maplewood.

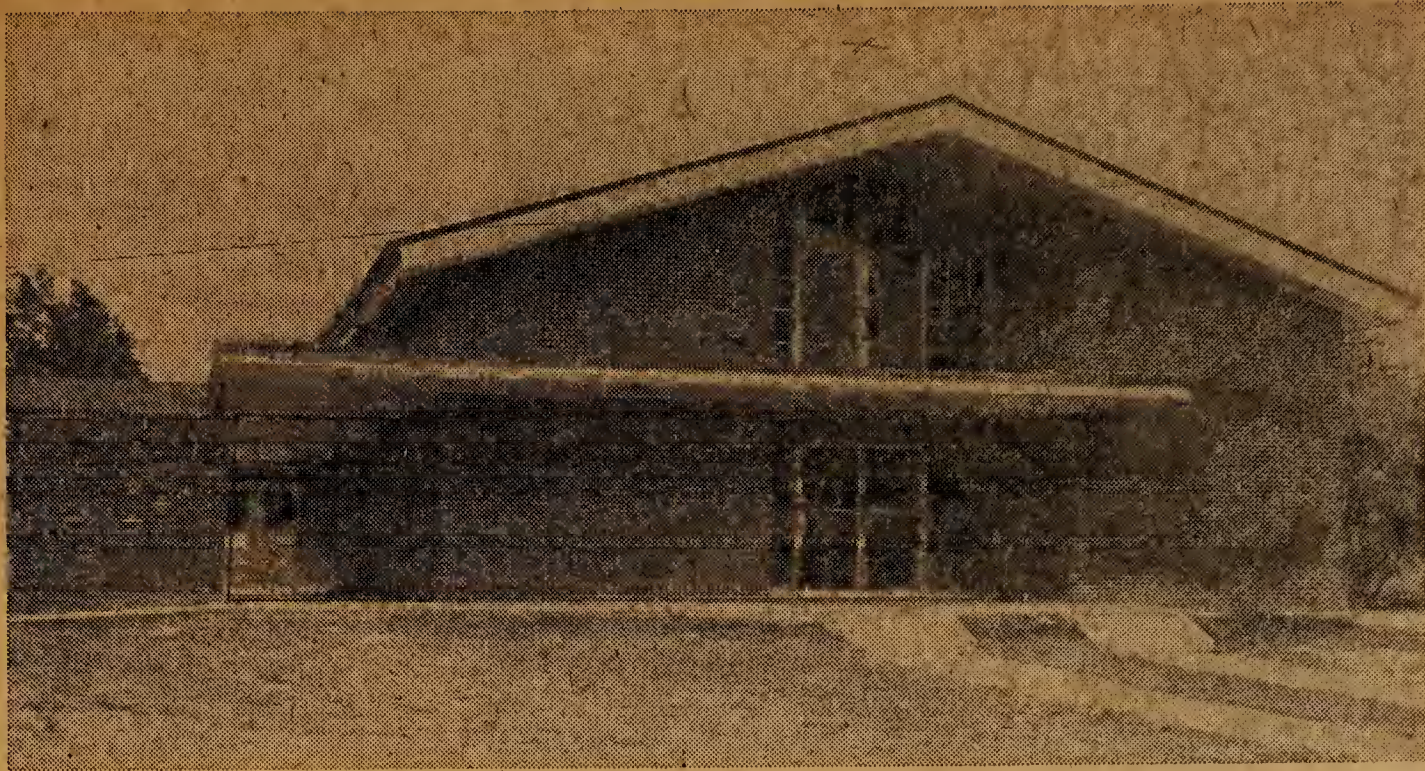
DR. DAVE FERRIS, Doctor of Physiology at Tulane University, New Orleans, was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Church, Lake Charles, Wednesday evening, Oct. 16. Dr. Ferris has recently returned from a visit to the Holy Land. Having the resources from this journey, he spoke on the subject, "Science Looks at Miracle." A special feature of this meeting was that Ladies Night was observed. Dr. Carl Lueg is pastor of the church.

THE WEST CALCASIEU METHODIST Laymen met for a dinner meeting Thursday, Oct. 10, at the West Lake Methodist Church. Earl P. Schexnailder of Maplewood, was guest speaker. Mr. Schexnailder attended the second annual conference of Methodist Laymen at Purdue University this summer, and gave a report on this meeting. Members of the West Lake W.S.C.S. prepared and served the dinner under the direction of Mrs. Frank Simpson, Mrs. Rex Squyres, Mrs. J. A. Robertson and Mrs. Bob Blomquist. Rev. Rex Squyres is pastor of the church.

TEN MEN'S BIBLE CLASS of the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, held a chicken barbecue supper in the Fellowship Hall of the church Thursday evening, Oct. 10. Families of the members were guests for the supper. The program featured the showing of a film, "Louisiana Wildlife in Review," furnished by Jimmy Iles, of the DeRidder Wildlife organization. Songs were led by H. H. Haynes, with Mrs. Frank Vanderluur at the piano. Invocation was by the pastor, Rev. Robert H. Jamieson. The barbecue was in charge of John S. Lewis, C. C. Welborn and G. O. Parsons. In general charge of the event was R. A. Bennett, Jr., assisted by Mrs. Bennett. Glen Olds, president of the class, presided. K. R. Hanchey is the teacher.

NOVEMBER 3rd will be observed as Layman's Day at the Tangipahoa Methodist Church. T. C. Lanier, charge lay leader, will conduct the evening service of worship. Judge Horace Reid of Amite will be the lay speaker for this occasion. The observance of Layman's Day will also inaugurate the Lay Association Minister program in the church. The plan is for a layman to serve as lay associate minister for a period of one month. He will preside at each worship service during the month, assuming responsibility for the entire service with the exception of pastoral prayer and sermon. In addition to this he will make at least one visit each week in the name of the church; attend all meetings of boards and commissions; agree to read at least a chapter each day from the Bible and have period of private prayer; read at least one book during the month dealing with Christian beliefs, church history, or some aspect of Methodism; study parts of the "Discipline"; meet at least once a week with the pastor to discuss services, church program, etc., and occasionally give a lay address. Rev. Angus L. Carruth is pastor of the charge.

Grace Church, Ruston, Opens New Sanctuary



Sunday, October 13, 11:00 a.m., the Sanctuary of the Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, La., was opened for the first worship service, with the pastor, Rev. Henry C. Blount, preaching, and assisted by the Ruston District Supt., Rev. Luman E. Douglas.

Celebrating its seventh birthday, the Grace church was organized by the Rev. Douglas L. McGuire on the second Sunday of October, 1950. Eighty-three persons formed the church on its initial Charter Sunday, November 5, 1950, under the leadership of the late Judge E. L. Walker, and other interested laymen from the Trinity Methodist Church.

The Sanctuary was begun in March, 1957, with the following members on the Building Committee: J. V. Hinto, Chairman; W. H. Hendrickson, U. S. Roane, Robert S. Wynn, Mrs. J. C. Howard, Dr. D. L. Coffman, and Frank Kaylor on the Furnishings Committee were Mrs. J. C. Howard, chairman, Mrs. F. D. Baker, Mrs. John Morgan, Mrs. Robert S. Wynn and Troy Anders.

Grace Methodist Church has had the guidance of three ministers. Serving have been Rev. Doug McGuire, 1950-54; Rev. H. Preston Holley, 1954-55; and Rev. Henry C. Blount, beginning in 1955. The Church now has 312 resident members.

The Sanctuary will seat a maximum of 350 people. Designed by Rivers and Heuer, Architects of Monroe, the Church was constructed by Lincoln Builders of Ruston. It is of contemporary architecture and provides for two additional Sunday School rooms. It has the divided chancel.

During the afternoon, open house and a reception was held at the church, at which time, 225 guests were received. Mrs. Claude Ash and members of the WSCS were in charge of the reception.

For the evening worship service, Rev. Jolly B. Harper, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, preached. Special music for the worship services was rendered by Mrs. Sam Baldwin and A. E. Tellinghuisen.

Lake Vista, N. O., Plans Campaign For Funds

Campaign leaders in the Lake Vista Methodist Church sanctuary building fund drive were announced this week by Gordon Isaacson, chairman.

A loyalty dinner on Nov. 8 will climax the \$150,000 fund drive, which seeks pledges toward the construction of a permanent sanctuary for the Lake Vista church. Construction would begin within two years on the building, which would be located adjacent to the present education building.

The steering committee named by Mr. Isaacson includes W. C. Bowles, Bruce K. Brown, C. S. DeWeese, Pittman Johnson, O. B. Quinn, Henry J. Schmidt, Guy L. Smith, Jack Styron, R. Frank Thomas, and J. R. Wiley.

The committee on mechanics will be headed by Mr. Thomas. Sub-committee chairmen are Dan Brown, Dr. B. J. Leggett, Jr., Carl Sorrells and W. C. Christensen.

Mrs. W. Tate Simmons is chairman of the committee on women's work. Sub-committee chairmen are Mrs. R. Frank Thomas, Mrs. C. S. DeWeese and Mrs. C. E. Hill.

H. D. Flegal was named chairman of the committee on education. Sub-committee chairmen are Mrs. Jack K. Ellison, Mrs. Charles W. Sherwood, Ted Drell and Bruce K. Brown.

Mr. Bowles is chairman of the committee on solicitation, which also includes J. Dan Brock and Mr. Styron.

Denham Springs Methodists Open Educational Bldg.

An "open house" celebration was held Sunday, Oct. 6, for the new 10,000 square foot, brick, block, steel educational building of the Denham Springs First Methodist Church where the Rev. Ned Stout is pastor.

The new structure has 21 class rooms which can accommodate 350 persons in church school classes of all age groups. In addition, there are rest room facilities, kitchen, utility fellowship hall, and space for a pastor's study.

Present at the day's ceremonies was the Rev. D. W. Poole, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, and other Methodist leaders.

Construction of the new plant was begun about a year ago and is valued at \$100,000.

The Denham Springs church school has grown from a smaller type program to a completely departmentalized church school in ten years, a committeeman said. Average attendance has grown from some 60 to 175, with an enrollment of 200, according to the report. L. P. Batte was superintendent and served for several years. He was followed by Clarence Snelling, and the church school is now directed by Daniel Cameron.

"With the new educational building completed and ready for use, the church school will be properly housed and the entire church organization completed for present needs," the report said.

25 TO REPRESENT AREA AT NATIONAL EDUCATION MEET

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of religion in colleges, universities and seminaries, directors of Christian education and educational assistants in churches, several bishops, and about 70 staff members of the Methodist General Board of Education, Nashville.

Purpose of the conference is to provide for counsel and cooperation of professional workers engaged in Christian education, especially as related to the local churches of Methodism, said Miss Florence Teague, Nashville, secretary-treasurer of the conference.

Principal speaker for the conference will be the Rev. Dr. Albert C. Outler, professor of theology, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex. He will speak five times on the theme of the meeting, "The Christian Church as a Redemptive Fellowship."

HEARING REVEALS OPPOSITION TO JURIS. CHANGE

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South Central Jurisdictional Council, also spoke.

Arkansas ministers making presentations included Dr. E. Clifton Rule of Pine Bluff, district superintendent, and Dr. Aubrey G. Walton of Little Rock, pastor.

The following Louisiana pastors and lay persons gave testimony: John A. Dixon of Shreveport, B. J. Smith of Homer, Rev. Don Risinger of Homer, John W. Reynolds of Homer, R. Kirk Moyer of New Orleans, Dr. Guy Hicks of Alexandria, Rev. Roy Grant of Ringgold, Rev. Beverly E. Bond of Shreveport, Rev. Sam Nader of Lake Charles, Judge R. J. O'Neil of Shreveport,

C. O. Holland of Minden, R. P. Lay of Gilliam, Rev. Fred Schwendemann of Coushatta, Joe Wagoner, Jr., of Plain Dealing, Glen Crawford of Plain Dealing, Rev. Merlin W. Merrill of Mansfield, Judge V. M. Mouser of Columbia, Dr. B. C. Taylor of Shreveport, Harold Montgomery of

Haughton, Jack Warren of Bastrop, Floyd Valentine of Belcher, Rev. Paul Durbin of West Monroe, Mrs. Ethel Woodard of Shreveport, Rev. George Harbuck of Shreveport, G. M. Anderson of Shreveport, John S. Garrett of Haynesville, T. W. Holloman of Alexandria, Rev. Charles Geissen of LeCompte, John Johns of Mansfield, and Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., of Shreveport.

Castle Manor Begins Construction



Ground was broken on Sunday morning, October 6, by Methodists of Castle Manor, New Orleans, formally beginning the construction of a \$25,000 brick veneer structure, the first of three units the congregation plans to erect. Ground breaking ceremonies were led by Dr. Virgil D. Morris, superintendent of the district. Rev. S. P. Emanuel is the pastor. In the above picture standing at the site of the new construction are, L to R: George Nelson, superintendent of the Castle Manor church school; Mrs. F. L. Minix, president of the Woman's Society; Mrs. W. W. Purvis, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and chairman of the Building Committee; Rev. Mr. Emanuel; and Dr. Morris. The new site is located one block off of highway 90, east, approximately 2½ miles east of the Industrial Canal, in the Castle Manor section.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Galloway-Tolleyson

The Galloway-Tolleyson Sub-district met October 14 in the Cotton Plant, Ark., Methodist Church, with 38 members attending.

The Cotton Plant Methodist Youth Fellowship presented a worship program called "Invest Your Life."

Sara McGregor, president, presided during the business session. Sue Calloway, secretary, called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting.

The members decided to have a joint meeting with the Frances-Lee Sub-district sometime in the future.

Holly Grove won the membership plaque for October, as a result of having the largest number of members present.

Refreshments were served by the host group after which the meeting was adjourned. Linda Parnell is reporter.

Sebasco

The Sebasco Sub-district met in the Methodist Church at Huntington, Ark., on Thursday evening, October 10. Paul Ed Harrison brought the devotional with Janie Robison at the piano. A panel discussion of Christian Fellowship followed, led by Bill Woods; the panel consisting of Jerry King, Don Ranz, Paul Harrison and Janie King. Hackett was represented by a 100% attendance, taking the banner for the next month. The November meeting will be at Hartford on November 14th.

Youth Visit
Puerto Rican
Mission

Seeing home missions at first hand was the experience that four young persons and an adult counselor from the First Methodist Church of Germantown, Pa., had for two weeks on tiny Vieques Island off the southeastern coast of Puerto Rico this summer.

The "work team" from the Germantown church made plans both to see Methodist mission work and to help in several special church projects. The church has a close relationship to Methodist work on Vieques and contributes \$6,000 annually to support the Methodist missionary there, the Rev. William Garrard, a North Carolina-born evangelist and agriculturist.

The four young persons were Miss Jeanni Cassel, Miss Margaret Fatula, Miss Diana Taylor, and Joseph Leube, Jr. The adult counselor was Raymond Taylor, father of Miss Taylor.

While on the island, the visitors observed the day-by-day work of Mr. Garrard and his staff in the churches, clinics and dispensaries, a social center and a co-op store and on a demonstration farm. They helped in a vacation church school and in a social and recreational program for youth.

The suggestion for the visit to the Vieques mission came two years ago from John L. Owens, chairman of the Commission on Missions of the Germantown church. It was his belief that the cause of missions would be strengthened among the 1,800-

Youth Emphasis Week Observed At Springdale



Youth Emphasis Week for the Senior High Methodist Youth Fellowship members was held Oct. 6-13, at Springdale's First Methodist Church. A large attendance included many young people of other denominations. The activities began each evening at 5:30 p.m. with supper in the church dining room.

Guest speaker for the devotional services was the Rev. Henry Rickey, superintendent of the Conway District. The Rev. Mr. Rickey was assisted by his wife in organizing recreation activities for the group.

The Rev. John N. Flynn, minister of education for the Springdale church, was co-ordinator for the week's schedule, which closed with a dedication service Sunday, Oct. 13.

Pictured left to right, are: the Rev. George F. Ivey, pastor of the Springdale First Methodist Church; Mrs. Rickey; the Rev. Mr. Rickey; the Rev. Mr. Flynn; and Miss Judy Gilmore, president of the Senior High MYF.

THE YOUTHFUL
ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

EXTRA-CURRICULAR
KISSING

The scene: a senior high school in Baltimore. The characters: three. The action: the girl with the pony tail and saddle shoes moved closer to him and sighed. The freckle-faced boy with the big "K" on his sweater puckered and leaned down. Then a teacher rounded the corner in the hall and their moment was gone.

Is kissing in the halls a proper extra-curricular activity for high school students? Well, they did a survey at Kenwood High School in Baltimore to find out what say the students. Four hundred of the 2,400 enrollees think kissing in the hall is proper. Another 650 of them think it's perfectly all right to do a bit of hugging in the halls of their modern, suburban high school, but to postpone the bussing at least until after school. 1,584 of the students see nothing wrong in sashaying down the hall arm-in-arm. And hand-holders everywhere will be overjoyed to learn that 96% of the student body give their blessing to holding hands.

This survey was cooked up last Spring by the school's biweekly newspaper, "The Spotlight." But Fall months find today's teen-ager thinking about what the poet reserved for the springtime, so it

member congregation if youth representatives could visit mission work in Puerto Rico and Vieques, to which the members had been giving.

may not be out of order here to make a comment or two on kissing in high school halls.

Certainly the final answer is not to be found in stern regulations prohibiting love-making at the locker in the school hallways. It's old and corny but illustrates the point: the Dean of Women was speaking to the students about this issue on the campus and said sternly, "The Dean of Men and I have determined to stop kissing on the campus." Then aware of her embarrassment of what her words innocently implied, she compounded her humorous felony by stammering, "That is, we feel there is entirely too much kissing going on under our noses."

The increasing familiarity with which students of the opposite sex greet and treat each other in the current crop of teen-agers is wholesome to a degree in that it contributes to poise and a relaxed kind of social security. But when you have said that, you are forced to see that there are several negative aspects of the situation. For one thing, the kind of half-way display described above cheapens the exchange of affections which may be perfectly normal for two persons who have an affectionate regard for each other. To greet your current flame as if he is going overseas into battle when you will see him again at the end of the fifty minute class period, or to wander along wrapped up in each other, oblivious of the presence of others, is in poor taste to say the least.

But my old-fashioned concern has to do with this demonstration as symptomatic of a general relaxation of the moral bars in terms of what's right and what's wrong in teen-aged romance. A few stolen kisses by the locker don't concern me as much as the fact that folks

MSM, Council of
Churches Sponsor
Oratorio

The national Methodist Student Movement and the National Council of Churches have jointly commissioned the production of a new oratorio celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley, English hymn writer and clergyman.

The oratorio is being composed by Cecil Effinger, professor of music at the University of Colorado, Boulder. The words are being written by Tom Driver, an instructor in drama at Union Theological Seminary, New York City. The major work for soloists, chorus and full orchestra will deal with the life and works of John and Charles Wesley. John was the founder of Methodism. Charles, a preacher and scholar like his brother John, has been called "the great hymn writer of all ages."

The premiere for the oratorio will be on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1957, at a national Methodist student conference at the University of Kansas, Lawrence. There the oratorio will be performed by the Kansas City Symphony Orchestra and about 200 voices from choirs of several Methodist colleges.

St. Paul's, Monroe,
Names Youth
Director

New director of youth activities at St. Paul's church, Monroe, is Miss Jo Ann Richardson. Jo Ann is the daughter of Mrs. T. E. Richardson of Baton Rouge. She received the B. A. degree from Centenary College in 1955 and attended Scarritt College under the U.S.-2 program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. For the past two years she has been Program Worker at Centenary Methodist Community Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

At St. Paul's she will be in charge of activities of over a hundred young people of junior high and high school age. Dr. Ben Oliphant is the pastor at St. Paul's.



MISS JO ANN RICHARDSON

who act thusly, may go far out-of-bounds when they are out alone together. Refer please to the axiom about the camel who wanted just to put his head in the tent, but before long his master had to get out himself to make room for the aggressive camel.



Items of Interest for Japanese Study

SEIWA JOSHI TANK: DAIGAKU
No. 1 Okadayama, Nishinomiya-shi,
Japan
October 3, 1957

Dear Friends of the North Arkansas and the Little Rock Conferences,

My furlough brought me many pleasant and enriching experiences. Among them was the privilege of being with many of you and sharing some of my experiences in Japan and at the same time learning more of what you are doing to help make your own communities and the rest of the world more nearly Christian. I regret that I was not able to accept all your invitations and visit more of your churches. Your many kindnesses to me cannot be counted, but I am grateful for every one. Your gifts will be of real help in the work. Please accept my sincere thanks.

I arrived at Seiwa a few days ago and received a warm welcome. I am already so deep into the life and work here that it hardly seems that I have been away! It is good to feel so "at home" both in Japan and in the U.S.A. I return to the work here feeling your interest and support and I am counting on your continuing prayers. It is only through the power of God's Spirit that His deep and loving purposes can be accomplished. May we here and you in your various places there be channels of His Spirit! We need a fresh out-pouring of His Spirit throughout the world and I believe that we will get it when we are prepared to receive it. For this let us work and pray.

My heart is burdened because of the situation in Little Rock and in some other places caused by the problems of integration. I know that you are deeply concerned, too, and I trust that your efforts to bring about a Christian solution are bearing good fruit. We Christians cannot sit idly by waiting for things to work themselves out in a satisfactory way. In my reading this morning I came across this statement: "Hatred is slow suicide." How we do need love and understanding, constructive cooperation and courage of conviction! In the newspapers here and the radio broadcasts much is being said about this situation and questions are in the minds and on the tongues of many people. With sorrow and penitence we must acknowledge that our beloved America is neither fully Christian nor completely democratic. With thanksgiving for progress made, let us press on toward the goal!

May our Heavenly Father bless you each and every one, Sincerely
Pearle McCain.

The Japanese Exhibit given to North Arkansas Conference by Dr. Pearle McCain is available to Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds for the study of Japan. To date, October 9, the exhibit is booked until the middle of November and for the first two weeks in January.

Any group desiring the articles should write to:

Mrs. Elmus C. Brown
Box 326

Hughes, Arkansas

The only expense will be postage. Whenever possible the display will be sent so that it may be used in the Church School as well as in the study class. Dr. McCain is very desirous of its being shown to children.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BOARD COMMENTS ON SOCIAL ISSUES

(Continued from page 7)

of local control."

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE--"We believe that no sectarian form of religion should be taught in public schools. This, however, does not preclude an emphasis on moral and spiritual values or the teaching of the history and literature of religion. . . We look forward to the day when week-day religious instruction may be offered in the schools on a non-sectarian basis, as it now is in over 80 percent of the state universities."

ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND LOYALTY OATHS--"We believe that the vast majority of teachers both in public schools and universities are loyal citizens dedicated to the ideals of democracy, and that

loyalty oaths are ineffective in restraining others. We therefore deplore the atmosphere of suspicion which has stifled free and creative teaching in many areas."

RACIAL TENSIONS -- "We believe it to be the duty of every Methodist Christian to exert to the full his personal influence for the abolition of race discrimination in reference to employment, housing, public facilities, hospital and medical care, recreation, justice in the courts, and all other relevant aspects of our common life."

The board put its stamp of approval upon a chaplains-in-industry conference to be held in Washington, D. C., Dec. 16-17. Other boards of the church will cooperate in the meeting.

Tentative plans were also projected for Methodist participation in a conference, to be sponsored by the National Council of Churches and dealing with a similar group, in Columbus, Ohio, April 23-26, 1958.

A larger convocation, dealing with the church's ministry to labor and management, is tentatively set for Nov. 13-16, 1958. The city has not yet been chosen.

Dr. Georgia Harkness of Berkley, Calif., shared with the board some of her experiences during the past year when she was teaching in the Japanese Christian University and travelling in the Orient.

The board heard a report on the National Conference of Methodist Youth from its youth members, Bob Howard of Santa Monica, Calif., a student at Perkins School of Theology, SMU in Dallas, and Miss Charlotte Carney of Midland,

Conference Executive Committees Holding Fall Meetings

The Executive Committees of the two conference Woman's Societies of Christian Service in Arkansas will hold their annual meetings this week and next.

The Little Rock Conference Executive Committee will meet at Aldersgate Camp beginning Friday, October 25 at 5 p.m., with Mrs. M. E. Scott, president, presiding. Committee meetings will be earlier in the day; Mrs. J. L. Verhoeff, treasurer, has announced that the Finance Committee will meet at lunch. At 1:30 the School of Missions Committee, Mrs. Joe Carmichael chairman, and the Missionary Personnel Committee, Mrs. Charles Primm, will meet. The Program Committee for the Annual Meeting will meet at 3 p.m. with Mrs. L. B. Tooley, chairman, presiding.

The full Executive Committee will meet at 5 p.m., and continue in the morning, adjourning with lunch at noon on Saturday.

North Arkansas

Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, president of the North Arkansas Conference, announces that the Executive Committee will meet at the First Methodist Church, Conway at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, October 31 and continue through noon, Friday, November 1. The Summer School Committee will meet at 1 p.m., and the Finance Committee, Mrs. William Hall, chairman, will meet at 2 p.m.

Both executive committee meetings will follow a Workshop on the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service being held for district presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries of promotion and Wesleyan Service Guild.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Selma Woman's Society of Christian Service met October 8 in the home of Mrs. Joe Walton with Mrs. Ailene Watson, president, presiding. Roll call was answered by the members with the name of a shut-in she had visited. Mrs. A. M. Kitchens reported on the Prayer Retreat and Mrs. Hughes spoke of the Workshop on Promotion to be held at Warren.

A Service on Membership Ritual was given with the president, secretary of promotion, spiritual life, Christian Social Relations, and the treasurer taking part. The program "Our Home Mission Centers and Race" was given by Mrs. Ines Haisty, Mrs. T. W. Scifres, Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Mrs. Julia Beckham, Mrs. Annie Dickson, Mrs. Robbie Hughes and Mrs. Watson. The hostess served refreshments.

The Week of Prayer service will be held October 29 and the next regular meeting will be November 5 with Mrs. C. K. Watson.

Members of the First Methodist Church of Springdale enjoyed a co-operative dinner in the dining room of the church on Sunday evening, Oct. 6, at 5:30 p.m. The dinner was the first in a series to be held during the month of October in conjunction with a church-wide study on Japan. After the dinner, Robert Bitter gave a brief history of the Christian religion in Japan, and Dean Loshbaugh showed colored slides made in Japan and Korea.

Japanese table decorations were made, and the hostess group was composed of members of the church's Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. Lillian Holt, Mrs. George Ivey, Mrs. Pat Henry, Mrs. Bob Brooks, Mrs. Frank O'Donnell, Mrs. Bob Bitter and Mrs. Bob Johnson

Mich.

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburgh, board president, presided at the meeting. Devotions were led by the Rev. Dr. C. C. Herbert, Jr., High Point, N. C., and Dr. James P. Brawley, of Atlanta, Ga.

Jonesboro District Executive Committee Meets

Fifteen members of the Executive Committee of the Jonesboro District Woman's Society of Christian Service met Friday, October 11 in the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Holifield, Jonesboro.

Mrs. James Blankenship, president, presided, and presented Rev. Holifield who gave the devotional on "Love."

At the time of roll call reports were given by each officer. During the business session plans were discussed to help in a migrant program now being formulated for the eastern part of the district.

Mrs. Robert Holt, Spiritual Life Secretary, lifted up the program for the Prayer Retreat to be held at Wayland Springs, October 16, 17.

It was recommended that the district help furnish the new Student Building now being erected on the campus at Arkansas State College.

Mrs. Fletcher Dodson of Jonesboro was elected Student Secretary to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. N. H. Brown, who moved away.

At the noon hour Rev. and Mrs. Holifield served lunch.

In the afternoon session plans were made for workshops to be conducted in the district in February.—Mrs. E. L. Shaneufelt.

appeared on the program in Japanese costume.

The devotional by Mrs. J. O. Kelly gave an explanation of the Japanese style worship center for the evening. A Japanese fortune tree and a wishing well at the entrance to the dining room were for the special UNICEF mission project of the study, milk goats to be sent to the country being studied.

The session closed with the evening worship service in the sanctuary, led by the pastor, the Rev. George F. Ivey. The study activities, coordinated from the beginner-aged children through the adults, are under the direction of the Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Robert Bitter.



NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

BY IRA A. BRUMLEY

New Certifications

Dr. Roy I. Bagley of Fayetteville has recently been certified for the course of "Missionary Education in the Local Church."

The following have recently been certified for the course on "Christian Worship" (second series) and the course on "Worship in the Small Church" (first series): Rev. George L. McGhehey, Holly Grove; Rev. Joe E. Taylor, North Little Rock; Rev. Earl B. Carter, Nettleton; Rev. William M. Wilder, Van Buren; Rev. James M. Meadors, Jr., Widener; Rev. Worth W. Gibson, North Little Rock; Rev. Frank Jones, Eureka Springs.

A number of persons, including the above list, recently participated in a coaching conference on worship. We are expecting a number of others to be certified on the two worship courses at an early date.

Goals for Church School Membership

We have suggested to local church schools that they set for themselves a goal for church membership increase. We are not suggesting the goal for any church to set. Each local church should make a careful study of its community responsibility in the field of Christian education and set its own goal for church school membership increase.

Letters have been written to a large number of church school superintendents and others will be written at an early date. The following church schools have already returned the card sent to the superintendent: Jonesboro First Church, Jonesboro Huntington Ave., Jonesboro Fisher Street, and Morrilton.

Fayetteville Area Training School

A four-unit area second series training school has been planned for the Fayetteville District churches within reach of Fayetteville, as follows:

"The Child's Approach to Religion," Mrs. Delbert W. Hill.
"Interpreting the Bible to Youth," Ira A. Brumley.

"Helping Adults Learn" (Teaching Adults), Mrs. E. H. Hook.
"Missionary Education in the Local Church," Roy I. Bagley.

There will be a first series school offering one course the first three days of the second series school. This course on "Understanding the Bible" is to be offered by Robert E. L. Bearden.

Mrs. Frankie Adams will serve as Dean of this school.

Searcy Area School

A four-unit, second series school has been planned for the churches of Searcy District within reach of Searcy. The following courses are to be offered:

"The Use of the Bible with Children," Mrs. E. L. McKay.
"The Methodist Youth Fellow-

Churches Report C.E. Week Observances

Melville

On Sunday, October 6, seven young people of the Melville, La., Methodist Church School were presented engraved copies of The Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible.

These Bibles were awarded for perfect attendance in the Church School for one full year, and for bringing Bibles to Church School every Sunday during that year. Those who received the Bibles were: Claire Bailey Jackson, Dorislyn Raye Jackson, Lawrence Moreau, Janie Mae Moreau, Ollie L. Golson, III, Audry Thibodeaux, and Gloria Ann Geary.

Each also received a Gold Cross and Crown attendance pin for one year of perfect attendance. The pins were awarded at the Church School Service on September 29.

ship," Douglas Bale.

"Personal Religious Living," James S. Upton.

"How to Improve the Church School," Paul O. Cardwell.

This school will begin on November 17 and close on November 21.

Alvin C. Murray will be Dean of this school.

Forrest City Area School

There is to be a three-unit second series school held at Forrest City Methodist Church for the churches of that section, November 10-14, with the following courses being offered:

"Teaching Children," Mrs. W. A. Wooten.

"Teaching Youth," Mrs. C. W. Bilbe.

"Christian Beliefs," N. Lee Cate. S. B. Wilford will serve as Dean of this school.

The conference Youth Council mid-year meeting was held in Conway on October 18-19, under the leadership of Harold Wells, president. Plans were made for the conference Youth Rally, April 12, and conference Youth Assembly, June 3-7.

Church School Rally Day Offerings

The following Rally Day offerings have been received to October 17: Spadra, \$5.00; Wright's Chapel, \$5.00; Langley's Chapel, \$5.00; St. Francis, \$5.00; Tyronza, \$10.00; Nettleton, \$15.00; Danville, \$18.15; Mt. Carmel, \$2.00; St. Paul's, Fort Smith, \$50.00; Dover, \$5.00; Gardner Memorial, \$150.00; Lafa, \$3.00; Harvey's Chapel, \$5.00; Melbourne, \$10.00; Kensett, \$15.16; Heber Springs, \$30.00; Rogers, \$75.00; Paragould First Church, \$100.00; Hays Chapel, \$7.00; Pocahontas, \$40.00; Gar Creek, \$5.00; Round Pond, \$17.00; Pottsville, \$13.00; Lake Street, Blytheville, \$20.00; Elm Springs, \$10.00; Garner, \$5.00; Russellville, First Church, \$100.00; Osceola, \$75.00; Lamar, \$10.00; Jacksonville, \$35.00; Hartman, \$7.00; Salem, \$20.00; Corning, \$40.00; Walnut Ridge, \$50.00; Washington

Palmetto

The Palmetto Methodist Church, Palmetto, La., observed Rally Day and Promotion Sunday in the Church School on October 6. At that time certificates of promotion were awarded to the following persons: BEGINNERS TO PRIMARY, Barbara Mouille, T. J. Hicks, Jr., Hals Benhard; PRIMARY TO JUNIOR, Harold Taylor, Donald Morgan, Paul Leger; JUNIOR TO INTERMEDIATE, David Morgan, Doris Morgan, Ruby Mouille, Helen Taylor.

As a part of the morning worship service on October 6, a recognition service was held for the officers and teachers of the Palmetto Methodist Church School. These officers and their offices are as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. Roy Baker; Membership Superintendent, Mrs. Earl Beard; Adult Division Superintendent, Mr. C. E. Pickett, Jr.; Youth Division Superintendent, Mrs. C. E. Pickett, Jr.; Children's Division Superintendent, Mrs. G. A. McDaniel; Secretary, Miss Betty Morgan; Treasurer, Mrs. B. C. Taylor; Beginners and Primary Class Teachers, Mrs. Jonas Wyble, Miss Joy Lee Kidder; Junior Class Teacher, Mrs. G. A. McDaniel; Intermediate Class Teachers, Miss Ouida Beard, Mrs. Roy Baker; Senior Class Teachers, Mrs. C. E. Pickett, Jr., Mrs. B. C. Taylor; Adult Class Teachers, Mr. C. E. Pickett, Jr., Mrs. J. A. Neal; Adult Home Department, Mrs. C. E. Pickett, Jr.

Rev. O. L. Golson, Jr., is pastor of the Palmetto Methodist Church.

1st Church, Abbeville

On September 29 the Abbeville, La., Methodist Church observed Rally Day during the church and church school hours. During the 8:30 service, Mrs. Hugh Williams and Jerry Marshall gave the history of Methodism in Abbeville and Vermilion Parish.

At 9:45 a.m. the church school under the direction of the superintendent, Frank Hunter and his teachers, conducted the Promotional Day program. The Rev. R. H. Harper presented his interesting history of Methodism in Louisiana at the 11 a.m. service.

A covered dish dinner was served at noon and at the close of the fellowship meal, the congregation paid in full for the air conditioning of the church.

The official board held its regular monthly meeting October 7. After listening to the report by the treasurer, Lewis Wood, the board unanimously voted its approval and expressed its appreciation to Dan McPherson who is purchasing chimes for the sanctuary as a memorial to his mother.

The Rev. Robert M. Bently is pastor of the Abbeville church.

Avenue, \$50.00; Fort Smith First Church, \$300.00; West Mt. Zion, \$3.00; Marvell, \$10.00; West Helena, \$25.00; Barling, \$5.00; Marked Tree, \$75.00; Bull Shoals, \$10.00; Fayetteville Central Church, \$200.00; Alpena, \$7.00; Conway First Church, \$200.00; Levy, \$50.00; Lake City, \$15.00; St. John's, Van Buren, \$25.00; Havana, \$4.00; Mt. Vernon, \$3.00; Gravely, \$2.00; Higginson, \$9.72; Sulphur Springs, \$10.00; Beacon, \$11.81; Aubrey, \$6.36; Crawfordville, \$39.00; Eureka Springs, \$10.00; Ravenden Springs, \$5.00; Waldron, \$10.00; Moorefield,

Three Lake Charles Churches To Promote UNICEF

In the city of Lake Charles this year the doorbells will be kept busy on Halloween night. This year the children are trotting around in masks and sheets as usual, but they have volunteered to donate the pennies and nickels they receive to UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund. Four of the Methodist Churches and their friends have combined their efforts to make this new-style Halloween possible by organizing this UNICEF program, sponsored throughout the United States by the U. S. Committee for UNICEF. These Churches are First Methodist, University Methodist, Oak Park Methodist and St. Luke Methodist all located in Lake Charles. Not only has this program proved of great educational value to American children, but it has also replaced the destruction that usually accompanies Halloween with supervised, constructive fun.

Whether you give a penny, a nickel, a dime, your coin in a UNICEF container will be tripled, for each country receiving UNICEF aid matches the contribution two to one. And don't underestimate the power of a penny! Put to work by UNICEF, it can provide enough vaccine to protect a child against TB, or supply five large glasses of milk. Add four more pennies, and there is enough to supply penicillin to cure a child of yaws. Many of the diseases afflicting millions of children all over the world debilitate, cripple or kill. Thanks to UNICEF programs of control and prevention, these same children will grow to be productive adults, able to contribute to the welfare and progress of their country, rather than become a burden to humanity.

The program of Trick or Treat for UNICEF has been adopted in over 7,500 towns and cities in the country. In many cases it has been the children themselves who have organized the group, and brought it to the attention of their parents. In the case of several of the churches represented here the WSCS of the church is sponsoring the children. However, the Youth Divisions of the others are doing the planning.

These children want to help children all over the world who are not as fortunate as themselves. In turn, when they ring your doorbell on Halloween, won't you encourage them for "all the world's children"?

\$20.00; Mellwood, \$8.17; Marianna, \$75.00; New Blaine, \$2.00; Searcy, Grace, \$5.00; Piggott, \$50.00; Oak Grove, \$4.00; Lake View, \$15.00; Yellville, \$15.00; Grenade's Chapel, \$5.00; Jonesboro First Church, \$200.00; Vannale, \$10.00.

Should any church that has not observed Church School Rally Day need additional programs, such can be secured by making request to our office.

November In The Louisiana Conference Is

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Rev. James B. Grambling
Box 175
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Dear Brother Grambling:

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to you, the churches, the pastors, the district superintendents, and Bishop Martin for providing a lovely home for us. We have enjoyed living in it. We want to thank all who helped to make this possible.

It makes us happy to still live in a minister's parsonage, after retiring.

Again, I say thanks to all, especially to Brother Grambling, for his untiring efforts to make this possible.

Sincerely,

Rev. and Mrs. James R. Strozier

April 23, 1957

Rev. James B. Grambling
Box 175
Logansport, Louisiana

Dear Brother Grambling:

As this conference year draws to a close, it means that I have experienced my first year as a retired minister of the Methodist Church. This has been a wonderful year for me and Mrs. Watson. We have enjoyed and are enjoying living in the lovely home which the Methodist Church has built for retired ministers. It is all that one's heart could ask in the way of a place to live. I know that it is more than I deserve. However, I am grateful that I served as an active minister in a church that is concerned about the welfare of its retired ministers.

Mrs. Watson and I express our appreciation to you for the wonderful work you have done on this project. We are thankful that we can live in this lovely home.

Praying God's blessings on you and yours,
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Sincerely yours,
B. D. Watson

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Methodist Work Grows In Elisabethville

By Catherine Parham
Elisabethville, Belgian Congo, Africa

During the last twelve months we have seen many of the families of our students move into suburban homes of their own. Four huge new cities have been built on the circumference of the old city of Elisabethville and the people have been able to get good loans from the government for buying homes. This scattering-out has increased our opportunities manyfold, for whereas the school population in our old situation has remained about the same, we now have in addition to that one, five other church and school centers in the city of Elisabethville. All of these new places are in need of youth work and social work along with the church and school programs.

In the school where I have been serving ever since coming to Elisabethville in 1946, I have had the supervision of three kindergarten groups and seventeen other teachers in the primary school. This has been the first year that we have had the boys and girls together in all the classes and we hope that it is now an established program. We have had an enrollment of almost nine hundred, but not such a good average attendance as last year, because of the move toward the new centers.

My Bible class with the women of the Kenya church continues to be one of the high spots of the week. It is really a place where we share one another's problems, joys and sorrows along with our Bible study. This opens the way for valuable group counseling.

This year has also brought to us our first graduates from a two-year course in Home Economics in a government school. Two years ago the slow girls who were already in their teens and who did not pass the entrance examinations for the course in teacher training were at a dead end as far as further schooling was concerned, as the sixth year in the government school program is open only for those who are preparing to do advanced work in the school.

We approached the government social workers who have organized a wonderful program in Home Economics courses for the married women of the city. They said that they would try a course with these girls who had just finished our fifth year primary school. They set up a five-day-a-week schedule with classes in French, geography, and arithmetic for two days a week and for three days a week they were given good courses in cooking, sewing, washing, ironing, knitting and fancy-work.

Now that these girls are getting their certificates I am sure that this branch of studies will gain status and respect from other girls who will be finishing our primary schools and from their families and fiancés.

Guide For Study Of Alcohol Problems Now Available

An outline for a complete study of the nature of alcohol and alcohol problems, written by an outstanding leadership education authority, now is available from TEM Press.

Based on the widely used book, BASIC INFORMATION ON ALCOHOL by Dr. Albion Roy King, the guide contains suggestions for a variety of class procedures and studies. It was prepared by Dr. J. Irvin McConough of the Leadership Education Department, General Board of Education, The Methodist Church.

A variety of approaches are used for the sessions. Of special interest is a descriptive bibliography of reference materials including audio-visuals.

Dr. King's book, a readable digest of basis data, is out in a new, revised edition. One of the new sections deals with the question whether beer is an intoxicating beverage.

The new GUIDE TO THE STUDY OF BASIC INFORMATION ON ALCOHOL is available for 50 cents a copy from TEM press, 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C. The text, BASIC INFORMATION ON ALCOHOL, may be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House for \$1.50 a copy.

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Former Missionaries To Lead Travel Seminar On Missions

The Rev. and Mrs. Ernest E. Tuck, recently retired as missionaries of the Methodist Church, — first to India, and later to the Philippines — will lead a "traveling Seminar on World Missions," beginning on January 7, 1958 in San Francisco, and ending in Europe on March 6, 1958.

The itinerary will include visits to Hawaii, Japan, Formosa, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iran, the Middle East, Israel, and Europe. The tour will be under the auspices of the Association for World Travel Exchange, and Dr. and Mrs. Tuck may be addressed at its office, 38 West 88th Street, New York 24, N. Y. Dr. Tuck recently retired as director of the Advance program of the Division of World Missions. He and Mrs. Tuck are now on a brief visit to Australia.

Chinese Scholar Is Translating Old Testament

The Rev. Lu Chen-Chung, now in Hong Kong, former research fellow at Yenching University, Peiping, China, is nearing the half-way mark on a translation of the Old Testament into modern Chinese from the original Hebrew. The British and Foreign Bible Society is the sponsor for the project begun four years ago. Ten years ago, Yenching University published a New Testament which Mr. Lu had translated from the original Greek.

The 58-year-old scholar, an ordained minister of the church of Christ in China, says he expects to spend five or six more years on the Old Testament translation. He expressed hope it might be accepted as a replacement for the "standard" Bible now in general use throughout China.



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RESOLUTION

Whereas his Divine Majesty in His infinite wisdom and judgment saw fit to suddenly transplant from this mortal world to the immortal the beloved and devoted wife of our fellow member and friend Robert A. Scott.

Whereas Mrs. Scott served her church at Earle devotedly and without interruption for over fifty years having become a charter member shortly after her marriage.

Whereas this Board in recognition of her faithfulness and mourning her untimely departure did take official action at their regular October meeting as follows:

Be It Resolved: That the original of these resolutions be sent to her husband, a copy to be retained as a part of the minutes of our meeting and thus filed for posterity and a second copy to be sent to our official church paper, "The Arkansas Methodist."

THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
BY: Fred Rhodes

OBITUARY

GRAVES — Joseph Addison Graves was born near Lockesburg, Ark., and died at his home in the Green's Chapel Community near Dierks, Ark., July 14, 1957, after a long illness.

Mr. Graves joined the Methodist Church at the age of 13. In the year of 1881 he moved to the Green's Chapel Community, where he joined the Green's Chapel Methodist Church and remained a faithful member until his death. Mr. Graves was an influence for good in the community and could always be found on the side of the right on all issues. He will be greatly missed by his church and the community as a whole.

In 1889, Mr. Graves was united in marriage to Miss Anese Green and three children were born to this union. Mrs. Graves died in 1898. In 1901, Mr. Graves married Miss Hattie Sanders who survives him.

Besides his wife Mr. Graves is survived by three sons; Floyd Graves of Crawfordsville, Ark.; David Graves of Cisco, Texas; Carl Graves of Dierks, Ark. Four Daughters; Mrs. Pearl Cox of Gillham, Ark.; Mrs. Bertie Stevens and Mrs. Ruth Watson of Dierks, Ark.; Miss Ruby Graves of Broken Bow, Okla. Two brothers: Claude Graves of St. Louis, Mo.; Walter Graves of Gillham, Ark., and two sisters.

Funeral services were held in the Green's Chapel Methodist Church, July 15, with the Rev. W.P. Walker, pastor of the church, and the Rev. J. W. Rushing, Glenwood, Ark., former pastor, conducting the services. Burial was in the Green's Chapel Cemetery.

TRIP BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

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pened he took his case to the Central Committee and asked for a vote and won out. That is why Molotov and the others were kicked downstairs. All this shows Khrushchev is actually moving somewhat toward the Right, or away from the Stalinist views.

By the same token, we are—whether we like it or not—moving to the left. What 1920 business man would have ever dreamed we would have a PWA, NRA, FHA and the other alphabetical Social Reforms which Norman Thomas, a Presbyterian minister, suggested in his 1932 platform. Roosevelt, then Truman and now even a Republican, have adopted most of those radical innovations. Yes, we have moved to the left and Russia has started a move to the right, and it is a hopeful sign. We feel that if there could be a Sociological meeting ground it could prevent some of the conflict between the No. 1 and No. 2 powers of the World.

What Can We Do As Individuals

What can we do as individuals to open up further this Iron Curtain between us?

I was actually asked by another physician in Kiev, through an interpreter, why we had the Iron Curtain. I hastened to say it was not us, but them. He was angry but soon cooled as we began to know each other better and discussed medicine rather than politics.

Pentagon and Kremlin Cannot Do The Job

This leads me to my next conviction and that is *we will never have peace if it is left up to the Pentagon and the Kremlin.*

Only an exchange of our teachers, students, professionals and artists in large numbers will hasten peace. This cannot be done with the McCarran Act as it is now written. President Eisenhower has already spoken for some changes which McCarthyism put there, such as the necessity for fingerprinting which the Russians very much resent. They

only fingerprint their criminals.

There is a tremendous reservoir of goodwill in the Russian people for us due to our aid in the last World War. In fact, I saw a large new bridge across the Dneiper River at Kiev named after General Patton and called the Patton Bridge. Do we have any Khrushchev or Zhukov bridges in this country? It would help to create goodwill if we did. Dr. Laubach's statement "Wake up or Blow Up" may be more significant than we think it is. Especially since Sputnik!

Another thing that you and I can do is to pray; not only for the United Nations or our State Department,

but for Russia also. They certainly need it I promise you.

Faith In God And Future

Finally, our Faith in God and the future must be strong for He is the power that brings about changes on the earth and reveals His will and judgment in the stream of Human History. We in the Christian West believe that the God of Righteousness has a Purpose for mankind and will in the end work His Will regardless of resistance. Our great concern should be that we will have the Faith and Courage to work with in this eternal purpose for the preservation of our own way of life, and to give these ideals to the world.



Trick or Treat?

"Trick or treat" is part of the fun on Halloween. But there's nothing funny about it when it's played with your taxes.

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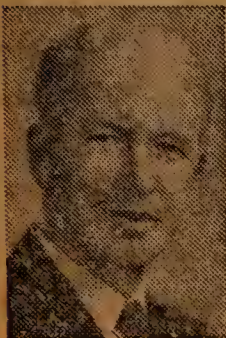
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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 3, 1957

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

READ 1 CORINTHIANS, CHAPTER 11.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Let a man examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.*

—1 Corinthians 11:28 (RSV)

In our study of "The Gospel As Applied to Society," as found in the eight lessons of Unit IX, we come today to the study of "The Spirit of Christian Worship."

As he engages in the act and spirit of worship, the Christian is exercising his highest privilege in his relationship with God. Here his relationship with God is so personal that to attempt the act of worship in a formal, half-hearted, casual manner is a displeasing affront to God that is unworthy of anyone who professes to be Christian. It is infinitely worse than a formal, half-hearted, casual pretense of friends for an intimate, personal friend, bad as that would be.

In our lesson last Sunday, we found Paul much concerned about the misuse of the liberties which came to those who believed in Christ. He recognized that the misuse of these Christian liberties was in itself a sin. In today's lesson we find Paul deeply concerned about the spirit and manner in which the church at Corinth was going about its worship services. While he felt that the manner of conducting these services was bad, he felt that the spirit, in which they were being conducted, was even worse. Their religious services often lacked "The Spirit of Christian Worship."

The Love Feast of Paul's Day

The service of which Paul was especially critical, in this letter to the Corinthians, was the "love feast," which originally was planned as a kind of family night of helpful fellowship and worship.

It would appear that the love feast was a type of "pot luck" supper, to begin with, where, in unity and good fellowship, the various groups of the church met together and ate in Christian unity. As the institution of the Lord's Supper came at the end of the last supper Jesus had with His disciples, so the observance of the Communion Service came at the end of the love feast.

Beautifully planned, as it was, for Christian fellowship followed by worship in the Communion Service, the love feast had degenerated until it was often little more than a pagan feast which lacked the spirit of good fellowship and made impossible the spirit of true worship when the time for the Communion Service arrived.

Some of the wealthier members of the church made the love feast an occasion for selfish, gluttonous eating and drinking to drunkenness, while some of the poorer members of the church who, possibly because of their work, came late and not being able to bring a sumptuous supper, not only went hungry but were objects of ridicule by the wealthier members because they had so little

to eat. This character of meeting was, in itself, hurtful and furthermore accentuated the divisions that already existed in the Corinthian church.

Fortunately the "love feast," as a preliminary to the communion service, was later discontinued. There are plenty of opportunities in the Christian church for social contacts where the church may meet for Christian fellowship. However, worship, as represented by the Holy Communion, is a different type of Christian experience and should be conducted in an atmosphere where the spirit of true worship is in no way hindered.

Paul's Criticism of Corinthian Love Feasts

In this letter to the church at Corinth, Paul points out four faults in the manner in which the Corinthians were observing the love feast and communion service.

(1) Paul says, "In eating each one goes ahead with his own meal." Often each family ate its own food, some for religious reasons, others because of social or financial differences. Such a course only deepened the divisions that existed and added to the disunity of the church.

(2) Paul declared the love feasts at Corinth had become occasions of gluttony and drunkenness and thereby discredited the church before the world about.

(3) Some, at the supper, had more to eat than they needed while others went hungry.

(4) The Corinthians added to the shame of their conduct by calling these gatherings worshipful love feasts, when they belied the very spirit of fellowship and worship by a gross spirit of selfishness.

The Question of Worthiness In Taking Communion

There are some who hesitate to take part in the Communion Service lest they do so "unworthily." Where this feeling is sincere, it likely is the result of being confused over the words "unworthy" and "unworthily." No one would partake of the Communion Service, where are found symbols of the broken body and shed blood of our Lord, if he waited until he really felt worthy. There is, however, a wide difference in partaking of the Lord's Supper with an humble feeling of unworthiness and in engaging in such a service unworthily, where possibly our very motives may be questioned. Unworthy is an adjective which might well describe all sincere Christians as they approach the Communion table. Unworthily is an adverb which describes the way or manner in which a thing might be done.

Anyone in a worshipful mood, who

sincerely wants to have a part in a memorial service commemorating the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, need have no uneasiness about joining in the Lord's Supper.

Communion Service A Time For Self-Examination

In verse twenty-eight of our lesson text, Paul says, regarding this sacred sacrament, "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup."

This period of self-examination is always in order before we engage in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If, in that examination, we are aware of sin of any kind in our lives, we should breathe a prayer for forgiveness and clear, so far as possible, every barrier between us and the Lord as we go into this sacred service.

Command of Jesus Regarding Communion Service Simple

The only positive instructions Jesus gave us regarding the Lord's Supper are found in the words, "This do in remembrance of me." It is one of the strange developments of the Christian religion that, with only this one statement from Jesus who instituted the Lord's Supper to direct us in its observance, Christianity could have enshrouded this simple service with so many arguments and ritualistic procedures and requirements. Jesus said absolutely nothing about who should administer the sacrament, or about who should take it, or where it should be administered or how. Jesus simply said, "This do in remembrance of me." Any further requirements regarding this sacrament, beyond Paul's instruction to "examine himself," is man-made and sometimes of questionable value. There, of course, should be something, in the observance of the Lord's Supper, to keep ever fresh in the minds of Christian people the meaning and sacredness of this helpful service, but the emphasis should be a Christ-centered emphasis rather than ritualistic or doctrinal.

Worship Not An Act But An Attitude

The subject of our lesson today is, "The Spirit of Christian Worship." It was Jesus who said, in John 4:24, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

With this statement of Jesus in mind, it is easy to see that true worship is determined much more by what we are than by what we do. True worship does not necessarily accompany certain acts but is determined by an attitude of soul.

It is possible for a person to go through every act that ordinarily accompanies worship without the experience of worship. We may sing sacred songs, we may join in the declarations of faith, we may join in ritualistic or extemporaneous prayers, we may hear the word of God expounded from the pulpit, we may even partake of the Communion elements, symbolizing the body and blood of Jesus and still, in no true sense, be worshipping God.

Along with the act of worship, there must be the spirit and attitude of worship before we have the wondrously helpful experience of worshipping God. We may not truly enjoy the experience of friendliness, in our relation with our acquaintances, unless there is in our hearts a true spirit of friendliness. How impossible it is to truly worship God

by merely going through the forms of worship.

Matters Essential To Christian Worship

(1) The first essential, in true worship, is a consciousness of the presence of God. It would not be possible to have what we call "hero worship" without a hero. In worship there must be an object of worship. In heathen worship there were stocks and stones, graven images and celestial bodies. The object of worship must be present in fact or deeply engraven on the imagination. So, in Christian worship, there must be a consciousness of the fact and presence of God, the Object of our worship.

(2) A true spirit of worship is accompanied by a sense of our own unworthiness. This is plainly evidence in our posture in prayer. We kneel or bow our heads as we lift our hearts in prayer.

(3) In true worship there may be a deep sense of gratitude and thanksgiving and a desire to praise the God who has done so much for us. Worship may consist of repenting for conscious sins against God and a prayer for forgiveness.

(4) Worship may simply consist of quiet meditation, with our hearts open toward God to receive the help and inspiration we may have through the indwelling of His Spirit.

(5) Even Christian fellowship, especially at the house of God, may be a form of worship, as we have a joining of minds and souls interested in a common cause.

Congregational Worship Means Congregational Unity

No one can worship God while his mind is divided. For the individual, there must be unity of spirit and mind in order to have an experience of true worship.

What is true of the individual is also true of a congregation or church. In order for a congregation to be in the spirit of worship, there must be a spirit of harmony in the congregation. Dissension and discord between members or factions in a church is generally felt throughout the congregation. When members of such a congregation gather to worship, the awareness of this lack of harmony makes worship for some impossible and makes it more difficult even for those not directly concerned in any differences that may exist.

"The Spirit of Christian Worship" is a leveler of life that brings together in unity and good fellowship members of a congregation from all walks of life. Every congregation of size has in its membership the poorer and wealthier of its constituency. There are the learned and the unlearned, the cultured and uncultured together with the fact that these represent various age groups.

There is no other experience that we know about which will bring together such widely diversified groups of people in a spirit of genuine brotherhood like a great worship service where artificial differences are forgotten and God is recognized as the Father of all in every station of life.

While we enjoy congregational worship, we should keep in mind that the experience of worship is not confined to groups or crowds. An individual anywhere who wills it, and has a sense of the presence of God, may have a worship experience.

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Church Giving Reaches Record High

New York, N. Y., (NC)—For the first time in history total giving by churches in the United States has passed the two billion dollar mark.

Contributions totaling \$2,041,908,161 were reported this year by 52 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church bodies marking an all-time record. Of this total \$1,655,039,930—or 81.1 per cent—was reported for local congregational expenses. Contributions to benevolence—including foreign and home missions and relief abroad—amounted to \$386,868,231—or 18.9 per cent.

Of the 52 bodies, 41 which reported comparable figures both this year and last showed an increase in total contributions of 9.9 per cent over the previous year.

Announcement of the 1957 figures was made recently by the Rev. Thomas K. Thompson, executive director of the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches. As in previous years, the figures were compiled by the department in cooperation with the Council's Bureau of Research and Survey.

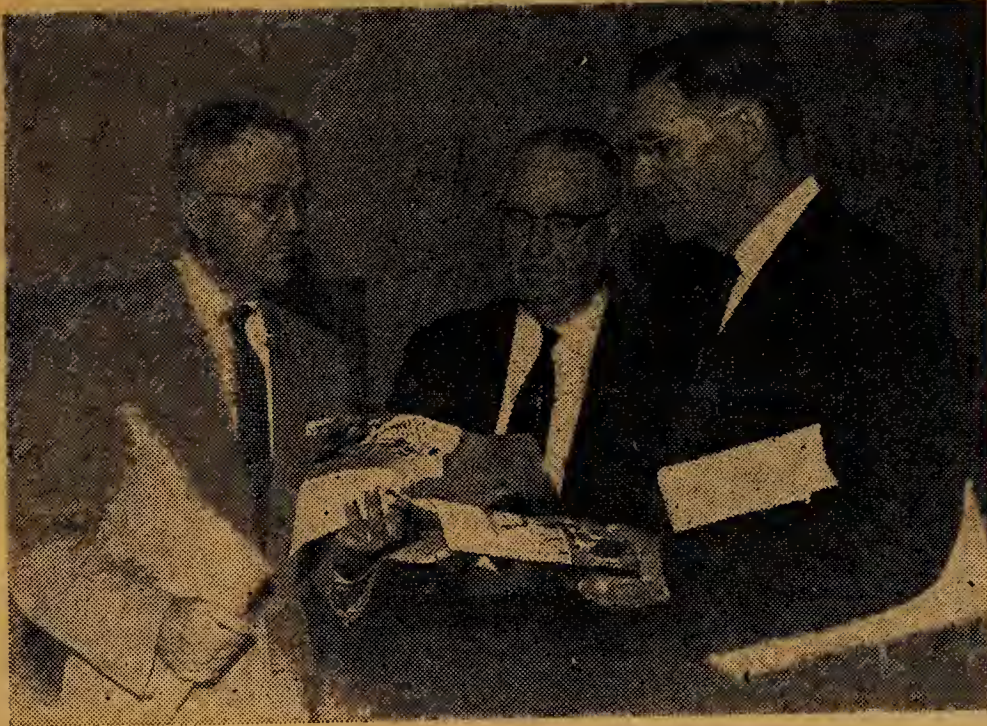
Compared with 1956, congregational expenses of the 41 bodies—funds which go for ministers' salaries, church building maintenance, repairs, fuel, lighting, etc.—increased by 10.4 per cent to \$1,588,212,789. Benevolences showed an overall gain of 7.5 per cent over the 1956 total of \$344,653,328, bringing it to \$370,625,248.

Per-member giving for all purposes in the 41 bodies reporting comparable figures showed a new high average of \$56.74 this year compared to \$52.88 in 1956. This was broken down into \$46.01 for congregational expenses and \$10.74 for benevolences per head.

All 52 bodies, Mr. Thompson said, reported a total of \$69,609,916 given for foreign missionary work. Of the 41 churches with comparable figures, total contributions for this work came to \$65,677,940 as compared to \$61,050,164 last year.

The total per-member giving for foreign missions in the 41 bodies was also up by 5 per cent this year over last, Mr. Thompson said, breaking down into \$1.90 per head compared to \$1.81 in 1956. However, nine of the 41 churches reported decreases in foreign mission giving in the past year.

Of the twenty highest per-member contributors for all purposes, the Seventh Day Adventists, with a membership of 288,568, lead again with \$202.02 this year over \$194.12 in 1956. Second is the Wesleyan Methodist Church with \$197.43, followed by the Evangelical Free Church of America with \$165.



Looking over Every Member Canvass Literature at the Area-wide EMC workshop at El Dorado last week were Rev. R. R. Branton, superintendent of the Lafayette District; Rev. A. N. Storey of Conway, director of the EMC in the North Arkansas Conference; and Rev. Irl Bridenthal, Little Rock.

Shreveport District In Prayer Vigil For Peace

Eighteen Methodist churches of the Shreveport District will join other Methodist churches of the Louisiana Annual Conference in a 15-day Prayer Vigil for Peace beginning Sunday, October 20. The prayer period begins with World Order Sunday, October 20, and continues through World Peace Sunday, November 3.

The Vigil is being directed statewide by Rev. Ted Howes of New Orleans, and in the Shreveport District by Rev. John B. Koelemay, Many.

The Barksdale Methodist

Church in Bossier City, led by Rev. Fred Shirley, will initiate the program. Continuing in the round-the-clock effort will be the following Shreveport churches: Mangum Memorial, Summer Grove, Morningside, Wynn Memorial, Caddo Heights, Trinity, Cedar Grove, and North Highlands. In Bossier City, First Methodist and Curtis Park will participate. The Methodist churches in Mansfield, Vivian, Many, Haughton, Benton, Coushatta, and Pleasant Hill will keep the chain of prayer unbroken.

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Leaders in the Area-wide Every Member Canvass workshop conducted last week at the First Methodist Church in El Dorado were, L to R, Rev. Karl Tooke of Shreveport, Mr. Robert J. Genins of Chicago, Rev. A. N. Storey of Conway, Dr. Edwin A. Briggs of Chicago, and Rev. James E. Major of Little Rock. Dr. Briggs and Mr. Genins are staff members of the General Board of Lay Activities.



Area Holds EMC Workshop At El Dorado

More than 80 Methodist leaders of Arkansas and Louisiana attended an Area-wide Every Member Canvass workshop at the First Methodist Church in El Dorado last week, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 22 and 23.

The workshop was projected to assist district and local church leaders in promoting Every Member Canvass programs in local churches next spring. This program was adopted by the three annual conferences as continuation of the Simultaneous Every Member Canvass program conducted in the Area last spring.

Among the leaders who assisted in the program were Dr. Edwin A. Briggs of Chicago, director of stewardship and finance of the General Board of Lay Activities, and Robert J. Genins of Chicago, an associate of Dr. Briggs.

Bishop Paul E. Martin delivered the opening address on Tuesday afternoon at the beginning of the two-day sessions.

Presiding at the three sessions were Rev. A. N. Storey of Conway, Rev. Karl Tooke of Shreveport, and Rev. James E. Major of Little Rock. These ministers are conference directors of the EMC of the North Arkansas, Louisiana, and Little Rock Conferences, respectively.

Dr. Cecil R. Culver, pastor of First Methodist Church in El Dorado, delivered the devotional address at the Wednesday morning session.

The meeting adjourned at noon on Wednesday.

Among those who registered were 33 leaders from Louisiana, 19 from the Little Rock Conference and 24 from the North Arkansas Conference.

Methodist Laymen To Attend Alaska Univ. Dedication

The date for the dedication of the campus of the Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage has been set for June 29, 1958.

The dedication ceremony will be the highlight of a tour by lay leaders of Methodist annual conferences and other Methodist laymen to Alaska June 24-July 1, 1958. The tour is being sponsored by three Methodist agencies—the Board of Lay Activities and its Department of Methodist Men, the Division of National Missions, and the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, both of which are divisions of the Board of Missions.

Leaders in the movement to found the four-year liberal arts university describe the dedication as one of the most symbolically important events since the project was begun in 1948. Though the names of persons who will participate in the dedication have not been announced, it is expected that they will include officers of the University's board of trustees and top officials of the Division of National Missions, both officers and executive staff. The National Division is the Methodist agency that is spearheading a drive for 5½ million dollars to establish the school.

The laymen's tour will bring together the second group of Methodist leaders from throughout the country to go to Anchorage in behalf of the Alaska Methodist University in the last two years. In 1955, thirty-six district superintendents were in Anchorage during a fund drive in which \$715,000 was pledged by Anchorage residents for the school.

During the tour, the laymen will not only participate in the dedication but will visit Methodist churches and institutions in Anchorage and Seward. The group will gather June 24 in Seattle, Wash., and spend June 25 there in sightseeing. They will fly to Anchorage June 26 and spend five days there, returning to Seattle July 1.

Area Represented At Temperance Workshop In Wisconsin



Arkansas-Louisiana Area delegates to the Adult School of Alcohol Studies Oct. 9-16 at Green Lake, Wisc., discuss a resource book with one of the lecturers, Dr. Douglas Jackson of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas. From left to right are Rev. James C. Whitaker of Vivian, La., a member of the Louisiana Conference Board of Temperance; Mrs. Whitaker; Dr. Jackson, who is a

member of the Louisiana Conference; Rev. Allan E. Hilliard, Rison, Ark., a member of the Little Rock Conference Board of Christian Social Relations; and Rev. Cagle E. Fair of Pine Bluff, Ark., chairman of the Section on Temperance, Little Rock Conference Board of Christian Social Relations. The school was sponsored by the General Board of Temperance, The Methodist Church. Dr. Jackson is a member of the Louisiana Conference.

Central Jurisdiction Holds Hearing In New Orleans

New Orleans (MI) — Communication, communication, communication, communication, communication, communication, communication!

More face-to-face communication between white and Negro Methodists.

This is what was urged by vir-

tually all of the 11 Negro leaders who presented their views at a hearing on the Methodist jurisdictional system, October 14 at Dillard University, New Orleans.

Most of the speakers favored the abolition of the church's Central (Negro) Jurisdiction — eventually but not abruptly. Some wanted to do away with the entire jurisdictional structure of the church, and some did not. Some favored electing bishops at the denomination's General Conference, and others thought it would be better to continue electing them at jurisdictional conferences.

But there appeared to be complete unanimity on the need for more person-to-person communication between the races.

Three speakers said that interracial meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service have done much to improve understanding between the races.

More interracial meetings of ministers were urged, as well as more such meetings of laymen. The importance of discussions by small interracial groups on the local level was stressed.

"In interracial discussions," said the Rev. Robert D. Hill, pastor of Mount Zion Methodist Church, New Orleans, "people learn that there are basically no differences between the races, and it's amazing how many problems solve themselves when we get to know each other."

NC Juris. Studies Own Program

Chicago (MI)—While The Methodist Church is conducting a four-year study of its entire jurisdictional system, the North Central Jurisdiction is taking a close look at its own regional possibilities.

Meeting in Chicago Temple Oct. 11, the executive committee of the North Central Jurisdiction heard reports from various jurisdictional groups and discussed the presentation its representatives will make to the jurisdictional hearing Nov. 22-23 in Columbus, Ohio.

The North Central Jurisdictional Conference, meeting in Des Moines, Ia., July 11-14, 1956, authorized the executive committee on jurisdictional activities. This is a 42-member body, including the College of Bishops and one layman and one minister from each of the 17 annual conferences.

Another smaller group charged with studying the pattern of the jurisdictional conference was also called for by the 1960 Jurisdictional Conference, but because of its similar functions has since been merged with the larger executive committee.

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr. of the St. Louis Area of the Central Jurisdiction, and five other representatives of that portion of the Central Jurisdiction which coincides geographically with the North Central Jurisdiction, have also been invited to sit with the committee.

World Service Leaflet Features New Christ Portrait

Appearing on the World Service leaflet for December is a sensitive and idealistic portrait of Christ by a talented Chicago artist. The portrait, which grew out of a routine assignment, is now regarded as a striking contemporary portrayal of the Galilean. In it, Christ emerges as a visionary, yet dynamic personality.

The artist, George Johnson, a comparative newcomer to Chicago, is from Spring Creek, a small town in northwestern Pennsylvania. His first art training was through correspondence courses begun while still in high school. Later, he studied with the Art Students League and the Grand Central Art School in New York. He has been with Graphic Illustrators of Chicago for eight years.

World Service leaflets are produced by the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of The Methodist Church, and are provided for distribution every Fourth Sunday to Methodist churches. The

leaflets feature the work of the 17 World Service agencies of The Methodist Church. The leaflet for December, entitled "Blessed are the Peacemakers," depicts the work of the Board of World Peace.



Say Liquor Industry Planning Christmas Campaign

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — The liquor industry is preparing a barrage of high-priced advertising to "put liquor back into Christmas," the Methodist Board of Temperance charged here.

Quoting trade reports carried in advertising publications, the agency said the "most intensive barrage of liquor advertising and propaganda in the history of Christmas will start to bombard the American public after November 1."

"For weeks trade journals have been filled with plans for the unprecedented, all-out campaign for the \$350,000,000-plus holiday liquor market," the board said.

One distiller has placed \$7,000,000 worth of advertising in newspapers and magazines for the two-month period to urge holiday purchases of liquor, according to the board. Another will spend nearly \$5,000,000 on advertising tied in with Christmas. A line of 22 holiday decanters will be featured by one distillery for its whiskey and gin.

The temperance board noted that liquor sales fell off last Christmas and said distillers are worried by the trend among business concerns to turn their annual Christmas parties into "family fun" gatherings without alcoholic drinks.

The report said that "when the trade publication advertising requirements listed the Christmas gifts 'most appreciated' by businessmen, liquor wasn't even mentioned."

"The distillers are doing their best to overcome this uneconomic attitude," the board commented. "Four-color ads in the slick magazines, full-page newspaper spreads, car cards in buses, and billboard campaigns in major cities are all being prepared to counter the 'Christmas for Christ' campaign which has hurt liquor sales."

Temperance Group Distributing Christmas Seals

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Six million Christmas seals bearing the slogan "Christmas for Christ" are being distributed by the National Temperance League here.

One part of the seal depicts the Wise Men and the Star of Bethlehem under the symbol of the Cross. The other part shows a whiskey bottle and glass with a

Reports Evangelism Emphasis Helps Membership Gain

Minneapolis, Minn. (RNS) — Strong emphasis on evangelism has given The Methodist Church the greatest number of new members ever received in a 12-month period—more than 475,000 during the past year.

This was reported to the Methodist Council of Evangelism at its annual meeting here by Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City. He is president of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

"These are persons who have been received into the churches on profession of faith, as well as some new Methodists received by transfer from other denominations," Bishop Smith said.

"The Church has something to say and is saying it. It has a positive, progressive witness, not a negative attitude. The churches are doing better than ever before in America and that is why both the churches and Sunday schools are crowded."

Asked in an interview about integration problems in the South, Bishop Smith, who also is president of the Methodist Council of Bishops, said:

"Irrespective of the difficulty we are now facing, the entire matter will be solved in a satisfactory manner by The Methodist Church moving gradually and by evolution rather than revolution . . .

"I have no doubt The Methodist Church will do the Christian thing about the whole matter of segregation and will come up with an answer and action of which the great company of Methodists will be proud."

large cross mark through the panel. This is intended to symbolize the rejection of alcoholic beverages as a means of celebrating Christmas.

The league is suggesting that temperance supporters not only use the seals on their Christmas cards but on "personal letters to radio and TV stations urging them to eliminate beercasting at Christmas time and throughout the year."

It also is urging that people tear out from newspapers and magazines beer and liquor ads that feature Christmas themes and mail them to the publishers with the seal attached as a protest against the "debasing of this religious holiday by the purveyors of liquor."

Dr. Blake Urges Encouragement of Iron Curtain Churches

PASADENA, Calif. (RNS)—Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Philadelphia called here for a program to encourage churches in iron curtain countries because they constitute "the biggest crack in the totalitarianism of Communism."

The president of the National Council of Churches urged more contacts between Christian leaders of the West with churchmen in Communist-ruled areas.

"Our policy should be to encourage in every way possible these churches to widen that crack," he told a Tuesday evening forum audience at Pasadena City College.

"Every encouragement should be given to religious leaders to make all possible contacts with the leaders and congregations in Communist countries."

Dr. Blake said it was a "ridiculous assumption that when a Christian talks to a Communist it is the Communist who will convert the Christian, rather than

vice versa." This notion, he added, "has been a handicap in fostering such conversations and visits."

Christians worshipping every Sunday together in Russia, Latvia, Estonia, Romania, Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia, he said, "have more in common with Christians here than they have with their Communist governments."

Dr. Blake said Christians in the West must remember that the Christians outnumber the Communists behind the iron curtain.

"The only long-run hope in the world today," he said, "depends upon the gradual adjustment the East and the West must make to avoid mutual annihilation."

The National Council head, who is stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., led a deputation of American Protestant leaders on a ten-day visit to Russia in March, 1956. In June, 1956, a delegation of Russian churchmen visited the United States.

Queen Hears Pastor Attack 'Peacemongering'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor of National Presbyterian church, told a congregation that included Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Philip and President and Mrs. Eisenhower that "peacemongering—careless and irresponsible talk about peace" is "worse than warmongering."

"Peace which is only the absence of overt conflict is not the peace to which the Christian aspires," he said. "To talk about peace unrelated to moral principles is as dangerous for world order as saber-rattling and scowls at international borders."

In the congregation were Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, Chief Justice Earl Warren, Secretary of the Army Wilbur Brucker, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield and other high-ranking officials of the United States and Commonwealth countries.

"Jesus did not say 'Blessed are the peace-wishers,'" Dr. Elson said. "He did not say 'Blessed are the pacifists.' He was quite emphatic. He said 'Blessed are those who make peace.'"

The Presbyterian pastor said the amount of military force Christian nations should use is "the tragic dilemma of our age."

The threat of destruction from atomic power heightens the crime of an aggressor, Dr. Elson said, but "the moral obligation to discourage such a crime, or deny its victory, increases the agony of the Christian soul."

"How to use force for moral ends is the most searching concern of the responsible Christian who would be a peacemaker," he declared.

Dr. Elson charged that "absolute pacifism, the refusal to fight under any circumstances, is irresponsibility in the social order."

Christians cannot accept "peace at any price," he maintained.

"If the price of peace is forsaking our heritage of faith in God, we will reject it," he said. "If the price of peace is injustice, we will reject it. If the price is forfeiting our freedom under God, we will reject it."

In solving the dilemma of making peace in an atomic age, Dr. Elson recommended that "each individual make the highest possible Christian decision in the light of all factors in a given situation."

"The only Christian perfection applicable in this kind of world is perfection in a moral choice between the possible alternatives," he said.

Dr. Elson said that "peacemakers need more than good advice, fan mail and the clever slogans of their friends. They need God and the place to find Him is in the searching, refining experience of worship."

Interdenominat'l Evangelical Paper Needed, Canadian Writers Told

Toronto (RNS) — Canada needs an influential interdenominational, evangelical periodical, the Christian Writers' Association of Canada was told by John Sigsworth of Oshawa, Ont., its retiring president.

Such a paper would "help denominations get acquainted with one another," he said at the annual meeting.

Robert Walker of Chicago, editor of Christian Life magazine, said the press is "the greatest single tool for getting the Gospel across to people."

The world has never been more spiritually bankrupt than today, he said, but "there is evidence of the spirit of God working through the printed page."

Alan Haw of Belleville, Ont., was elected president of the association. George Bowman of Scarborough, Ont., and the Rev. R. B. Warren of Toronto were named vice-presidents.

Reports N. E. Parents Attending Sunday School

Boston (RNS) — Church school days have started all over again for parents in many New England communities as the result of a movement to encourage the whole family to attend Sunday school classes.

Separate Sunday school classes for parents and children are now being conducted in more than 100 churches, it was reported here.

The Rev. Norman S. Townsend of East Greenwich, R. I., New England representative of the National Sunday School Association, spoke enthusiastically of the program. He addressed the All-New England Sunday School Convention.

"We have been creating Sunday school classes for mothers and fathers," Mr. Townsend said. "Some of our largest classes are made up of young parents. It is not so much sending youngsters as bringing them."

He said that in one Rhode Island church 400 parents go to Sunday school. The combined parent-child enrollment is 1500. Ten years ago, when the parents' program was started, only 110 children were enrolled.

"We feel the Bible has the answer to the family's problems—the needs of the parents as well as the children," Mr. Townsend said.

Halloween And UNICEF

THE Trick Is To Treat All The World's Children." So reads the heading on one of the several pieces of literature now being circulated by the U. S. Committee for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. The committee sponsors the annual "Trick or Treat" program on Halloween evening, collecting funds to help more than 600,000,000 children of the world who suffer from malnutrition or disease.

Last year U. S. children in some 6,000 U. S. cities and towns collected in excess of one-half million dollars which in turn made possible the treating of 40 million children overseas to milk, medicine and food. The UNICEF program makes a little go a long way. Each UNICEF penny and dollar is matched by countries receiving help at approximately two for one. Each penny put into a UNICEF container provides about six glasses of milk; each dime enough BGG vaccine to protect 10 children from tuberculosis; each dollar, enough drugs to treat a leprous child for three years.

At a time when the vision of men and women, boys and girls, is being stretched to include the whole world, this is certainly one way of increasing the spirit of neighborliness between ourselves and those less fortunate—the needy children of the world. This gesture from us who have so much for those whose need is so great is in keeping with the spirit of Him who said "Suffer the little ones to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God."

The Glory Of The Reformation

LAST week in writing about the danger of the Reformation, we suggested that carried to an extreme, each believer could become a law unto himself, bringing his own beliefs and interpretations into a Christian fellowship, which could easily result in the fellowship being something less than Christian. This week as we approach Reformation Day, we suggest that something of the positive aspect of the Reformation experience be examined.

The glory of the Reformation is that the responsibility for the Christian's experience is placed squarely where it would seem that God wanted it placed: on the individual believer. God's revelation of Himself through Christ, through His world, and in and through human history is such that the sincere seeker has little difficulty in coming to an understanding of God. God has taken the initiative in expressing his love for man. The next step is man's response that he and all men may become reconciled to God.

The Protestant Reformation was brought about because the established Church leading up to the 16th century, through abuses, had placed itself between man and God, and insisted that only as any man conformed in a particular prescribed way, would the Church vouchsafe for his salvation. Curiously enough, this particular way did little to stimulate the average believer's spiritual growth to anything like maturity.

The Reformation released latent spiritual powers in man's experience. This renaissance of religion came at a period in history when a similar resurgence was underway in art, literature, architecture, etc. In these and other related fields, including religion, self-expression and individual responsibility were coming to the forefront. Man was thinking for himself.

One has only to look about in the world today to see the great strides that have been made since the time of the Reformation. The Kingdom has not come yet in its fullest sense, but who would deny that God has a greater chance through men to redeem His world than ever before. The sun never sets on the Christian Church, and faithful men of God are to be found in every corner of the world. Those who have followed in the Protestant tradition have been in the forefront of exploring the frontiers in every direction, carrying with them an experience of freedom and self-determination which continues to break through in a host of ways.

The glory of the Reformation is that the Christian movement is not bound by the authority of a traditional organization. Thus

released, the movement has spread to influence the lives and destinies of many who believe that God made them for fellowship with one another and directly with Him, even as Jesus and His Father were One.

An Experience Many Deny Themselves

ELSEWHERE in this issue is a news story from the National Council which reveals that giving of financial resources to organized religion by church members is at an all-time high, over two billion dollars. This staggers the imagination, and seems to convey the impression that church coffers are over running with money, and church leaders are looking for ways to spend what has been given. Nothing could be further from the truth.

We have never been very impressed with the per capita giving figures that are often given to show church members are not giving financially what they ought to give. For example, Methodists are giving something less than \$1.50 per member annually to the World Service program of Methodism. But to suggest to a loyal, church-supporting Methodist that this is all that he is giving to World Service, would be an insult to his loyalty. Methodism is currently engaged in a program to secure larger financial support of its institutions of higher learning and has set as a goal one dollar per member. For people who really give to these institutions, this seems like a small amount, since most financial supporters of these institutions do not stop at one dollar.

The trouble is, of course, that there are so many church members who do not take seriously their financial responsibility to the church where their membership is held. One pastor we know pointed out to his congregation that if every family in that church were on the public welfare rolls and gave a tenth of that welfare income to the church, the church budget could be more than doubled. That particular church has no families on public welfare rolls, and by all standards of measurement is doing an exceptionally good job financially. However, that church is typical in that it has many members who have not arrived yet with any adequate sense of stewardship of money.

We would like to suggest that there are too many church members who have not experienced the joy that comes with sharing their financial resources with their church. This is a joy that they have denied themselves, and their experience as Christians will never be complete until an adequate sense of Christian stewardship of money has been developed.

World Peace Sunday Is Coming Up

IF the church has something of significance to say to the world on the issue of war and peace, there has never been a day when that word should fall on more receptive ears than today. Because of the means of modern communications and the various media of conveying the news of the world within the hour to most people, there are more people concerned with what is going on in the world about them today than ever before. And with that concern goes some hope that international tensions that develop from time to time can be resolved without warfare.

We believe that the church has something significant to say on this issue, and that its word will not fall on deaf ears. If Sputnik can capture the imagination of millions of people and the front pages of every city's newspapers, then some hopeful word about faith and confidence in international relationships, some challenging word about relieving vast undeveloped areas of poverty and disease, and some prophetic word about morality in the high and low places of everyday living should be of paramount interest.

The church will have failed in its mission to the world today if it does not bring its faith to bear on all the great issues of the day. Certainly not the least of these issues is a national political economy where three out of every four tax dollars goes to pay for past, present and future wars. We do not question this necessity, although this would seem to indicate that military might alone is our international salvation. The Christian knows that this is not so.

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North Arkansas Conference Notes—

November Special Set For Nov. 10-17

By Ira A. Brumley

The North Arkansas Conference churches are to make November 10-17 as the November Special period. This program is to emphasize Ministerial training and Hendrix College. The offering at this time is to be divided this year on the basis of \$5,500 for ministerial training and the remainder for the current budget of Hendrix College.

Last spring it was decided that the North Arkansas Conference would continue the November Special as a part of our emphasis on higher education, as well as on ministerial training. A goal of \$35,000 was set for the November Special program with the understanding that the Board of Ministerial Training would receive \$5,500 and all additional funds would go to Hendrix College.

The \$35,000 was apportioned by the World Service Commission and the district superintendents to the various districts. The district apportionments were apportioned to the local churches.

Many local churches have put an amount in their church budgets for this program. Other churches will plan to take a special offering for this program.

Two districts, Batesville and Fayetteville, are having a special Sunday of emphasis with representatives of Hendrix College and the Board of Ministerial Training speaking from the pulpits on Sunday morning, Fayetteville District on November 10 and Batesville District on November 17.

It is hoped that every church in the North Arkansas Conference will give due consideration to making the period of the November Special a significant time for the promotion of ministerial education and Hendrix College.

Where the local church has not had a message on The Call to the Ministry and other church-related services, this would be a good time to make that emphasis.

All offerings for the November Special are to be sent to Mr. E. W. Martin, Treasurer of this fund, Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas.

The funds going to Hendrix College are to be used for the current budget of Hendrix College.

The funds going for ministerial education will be used in helping ministerial students attending various colleges. A scholarship out of this fund is provided in Perkins School of Theology. These funds also provide for the correspondence courses of accepted supplies and ministers on trial in the annual conference taking the course of study by correspondence. The ministerial training funds also make it possible for a number of men to attend the summer program in Perkins School of Theology.

Our ministerial training program has invested many thousands of dollars in recent years in helping men secure training for more adequate service as ministers in the church.

Rev. William Hightower has been certified for the course on "Worship

in the Small Church" (first series), and "Christian Worship" (second series.)

Mrs. John Simpson of Marianna has been certified for the course on "The Social Witness of the Local Church in the Ecumenical Movement."

Rev. I. L. Claud is to offer the course on "How to Teach in the Church School" for the Mountain Home Area, November 4-6.

Mrs. Elmus C. Brown taught the course on "How to Teach in the Church School," Umsted Memorial Methodist Church, Newport, Oct. 21-23.

Leaflet Prepared On

Thanksgiving Worship In The Home

In preparation for the observance of Thanksgiving, the Department of the Christian Family, General Board of Education, has sent to all Methodist ministers *Thanksgiving Worship in the Home* for 1957.

This leaflet contains suggestions to parents who wish to celebrate Thanksgiving with a service of worship and to engage in activities related to sharing with others.

Thanksgiving Worship in the Home is revised annually. The 1957 revision points up the fact that Thanksgiving is a family holiday.

It is suggested that families develop their own worship services, using as much as seems helpful of the service given in the folder and adding material which originates in the family group. "Talk over in the family circle the things for which you are thankful and develop a litany with a response such as 'We Thank You, God' in which we thank God for the food we eat, friends and loved ones in the home, beauty of the fall, our country, our church school, teachers and leaders, our Bible and the opportunities which God gives," is one of the suggestions.

Thanksgiving Worship in the Home (3066-C) may be ordered from the Service Department, General Board of Education, P.O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Prices, 30 cents per dozen, \$2.00 per hundred, cash with order.

CHURCH SCHOOL LEADERS NAMED AT NATCHITOCHES

Christian Education Week had goals of 350 for Sunday School attendance, and 150 for fellowship attendance at the First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, La., where the Rev. George Pearce, Jr., is pastor.

Those confirmed by the Commission on Education as officers and teachers for the education year, Oct. 1, 1957-Sept. 30, 1958, are as follows: Sunday School: general superintendent, Weldon Middleton; assistant superintendent, Coleman Martin; and secretary, Mrs. T. D. Miller.

Children's Division: superintendent, Mrs. Preston Nealy; nursery, Mrs. Eva Nichols, superintendent; Mrs. Raymond Sanders, Neva Wright, Mrs. Ben Moreland; kindergarten, Mrs. A. E. Brown, superintendent; Mrs. Joe Pierson, Mrs. J. E. Pierson, Mrs. Cary Johnson, Jr., Mrs. Mitchell Reames, Mrs. Frances Brossett, Kay Blevins; primary, Mrs. Jack Fisher, superintendent; Mrs. Dudley Fulton, Mrs. W. F. Beyer, Mrs. Sid Bright, Jr., Mrs. C. G. Glass, Mrs. Leonard Fowler; juniors, Mrs. Finley Carroll, superintendent; Miss Mary Winters, Hugh Bernard, substitute; Mrs. J. B. Boydston, Mrs. Mason Salter; youth division, Norman Fletcher, superintendent; Mrs. D. H. Whittington, Mrs. J. S. Mitchell, Ed Pierson, substitute, Dr. W. F. Beyer, Mrs. A. E. Slack, Mrs. H. M. Hyams, Jack Fisher; Wesley Foundation Director, Miss Ann Adams.

Adult Division: Mrs. Van Woodward, superintendent; Thomas F. Porter, Class, Dr. Leo Allbritton, teacher; Mitchell Reames, assistant teacher; Earnest Workers Class, Mrs. W. W. Wilson, teacher; Home Builders Class, Miss Catherine Winters, teacher; Mrs. Bertha McClelland, Mrs. Van Woodward, Mrs. Henry Bernard and Mrs. Clyde Bostick, substitutes.

Open Door Class, Willie Cummings, teacher; Raymond McCoy and William Todd, substitutes; Fifty-Fifty Class, Mrs. Ed Carroll, teacher; Earl Breedlove, substitute; Fellowship Groups, J. B. Boydston, superintendent; Milling Pierson, assistant superintendent; Bess Audrey Holley, secretary; kindergarten, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Watkins, Mrs. A. E. Brown; primary, Mrs. Ed Pierson, Mrs. Jack Rowan, Mrs. Cecil Ewing, Mrs. Herschel Sandefur, Kayla Bernard, Mrs. Sid Bright, Jr., superintendent; Juniors, Mrs. A. K. Deason, Mrs. Martha Wickett, Mrs. Evelyn Coats (pianist), Roger Williams, Miss Patsy Gray (pianist), intermediates, Mrs. George Pearce, Jr., Mrs. Cora Carver, Miss Mary Carroll, Mrs. C. G. Glass, Mrs. Grover Bates, Mrs. Marjorie Watkins; seniors, Norman Fletcher, Jack O. Brittain; adults, teacher, Dr. Robert Hammond, Miss Loneta Graves, president.

Other workers are Mesdames Edward Horton, Paul Torgimson, Fred Scheen, Robert Gimbert, Fred Yancey, Guy Nesom, Mitchell Reams and A. L. Mitchell.

Natchitoches Scouts Receive Awards

Don Hargis, scout master of Troop 60, First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, La., has announced the following advancements for scouts of the troop—Second Class: Guy Lane Nesom and Willie Beyer; First Class: Richard B. Williams; Star: Hampton Carver and Lamar Bates; Eagle: Don Pearce; Merit Badges: Billy Whitehead, Don Pearce, Larry Fisher, Hampton Carver, Churck Thomas, Richard Williams, and Cecil Chopin. Others were qualified, but were not present for the presentations.

Jimmy Mims of Troop 64 received the Life Scout Award. Mark Torgimson and Robert Deason received First Class.

Jimmy Mimms and Chuck Thomas were the two scouts from the Southern District to receive the Order of the Arrow in August.

Hot Springs Training School Held

A Leadership School of six courses was held in the Grand Avenue Church in Hot Springs, Ark., September 30 to October 2. Nine churches were represented in the enrollment of 124, with 66 earning training credits.

Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Galloway entertained the faculty, pastors and families with a coffee on Monday evening after the school sessions. The Rev. Mr. Galloway is pastor of Hot Springs First Methodist Church.

Courses and teachers were: "Helping Adults Learn," Col. and Mrs. Claud Haswell, El Dorado; "Friendship and Marriage," Mrs. E. B. Story, Little Rock; "Teaching Youth," Rev. James E. Major, Little Rock; "Teaching Children," Mrs. Kenneth Shamblin, Little Rock; "The Use of the Bible With Children," Mrs. W. F. Bates, Little Rock; and "The Church and Home Working Together for Children," Mrs. W. A. Wooten, Memphis, Tenn.

Churches and ministers cooperating included: Pullman Heights, Rev. Winslow E. Brown; Piney Grove and Gardner, Rev. Phillip Pierce; First Church, Rev. Mr. Galloway; Grand Avenue, Rev. Alfred I. Doss; Tigert Memorial, Rev. John Walker; Oaklawn, Rev. Clyde Parsons; New Salem, Rev. David Cavnor; and Fountain Lake, Rev. Connie Robbins.

"We are most grateful to Dr. Roy E. Fawcett for his help in setting up the school and his untiring efforts in securing a faculty of splendid teachers," said the Rev. Mr. Doss, who served as dean.

ESM Youth, Bogalusa, Aid UNICEF

Children of the Bogalusa, La., Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist congregation again this year participated in the annual "UNICEF" project to benefit needy children of the world, said Mrs. C. D. Tisdale, general chairman of the project, and her assistants, Mrs. Carl McKay Jr., and Mrs. Earl Gates.

The costumed girls and boys enjoyed an evening of "Halloween partying and 'trick and treat' visits at homes throughout the city on the evening of Tuesday, October 29.

All met for a party assembly in the Fellowship Hall of the local Methodist Church, and were shown a feature film at 5 p.m. before they were taken in cars to different sections of the city. An ESM Methodist youth leader accompanied the different groups.

After their calls at residences in town, where they collected coin contributions for the UNICEF children's relief project, they returned to the Fellowship Hall for party refreshments.

WHEN FEAR BEDEVILS US

When we let our minds dwell on what others may do to us, our fears multiply like those of a grandfather when he gets to thinking of the mishaps which might happen to his grandchild—the buttons she might swallow, the stairs she might fall down, the knives she might get hold of.



It is amazing, isn't it, how many grandchildren grow up despite the dangers their grandparents feared would befall them. Similarly, how innumerable seem the things men might do to us, when we stop to think about them.

When Jesus said, "Be not anxious what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink nor yet for your body what ye shall put on," He knew most of the worries on that score are not due to the fact people fear they may actually starve or freeze, but to the fact they want to eat and drink and wear as good things as others have.

In our desire for economic security not many of us are afraid we may actually go to the county poorhouse. What we fear is we may have to go to a poorer house than we have now or poorer than our neighbors have.

Think how many of our common worries are due to this besetting habit of comparisons. It was to free us from this that the Psalmist sees God as helping when he says: "Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man; thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues."

When we live with God as our helper, we are above the reach of man's pride and man's tongue. We are not worried about how we rate socially or about what others say behind our backs.

When I assumed the pastorate of the church I have been serving ever since my student days, one of my seminary professors said to me: "Just see that they give you enough salary so you don't have to think about money." I have to confess I have never quite discovered just how much

THIS IS! It seems the more one has, the more he is worried about what he doesn't have. Yes, if we could lift our thinking from our social comparisons to our necessities in the eyes of God, many of our fears would vanish.

Moreover, when the Lord is our helper, He arouses a noble fear which drives out unworthy fears. Fear has a valid place in life. It is silly to prate about being absolutely free from fear. Healthy fear is needed to preserve our health. Otherwise we would recklessly kill ourselves and others.

Jesus drew a distinction between wholesome and unwholesome fear when He said: "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

Jesus was trying to tell us we should not be so much afraid of what happens to us as of what happens in us.

The fear of God which, as the Bible says, is the beginning of wisdom is not a cowardly fear. It is the kind of reverent regard which a good son has for his father. The bad boy fears what the father may do to hurt him for his misdeeds; the good son fears what he may do to hurt his father by his misdeeds.

"Perfect love casteth out fear." The mother forgets her fears for herself in her loving care of her child. The devout child of God stands in reverential awe of his Heavenly Father, fearing only that he may fail the love which has done so much for him.

When the Lord is our helper, He secures us against unworthy fears. Also God helps to free us from fear by focusing our eyes on values rather than prices.

Returning from Europe in September, I found on shipboard a friend who is the head of a large industry. I had been watching the quotations of the stock market posted on the ship. Prices were slumping. His own company's stock was going down.

I asked him if he was worried about the downward trend in stocks. To my surprise he replied he had not read the list for some days. He knew the value of the stocks and was not depressed by the current prices.

It is the real values which count. Look for them.

The Layman's Column

By
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LETTER FROM A FRIEND

The other day I received a letter from a young girl who is preparing herself to be a deaconess in the Philippines. Here is the part of it which disturbed me the most:

"Is Little Rock far from Jonesboro? Just this morning headlines in the newspapers are all about Little Rock. . . Every day the newspapers are full of news about the Negroes. What are our Methodists doing about this issue? You know, sir, I love America very much. She gave us freedom; she gave us food in our time of hunger; she improved our education and ways of living; she gave us the idea of brotherhood of man and fatherhood of God. And above all, she shares to us Filipinos the love of God. She shows us God and shares with me her religion, which teaches that God is love and God is our Father, the father of all mankind, that all peoples are brothers. She teaches me the religion with the teaching of loving all people including the enemies. Yes, we the Filipinos owe a great thing from America and we can't forget. Our people have a great respect for you and we love you.

"But what I can't understand is this thing happening in Little Rock. Are those people not Christians? Why do they hate the Negroes? I pity those Negroes, they are suffering too much. I know there are many of them who are Christian. I wonder how they can bear it. Why are the whites afraid to sit with the blacks side by side? Jesus taught to love one another. Oh, I am proud to belong to the Methodist Church because it accepts all races. May God use the Methodist Church in solving this racial problem.

"I've a dream to go to America, the land I've always loved next to my country. But I am somewhat afraid now; because I also am dark; they might stone and kick us out . . ."

I offer this part of her letter with no comment, except that if any reader has some ideas of how I should answer her without disturbing her Christian principles, you might tell me how to do it.

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

WHY ARE SOME MINISTERS "UNHAPPY"?

Every once in a while, someone—and occasionally he is a clergyman—takes a dim view of the Christian ministry as a profession, and rushes into print with an article that the religiously lukewarm seem eager to accept. The reader often seems to sense, however, that the writer, for one reason or another, has gotten into the wrong profession, and now realizing that fact is "letting off steam" to boost his ego, or to compensate for an inferiority complex.

One of our usually careful magazines published a critical article the other day. If one may summarize several pages, the main points seemed to be: (1) there are many misfits in the ministry—driven there by the prodding of parents or of religious teachers; (2) there is too great a cleavage between what the minister has learned in seminary and the "beliefs" (accepted in childhood) now held uncritically by laymen; (3) the minister is "forced to play a role," stereotyped for him in people's minds, and his wife likewise has to conform to a pattern—though both of them may want to be "free"; (4) "the average Protestant church is scared to death of ideas": the minister must temper his message—he must give his blessing to the ideas and actions of parishioners and community, and "tell his people they are wonderful"; (5) men get "ahead" in the ministry through politics within the church; (6) the minister lives in fear—fear of himself, of his people, of his church authorities.

Now, let us admit that there are many men who ought not to go into the ministry. If one looks upon the ministry expecting the remuneration, the social standing, the "freedom from dirty hands" that is associated with most professions, he had better not be a minister: the ministry is a "calling apart" of men for a service distinct from anything else upon earth—and not everyone is qualified in maturity, in spirit, and

in self-surrender. If he cannot be happy in "standing apart from the crowd," if he will develop "fear" or an inferiority complex under criticism or even under pressure, he had better not be a minister. If he is a slave to convention, or has a desire to be a good fellow in all companies, or does not have a deep love for all men no matter what their condition or sinfulness, he had better not be a minister. And it is equally important that his wife share this independence, and devotion, and balanced judgment and humor.

There are some men in the ministry who don't belong, but my (lay) observation through the years is that they are few. And of these still fewer were pushed into the profession by mistaken advisers. I doubt if as many trained ministers leave their calling as do members of some other professions . . . I happen to belong to a pedagogical school alumni. And when we meet for annual dinner, it is those who have "escaped" the teaching profession, not those chosen superintendents, who are congratulated—the current heroes being two ex-teachers who via law became justices.

There may be some few men who feel the handicaps to their ministry enumerated above, but I venture the observation that most of the difficulty is in the men themselves and not in the nature of the calling. There are hundreds of men in the churches today who are evidence of the fact that any minister who has a message to give and has the skill to tell and live it, will find an eager audience. Here we could all name names and places. Part of the minister's job—one reason for the ministry—is to lift his people from low beliefs and acts to a higher standard envisioned by the trained leader: if he does not do that he is, frankly, a misfit. If a bigger church or ecclesiastical office is a goal, he will find his way well-blocked; what some call "politics," others may recognize as effective and self-forgetting service. Any man who goes into the ministry seeking remuneration, honor, or preferment (by men) is already defeated. But he who seeks not materialistic goals, but rather to serve others, may reap "rewards" from men, but surely will from his God and his own conscience.

The difficulty with writers are the fears and disillusionments in the ministry seem two-fold: (1) the measuring-rod they use; (2) the generalizations they make from one man's failure to measure up.

Last Jan. 13, a total of \$1,060,659 was collected among Methodists in a special appeal for the relief of Hungarian and other victims of oppression. The committee said this was the largest return for any single day's appeal for overseas relief in the history of Methodism.

The Meaning And The Need Of Reformation

By James A. Pike

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The Reformation Opened The Scriptures For All To Read And Interpret, Making Every Believer A Priest.

ALL too often "Protestant" is thought of as simply meaning anti- or non-Roman Catholic. And sometimes Reformation Sunday is thought of as simply the recollection of a time way back in history when we broke with the rule of Rome. So viewed the word Protestant is not a particularly honorable word, and Reformation Sunday is an observance not particularly relevant to men today—nor, for that matter, particularly charitable in spirit. If the meaning of the day is *past* and *negative*, we should abandon it.

But if we think through the meaning of "Protestant" and "Reformation" we'll find that it is *present* and *positive*. And it is this present and positive meaning that alone justifies our keeping of the festival of Reformation Day.

Need For Reformation Is Continuing

The meaning is present. The Holy Ghost "Who spake by the prophets" speaks to the church today no less than he spoke to the Reformers of old. A truly Protestant church is not merely one that can look back to a reformation: it is one that recognizes its need of reformation today.

Let me cite a few examples:

1. Is there tension and factionalism in your congregation? Is there real democracy among the membership, or is the control tightly held by a few "lay popes" whom no one—not even the minister—dares to challenge? If so, there's plenty of room for a reformation.

2. Do the members of your congregation regularly attend church every Sunday? If not, reformation could begin here.

3. The Bible tells us that the early Christians celebrated the Lord's Supper every Sunday. Luther, Calvin, Cramner, and Wesley endorsed the same practice. What about your congregation? Are you reformable in this regard?

4. The Apostles were enjoined to heal the sick. And in the Epistle of James we read: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." Is this ministry of healing practiced by your church (of course concurrently with the ministry of medicine)? Perhaps reformation is needed here.

5. In our support of the church and its mission our gifts often resemble a "tip" to God. Yet all we have is really His. Are the people of your church really giving sacrificially? We are under command to bring the light of the gospel to all men; actually we are only scratching the surface—in terms of the real possibilities.

Reformation Is A Positive Approach

The meaning is positive. The Reformers, in their negative reaction to serious abuses in the life and teaching of the medieval church, came to positive conclusions about the meaning of the Christian faith. These conclusions were not limited to their own time: they spanned the past and the future. They were not new ideas; they were the revival of old ideas, part of the original deposit of the Faith but which had been lost or distorted in the intervening centuries. *And they apply today as fully as they did in the 16th century.* What are these positive teachings and why are they important today?

Sovereignty Of God

1. *The absolute sovereignty of God.* No earthly authority, in church or state, has the last word; God has. Thus, no earthly ideal or pattern of life is free from criticism. This is the basis of personal independence in an age in which the pressures to conformity are greater and greater all the time. It is, for example, an important message for "The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit" or "The Organization Man."

Total Commitment

2. *The 100% claim on every man's life.* In medieval teaching there was a "high road" and a "low road" to salvation. Members of religious orders bound themselves to a higher law; but, for the ordinary layman or priest, keeping the Ten Commandments and the six precepts of the church would suffice. Anything done over and above counted for extra credit. The Reformers' aim was not to cut the "religious" down to size, but to elevate men in all callings to the religious life. All men are called to serve in total commitment, in all their decisions, in the use of their time, means, and talents. This higher law can give meaning and dignity to every daily task; it deepens the sense of responsibility in life—in the 20th century no less than in the 16th.

Saved Only Through God's Grace

3. *Justification "by grace through faith unto good works."* The minute the law is seen as 100% it is obvious that we cannot "make up" for our sins, since any new good thing we do we are supposed to do anyway. So it was clear to the Reformers that we cannot be saved by our works but only by God's grace received in penitent faith; good works, seen before as means of salvation, become instead the *grateful response* to salvation freely given, unearned. Today, more than ever, we are aware of the devastating effects of anxiety due to a sense of guilt, and the importance of self-acceptance to a healthy personality. The answer is found in the old doctrine of justification: I can accept myself because God accepts me, though unacceptable; and in the confidence of that acceptance I can become more acceptable.

Every Believer A Priest

4. *The priesthood of all believers.* The Reformers perceived that all men are called to a ministry, and that there are no higher or lower "callings," but that all are to share in God's creative and redemptive purposes in the world, each in exercise of his own particular gifts. Thus all are called not only to do their daily work in a spirit of dedication, but are called to spread the gospel, to redeem men. And all are priests in the holiest of actions, the Holy Communion—as "concelebrants," and as co-offerers of the "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving" in which we enter anew the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ.

A deep sense of this common priesthood of all believers is needed *today*—not only for the sanctification of our daily work, but the expansion of the working team of the Church and the grasping of the full meaning of our services of worship. And it will give us real fellowship on the deepest level, rather than on the superficial bases so often relied upon today as an antidote to loneliness.

Reformation Continues To Supply Needs

In short, the key emphases of the Reformation can today, as in the centuries past, give men what they need most: *independence, a sense of responsibility, self-acceptance, and fellowship.*

Thus, the message of Reformation Sunday is not merely past and negative: it is *present* and *positive*. Let us celebrate it in that conviction.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. P. McKEITHEN, pastor of the Ferriday Methodist Church, was guest preacher in revival services at the Vidalia Methodist Church October 14-20, where Rev. Harold Hine is pastor.

REV. FRED S. FLURRY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, was guest preacher at the Melville Methodist Church, Melville, Sunday, Oct. 20. Rev. Ollie L. Golson, Jr., is pastor of the Melville-Palmetto charge.

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, was guest speaker at the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday morning, Oct. 20, where Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor.

DOUGLAS BICKLEY, a member and an active layman of the First Methodist Church of Bastrop, was guest speaker on Sunday, Oct. 20, when the Haynesville Methodist Church observed Layman's Day. Rev. Jack H. Midyett is pastor of the church.

DR. RODNEY CLINE, professor of Education, Louisiana State University, was guest speaker on Layman's Day, October 20, at the Zachary Methodist Church. Bill Smith, Church School superintendent conducted the worship service. Rev. Robert Ed Taylor is pastor of the church.

A CHARLES WESLEY Hymn Festival was held at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, Sunday, Oct. 27, with the assistance of the Chancel choir, directed by John Hammond, minister of music. Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor of the church.

LOIS MURPHY, Arcadia, was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Men's Club of the Homer Methodist Church, Wednesday, Oct. 16. J. B. David is president of the Club and J. D. Kelly is program chairman. Rev. Wm. P. Fraser is pastor of the church.

DR. BEN OLIPHINT, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the W. R. Mitchell P.T.A. Dr. Oliphint used as his subject, "When a Child Needs Comforting." A question and answer session followed the address.

JACKIE PHELPS has been named the director of Youth Activities at the First Methodist Church of Jennings. Mr. Phelps is a senior at S.L.I. at Lafayette. J. Earl Koonce of Sulphur was the speaker Sunday, Oct. 20, when Layman's Day was observed. Rev. Kenneth McDowell is pastor of the church.

REV. R. E. WALTON, pastor of the Opelousas Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the Woman's Service League meeting in Crowley, Thursday evening, Oct. 10. The Rev. Mr. Walton discussed the types of literature found in the Bible. His talk was in keeping with the club's study on women of the Bible.

EUGENE CARTER, 18, was accidentally electrocuted near Heflin while helping a neighbor put out a grass fire. Eugene died after coming in contact with a high voltage wire which apparently started the fires. He was the son of Rev. R. S. Carter, pastor of the Heflin-Brushwood charge, and Mrs. Carter.

ON SUNDAY, Oct. 27, First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, held an observance that was unique in its history—Founders' Day, an observance honoring the men and women who have served on the Official Board of the church for 50 years or over. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor of the church.

REV. FRED S. FLURRY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, was guest evangelist in revival services at the Palmetto Methodist Church, Oct. 20-26. Rev. Raymond K. DeHainaut, Wesley Foundation Director at L.S.U. was song leader for the services which were held each night at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Ollie L. Golson, Jr., is pastor of the Melville-Palmetto charge.

H. L. DAUGHENBAUGH, New Orleans District lay leader, was speaker for the Laymen's

Day service at the Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Sunday morning, Oct. 20. The service was under the direction of the charge lay leader, H. E. Hoppmeyer, assisted by Murray Cunningham, Walter Blessey, Ben Capell and R. E. Mittelstaedt. Rev. Edward W. Harris is pastor of the church.

BUSTER CROWLEY, from the probation office of the Ouachita Parish, was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Men's Club of the Sterlington Methodist Church. He spoke on the work being done by the probation office. Barbecued chicken was prepared and served by Fred Gulley, president of the Club; and Red McGough. Rev. W. M. Allen is pastor of the church.

SERGIO HUNEEUS, Director of Foreign Public Relations of Chile, was guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the Men's Club of the Carrollton Methodist Church, New Orleans, Thursday evening, Oct. 24. Officers of the Club include Walter F. May, president; Dr. J. P. Curl, vice-president; George Armstrong, secretary; and L. D. Woodall, treasurer. Dr. J. Henry Bowden, Sr., is pastor of the church.

ARON M. KOHN, managing director of the New Orleans Crime Commission, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church of DeRidder Wednesday evening, Oct. 23. Mr. Kohn is also president of the National Association of Metropolitan Crime Commission, a former F.B.I. agent, and an expert in the field of Political Science. Rev. Robert H. Jamieson is pastor of the church.

JUDGE M. D. MILLER, JR., of Jennings, was guest speaker at the Layman's Day observance at the morning service of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, Sunday, Oct. 20. Judge Miller is an associate district lay leader in the Lake Charles district and he was an alternate delegate to the jurisdictional conference of the Methodist Church in 1956. Rev. Robert Crichlow is pastor of the church.

REV. GLENDON R. MESSER, pastor of the Elysian Fields Methodist Church, New Orleans, conducted the noonday service Monday through Friday, Oct. 21-25, at the Church House, under the auspices of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches, according to an announcement by Rev. George H. Wilson, executive secretary. The services, held from 12:10 to 12:20 p.m. include a period of prayer, scripture study, meditation and soft music.

WILLIAM LOCKHART, principal of the Chaneyville High School and secretary of the Baton Rouge District Board of Lay Activities, was guest speaker at the Wesley Methodist Church, Ponchatoula, at the annual observance of Layman's Day, Sunday, Oct. 20. The Youth and Senior choirs of Wesley church and the Methodist Student Center of Southern University furnished special music for the occasion. Rev. Carey Martin is pastor of the church.

DR. WM. F. BEYER, JR., Dean of Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, was guest speaker at the First Methodist Church of Monroe, Sunday, Oct. 20, in observance of Layman's Day. Dr. Beyer is a member of First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, chairman of the Commission on Education, superintendent of the Intermediate Department of the Church School, and a member of the Official Board. Dr. G. W. Pomeroy is pastor of First Church, Monroe.

LAYMEN of the Sterlington Methodist Church conducted the morning worship service of the Sterlington Methodist Church Sunday, Oct. 20. Baxter Sinclair, Church School superintendent, directed the service assisted by T. E. Young and Ferrell Earl. The speaker for the occasion was J. O. Booth. According to a report from the pastor, Rev. W. M. Allen, the laymen of the Sterlington Church are rendering a great service in the church.

DR. HARRY BROWN of the English Department of the Louisiana Tech, Ruston, was

CORRECTION

The New Orleans District Conference will be held at St. Luke's Methodist Church in New Orleans instead of the Grctna Methodist Church as was first reported, according to a letter from Dr. Virgil D. Morris, district superintendent.

speaker at the observance of Layman's Day in the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Sunday, Oct. 20. Dr. Brown is a member of the United Church of Ruston, and has on several occasions taught Sunday School classes at Trinity Church. Dr. J. B. Wilson, chairman of the Official Board, and teacher of the Trinity Class, was in charge of the service. Rev. Jolly B. Harper is pastor of the church.

INTERCHURCH cooperation is becoming the keynote between the Lockport and Raceland Methodist churches, according to a recent report. Almost side by side on Bayou Lafourche, they are served by the same pastor, Rev. Robert Collier. The two churches have a Men's Club in common, and are now planning the W.S.C.S. study on Japan together. Later they hope to have a training school for their children's workers. Raceland, as a young organization, is one of the current 1000 Club projects.

A. E. HARTIENS, a member of the Davidson Memorial Methodist Church, Lafayette, was guest speaker at the observation of Layman's Day at the Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette, on Sunday, Oct. 20. Mr. Hartiens is with the Sherwin-Williams Company in Lafayette. Other laymen who participated in the service were F. G. Love, church lay leader; H. E. Williams, Frank Harrison, W. H. McDonald and Louie Campbell. Rev. Byrl Moreland is pastor of the church.

JUDGE ELLIS W. THOMPSON, Sulphur's city judge, was the guest speaker at both of the morning worship services at the University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Sunday, Oct. 20. Directing the two Layman's Day services were Arthur Cooper, 8:30 service, and Max Slocum, 11:00 o'clock. A deputation team from the Wesley Foundation at McNeese State College was in charge of the evening service. Members of the team were Bill Green, who was the main speaker, and Joan Morrison, Shelia Sarver and Don Land. The pastor of the church, Rev. Earl B. Emmerich, and his wife were on a vacation trip.

AT THE TWO morning worship services on Sunday, Oct. 20, the Winbourne Avenue Methodist Church of Baton Rouge observed Layman's Day. The speakers were J. A. Bankhead, a layman from the Ingleside Methodist Church, Baton Rouge; and Dr. Thomas E. Hampton, of the University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. The music was furnished by a male choir under the direction of Nick Rouse, with James Moreland at the organ. The evening worship service was conducted by the young people. The music was furnished by the Youth choir under the direction of Nick Roust. The message was brought by Walter Hays, a ministerial student from the church. Rev. Albert A. Collins is the pastor.

A DINNER, held recently, commemorated the eighth anniversary of the founding of the McGuire Methodist Church in West Monroe. The pastor, Rev. Don Wineinger, estimated that approximately 250 attended the two services held and the noon-time dinner was served to 100 guests. Special guests for the observance were two former pastors, the Rev. Ira A. Love, now pastor of the Delhi Methodist Church, and the Rev. George P. Goodwin, pastor of Choudrant Methodist Church. Special honor was accorded the Rev. R. H. Staples, who was pastor of the First Methodist Church in West Monroe when the organization of the McGuire church was sponsored. The temporary building, first church home, was built in 1949 on a site donated by Mrs. Kate McGuire, and three adjacent lots were later purchased. Early in 1950, the First Methodist Church in West Monroe deeded the property to the McGuire church, which was then formally organized. The present church building was completed in 1952. Twenty of the forty-four charter members of the church were present at this anniversary service.



Berwick Methodist Parsonage

Berwick Church Completes New Parsonage

The completion of a new parsonage for the Berwick Methodist Church, Berwick, is but another step forward in the plans of this church, located in a rapidly developing area.

Plans for the construction began on February 12, 1956, when a special session of the Quarterly Conference authorized the purchase of a lot for a new parsonage. A lot 85 feet by 100 feet was purchased on John Street in Golden Farms, a restricted residential subdivision in Berwick. A building committee was organized. The late Charles W. Forgey was elected chairman. Serving on the committee with him were Mrs. Charles Bowman, Mrs. Elwood Driskill, Percy Francis, and George Duay, Sr.

On June 3, 1956, plans for the erection of the parsonage were submitted by the building committee and were approved by the Quarterly Conference. Bids were received and Lawrence Construction Company of Berwick was contracted for the job. By March 10, 1957, all specifications were met and plans were made for immediate construction. On April 28, 1957, Mabry F. Allen was elected to the building committee to fill the vacancy created by the death of Forgey. Allen has served as chairman of the committee since his election.

Completion of the new house was on September 1, 1957, having been constructed by Lawrence Construction Company at an actual building cost of \$17,500.00. The house consists of three bedrooms, two baths, a kitchen, a spacious living room and dining area, a study for the pastor, a walk-in pantry, a large screened porch, and a car port. There are 1,922 square feet of living area in the house, with an additional 360 square feet in the car port area. The study, the living room, the dining area, and the kitchen were furnished completely with new furniture and appliances. Contributions toward the furnishings were made by the Ladies' Prayer Circle, the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and other groups and organizations within the church.

Plans and construction began under the pastoral leadership of Rev. A. W. Coody. Construction was completed under Rev. Kirby A. Vining, present minister of The Berwick Methodist Church. Rev. and Mrs. Vining are now occupying the new home.

Rev. Mr. Vining states that the membership of the Berwick Methodist Church is now 330. He adds, "The reality of this new building is but an example of the foresight, the wisdom, and the dedication of the people of this church to the great tasks that lie before us. We are located in a rapidly developing industrial area and we are preparing to develop and grow along with it. The former parsonage has already been converted into educational space to accommodate our increase in membership and attendance at our services."

The above picture was taken by Raymond Photo Studio, Morgan City Louisiana.

N. O. Church Supports Missions On Every Continent

An ambitious mission program by a young New Orleans church will send funds to mission projects on every continent.

At its recent quarterly conference, the Lake Vista Methodist Church, founded in 1948 and numbering 456 members, approved such far-flung advance mission projects as boarding and medical scholarships in India and a project in Sarawak in the Australian area. Other projects will include assistance toward the building of a Methodist college in Alaska, assistance for a missionary couple in the Belgian Congo, work in Brazil, and a project in Europe.

Last year, with a local budget for current expenses of \$18,285, the congregation gave \$6,194 for mission and benevolent causes.

Centenary Elects Choir Officers

Billy Joe Bryant of Shreveport, a junior student in the bass section, has been elected president of the Centenary College Choir for the 1957-58 school year.

Meanwhile, the young singers of Dr. A. C. Voran, director, are rehearsing intensively in preparation for their annual "Rhapsody in View" concert, slated to be presented October 28 and 29 in the auditorium of Byrd High School in Shreveport. The Shreveport Lions Club traditionally sponsors the concert, which launches the fall season for the choir, in an effort to raise funds for its sight conservation and youth work programs.

Other new officers of the choir are the following: vice president, Dan Morse, Tallulah, bass; coed vice president, Warren Boyd, Bogalusa, soprano; secretary, Pat Leigh, Shreveport, alto; and treasurer, Robert Beaman, Bolivar, Mo., tenor. Morse, Miss Boyd and Miss Leigh are seniors at Centenary, while Beaman is a sophomore.

Windene Nicklaus of Amarillo, Tex., a junior, was elected to represent the soprano section on the board of directors. Ann DeShazo of Dallas, Tex., a sophomore, will represent the alto section. Representatives of the tenor and bass sections, respectively, are Will Pringle of Shreveport, a junior, and James Riley of Shreveport, a sophomore.

Accompanists for the choir this year are Abbie Terry of El Dorado,

Two Students Awarded Hearne Scholarships

A freshman and a senior, both preparing for full-time careers in Methodist religious work, have been awarded J. H. Hearne Memorial Scholarships to Centenary College for the 1957-58 school year.

Meanwhile, Mrs. J. H. Hearne of Haynesville, who established the scholarships a number of years ago in memory of her late husband, has contributed an additional \$600 to the scholarship fund for ministerial students.

Iberia Parish Organizes POAU Chapter

Rev. A. M. Martin of Jeanerette was named as co-chairman of a chapter of the organization Protestants and Other Americans United Of Separation for Church and State, which was organized recently in Iberia Parish. The meeting was held in the Parish Courthouse in New Iberia.

An P. O. A. U. official, Rev. Mark Lower, Baton Rouge, explained the purpose of the organization as one "dedicated to the preservation of the historic position of the separation of church and state."

According to leaders in the new organization, the chief issue at stake is the turning over of a proposed parish million-dollar hospital to a Catholic nun nursing order, as administrators.

Another meeting of the organization was scheduled to be held this week at which time 18 board members will be selected and plans made to make a survey of proposed hospital plans.

Rev. Mr. Martin is pastor of the McGowan Memorial Methodist Church in Jeanerette. He also has charge of the Weeks Island Community Church.

Melville Begins Men's Club

A Methodist Men's Club was organized for the Melville Charge on October 14. The meeting was held at the Melville Methodist Church at 7:30 P. M., and the following officers were elected: president, John C. Zerangue, Sr.; vice president, Clyde Jones; secretary, Charles L. Culley; treasurer, Gordon H. Bordelon; and reporter, Gus Rosenberg.

The Methodist Men's Club will be composed of men from the Melville Methodist Church and from the Palmetto Methodist Church and of friends in both communities. The

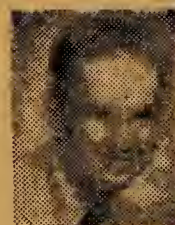
Ark., and Linda Walters of Shreveport, both students of piano in the Centenary College school of music.

Paul Guy Durbin, son of the Rev. B. P. Durbin, pastor of the Brownville Methodist Church of West Monroe, and Mrs. Durbin, has been granted one of the Hearne scholarships for the fourth consecutive year. He is a senior majoring in Bible at Centenary, where he is active in the Methodist Student Movement and Kappa Chi, ministerial club. Young Durbin is a graduate of Lisbon High School in Lisbon, La., where his father formerly served a Methodist pastorate.



Paul G. Durbin

The second winner is William Spiller Milton, whose father is the Rev. Willie DeWitt Milton, pastor of the First Methodist Church of West Monroe. Young Milton, who just entered Centenary as a freshman, is a spring graduate of West Monroe High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society, choir, band and other organizations, in addition to Methodist youth organizations.



William S. Milton

Each of the scholarships carries a valuation of \$300 for the school year. The gratitude of the college was expressed to Mrs. Hearne by Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, and by the Rev. R. Leonard Cooke, vice president of the college and chairman of the scholarship committee.

next meeting will be held at the Melville Methodist Church on November 11. Rev. Ollie L. Golson, Jr. is the pastor of the Melville Charge.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT PRAYER VIGIL

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Other churches of the district, though not participating directly in the program, are observing World Order Sunday, the Week of Prayer, and World Peace Sunday with special services. All Christians are urged to pray for peace with a special effort during this period.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Sub-district MYF met at the Cove, Ark., Methodist Church for the group's October meeting.

After the singing of "Wonderful Words of Life," by the group, the program was conducted by the youth of the Hatfield church. The program was concluded with the showing of the motion picture, "The Good Book."

Jerry Rodgers, president, presided at the business meeting. The roll was called with 94 present, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A report of the Fall Youth Rally at DeQueen was given by Mickey Lutich.

The Mt. View Adults of the Month, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Richardson, were introduced by John Henson. It was announced the council meeting would be held at Hatfield, Oct. 15.

Sheila Schloh was nominated and elected vice president by acclamation. Refreshments were served by the Cove church, and the meeting was adjourned with the MYF benediction.

The next meeting was scheduled to be held at Wickes. Mt. View will conduct the program, Hatfield the recreation, and Wickes will serve refreshments. Flora Lee is reporter.

Rice Belt

Lodge Corner youth were hosts to the Rice Belt Sub-district October meeting at the Lodge Corner, Ark., Methodist Church. Billy Boyd Smith, Gillett, presided over the business session.

Phyllis Clark, Judy Clark and Frances Parker sang "Ivory Tower" as a special anthem.

Mrs. Raymond Heien, Sub-district counselor, substituted for Dora Lou Wilson who was ill, and presented an informative description of "Preparing Bible Study" by the use of pictures, booklets, and cards.

A skit, "One By One," was given by Rayanne Heien, Barbara Kennedy, Phyllis Clark, Judy Clark, Linda Young, Claude Clark and Frances Parker, all of Lodge Corner.

Groups present besides Lodge Corner were DeWitt, Grand Ave. Stuttgart, First Methodist Church Stuttgart, Point DeLuce, and Gillett.

Old Austin

The Old Austin Sub-district MYF met at the Mt. Tabor, Ark., Methodist Church Wednesday, October 15. There were approximately 75 members present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Verdine Williams. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Pauline Wilson, secretary, and were approved.

J. R. Henderson and the fellowship team presented the program. Three talks were given by members of the fellowship team on the four phases of the year's work.

After the program, everyone enjoyed recreation, and refreshments were served by the Mt. Tabor MYF. Linda Nipper is reporter.

Wesley

The Wesley Youth Sub-District met Monday, October 21, at the

3000 Expected To Attend National Methodist Student Conference

Some 3,000 Methodist college students and counselors are expected to attend the sixth quadrennial National Methodist Student Conference December 27-January 1, at Kansas University, Lawrence, Kan., according to an article in the October issue of "Concern."

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

HELLO MR. CHIPS

A visit back to the old home town can be disillusioning in some respects. If one has been away a long time, the town may be still pretty much the same, but the person who returns has changed. So, it was with the thought that there might come this type of experience that I drifted back to my Alma Mater last week at the invitation of its current generation of students, to be the leader for annual Religious Emphasis Week. Baker University is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year as the oldest college in Kansas. The little town of Baldwin which numbers some 1200 souls has the college as its largest industry with some 550 students and three-score faculty members.

Changes have come on campus as the Old Science hall to which Abraham Lincoln contributed \$100 for construction has been modernized into a Student Center. Rice Auditorium which memorializes graduate Merton S. Rice gleams in newness and beauty at the campus corner. Other new buildings bring an atmosphere of difference, but enough of the old remains after twenty years that the member of the class of 1938 felt at home.

Many new faces are to be seen in the faculty, but many personalities who greatly influenced my thinking and maturation process are still making their quiet but penetrating influence for good and for God among the students of today. The joy of renewing friendships with them was made even more rewarding as I realized how much I am in their debt—far more than I could have realized twenty years ago when, with sheepskin in hand I tramped off the platform of Centenary Hall to conquer the world.

I determined once again to express my personal appreciation to those teachers of our church-related colleges who give so unstinting-

Provencal, La., Methodist Church. A program was given by the Wesley Foundation of Northwestern State College on the four points of the MYF covenant.

They are as follows: "To live clean lives following the highest that we know; to give our loyalty and service through the Methodist Church of which we are a part, working with others that we may more perfectly follow the master and more worthily bless mankind; to hold the ideals of unselfish service ever before us, striving continually for human betterment, placing the welfare of others above our own; and in simple trust, to follow Jesus as our Saviour and Lord."

Following the program refreshments were served, according to Glenelle Pearce, reporter.

The announcement was made recently by Dr. H. D. Bollinger, Nashville, Tenn., director, Department of College and University Life, Division of Educational Institutions, Methodist Board of Education.

The conference is a project of the National Methodist Student Movement and is administered by the Department of College and University Life, the article said.

Among the principal speakers for the meeting will be Norman Cousins, New York City, editor of the "Saturday Review"; Methodist Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, president of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church; Dr. Harold A. Bosley, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill.; Dr. George A. Buttrick, professor at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., and preacher at the Memorial Church there; and Dr. Phillippe Maury, Geneva, Switzerland, general secretary, World Student Christian Federation.

Marked Tree MYF To Aid UNICEF

A helping hand instead of a destructive one is the goal of the Marked Tree Methodist Youth Fellowship group for Halloween this year. The MYF has announced plans to organize a canvass for funds for UNICEF on Halloween night to replace the traditional trick or treat campaign. A gay Halloween party will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the door-to-door canvass.

ly of their talents and insight to provide not only book-learning for our youth, but character growth as well. For in thus expressing personal appreciation I might help others feel a prick of conscience in terms of their own expression of gratitude to teachers in school and college who have had their silent influence which continues through the years.

But more important to the youthful readers of this column, I might shed a little light on what one's high school and college teachers mean to him in later life. Not many teen-agers are interested in what's with them twenty years after graduation—but believe me, they will be when it is twenty years after graduation! But let this reminiscing oldster suggest that his life has been enriched beyond estimate by the silent and continuing ministry of high school and college teachers whose insight was exceeded only by their patience with a youth who was headstrong and wanted tomorrow to be here today. They continue to teach me though the formal part of my training has been concluded. And this past week on campus again at the old stomping grounds near Kansas City was not only nostalgic for the halcyon days of youth, but challenging in the presence of greatness in personality on the part of my teachers.

U of A WESLEY FOUNDATION PLANS OPEN HOUSE FOR HOMECOMING

Wesley Foundation at the University of Arkansas cordially invites all visitors in Fayetteville at Homecoming, November 2, to attend an open house at the Methodist Student Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The student center is located at 730 West Maple, across the street from the Student Union.

The Student Center serves as a church home away from home for all Methodist students at the University. The weekday activities of Wesley Foundation, including daily worship services, are carried on here. All the visitors will have the opportunity to meet the new director of Wesley Foundation, Dr. A. W. Martin, and Mrs. Martin.

Youth Exchange Gets Good Report After First Year

The first year of operation in the new organization of the International Christian Youth Exchange has brought many good reports from students and host families, says the Rev. Joseph W. Bell of the Youth Department staff, General Board of Education.

Mr. Bell was elected chairman of the executive committee of ICYE at a meeting of its board of directors in New York City, September 13. The organization was incorporated last summer and the meeting on September 13 was the first official one of the board of directors.

There are now six denominations participating in the Youth Exchange—Church of the Brethren, Disciples, Evangelical and Reformed, Protestant Episcopal, American Baptist and Methodist.

A minimum of 50 two-way exchanges and 75 one-way students was decided on for the 1958-1959 program, according to Mr. Bell. It is hoped to expand the program into Switzerland, the Scandinavian countries, England, and perhaps others. At the present time the program includes Germany, Austria, France, England, Finland, Uruguay, Brazil, Costa Rica.

The Methodist quota for 1958-1959 is 50 young people to be placed, including 20 two-way exchanges. This compares to 44 host situations this year, with 14 two-way exchanges. The ICYE leaflet and application forms are available from Mr. Bell at P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

The board of directors set May 10-11, 1958, as the date for its next meeting.

MONETTE MYF SPONSORS SUPPER

The Monette MYF sponsored a hamburger supper on the night of October 11. The amount taken in was \$54.00. The proceeds will be divided between the building fund and MYFund. Cherye Melville is reporter.



Districts Hold Special Meetings

Zone 3, Lake Charles District

The Fall Meeting of Zone 3 of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Lake Charles District, was held at the Elton Methodist Church, Tuesday, October 15th. Beginning at 9:30, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. followed by a noon meal served in the Church Recreational Rooms by members of the local Society.

Mrs. Walter A. Miller, Zone Leader, presided at the meeting. Rev. Don Hall, pastor of the Elton Church, gave the Devotional, choosing his text from the fifth chapter of St. Luke. He encouraged the women in their share in Religious Worship and asked them to back up their good works by reading and studying the Bible and praying. Mrs. Miller read verses from the fifteenth chapter of John and commented briefly on the text.

Mrs. Ruth Bruchhaus, president of the Elton W.S.C.S., gave a Welcome Address on behalf of the local Society.

Mrs. Robert Compton, District President, introduced several speakers, the first of these being; Mrs. Ethel Merrill of Lake Charles who gave a summary on activities at the South Central Jurisdictional Mission Study held at Mt. Sequoyah during the summer.

Other speakers during the morning were: Mrs. R. L. Haines, Secretary of Student Work from Lake Charles, Mrs. James McCartney, Christian Social Relations Secretary from Lake Charles, and Mrs. Mary Spates, Secretary of Literature and Publication.

Mrs. Robert Compton directed a Skit which depicted a Program Planning Committee meeting to plan the year's work. Suggestions were given in this for each program during the months remaining in the year.

Mrs. T. J. Fear extended an invitation to have the Zone Meeting in the Spring in Welsh, which was accepted.

Mrs. Horace Dennison dismissed the meeting with a prayer.

Monroe District Guild Retreat

A group of women from the Monroe District Wesleyan Service Guild entered into a Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Alabama, October 12-13 centering their thoughts and meditations around the theme "Widening Our Spiritual Horizons."

Leadership at various sessions was furnished by Miss Tennie V. Severtson of Monroe, Miss Mary Lee Barbee of Monroe, Mrs. W. D. Milton of West Monroe and Miss Sue Batten of Minden.

The Retreat ended with a Communion Service led by Rev. Lea Joiner of the Southside Church, Monroe.

Bayou Lafourche Zone

Members of the Woman's Societies from the immediate area of Bayou

Lafourche gathered at Lockport for their fall meeting October 17th. Church groups from Thibodaux, Houma Heights, Houma First, Golden Meadow, Raceland, and Lockport were present.

Prayer Retreat In Monticello District

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Monticello District held its Prayer Retreat at Camp Keener on September 17th and 18th. Registration began at 2:00 o'clock.

At 3:00 o'clock the Retreat services were begun in the Tabernacle with Mrs. Irl Lancaster, District Secretary of Spiritual Life, as leader. The service was opened with a Retreat prayer and Ascription of Praise, followed by Hymn and Responsive Reading on Prayer.

After silent prayers, Mrs. Kenneth Spore sang the prayer response, "Breathe On Me, Breath of God."

Introductions, announcements of cabins, meals, and devotional material was followed with a devotion on "What is the Purpose of a Retreat?" An hour was spent in reading Bibles, and meditation.

At 4:30 scripture was read about the Emmaus Walk and the women went out two by two to talk about meditations until the supper hour.

After supper, Vesper Services were held using the Examen by the Beatitudes. From 8:30 until 9:30 Mrs. Charles Ashcraft, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, led the sharing period and discussion on prayer and how to make our prayer life more effective. At conclusion of discussion with only the lights from the Worship Setting, there was a season of prayer.

Benedictine silence was observed throughout the night until after Morning Watch at 7:30 Wednesday morning.

The morning period was spent in reading, meditation and sharing what the Retreat had meant to each one. The Retreat was closed with Communion directed by Rev. Kenneth Spore and Rev. Harold Scott.

There were 36 women who attended the Retreat and each felt that it was good to have answered Jesus' words, "Come, ye, yourselves apart—and rest awhile."—Mrs. Irl Lancaster

Episcopalians Call Christian Principles True Defense

Frankfurt, Germany (RNS)—The annual Convocation of American Episcopal Churches in Europe adopted a resolution here declaring that Christian principles "remain the true and ultimate defense against fear, despair and a wavering confidence in the survival of western civilization."

The Episcopalians said they were affirming this belief "at a time when the political, scientific and military rivalry between western civilization and the Soviet system has been sharpened by events reaching from the Near East to

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Marked Tree Methodist Church was represented at the Wesleyan Service Guild Conference last month at Monette by Mrs. Frances B. Calvert, President, Mrs. Tom Whitlow, Treasurer; Miss Mescal Hulcy, Secretary; Miss Marion Dawson, Sec. of Promotion; and Mrs. Howard Stuck, Sec. Missionary Education.

Members of the Marked Tree W.S.C.S. attending the Prayer Retreat at Wayland Springs October 16 and 17 were: Mrs. Raymond Bradsher, President; Mrs. Harold O'Roark, Chairman, Circle 2; Mrs. Nola Fleming, Chairman of Circle 1, Mrs. Fred Bradsher, past president, and Miss Ruby Hastings.

Members of the St. Luke's Society, El Dorado, were entertained at a Christmas party in October at the church, with special emphasis on South America. Members placed their offerings on a table which held a lighted Christmas tree and a world globe, as the offering goes to the Peoples Central Institute at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The party followed the fourth session of the study of the book "The Kingdom Beyond Caste."

The Week of Prayer program was presented to the Bogalusa Wesleyan Service Guild by Mrs. Leonard Young and at the Woman's Society by Mrs. Robert B. Crichlow.

QUAKERS REPORT THREE OUT OF FOUR TAX DOLLARS GO FOR MILITARY PURPOSES

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—More than three dollars out of every four that the federal government collects in taxes now goes for military purposes and to pay the cost of past wars, the American Friends Service Committee said here.

The Quaker group gave the figure in an analysis of the \$59,100,000 it said the first session of the 85th Congress this year had authorized for all purposes.

The direct appropriation for "military might" will amount to 67.3 cents out of every dollar, the Quakers said. The bill for past wars, including interest on the national debt of World War II and veterans benefits, the report said, takes 8.0 cents.

Thus a total of 75.3 cents out of every dollar appropriated by Congress goes to pay for military programs, the committee said.

It said the Air Force takes the biggest bite out of current military appropriations, 28.5 cents; the

outer space.

The resolution also said:

"In humility for America's yet imperfect society, but with confidence in the ultimate triumph of democratic ideas and without apprehension over publicized astrological achievements, we American Protestants in Europe affirm our faith in our country's spiritual heritage and in God's protection and guidance."

Louisiana Conference Executive Committee Meeting

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Homer were recently the hosts for the mid-year meeting of Louisiana Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. C. N. Cadwallader, president, presided and led a devotional period opening the meeting in the McKenzie Chapel.

Each officer gave reports. The reports were discussed by each Conference and District officer.

For the two-day meeting, the ladies of the Homer church served delicious lunch and dinner in the recreation room. Coffee and cake were served in the beautiful church parlor each morning and afternoon.

Mrs. Louise Eggleston conducted a Retreat at Caney Lake preceding the Louisiana Conference Executive Meeting. Ladies attended from all parts of the Conference.

Little Rock Conference Standing Guild Committee In Fall Session

The Little Rock Conference Standing Guild Committee met at Aldersgate Camp October 26, 27 with Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Pine Bluff, Secretary, presiding. Other officers and members of the Committee are: Miss Anna Green, Secretary; Mrs. Ross Beard, chairman Missionary Education; Mrs. Charles C. Thomas, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Bill Comer, Spiritual Life; Miss Hanna Kelly, Historian.

Members of the committee from the Conference Woman's Society are: Mrs. M. E. Scott, Mrs. J. L. Verhoeff, Mrs. Ross Helvie, Mrs. Joe Carmichael, Mrs. Howard Elder and Mrs. Charles Ashcraft.

Wesleyan Service Guild District secretaries are: Arkadelphia, Miss Gertrude Mann; Camden, Miss Eunice Cannon; Hope, Mrs. J. L. DeLony; Little Rock, Mrs. M. O. Bettis; Monticello, Mrs. Edwin Norton; and Pine Bluff, Mrs. Laurretta Survant.

Navy gets 17.1 cents and the Army, 12.9 cents.

Other direct military expenditures, the Quakers said, include 3.8 cents for atomic energy and 3.5 cents for aid to allies. Administration of the Department of Defense costs 1.4 cents, the group added.

Non-military items of the federal budget total 24.7 cents, the Quakers reported. This includes one-half cent for the conduct of foreign relations; 1.9 cents for economic aid to underdeveloped areas; 5.2 cents for all federal agricultural programs, and 5.7 cents for housing, labor, health, education and social security.

Over-all government administration, including the courts, takes only 2.1 cents of the taxpayer's dollar, the committee said.

Lake Vista Begins Building Campaign

A \$150,000 sanctuary building fund campaign was announced recently at the Lake Vista Methodist Church.

Gordon Isaacson has been named chairman of the campaign to raise funds for the building of the church's first permanent sanctuary building.

The preliminary sketch for the structure, prepared by August Perez and Associates, places the proposed sanctuary east of the present educational building. Two esplanades connect the sanctuary with the educational building, and an open courtyard lies between.

N.O. Churches Observe Laymen's Day

New Orleans ministers and laymen exchanged places Sunday, Oct. 20, as most Methodist churches of the city observed Laymen's Day. This is an annual service with the theme this year being "My Father's Business."

The services were under the direction of the Church Lay Leader in each church.

Notable services included those at Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church where all three services were handled by laymen, according to Ernest Arnold, lay leader. At the 8:30 service, the speaker was Dr. Sam Rowlett, assisted by Charles Robards, Norwood Mingle, Jr., and Bill Kuhnell. At 11 a.m. James Dean, Fred Fulton, and Dr. Emile Bernard, Jr., presided, and Domonick Albano was the speaker. At the 7:30 evening service Charles Hunter spoke, with Harry Estes and Bill Kuhnell directing the service.

A Men's Choir had a prominent part in the Laymen's Day activities at Lake Vista Methodist Church. The service was conducted by Carl Sorrells, church lay leader, assisted by Ray Simpson, Jr., J. R. Watson, W. C. Christensen, Jr., L. B. Cochran, P. W. Nungesser, G. E. Mallory, and H. J. Schmidt.

Several churches had visiting laymen as their key speakers. Howard Daughenbaugh, district lay leader from Lake Vista was the visiting speaker at Munholland Memorial Methodist Church. In turn James R. Martin and Dr. Meffre Matta of Munholland spoke at St. Mark's and St. Paul's of Harahan, respectively.

Assisting Mr. Daughenbaugh at Munholland was H. E. Hoppmeyer, lay leader, Murray Cunningham, Walter Blessey, Ben Capell, and R. E. Mittelstaedt.

Church Lay Leader Robert Taylor welcomed Martin to St. Mark's and Patrick Ryan, lay leader of St. Paul's in Harahan had arranged for Warren Balovich, Howard Orlopp, Charley Carraway, and Robert Fine to assist Dr. Matta.

St. Mathew's Methodist Church had Doris Simpson, Owen Brown, and Douglas Morgan sharing the service with Russell Jones serving as the speaker.

Lay Leader D. D. Lyman presided at the Metairie Methodist Church with Jim Kellis and A. E. Lambert presenting the message.

At the Kenner Methodist Church the speaker was Dr. Paul Taylor from Carrollton Methodist Church. Sharing the service with him was John Love, W. E. King, and Mrs. James Taylor. In the evening a district steward, Curtis Covington, and two young people of the church, Cherry Prescott and Gary Eddins, directed a service at which Walter Harris of the Carrollton church

Dominating the grouping of the building is a campanile. A brick grille covers the front of the proposed structure, which would house, in addition to the nave and sanctuary, a pastoral study, a choir room, and bride's room. As part of the over-all development of the site, a small chapel is planned to the north of the sanctuary through the courtyard.

The proposed expansion of the Lake Vista church is necessitated by the rapid growth of the lake-front residential areas which it serves, Isaacson said. He pointed out that the church serves the lake-front area between West End and the London Avenue Canal, plus the Vista Park, Oak Park and Parkchester areas.

A program of lay speeches to the congregation, explaining the campaign, is scheduled through October and until the first report meeting on Nov. 10. Lay speakers taking part in the program include Bruce K. Brown, Guy L. Smith, C. S. DeWeese, Jack Styron and Isaacson. Assisting with the campaign will be the Rev. J. Edwin Keith, director of development for Southern Methodist University. Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr., is the pastor.

Grace Church, Ruston, Supplies Four Lay Teams

Four lay teams from the Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, participated in special Laymen's Day services October 20.

Speaking at the Downsville Methodist Church was Kenneth Carruth, assisted by Vernon Lay and Lucius McGehee.

Another team presented a special lay service at the Antioch Church, Simsboro, with Morgan Peoples as the main speaker, assisted by J. W. DeMoss and Robert S. Wynn.

Dr. P. K. Smith spoke at the Trinity Methodist Church in Shreveport and he was assisted by Dr. Rhesa M. Allen.

Frank Kaylor, church Lay Leader of the Grace church, was in charge of the Laymen's Day service at Grace, with William Baker of Jonesboro speaking, and assisted by Claude Ash and Leroy DeFreese of Ruston.

These men, sponsored by the Methodist Men's organization of Grace Church, are active during the year speaking in various churches in the Louisiana Conference.

spoke. Mr. Russell Parsley is the church lay leader at Kenner.

Both morning services at Elysian Fields were led by David Duke with Gilbert Sawyer as the speaker.

Church lay leaders W. W. Purvis and Vern Washburn planned the services for Castle Manor and Gentilly respectively.

At Second Methodist Church J. Daigle spoke and Harold Dieck presided.



NIELS EBBE HANSEN

Independence Laymen Lead Service

Independence Methodist laymen served the Church in official duties recently on Laymen's Day.

Willie Morgan was the program and song director; B. O. Bickham led the congregation in the Apostles' Creed; George Manson led the meditation and prayer. The lay speaker, Ronald Evans, delivered an inspirational talk on "The Seven Wonders of the World."

Beginning with the original seven wonders of the ancient world, Evans traced their origin and the destruction of each, except possibly the pyramids. Next he outlined for his listeners the material wonders of the modern age in which we live. Climaxing his address, Evans pointed out the seven wonders, virtues, of life—intangible things of any and every age: Faith, Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance, Hope, Justice, and Charity.

"Strive to build these virtues into your life and character," said the speaker, "for these are virtues worth attaining, and wonders that will forever exist."

Gretna Missions Group Meets

The Commission on Missions of the Gretna Methodist Church, held its first meeting for the new year, on September 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Louis Gelbke. There were eight members present and the minister, Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh.

Officers nominated and elected are: Mrs. Gelbke, chairman; Mrs. Mitchell Hurst, vice-chairman; Mrs. Edward Baudreaux, secretary and publicity chairman.

Future meetings are to be held the third Wednesday of each quarter. The next meeting will be November 20.

The group's goals for this quarter include the following: distribute literature, help promote World Wide Communion Sunday, and a Halloween Party for the Sunday School children and the Brownie Troop. There was also to be Trick or Treat for UNICEF. The meeting was closed with a prayer. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Gelbke.

Danish Student Recalls Centenary Days

Niels Ebbe Hansen, now back in his native Denmark after one year at Centenary College, recalls his days on the Shreveport campus as "a great experience."

In a letter to Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, 19-year-old Hansen expresses his thanks to those who helped to make his year at Centenary possible. He attended the Methodist-supported college as recipient of the M. L. Bath-Rotary Scholarship, established by Mrs. M. L. Bath of Shreveport in memory of her late husband, who was active in the Shreveport Rotary Club during his lifetime.

Hansen, who spent the summer touring various sections of the United States, sailed for Copenhagen in the latter part of August. He has since begun a seven-year period of training at the University of Copenhagen. Hansen plans to become a doctor upon the completion of his education.

"The year of study at Centenary College gave me infinitely much," he declares in his letter to Dr. Mickle, "I have just started studying medicine at the University of Copenhagen, and it is very difficult to take time out to do anything else. Even though it is all very interesting, it is definitely too narrow a background for a doctor. Therefore, the year at Centenary College has been a great and broadening experience for me."

The youth comments favorably on the quality of teaching at Centenary and goes on to say that he "had excellent professors who gave both inspiration and knowledge in their particular fields."

"But more than that," he adds, "they contributed much toward giving me a better understanding of your country and people. Of equal importance, I estimate the life on the campus with my fellow students. I feel that many friendships were started at Centenary, and it is my hope that I shall be able to retain these contacts. If all the American colleges give their exchange students the excellent opportunities that Centenary College afforded me during my stay, the international student exchange is of vital importance. I ask you to accept my sincere thanks for an invaluable experience."

While at Centenary, Hansen took an active part in student activities, visited many local churches, spoke before Shreveport clubs and civic groups, was an enthusiastic spectator at all Centenary basketball games and attended a number of political events. He also was entertained in many student and faculty homes.

Now, back again among his own people, he is serving as an effective goodwill ambassador for the United States, for the city of Shreveport and, most of all, for Centenary College.

Davidson Memorial Observes Annual Homecoming

**Every Member Canvass
Makes Possible Several
Welcomed Improvements**

Davidson Memorial Methodist Church, in Lafayette, celebrated a year of achievement at a "Homecoming Day" held on Sunday, September 15.

Many former members of the church who have moved and transferred their membership away from Davidson Memorial Church returned to join with the present members of the church in commemorating the advance the church has made during the past year.

The church has undertaken a number of projects during the year. The first of these projects came last fall with its goal of improving the outside appearance of the church property. Carpenter repairs were made on the buildings and then a contract was let for the painting of the outside of the church and parsonage. Later a large automatic lighted bulletin board was placed on the lawn in front of the church and dirt was hauled in to level the lawn. The funds for this work were raised through a canvass conducted by the Official Board.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., members of the church, added greatly to the beauty, reverence and dignity of the church sanctuary through a memorial gift of chancel furniture and furnishings. The church is named as a memorial to Mr. Davidson's mother and father. The chancel was rearranged so that it would be a completely divided chancel with a large walnut communion altar at the center with brass cross, candlesticks and vases standing on the altar. A new dossal curtain was hung behind the altar from a walnut valance high over the altar. A new lectern, flower stands and pulpit chairs were also a part of this gift. The addition of these furnishings has greatly aided the worship services in the church by creating a place of beauty and reverence in the sanctuary.

In the spring of this year Davidson Memorial participated in the Every Member Canvass Program and set as its goal a 50 per cent increase in the church budget. Through the success of the largest and most detailed canvass ever undertaken by the church, the number of pledges to the budget was raised from 23 last year to 83 this year. Almost 90% of the resident families of the church made a pledge, and a budget of over \$15,500 was pledged. The budget of the church the year before had been only \$7,700. The results of the Every Member Canvass can be seen from the fact that during the months of June and July of last year the collections totaled about \$970, but during the same two months of this year, the offerings have totaled a little over \$3,000. Most important of all, each family in the church has been given an



Members of the General Committee for the Every Member Canvass of the Davidson Memorial church discuss material used in the canvass which resulted in a 50 per cent increase in the church budget, raised the total amount pledged at the beginning of the conference year from \$2,300.00 to over \$15,000.00, and increased the number of pledges to the budget from 23 to 83. Seated

left to right are J. L. Love, J. J. Davidson, Jr., Rev. J. Woodrow Hearn, and A. E. Hartiens. Standing left to right are F. L. St. Cyr, L. G. Allbritton, E. E. Brier, E. R. Jones. Other members of the committee not pictured are Jim Richardson, Woody Broussard and John Vail.

opportunity to discover its part in Christian stewardship. Every part of the church has taken on new life through this highly successful Every Member Canvass.

One of the most recent improvement projects has been the air conditioning of the church and Sunday School rooms. The work on the air conditioning was completed in July, and there has been a definite increase in attendance at the Church School and the worship services since the installation was completed.

A church secretary has been employed to assist the pastor and the church now publishes a regular newsletter. A car port has been built by the men of the church who also donated the materials out of which it was made. A new typewriter and power lawn mower have been added to the church equipment.

Perhaps one of the most important achievements of the Davidson Memorial Church during the past year was the increase in church

membership. The church had a net increase in membership of almost 20% last year and has made plans through the Commission on Membership to reach a goal of over 20% increase in membership this year.

Mrs. S. L. Ross was chairman of the Homecoming Day arrangements and planned the work of the committees which organized and served the dinner at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

The Rev. J. Woodrow Hearn is pastor of Davidson Memorial Methodist Church.

The Choir of Davidson Memorial church stands beside the new communion altar and dossal curtain. The new chancel furnishings were gifts to the church from Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr. In the choir standing left to right are: Mrs. Eucl Turner, Mrs.

Claud A. Henley, Mrs. James A. Richardson, music director, Miss Dolores Barnes, Mrs. S. B. Young, Mrs. Irene Gilbert, Mrs. A. E. Hartiens, Miss Kathy Brier, Miss Donna Cox, A. E. Hartiens, B. R. Falconer, Mrs. J. Woodrow Hearn, Mrs. Ira Blum.



MCOR Report Says 17th Year Is 'Most Unusual, Difficult'

NEW YORK, N. Y.—(MCOR)—The "most unusual and difficult" period in the 17-year history of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has been concluded, the general secretary of the agency has informed officials of The Methodist Church in a fiscal-year report.

It was MCOR, the humanitarian arm of the denomination, that was termed "the Good Samaritan of Methodism" in a statement this month by Bishop Fred Pierce Corson. "It has rescued," he said, "and continues to rescue, victims of war and disaster in Korea, India, and Hungary, and many other lands where people look to us for help." MCOR headquarters are at 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

15 Hungarian Theological Students Get Scholarships

Thanks to the World Council of Churches, fifteen Hungarian theological students who escaped to Austria have been provided with scholarships to continue their studies, it was announced last week. Under the direction of Dr. Edgar H. S. Chandler, the World Council's committee on refugees continues to help as many as it can of the Hungarian refugees still crowded into Austria.

"It was not always possible to make the arrangements they wanted," Dr. Chandler said, speaking of the theological students, "but they have been enabled to continue their studies in seven countries, including the United States."

Noting that the committee's budget for 1958 has been increased by \$50,000, Dr. Chandler declared it will bring the total service program to \$825,000 needed to ensure the maximum movement of refugees out of reception centers. A total of \$290,118 was given by the churches in answer to a special WCC appeal for funds to aid Hungarian refugees and churches in Hungary and Poland. With these funds, the feeding center in Vienna, which still serves from 1,500 to 2,000 meals a day, was able to continue operations. In addition, two homes for unaccompanied children, who left their parents behind in Hungary, were bought at Attersee and Innsbruck and one rented in Bad Gastein for the young people.

"As the program increases," said Dr. Chandler, "the confidence of governmental organizations grows, and we find them increasingly dependent upon us to carry on this refugee work."

Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, MCOR's executive head, listed five points that marked the past fiscal year, in which the organization:

Received the largest income in its history—just \$745.07 short of \$2 million;

Experienced the largest return for any single day's appeal for overseas relief in the history of Methodism—on January 13, Methodists gave \$1,060,659 to MCOR for relief of Hungarian and other victims of oppression;

Conducted its most difficult resettlement operation, for Hungarian refugees, with a staff of 31 persons, the largest ever employed by MCOR, and in a "highly emotional period" directly helped 332 Hungarians;

Completed under the Refugee Resettlement Act of 1953 the resettling of 4,349 refugees—the largest number of any denomination in the Church World Service program; and

Participated in the greatest interdenominational distribution, in 34 countries, of surplus American food commodities—186 million pounds valued at \$27 million in 1956.

Dr. Warfield declared that MCOR realizes "we cannot keep up this pace, but in gratitude for the continuing confidence and support of the church in our activity, we have set several goals for the new year." They include:

Give the same "careful attention" to economies and administrative costs—last year these totaled less than 7 percent;

Increase MCOR "Advance Specials" giving through Methodist churches by at least \$100,000—thus assuring MCOR of an income of at least \$1 million, needed for the current year's program;

Do "a better job in telling the

Learning To Read, Belgian Congo, Africa



The Christian church, centuries ago, realized the importance of teaching people to read and write: only thus could the Gospel message be speeded, and the common people have the whole world of accumulated knowledge and experience opened to them. . . In many lands, the Christian missionaries pioneered in reducing the spoken language to writing, in Scriptures—and later the volumes of related knowledge—to the masses. . . Today the United Nations and many governments have taken up the task and are making millions of "new literates" each year. In China, some 50,000,000 learned to read in a 10-year period; in Russia, it is reported that more than 90% of the people can read and write; in Africa, and India, and South America, great literacy campaigns are under way and new millions are learning to read. Here is a great and wide avenue for the Gospel—or for other ideologies if the Bible and Christian literature are withheld.

Methodist Is Korean Ambassador

Mr. Yong Woo Kim, until recently Minister of Defense in the cabinet of President Syngman Rhee in Korea, has been appointed Ambassador to the Court of St. James for the Republic of Korea.

story of MCOR to the 10 million Methodists, encouraging them to channel their relief gifts through their church"; and

Improve "our administration of relief, especially in Korea, India, Central Europe, Hong Kong, and Palestine, so that we better fulfill the mandate of the Methodist General Conference and the will of our Lord," Dr. Warfield concluded.

Ambassador Kim and his family will be living in London.

Ambassador Kim is the son of Bishop Chong Oo Kim, the second bishop elected by the Korean Methodist Church following its establishment as an autonomous church in 1930 when the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church and that of the Methodist Episcopal Church South were joined to form Korean Methodism. Ambassador Kim has been president of the Alumni Association of Pai Chai Boys High School in Seoul during recent years, and both he and his family are Christians, and give strong support of the Methodist Church.

Former Missions Staff Member Plans World Tour

The Rev. Hiram G. Conger, of 53 Oakland Place, Summit, N. J., who recently retired as director of the Department of Visual Education of the Methodist Church's Board of Missions, is now on the first leg of a year's trip around the world. Mr. Conger was in this Department for 38 years. In a sense, his trip will be a "busman's holiday," for he plans to photograph many of the places, institutions, and people related to the missionary enterprise of the Methodist Church—as he has been doing since 1918.

A principal goal in this trip will be a visit to Bareilly, India, where his daughter, Dr. Wilma Conger Perrill, and her surgeon husband, Dr. Charles V. Perrill, are physicians-in-charge of the Clara Swain Hospital of the Methodist Church. Mr. Conger will spend the Christmas holidays and three months following in Bareilly and vicinity with the Drs. Perrill and their son.

New Churches Rise In Alaska, Hawaii

Two major events in the field of church extension have taken place in recent weeks in two of the growing home mission fields of Methodism. One was the consecration of a new church and parsonage in Alaska; the other the laying of the cornerstone for a new sanctuary in Hawaii.

In late September Bishop A. Raymond Grant, Portland, Oregon, Methodist bishop of Alaska, dedicated a new church and parsonage at Kenai peninsula south of Anchorage. The two buildings together are valued at more than \$100,000. Funds were furnished by the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions.

The new church, which will serve a large section of mountainous country, has a sanctuary, church school classrooms, fellowship hall and kitchen. A part of the building will be used to house overflow classes from the Kenai public schools.

Bishop Grant was assisted in the consecration service by the Rev. Fred McGinnis, superintendent of Methodist work in Alaska, and the Rev. Wayne Hull, pastor.

Earlier in the fall, the cornerstone was laid for the

\$55,000 new sanctuary of the Parker Memorial Church in Kaneohe, Hawaii, another area where Methodist work is related to the National Division. Bishop H. Bascom Watts of the Nebraska episcopal area laid the stone, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Harry S. Komuro, superintendent of Methodist work in Hawaii, and the Rev. Paul B. Billings, pastor.

The speaker was the Rev. Dr. B. P. Murphy, executive secretary for church extension of the National Division. It was through the Section of Church Extension of the National Division that \$55,000 was made available to the Parker Memorial Church. Of that amount, \$35,000 was from the Week of Dedication offering, to which Methodists contribute each spring, and \$20,000 was from a loan.

The sanctuary was the third unit of the new church to be completed, the others having been the parish hall and the church school plant. The total cost of the three units was \$185,000, of which, in addition to National Division funds, the congregation raised \$35,000 in pledges and \$90,000 came from the sale of land on which the former Parker church building had stood. The church, which has 258 members, was started in 1929.

Worker Named For Missionary Recruitment

Miss Nola Smee, a deaconess and a teacher in a Methodist high school in Jacksonville, Fla., has been appointed a field worker for the Office of Missionary Personnel of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Working out of the New York headquarters of the board, Miss Smee will visit college and university campuses through the United States this fall and winter in the interest of recruiting college students for mission service at home and overseas. She will speak in chapel and assembly programs, meet with Methodist campus groups and counsel with individuals. She will visit both Methodist and state colleges.

Born in Morganville, Kan., Miss Smee spent her early life there and in Clay Center, Kan., where she attended high school. She studied at the National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City, Mo., Kansas State College at Manhattan, and George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn. She earned the master of arts degree in education in 1954 from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and did a year of special study at Princess Alice College in England.

For the last 12 years, Miss Smee has been teaching at the Boylan Haven School in Jacksonville. This school is supported by the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist mission board. For two summers, she was a counselor for a Methodist Youth Caravan.

OBITUARIES

ASTIN—Mrs. Lulu (Darr) Astin passed away at her home in Harrisburg on September 20, 1957, being 86 years, nine months and five days of age. She was married to Robert E. Astin, who survived her, on August 4, 1889, and their 68 years of married life were blessed with nine children, six of whom are living. They are Mrs. Stella Johnson of Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. Wilburn Brown of Whitehall; Grover Astin, of Warren; Ollie and Clarence of Memphis, Tenn; and Rudolph Astin of Forrest City. She leaves also in her family circle, 14 grand children, 26 great grandchildren, three neices and a nephew.

She had been a member of the Farm Hill Methodist Church for 73 years.

The most part of her life was spent on a farm near Whitehall. They moved to Harrisburg 10 years ago for their remaining years in life.

Her funeral was on Sunday September 22, at 2:30 p.m. It was her beloved Farm Hill Church which could not seat all the friends who had gathered there to pay their last tribute to her. Carl Reaves and Gerald Graddy led the choir in "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Rev. J. T. Rucker of Forrest City, read the scripture and obituary. Rev. Joe Chumley of Batesville gave the prayer. Then the choir sang "The Sweet By and By." The church pastor, Rev. John Chapman, talked on "Eternity."

Mrs. Astin was laid to rest in the Farm Hill Cemetery with the many floral offerings reflecting the love to her memory.

She was a good wife and mother, a kind friend and neighbor. Her's was a beautiful Christian life in which she learned so long ago of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and kept her faith so that we today, may look joyfully to "The Sweet By and By."—Mrs. C. Clampit

WATSON—Ned Watson, 77, pioneer Midland, Tex., band director, orchestra leader, and music teacher, died recently in a Midland hospital. He had been in failing health in recent months, but his condition had not been considered critical.

Watson had resided in Midland 57 years, making his home with a sister, Miss Lydie G. Watson, who accompanied him to Midland in 1900. The family residence is at 1606 West Texas Street.

Ned Watson was born March 5, 1880, in Little Rock, Ark., where his father, the late Rev. E. N. Watson, was pastor of the First Methodist Church. He received his early education in the schools of Benton, Ark., and the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago, Ill.

He and his sister had the Watson School of Music, which they established in 1900, and continued teaching until ill health forced them to retire. He directed the Midland High School Boys' Band, organized and directed the "Tri-City Symphony," composed of musicians from Midland, Odessa, and Stanton, and was the last of the "Old Midland Cowboy Orchestra."

He was director and lead soloist of the First Baptist music group for three years, and of the First Methodist Church many years.

Teaching was Mr. Ned's first love and he was proud of hundreds of students who received their musical

training from him. Three of his former students are teaching music now in Midland. He was a younger brother of the late, Dr. W. C. Watson of the Little Rock Conference.

POWELL—In the death of Mrs. William L. Powell, the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Cotton Plant Methodist Church has lost a faithful and much loved member. We shall miss her service, her thoughtfulness, her sense of humor, and her wisdom and guidance in Guild affairs.

"Miss Gertrude" was born November 7, 1895, in Cotton Plant, and died September 11, 1957. She was president of the Guild in 1953 and 1954.

*A precious one from us is gone,
A place is vacant in our Guild.
Sadly missed by everyone,
But in our hearts she is with us still.*

Wesleyan Service Guild
By Mrs. Paul Parnell, Secy.

Suggest Churches Shift Day Of Worship

A proposal that weekly church services be held on Thursdays instead of Sundays was advanced in Cleveland by two Protestant ministers. The departure from tradition was suggested at a panel session on the church of the future held in connection with the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ).

The idea was broached by the Rev. Dr. Myron E. Neal, pastor of the chapel Hill Christian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was seconded by the Rev. Dr. W. A. Welsh, minister of the East Dallas, Texas Christian Church. Dr. Welsh's church is one of the largest in the denomination with a membership of nearly 4,000.

Dr. Neal pointed out that with a shortening workweek and an increasing leisure period, thousands of Americans, particularly in the suburbs, go to resort areas on Friday and return to work on Monday.

He proposed that the major weekly service of worship, including the sermon, be held on Thursday evening. On Monday morning he suggested that a short communion service be held before churchgoers would return to work. Dr. Welsh said that "worship patterns" had never been tied to one specific day.

The church of the future, he declared, must "break out of the mold" and pioneer. A Thursday night

Labor Leader Named Layman of Year

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—John G. Ramsey, an official of the United Steelworkers Union and the AFL-CIO, was named Layman of the Year by the National Capital Council of Churches here.

He is the first labor leader to receive the award in its 20-year history. It was presented to him at the annual Churchmen's Dinner sponsored by the Committee of 50, a group of leading Protestant laymen and government officials.

The citation hailed Mr. Ramsey as "an apostle of goodwill and brotherhood among men."

"As labor union official, church member and good citizen," it said, "John Ramsey's motivating principle is love of God and man and from this principle he never swerves."

A deacon of National Presbyterian church, which President Eisenhower attends, Mr. Ramsey also has been active in the council of churches and national religious organizations.

church service, according to the Texas clergyman, would be "dynamic, different and daring."

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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 10, 1957

MANY GIFTS BUT ONE SPIRIT

READ CHAPTERS 12, 13, 14 of 1 CORINTHIANS.

MEMORY SELECTION: So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. —Romans 12:5 (RSV)

This is the sixth lesson of Unit IX in which we have been studying "The Gospel Applied To Society." Our study has covered, in part, the Corinthian church to which I Corinthians was addressed; something of the moral life in that church; the relation of the minister to the church; the use and misuse of Christian liberty and the spirit in which we should worship God.

In today's lesson Paul is laying emphasis on the fact that a wide diversity of talent and special gifts are needed in carrying on the work of the church. Paul deplors the controversies that have arisen in Corinth as to the relative value and importance of certain gifts exercised by various members of the Corinthian church. Paul is declaring that all of these gifts are important and that there is not only room in the church for the exercising of all of these gifts and powers, but that there is need for them in a well-rounded church. The writers of our lessons have summed up this statement of Paul in our lesson subject for today, "Many Gifts But One Spirit."

"Growing Pains" In The Corinthian Church

Quite frequently pains suffered in early childhood are called "growing pains." Whether these ills of childhood are properly named, we shall leave to the medical profession. Without question the church at Corinth, in its younger years, suffered "growing pains."

Since the early church has been so frequently idealized, because of its marvelous growth, we may sometimes have a sense of disappointment and even disillusionment as we study the details of the early church. Although the early Christian church had, as its leaders, Paul and the other apostles, it made many mistakes and some of its activities and some of its members were a discredit to the ideals for which the church stood, as taught by Christ and His apostles.

Nevertheless, let us keep in mind that the Corinthian church to which Paul was writing was only about twenty-five years old. It was composed of converted Jews and former pagans of Corinth. The stately rules, rituals, creeds, accepted doctrines and orders of worship of the modern church were non-existent. The Apostolic church was at the very beginning of the many centuries of ups and downs, progress and defeats, triumphs and failures before much that Christ came to establish was an accepted part of the life of the Christian church. The fact of the business is that, even after

twenty centuries, the Christian church is still far from perfection.

What were the "growing pains" in this new church at Corinth for which Paul was trying to find a remedy? (1) There was uncertainty as to just what members of the Christian church should believe. (2) There were divisions in the church because some pledged loyalty to one leader and some another. (3) There existed immorality, gluttony, drunkenness and a lack of understanding as to the real meaning of the communion service. (4) There was found pride, jealousy, and snobbery because some felt that their gifts and graces far excelled some other members of the church. (5) There was the danger that organization, religious ceremonies and misguided enthusiasm might be substituted for vital religion and the Christian way of life. A comparison of these difficulties, which beset the Christian church in its beginning, with some of the same difficulties confronting the church today, will reveal how desperately we need to study Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

Our Special Gifts Come From God—One God

We should occasionally stop to realize just how absolutely dependent we are upon the life-giving, life-sustaining powers of God. Little as we sometimes realize it, we are dependent on God for every heart beat, every breath of life. Surgeons and physicians may mend broken bodies, with Nature's help, but there comes a time in every life when the skills of the best surgeon or physician are of no avail. Life comes from God and is constantly sustained by Him.

This being true, it would naturally follow that any special gifts or graces we may possess are a gift from God, the one God. In the pagan world, in Corinth and elsewhere, there was a special god to meet the various needs of life. One, who felt that he had certain advantages, considered that he was especially indebted to the god who was supposed to preside over that phase of life. Paul is here proclaiming the fact of ONE GOD. Paul is saying that, while there may be a diversity of gifts and powers in different lives, all are indebted to the one God for those powers. As a result, Paul felt there should be unity in diversity of gifts and a common goal for all Christians, arrived at through different activities and through the use of various powers. Paul would have them understand also that, since all special gifts or powers possessed by individuals are gifts from God, there is no reason for

one individual to feel superior to another. Each sincere Christian is as God made him and he has no reason for either pride or despair.

Diversity of Gifts Evidence Of Divine Wisdom

The world about us is filled with evidences of a Creator with wisdom far beyond the power of finite mind to comprehend. There are some evidences of the wisdom and goodness of God which, to some degree, we are able to understand.

It is evidence of the infinite wisdom and planning of God that, across the centuries from the dawn of creation, of the multiplied millions and billions of babies born and now being born, there has always been, and now is, about an equal division between boys and girls. All of the combined knowledge of the ages has no explanation of just why this is true. Furthermore, all of the combined knowledge of medical science even today cannot pre-determine the sex of one baby child. Through every generation, we are dependent on the wisdom and planning of God for the survival and continuance of the human race.

Another place in which we can see something of the infinite wisdom and divine planning of the Lord is in this fact, which Paul is declaring to the Corinthians, that there are "Many Gifts But One Spirit." It is not an accident that every profession and business in our American life has its supply of leaders who find their highest joy in the work they do. Furthermore, business of all kinds, public and private, is able to find workmen to fill available jobs.

What the wisdom of God has done for the world in general, Paul declares God has done in a special way for the church. There are a multitude of services necessary in fulfilling the mission of the church. There is work to be done ranging all the way from the missionary in the field, the minister in the pulpit to the caretaker who keeps the physical plant of the church in proper condition. A list of the officers, committee members, members of the choir, members of the various organizations of the church, the host of teachers in church school and other activities too numerous to mention, will give anyone interested an idea of the multitude of services required in the work of the church.

The amazing thing about all of these service requirements of the normal church is the fact that there seems, in general, to be someone especially fitted for each job and usually willing to work at it. This is about what Paul is saying to the church at Corinth which was having trouble over its division of the responsibilities in the work of the church.

Gifts Unused Are Gifts Misused

Jesus taught us, in the parable of the pounds and the parable of the talents, that powers unused are powers misused. In each of these parables, the one condemned was not accused of some gross sin but simply of doing nothing with God-given powers that should have been put to the use of the Master.

These parables also teach us that the number of talents or pounds or powers we possess is not the important matter as far as we, as individuals, are concerned; the

important matter is the use we make of the powers we do possess.

We are responsible to God and we are responsible to man for the use we make of the powers we possess. We are responsible to God for the use of these powers because they are a trust from Him; we are responsible to man for our use of our gifts and powers because, like Paul, we are "debtors" to all mankind.

Why Some of The Kingdom's Work Is Undone

Despite the countless gifts and graces of those within the church, and of the many outside the church who should dedicate their lives to Christ, it is not difficult for anyone who is informed to see many things undone in the work of the church that should be done. Does this mean that God has left so much of His work unprovided for?

We cannot believe that a God, who has paid such a price for the redemption of mankind, would leave any part of that work unprovided for, so far as called workmen are concerned. There is much of the work of the church, at home and abroad that is not being done. This is not because God has failed to call someone to do it, but because many, He has called, have refused or neglected to answer His call.

This lesson should give occasion for each of us to examine our individual lives. Have we felt the spiritual urge to do something in the work of the church that we have not done? If so, we have in that, rejected or neglected a call of God to a service He wanted us to perform and which, because of our failure, has gone undone.

The Church Likened To The Body of Christ

Paul, with his deep spiritual insight, has likened the church to the body of Christ where the individuals of the church make up the various parts of the body of the Master.

By this comparison, Paul indicates that any failure on our part weakens or handicaps the functioning of the body of Christ. There is no creation known to man so wonderful as a normal, healthy, human body. However, wonderful as it is, if any part or function of the body is not working properly, the whole body is affected by this one disorder. This same thing is true of the church, where the various activities of the church are so interdependent as that a failure anywhere is felt to a degree everywhere.

If Christ stood before us in Person, we would draw back from doing anything that might in any way mar the perfect body which we feel Christ possessed while on earth. If, as Paul indicates, the church is the body of Christ, is it not strange that we do not seem to be so much concerned, at times, about hindering, marring or even crippling the body of Christ as we find it in the church?

Do Your Best At What You Do Best

We are generally at our best in doing the things God has fitted us to do. When we discover the things we can do best in the work of the church, we have likely found the work God wants us to do in the promotion of His kingdom. Consequently we should strive to do our best at those things we do best and thereby fulfill God's will for us.

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Centenary College Observes Religious Life Week

The annual observance of Religious Life Week at Centenary College is drawing to a close today with the final address by the guest speaker, the Rev. Raymond D. Adams, slated for this morning.

The Rev. Mr. Adams is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Little Rock, Ark. He has been speaking on the general theme, "Getting To Know You." His Tuesday topic for the morning chapel program was "What Are You?" and yesterday he addressed Centenary students on the subject, "What Do You Most Want?" The speaker will discuss the topic, "What Do You See?" during the final chapel program today.

Meanwhile, the last of five morning devotionals, a traditional part of the observance of Religious Life Week, will be held at 6:45 a.m. tomorrow in the meditation room of the Brown Memorial Chapel. Students have been in charge of the daily programs, which opened Monday.

The guest speaker has been conducting personal interviews with students in the chapel offices each afternoon during his stay on the campus.

Student committees, appointed by the Rev. James A. McLean, director of religious activities, to serve during the week are the following: publicity, Larry Gibson, chairman, Sandra Simmons, Sharon Victory, Paul Snow, Francis Keller and Austin Sartin; personal interviews, Jerry Martin and Margaret Cornelia Agurs; program, Truly Ann Drake, chairman, Dan Morse, John Johns and Dean Thompson.

Morning devotionals, Ney Bailey, chairman, Charles Wilder, Warren Boyd, James Owen, Bradford Mayo and Paula Martin; physical equipment, Bill Bryant, and group discussion, Marcella Flynt, chairman, Gail Thornton and Windene Nicklaus.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

November 12, Lafayette District, Houma First Church.

November 13, Lake Charles District, Lake Charles First Church.

November 14, Shreveport District, Plain Dealing.

November 19, Monroe District, Gilbert.

November 20, Ruston District, Minden First Church.

November 21, Alexandria District, Oakdale.

December 16, New Orleans District, St. Luke's, New Orleans.

December 17, Baton Rouge District, Baton Rouge First Church.

Hammond Methodist Men Visit Ponchatoula



Members of the Methodist Men's Club of First Methodist Church, Hammond, are pictured on a bus which took them to visit and be the guests of the Methodist Men's Club of First Methodist Church, Ponchatoula. The group reported sharing good food and good fellowship.

Publishing House Sales Reach All-Time High

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The Methodist Publishing House's net sales of products reached an all-time high of about \$22,000,000 during the fiscal year ending May 31, 1957. This was an increase of about nine per cent over the previous fiscal year.

The announcement was made October 30 by Lovick Pierce, Nashville, the publishing house's president and publisher. He made the report at the one-day annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Publication at the publishing house's new national headquarters building here.

In conjunction with the board meeting, the five-story office building was dedicated by Methodist Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, Denver, Colo., a member of the Board of Publication.

Other reports at the Board of Publication meeting included the following:

—Together, a new national magazine for Methodist families, has reached a circulation of about 900,000.

—The *New Christian Advocate*, a new magazine primarily for Methodist ministers, now has a circulation of more than 31,000.

—Circulation of Methodist church school literature rose, by the end of the fiscal year, to an all-time high of 6,852,583 per issue, a slight increase over last year.

—A total of \$600,000 was appropriated by the publishing house for Methodist conference funds for retired ministers and the widows and orphaned children of deceased ministers. This was the same amount as

Delhi Methodists Suffer Fire Loss

Fire swept through the Delhi First Methodist Church 45 minutes before Sunday School classes began, Oct. 27, and burned it to the ground after the pastor, the Rev. Ira Love, escaped uninjured.

The total loss was estimated at approximately \$95,000. The Rev. Mr. Love, alone in the building when the fire erupted, escaped with an arm-load of books. Saved were church records, the pastor's books, one piano, and the pulpit furniture. The fire originated in the loft of the church, and firemen battled the flames for more than three hours.

Sparks from the burning church landed on the parsonage next door, but firemen saved the home from destruction. Some damage was done to the roof, however.

The Rev. Mr. Love, according to a newspaper report, said he believed the fire started from either faulty wiring or the heating system.

Flames spread from the loft to the ceiling. The ceiling collapsed into the auditorium and the fire continued through two wings of the L-shaped building.

The church was about eight years old. An annex had been recently constructed. The report said the building was insured, however, it was not totally protected.

last year.

—The twelfth and last volume of *The Interpreter's Bible* has been completed and more than 50,000 copies of it distributed, bringing the total sales of the Bible commentary

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Meth. Membership Now Exceeds 9 1/2 Million

Chicago, Oct. 29 (MI)—Membership in The Methodist Church in the United States and its possessions has now passed the 9½ million mark.

The Rev. Albert C. Hoover of Chicago, director of the Statistical Office of The Methodist Church, reported that during the past year church membership has increased from 9,444,820 to 9,566,629. This figure includes the denomination's 26,872 but does not include 1,382,207 preparatory members (baptized children).

Director Hoover's report is based on the latest figures furnished his office by the church's 100 annual (regional) conferences in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Cuba is also included in the county because it is affiliated with the Jacksonville, Florida, Area.

The church received 763,722 members during the year—378,031 of whom came on profession of faith, but losses by transfer, death and pruning of church rolls cut the net gain down to 121,809, or a 1.24 percent increase over 1956.

The statistical report shows 39,359 organized churches. Heretofore the report has listed "preaching places." Some of these "preaching places" are outposts on circuits where a church group has not been formally organized. Last year's report listed 39,845 "preaching places," about 500 more than this year's "organized churches."

The grand total paid for all purposes was \$443,677,506—nearly 30 million in excess of the 1956 total.

The amount paid for building and improvements dropped from \$114,937,476 to \$109,549,643, but the churches paid \$44,111,054 on indebtedness—nearly ten million more in debt payments than a year ago.

Estimated value of church buildings and equipment and land is \$2,217,026,516.

The total church school membership has now passed the seven-million mark—7,052,660, with an average attendance at Sunday School of 3,710,849. Each figure is about 100,000 more than in 1956.

There are 38,146 church schools, 223 more than last year and leaving only 1,213 organized churches which do not have church schools.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service now has 31,259 local groups with a total of 1,788,129 members. The women raised \$17,595,381 for work in their local churches and sent \$10,515,142 for their missions program throughout America and overseas.

Methodist Men now have 403,253 members in 10,195 chartered clubs in local churches.

"Grass Roots" Evangelism In Local Church Is Goal

Methodist Council of Evangelism Says

Efforts to make "grass roots" evangelism at the local church level a primary Methodist project for the next two years was adopted as a chief goal of the Methodist Council of Evangelism at its annual meeting, October 17-22, in Minneapolis, Minn.

"We must succeed at the grass roots, using the local church as home base for a continuing effort, if we are to cope with the challenge of America's population growth," said the Rev. Dr. George A. Fallon of Lakewood, Ohio, council president.

Some 525 ministers, laymen and women attended the meeting, including a majority of the conference chairmen and secretaries of evangelism, and numerous district secretaries.

The council, open to all Methodists, was organized two years ago to serve as an auxiliary of the General Board of Evangelism.

Plans for two national Methodist projects in 1958 were drafted by the council. They are:

1. A churchwide Week of visitation Evangelism, March 2-9, sparked by district and conference committees and to be preceded by a district-wide exchange of pulpits February 16, and a 10-day prayer vigil beginning February 21. The theme will be: "Tell America About Christ."

2. A Convocation on Local Church Evangelism, July 3-6 in Washington, D. C., with an attendance goal of 7,000 to 10,000 delegates. "Tell God's Good News" is to be the program theme. The council will sponsor 35 workshops.

The council meeting was highlighted by "One Great Day of Witnessing" visitation to thousands of homes in the Minneapolis and St. Paul districts on Sunday, October 20. The visiting clergymen and laymen teamed with 865 local Methodists to make the canvass. The results: 943 new members, numbering 551 joining a church for the first time or transferring from other denominations, and 392 Methodist transfers from other sections, and names of 3,376 prospects to be contacted later.

"This was a wonderful 'testrun' of our March 2-9 Week of Visitation Evangelism," commented Dr. Harry Denman, general secretary of Evangelism. "If all of Methodism's 520 districts do as well we should

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Commitment Day Scheduled For Dec. 1



DRINKING IS A MORAL ISSUE

To drink or not to drink?

That is the question that the more than nine million members of the Methodist Church will be asked to decide for themselves on Sunday, December 1, in connection with the denomination's annual Commitment Day observance.

Established by the Methodist General Conference and sponsored by the Board of Temperance on the first Sunday of December, Commitment Day is a time of personal stock-taking.

More Than 100 Christian Vocation Conferences Reported

NASHVILLE, TENN. (MI)—More than 100 conferences on Christian vocations have been held throughout the United States by The Methodist Church in the last twelve months, it was announced here October 21.

The announcement was made by the Rev. Dr. Marcus J. Birrell, Nashville, at the annual meeting of Methodism's Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations.

Dr. Birrell is the new executive secretary of the committee, which correlates recruitment and vocational guidance activities of several national agencies of The Methodist Church.

"The number of conferences on Christian vocations is an increase of about 15 percent over last year," said Dr. Birrell, "and it is one indication of the steadily growing concern of The Methodist Church in this crucial field."

Most of the Christian vocations meetings were held by Methodist annual conferences, but some were on the smaller district basis and a few on the larger episcopal area level.

Dr. Birrell also announced that more than 105,000 copies of a booklet, *Methodist Service Projects*, have been sold during the last twelve months, as compared to 75,000 the year before.

The Methodist Discipline, the church's "law book," defines the day as a time "To enlist Methodists and encourage others to commit themselves to personal abstinence from alcoholic beverages, and to challenge church members to creative action for a sober home and social life."

Theme of this year's observance is "Drinking Is a Moral Issue," it was announced by the Rev. Caradine R. Hooton, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C.

"Commitment Day calls Methodists to a high moment of decision on one of the most pressing social issues of our day," Dr. Hooton said.

"There is no escaping the moral aspects of the drinking dilemma," he added. "This is a question of right and wrong for individuals and for society."

This year's theme underscores the Discipline's statement that, "For a Christian, the use of intoxicating liquors is a fundamental moral issue which must be determined in the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

The Commitment Observance is not just a "pledge signing" day, Dr. Hooton said, even though more than one million such cards were used last year as three out of four Methodist churches observed the special day.

Use of the cards is encouraged, he said, to permit millions of Methodists to reaffirm their personal abstinence from alcoholic beverages.

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300 Methodist Churches Built In Korea In 3 Years

NASHVILLE, TENN. (MI)—More than 300 Methodist churches have been built, rebuilt, or otherwise established in Korea in the last three years.

The announcement was made by the Rev. Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, New York City, executive secretary of Methodist missionary work in Japan, Korea, Okinawa, and the Ryukyus. He addressed the annual meeting of The Methodist Church's Interboard Committee on Missionary Education, October 22-23, in Nashville.

"Perhaps the largest number of new buildings you see in Korea are churches," said Dr. Brumbaugh, who added that there are large numbers of new schools, government buildings, and other structures.

"Korea is open to the gospel," said the executive of the Methodist Board of Missions. "And the amazing spirit on the part of the Christians is perhaps the most hopeful thing in the country today."

PROTESTANT HOUR TO CARRY THE METHODIST SERIES

The Protestant Hour radio program will carry the Methodist Series November 10 to January 26. It will feature Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Dallas, as speaker. Music will be provided by Walter B. (Bill) Mann, concert and evangelistic soloist, now on the staff of First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, and the Protestant Hour Choir, Atlanta, Georgia. More than 300 stations are expected to carry the series of 30-minute programs.

Evangelism Council Challenges Laymen

Ministers attending the annual meeting of the Methodist Council of Evangelism Oct. 17-22 in Minneapolis were challenged to mobilize Methodist Men clubs for local church evangelistic work.

"The 500,000 members of 11,100 Methodist Men organizations across the country are anxious to assist their pastors in this important task, and most of them have made evangelism their number one project," said Robert G. Mayfield, Chicago, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Lay Activities.

He said the clubs are seeking to double their membership by 1960, and pointed out that this goal relates to the "expansion and enlistment" phases of the Local Church Emphasis in 1958-59.

Mayfield also called for "more ministerial attention to developing in the laity of a stricter acceptance of the gospel."

He added:

"In this day of easy dollars and comfortable living, too many laymen accept the letter of the gospel but not its true spirit. For example, we accept the commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill,' but ignore Christ's warning that if we retain our anger at a fellow-man we are in danger of judgment."

American Bible Society Presents 500,000,001 Vol. To President

Washington, Oct. 15 (ABS)—In ceremonies at the White House, the American Bible Society today marked the successful distribution of a half-billion volumes of Scriptures since its founding in 1816.

Rev. Dr. James Z. Nettinga, the Society's secretary for encouragement of use of the Bible, presented to President Eisenhower the 500,000,001 volume, symbolic of the start of the second half-billion.

The Society conducts its work in more than 60 countries and distributes the Scriptures in nearly 200 languages. Frequently, a translation of the Bible, or some part of it, is the first written form of a language.

Of the first half-billion volumes distributed, approximately 51 per cent were distributed in this country

and the remaining 49 per cent abroad.

The volume presented to President Eisenhower was a large family Bible, bound in red morocco, weighing nine pounds and two ounces, measuring 10½ x 13 inches, and containing 1,051 pages.

More than forty million volumes of Scriptures have been distributed without charge to members of the armed forces by the Society since it began the practice in 1820. Over 600,000 of the volumes were in some form of raised lettering for the blind, or in "Talking Book Records" in which the text of the Bible is read.

The Society is also observing this year the successful translation of at least one book of the Bible into 1,100 languages.

Mrs. Straus Makes Million Dollar Gift To Promote Brotherhood, Religious Liberty

New York (RNS)—A gift of \$1,000,000 to the Roger Williams Straus Memorial Foundation, Inc., to promote the aims of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the World Brotherhood organization was announced here.

The gift was made by Mrs. Roger W. Straus of New York as a memorial to her husband, who died last July. He served continuously as the Jewish co-chairman of the National Conference since its founding in 1928. Mr. Straus had retired in April as chairman of the board of the American Smelting and Refining Company.

Mrs. Straus said the purpose of the gift was to promote religious liberty, build understanding and civic cooperation among the world's great religions, foster research into the roots of prejudice and further peace and brotherhood among the nations of the world.

Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the NCCJ, hailed the gift as the largest donation for such purposes by an individual in the National Conference's 29-year-history. He recalled that in 1951 the organization received a million dollars from the Ford Motor Company Fund to purchase its present national headquarters, the Building for Brotherhood here.

"We are profoundly grateful to Mrs. Straus for establishing a memorial which will perpetuate her husband's lifetime devotion to the ideal of brotherhood," Dr. Clinchy said.

"Roger Straus was the staunchest friend of the National Conference, its most ardent worker, and a leader of outstanding ability. He believed firmly that man could study human prejudice scientifically, as doctors analyze the causes of physical disease. Today, scientists of the human psyche are matching the gains of physicians, and anti-Semitism, anti-Catholicism and anti-Protestantism are now viewed as diseases that can be cured. Mr. Straus' vision is one of the main reasons for this gain."

Ohio Community Has Weekly Church Night

Bryan, O. (RNS)—Local ministers agree that one of the best ways to create goodwill between the public schools and churches is to set aside one night a week for church activities exclusively.

For 18 years Thursday night has been Church Night in this city of 7,500 in northwestern Ohio. The schools never schedule any events that night, except in rare instances, and then the fact is known far in advance.

The Rev. Eugene M. Loerke, pastor of First Lutheran church and president of the Bryan Ministerial Association, explained that the plan works fine because the churches slate their youth activities on Thursday night. Therefore, there is no conflict for the youth's time.

H. W. Rogge, school superintendent, said the Church Night plan was of benefit to the teachers since many of them are church youth leaders and several are members of choir groups. They can depend on that night for church work without fear of any interference with school problems.

Bowling Green State University recently established a branch in Bryan and set up night classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. No classes are held on Thursday night in conformity with Church Night.

Protestants Hold Civic Righteousness Sunday

Reading, Pa. (RNS) — A statement stressing the duty of Christians to be informed voters concerned over the "moral and spiritual tone of our community" was read in Protestant churches of this area on "Civic Righteousness Sunday" (Oct. 27).

"Whenever the moral welfare of our community needs re-examination and action we must live up to this obligation and meet our full responsibility regardless of cost," it said.

The statement was prepared by the commission on social action of the Greater Reading Council of Churches and the Christian community life committee of the Reading Ministerial Association.

It said that among the duties of Christian citizens were:

"To accept the responsibility of voting.

"To become informed enough to vote only for those candidates who, after prayerful consideration, will clearly and specifically stand firmly for high moral and spiritual values in the community.

"To renew our pledge of support for every effort which strengthens community life, home life and the enforcement of our laws.

"To renew our pledge of support to duly elected officials.

"To give notice that wherever and whenever crime exists in our community, the Christian people will expect from our officials prompt and effective action.

"To give notice that churches of our community will bend every effort to strengthen every avenue through which the moral and spiritual life among us can be enriched."

Be Tender to Your Minister, Laymen Urged

Holyoke, Mass. (RNS)—Be tender to your minister. Don't try to tame him but love him as a man who has real need to be loved.

This appeal was made to laymen by the Rev. Gerald J. Jud, minister of Central church, in Worcester, Mass.

He told the Eastern Regional Meeting of the Congregational Christian Churches here that "the minister stands in need of tenderness. Too often he is thought of as sufficient unto himself."

"Many times people will feel that they are expressing sufficient love for the pastor by paying his salary, by coming to church or by supporting his program," Mr. Jud said. "But this is not enough. The pastor needs to feel that his people

METHODISTS GET 943 NEW MEMBERS

Minneapolis, Minn. (RNS) — Methodist churches here and in neighboring St. Paul will add 943 members as the result of a pilot project in visitation evangelism.

Included are 551 persons who will be joining the Church for the first time or transferring from other denominations, and 392 Methodists who have been inactive or transferring from other parts of the country.

The project, in which some 500 Methodist laymen and pastors participated, was conducted with the annual meeting of the Methodist Council of Evangelism here.

Dr. Harry Denman of Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, called the project "a wonderful trial run" for a Church-wide visitation evangelism effort which Methodists have scheduled for March 2-9, 1958.

Methodists Set National Conference On Evangelism

Minneapolis, Minn. (RNS) — A national Methodist conference on evangelism will be held in Washington, D. C. next July 3-6 under the theme, "To Tell God's News."

Nearly 7,000 lay and clerical delegates are expected to attend the sessions, it was announced at the annual meeting here of the Methodist Council of Evangelism.

The Rev. George A. Fallon of Lakewood, O., council president, said "our chief objective is not mass evangelism but to inspire Methodism's 40,000 local congregations to become evangelistic through expansion and enlistment."

Preceding the conference, from March 2 to 9, a church-wide week of visitation evangelism will be held. Methodists are to call on homes in an effort to obtain 50,000 new members.

A pilot visitation evangelism project was conducted in this area by some 500 ministers and laymen attending the council meeting.

Nationwide

Go-To-Church Drive To Be Held In November

New York (RNS)—A nationwide drive urging regular church and synagogue attendance starts Nov. 1, the first day of Religion in American Life month.

Throughout November ads in newspapers, magazines, buses, subways, on billboards and over radio and television will stress the importance of family worship.

Special programs will be held in several hundred communities over the country. Governors of 40 states have proclaimed the observance, according to the Committee on Religion in American Life, the sponsor.

The committee said the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, for the second year, has adopted Religion in American Life as the religious activities project for its 3,500 chapters and quarter million members.

Kiwanis clubs and other fraternal and service groups will cooperate with churches and synagogues in local efforts, it added.

Robert T. Stevens, former Secretary of the Army, is national RIAL chairman. He is president of a textile firm here. His committee's program is supported by 24 national religious groups.

N.Z. Churches Conduct Evangelistic Campaign

Christchurch, N. Z. (RNS)—Overflow attendances were reported at a two-week evangelistic campaign here conducted jointly by 120 churches of ten Protestant denominations.

The campaign was inaugurated by a demonstration in Cathedral Square in the center of the city attended by 10,000 people. It was said to be the biggest gathering of its kind in the city's history.

A campaign service in the Anglican Cathedral, which holds 1,000 people, was relayed to overflow groups in five cinemas.

One of the principal speakers was Miss A. L. Fransz, a Christian worker from Indonesia. Slogan of the campaign was "We Believe." The general aim was to invite the entire community "to think fairly and squarely about the Christian faith."

Tex., Calif. Methodists Aid Honolulu Student Center

Honolulu, T. H. (RNS)—A \$75,000 Methodist student center is being built near the University of Hawaii here with financial aid from churches in Texas and California.

Texas churches contributed more than \$30,000. The Wesley Foundation at Stanford University and First Methodist church of Palo Alto, Calif., pledged \$15,000 to erect a chapel in the center.

Dr. Harry S. Komuro, superintendent of the Methodist mission in Hawaii, presided at groundbreaking ceremonies. The structure will be called the Wesley Foundation building.

World Needs Moral Leadership

THE Western mind has difficulty in understanding the significance of developments within the ruling circle of Russia. Specifically, after more than a dozen years since the fall of Berlin in World War II, how can the popular Russian war leader, Zhukov, be stripped of his command and political position because of his wartime activities?

Perhaps the difficulty arises from the fact that for the Western mind, trained in the democratic school of thought, political leaders are responsible to political parties in a two-party system which are in turn responsible to the people, voters. If party discipline breaks down, the next election provides an opportunity for change.

All of which leads us to say what we have said many times before: if the United States does not provide the necessary moral and spiritual leadership to lead out in international affairs, it will have failed its mission in our time. For those interested in dedicating themselves to work of this nature, the Western system offers every inducement for service, including an honorable way out, should that become necessary.

We can remember high school and college days when attempts were made to smooth out athletic defeats by remarking, "Well, anyway we won a moral victory." Just what that meant apart from having played a hard, clean game we never quite understood. But internationally, it is important that America win a moral victory. We have a long way to go if the sordid crime statistics published from time to time reflect a true picture of America at mid-century. However, when America spends as much time, energy and resources in developing its people morally and spiritually as it is now spending on many matters of lesser importance, it won't matter how many Sputniks Zhukov's successors and their comrades blast into space. The Christian forces have never been faced with a greater challenge.

Bishop Martin's Booklet Available Here

THIS publication has made special arrangements with Tidings, the publishing branch of the General Board of Evangelism, to handle from this office distribution of Bishop Paul E. Martin's booklet "Humanity Hath Need of Thee," for those within this Episcopal Area who wish to order from a source near at hand. A shipment of these booklets has been received, and we are prepared to handle orders. It was our belief that many Methodists in Arkansas and Louisiana would be anxious to buy these booklets, especially if they were able to order them from a local address. Bishop Martin has kindly consented to autograph copies which are mailed from our address.

Attractively bound, this 32-page booklet presents the three devotional messages which Bishop Martin delivered to the annual conferences last May and June. Under the sub-head, Stories of Faith In Action, the three chapters concern the stories of Edmund G. Ross, Senator from Kansas, five Christian missionaries in Ecuador, and Charles Wesley, beloved Methodist hymn-writer. The messages have been published by Tidings for church-wide distribution.

Orders should be addressed to this publication and should include 25c for single copies and 20c each when the order is for ten or more copies. Shipment will be made postpaid. Checks may be made either to the Arkansas Methodist or The Louisiana Methodist.

District Conferences Begin Next Week

LOUISIANA Methodists will be devoting time for the next few weeks to the holding of its annual district conferences. The schedule as recently announced calls for three of the conferences to meet next week, three the following week, with the last two conferences scheduled for the third week in December.

According to Methodist law, district conferences are optional in the Methodist calendar, but Methodist leaders in this section of the church have felt that the district conferences meet a real need in the life of Methodist local churches and districts. In many instances, the churches composing a district form a natural area. For example, in Louisiana the eight geographical districts are centered around eight of the leading cities of the state. Besides promoting church interests which are only of district concern, the district conference is concerned with the entire Methodist program and with certain matters of ministerial relationships.

Most important, however, is the opportunity for lay representatives from local churches to have a part in connectional Methodism. The membership of the district conference is composed of many lay men and women. Their attendance is of vital importance. We urge those having membership and others who may desire to visit to avail themselves of this opportunity. Consult your pastor for the time and place.

Statements For Or To Methodists?

ONE of Methodism's most distinguished leaders made a statement recently that has come back into our mind again and again. We were discussing various statements by churches, church groups and Methodism's General Conference on social issues, when he quietly observed that in his judgment statements "should be made to Methodist people and not for Methodist people." He was suggesting that no Methodist body, even the General Conference, can speak for the rank and file of Methodist people. When such bodies have something to say on certain matters, the remarks should be addressed to Methodists and not in their behalf.

We pass this suggestion on for whatever it may be worth to our readers, for it seems to us to have within it the answer to many questions that have been raised within recent months. We suggest that our readers give some thought to the implications of this suggestion.

We have had reason to read and reread since the 1956 General Conference, that body's social pronouncements. We are in hearty agreement with the position of Methodism on these vital matters, and we are proud to be in a fellowship that has taken such strong, positive action. However, the implication is that these pronouncements have the weight of the membership of Methodism behind them. Would to God that they did, but they don't. There are many Methodists, sincere, committed Christians, who cannot share the convictions voted by a majority of General Conference delegates. These members love their church, and outside of its fellowship they would be lost. Consider, on the other hand, how effective such pronouncements would be if they were addressed to Methodists themselves, not as an official expression of Methodism's position but as what that position should be.

The press reports from time to time statements from various Methodist groups on issues which are timely. We have had our share of helping to draft such statements. They are intended to reflect the point of view of those voting for them. The inference drawn by many, however, is that the point of view is more widely held. Certain general church groups make their statements, and while they speak only for themselves, the impression is that their viewpoint is universally held. It may be, but the point is, who has the right to interpret or express it?

The National Council of Churches holds its assembly next month in St. Louis. Many pronouncements will come out of its sessions. This group represents more than 20 million Protestants, but who is to say that the National Council can speak for all 20 million Protestants? Very properly, it usually addresses a communication to its constituent church bodies, and this publication always publishes that statement. That particular communication is to its members and not to the public in behalf of the members.

We are not suggesting that there are never times when the General Conference, an annual conference, or any Methodist group should not state its position. We are suggesting that in many, many instances it might be a wiser course to address many such statements to its membership, especially when there is a wide difference of opinion on the issue.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN announces the appointment of Rev. William Holt to the Converse Methodist Church in the Shreveport District.

REV. W. R. IRVING, JR., pastor of Ingleside Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, will be the guest evangelist in revival services to be held at the St. John Methodist Church, New Orleans, Nov. 10-15, where Rev. C. D. Pinkard is pastor.

CONSTRUCTION of a \$19,500 brick veneer parsonage at the Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, will begin immediately according to the Rev. Ira W. Flowers, pastor.

REV. A. JEROME CAIN, pastor of the Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was guest speaker in revival services held at the Loranger Methodist Church, Oct. 14-18, where Rev. Michael D. Corrigan is pastor.

REV. ROBERT JAMIESON, pastor of the First Methodist Church of DeRidder, was guest speaker at the meeting of the DeRidder Rotary Club Thursday noon, Oct. 17. He spoke on "Youth of Today." The Rev. Mr. Jamieson was introduced by program chairman, Joe J. Hillman.

REV. C. D. PINKARD, pastor of St. John Methodist Church, New Orleans, conducted revival services at the Grand River Methodist Church, Oct. 27-Nov. 1. This was the third revival the Rev. Mr. Pinkard has held at the Grand River Church, where Rev. John Keller is pastor.

REV. FRANK C. LANKFORD, pastor of the Luther-Reserve Charge, preached in revival services held at the Luther Methodist Church Oct. 21-25. A fellowship supper was held on the opening night of the revival. Song leader for the services was Miss Irma Baker, with Mrs. Allan Fowler at the piano.

REV. HIRAM REEVES, Presbyterian pastor, was speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club of the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, Tuesday evening, Oct. 24. Mr. Reeves spoke on the role of the layman in the church. Rev. R. E. Walton is pastor of the church.

A SPECIAL program of sacred music was presented at the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church, Opelousas, Sunday evening, Oct. 27, by members of the choir of the First Methodist Church of Alexandria. The public was invited to attend and hear the 48-voice choir. Rev. R. E. Walton is pastor of the church.

JOHAN B. TUBB, Rayne, member of the Rayne Methodist Men, was guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Men's Club of the Church Point Methodist Church on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Filton Brasseaux, club president, presided over the meeting. Rev. Joe H. Robinson is pastor of the church.

REV. R. R. BRANTON, superintendent of the Lafayette District, preached in revival services held at the Iowa Methodist Church during the week of Oct. 28. Services were held each evening. Don Morrison of Lake Charles was song leader for the services. Rev. E. W. Day is pastor of the church.

ROBERT P. LAY, Louisiana Conference Lay Leader, was guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Minden, Oct. 21. H. L. Bridges is president of the organization. Members of the W.S.C.S. of the church served the evening meal. Rev. Dan R. Robinson is pastor of the church.

J. B. TUBB of Rayne was the Layman's Day speaker at the Kaplan and Indian Bayou Methodist churches where Rev. M. L. Davis is pastor. Mr. Tubb was assisted in the services by two young people of the Rayne church, Paul Lasseigne, Jr., and Gerald Vanderhider. Mr. Tubb is an associate District Lay Leader of the Lafayette District.

CORRECTION. William Lockhart, secretary of Lay Activities of the Baton Rouge District of the Central Jurisdiction, was guest speaker at the Wesley Methodist Church, Ponchatoula, on Sunday, Oct. 20, in observance of Layman's Day. It was reported erroneously that Rev. Carey Martin was pastor of the church in the issue of Oct. 31.

REV. LEONARD COOKE, vice-president of Centenary College, Shreveport, was the guest speaker at the First Methodist Church, Logansport, at the morning worship service, Sunday, Oct. 20. Pictures, with recording, on the Life of Paul, were shown at the evening service of the church. Rev. J. B. Grambling, pastor of the church, was on vacation.

THE CENTENARY CHOIR presented their annual "Rhapsody in View" concert Oct. 28 and 29 in the auditorium of the Byrd High School in Shreveport. The Centenary songsters have presented a number of concerts and twilight musicales in beautiful Hodges Gardens, near Many. The concert on Oct. 28 and 29 was sponsored by the Shreveport Lions Club to raise funds for its sight conservation program.

DR. Z. T. GALLION was the Layman's Day speaker at the Branch and Rayne Methodist Churches. Dr. Gallion is a member of the Southwestern Louisiana Institute faculty in Lafayette. He is church school superintendent and a leading layman of the First Methodist Church in Lafayette. Donald Harrington of the Rayne church presided and led the worship services. Rev. D. T. Williams is pastor of the church.

LAYMAN'S DAY services at the Maplewood Methodist Church were observed Oct. 20, with the following participating: 8:30 a.m. service was directed by S. D. Nolan, with Cecil Bland as the speaker; 11:00 a.m. service directed by K. A. Drake, with Judge Marray Anderson as the speaker; and the 7:00 p.m. service directed by W. H. McCurley, Jr. with J. D. Harlan as speaker. Rev. Loyd E. Williams is pastor of the church.

THE METHODIST MEN of First Church, Alexandria, showed the ladies of the church a lot of new styles in women's clothes Friday evening, Nov. 1, when a cost of fifteen men put on a "Queen For A Day" program in which the clothes were modeled for the members and their lady guests. Newton C. Alsop, Jr., and others furnished musical numbers for the occasion. Dr. Guy M. Hicks is pastor of the church.

REV. SAM NADER, superintendent of the Lake Charles District, was injured in a car accident Monday night, Oct. 18, when he was on his way to Cameron to hold quarterly conference. Although the Rev. Mr. Nader was not hospitalized, he is confined, for a few days, to his home where he is recovering from the injuries sustained when his auto overturned, as he left the highway in order to miss an oncoming car which swerved to his side of the road.

R. H. NELSON, SR., and E. E. Armstrong, both of Shreveport and members of the First Methodist Church there, were the Layman's Day speakers in the Belcher and Filliam Methodist Churches on Layman's Day, Sunday, Oct. 20. Mr. Nelson spoke at the morning worship service at Gilliam and Mr. Armstrong was the speaker at the evening service at Belcher. Rev. James L. Beasley is pastor of the Belcher-Gilliam charge.

REV. HAROLD BORCHERT, Presbyterian missionary to Japan, was guest speaker at the meeting of the W.S.C.S. of the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Tuesday, Oct. 15. The program was under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Johnson, W.S.C.S. mission study secretary. Rev. Borchert, who is living in Alexandria during his first furlough from the mission field, spoke on "Christian Missions in Japan." Dr. Guy W. Hicks is pastor of the host church.

DR. VIRGIL D. MORRIS, superintendent of the New Orleans District, and Mrs. Morris left New York City on the S. S. Brazil, Moore-Mc-

Cormack liner, Thursday, Oct. 30, going to Trinidad, Barbados, Bahia, Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Sao Paulo, Montevideo, and Buenos Aires, returning to New York on Monday, Dec. 9. Dr. Morris will act as Protestant Chaplain on the cruise. In his absence Dr. N. H. Melbert, pastor of First Methodist Church, New Orleans, will be in charge of the New Orleans District.

REV. DOUGLAS L. MCGUIRE, pastor of the Park Avenue Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest evangelist in a series of revival services held at the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie, Oct. 27-Nov. 1. Music for the services was under the direction of Rev. Tracy Arnold, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Shreveport, and Mrs. W. L. Constant, choir director of the church. Rev. Mr. Arnold delivered the morning devotional over radio station KAPB each morning, Monday through Friday. Rev. J. J. Caraway is pastor of the church.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Lafayette, observed Layman's Day, Sunday, Oct. 20, with Dr. Ray Miles, church lay leader, as their speaker at both morning worship services. Wallace Beadle directed the 8:30 a.m. service, and Jim Wilcox directed the 11:00 a.m. service. Ted B. Tether, director of the Wesley Foundation at Southwestern Louisiana Institute, was the speaker for the evening service, with Dick Parish directing. According to a report, the messages were very thought provoking and the attendance was excellent. Rev. Fred S. Flurry is pastor of the church.

MRS. A. F. LANIER, teacher of the Frances Lanier Class of the First Methodist Church of Alexandria, was honored as the class held its second anniversary dinner Oct. 23, in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Mrs. Edward Fleshman served as chairman of the affair with co-chairmen including Mesdames Byron L. Bolen, J. E. McCampbell, S. E. Eggers, George M. Pearce, W. A. Wilson, J. H. Watts, R. H. Blassingame and E. Delcomyn. Upon arrival Mrs. Lanier was presented an orchid corsage by Mrs. John P. Reeves, class president, and at the close of the fete, Mrs. John J. Oden presented her with a gift from the members.

H. LESLIE MCKENZIE, lay leader of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was the guest speaker on Sunday, Oct. 20, in observance of Layman's Day at the first Methodist Church of Amite. Mr. McKenzie has served as chairman of the Official Board of his church, and is a trustee of Centenary College, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation at S.L.C. Engaged professionally in the field of general insurance, Mr. McKenzie has worked with the UNRRA in Germany, and serves now in many community organizations in his home city. Rev. James E. Christie is pastor of the Amite church.

H. "HAPPY" SMITH was the guest speaker in observance of Layman's Day at the First Methodist Church of Bossier City Sunday, Oct. 20. The worship service was led by Frank Curry and A. F. Moore. Special music for the service was a piano-organ arrangement played by the church organist, Cedric Smartt, and Beth Knight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Knight. During the service Lt. Col. Windell Lack and Hal Bynum presented the Charter for the Cub Scout Pack 21 sponsored by the church. Kenneth Pugh is the Cubmaster and E. O. Beauvais is the Institutional Representative at the church. Rev. Alfred M. Brown is the pastor.

A SERIES OF REVIVAL services were held at the Angie Methodist Church Oct. 22-25, with different guest-speakers in charge of the services each evening. Variations on the general theme of "Faith" was the emphasis throughout the four nights of the revival, with special music planned for each service. On Tuesday evening Rev. M. David Felder, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church of Franklinton, was the guest speaker. On Wednesday evening, Rev. Robert Crichlow, pastor of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Church of Bogalusa, delivered the evangelistic sermon; Thursday evening Rev. Stanley Baker led the revival service and on the closing night, Friday, Rev. Robert C. Carter, pastor of the Covington Methodist Church, was the speaker. Rev. Stanley Baker is pastor of the Angie church.

MASTERING PAIN

No trait evokes more admiration in our time than that of masterfulness. To be a master of situations, to know what is to be done next when those around are hopelessly confused, to keep our heads when others are losing theirs and blaming it on us—these are the abilities we applaud.



But in our admiration of mastery are we catching the full secret of Christ's masterfulness? We have become expert in handling the material elements of our environment. Truly it would seem we are fulfilling the Biblical promise of the Creator that man should have dominion over the earth. And we have pretty well added the sea and the air to his domain, and now even outer space.

But with all our mastery of the movable factors around us, are we improving our self-mastery when we confront the immovable obstacles of life? Has our efficient age of science so accustomed us to getting things done by quick mechanical means that we are at a loss when all we can do is to stand and take it?

Let us consider one of life's immovables. Take the factor of pain. Before we call pain one of life's immovables, we should recall how much pain has been removed through the healing art and scientific prevention.

"The ills that flesh is heir to" were far more numerous in the days of Shakespeare than in our time. Man has learned how to quiet anguished nerves with sedatives, how to make us oblivious to the surgeon's knife through anesthetics, how to stop the ravages of many dread diseases. And there are no doubt many new frontiers of advance in the prevention of pain.

No longer should we blindly drift into disease and disaster and then piously call them that will of God. When we neglect the efforts for peace and get into war, it is blasphemy to blame the suffering on God. Christ, the Great Physician, holds us responsible for using all our resources to ward off accident, disease, disaster and death.

Nevertheless, in spite of our best efforts there is bound to be an irreducible minimum of pain.

Sooner or later we all get some share of pain. Love, the most beautiful thing in life, carries in itself the possibilities of intense pain, sometimes aching with anxiety, sometimes bruised by abuse, sometimes devastated by death. Every extension of love and friendship enlarges our exposure to the possibilities of pain.

What help can we get from Christ in mastering irremovable pain?

Well, we can acquire a better sportsmanship in our attitude. Most of us must admit we do not show very good sportsmanship to mastering our minor pains.

Christ should be of help to us at this point. We call Him a "man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." But He never went around seeking sympathy or talking about His own suffering.

He shed tears in sympathy for the bereaved Mary and Martha and He wept over Jerusalem because it was so shortsighted, but there is no record of His weeping over His own hurts.

In Gethsemane He went alone into the deepest anguish of His decision, but when He talked to His companions about His death on the morrow, He said, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Reverently can we say of Christ that He played His life through with all its pain as a gallant sportsman.

Another secret in the mastery of pain is the use of the imagination. Robert Louis Stevenson in 1893 wrote that for 14 years he had not had one day of real health. Though racked with pain, he sent out his thoughts on those adventures which boys still read.

He scrawled some of his gayest poems in "A Child's Garden of Verses" after a severe hemorrhage forced him to put his right arm in a sling. Even when he became so ill that his doctors forbade him to talk or write, he tried to dictate in sign language the conclusion of the book he was writing.

The explanation is that Stevenson deliberately turned the stream of his consciousness away from self and out into the world of men. He identified himself with good thoughts and movements to such an extent that his darkened room ceased to exist for him for long periods of time.

Imagination which can enable us to escape our pain by thinking of something else, fortitude which can steel our nerves and help us to "grin and bear it," faith which makes us "more than conquerors" in tribulation because we, like Saint Paul, are convinced that "nothing can separate us from the love of God," and hope that looks ahead to the better things yet to be—these are God's aids in mastering pain.

The Layman's Column

By
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CHRISTIANITY AND LONELINESS

Probably the biggest mistake that most church members make is to think that being a Christian is an easy thing to do. You come down to "the front of the Church," answer some questions asked by the preacher, and presto! you are handed a one-way ticket to heaven that you can use whenever you want or need it. It makes little difference what you say or do during the week. The attitudes that you have toward your fellow-man can hit a new low in hate, but if you attend the services fairly often, and make a pledge to the budget, that will cover a "multitude of sins" and assure you of a better-than-average seat in heaven.

One does not have to be a long-faced martyr to be a good Christian, but on the other hand, it often is a difficult job to apply one's Christian ethics to everyday situations. What may be the soundest theology that one can conceive on Sunday morning, somehow becomes too thin to use when the week-day contacts of life challenge him. Another factor enters the pattern of life also. Many people who call themselves "good people"; who are active in the temporal affairs of the church; turn purple when the time comes to use their Christianity in resolving complex life situations. The howling of the unruly mob becomes a popular appeal because it seems to be the voice of the majority.

Majorities have seldom been on the side of Jesus Christ. About the only times He had great crowds following Him were those when He was satisfying their requests for something. When it came time to say,

"If any one will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me,"

the "good people" very quickly became offended at Him and left. Jesus was alone many times when He longed for companionship of His friends. Those who followed closely after Him were marked men, separated from society because they chose to take Jesus' words literally.

Trying to be an every-day Christian in these

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

MORE LEISURE: BANE OR BLESSING?

There is something pathetic, and in a sense almost frightening, in the quip made the other day by a labor leader discussing the proposed four-day week (of work) or the thirty-hour week: "All it can give you is more time in which to spend the money that you will not have." . . . In other words, added leisure will add to the repletion of your purse because you can't have leisure without paying out cash—presumably to be entertained by someone or something!

Evidently there is some truth, at least, in the charge that too much of American education is geared toward building a man's "wealth in things," not in building the man. Take such a man away from his "work—that is, from the thing he learned in order to make money, be it pulling levers or pushing a pen in all directions, and he is "lost": he has no training, or experience, or interests, or concerns within himself or in his surroundings upon which he can draw for instruction, amusement, service, exercise, or any form of physical, mental, or spiritual development. Whole areas of that man's nature and possibilities are dead. Thousands of prisoners-of-war, for example, deteriorated mentally because they lacked any capacity for self-occupation.

Indeed, the man who has no training or skill in how to use his leisure, might be better off—and less of a danger to society—were he not to have that leisure. I hope I would be the last person to consign a brother to a 50-hour or 60-hour work week, but I would still less want

tragic days often means that one will be sneered at, even subjected to physical violence if he disagrees with what many think on certain subjects. This is not a suggestion that "everything will be all right" as soon as you accept Jesus Christ. It is intended to be a reminder that the duty of the Christian is to seek God's will daily through the medium of prayer; to remember that one is never lonely when Jesus walks by his side; to walk in the Way with faith that He will support us when we need Him and uphold us when we faint.

a 30-hour week if that meant only more drinking, greater highway accident-death toll, more professional look-see sports, and more actual neglect of family life. A good deal of the juvenile delinquency we now have to deal with in our cities is caused by youth having much free time on their hands—and no training in what to do with that time. Automation, plus a greatly decreased workweek, can prolong delinquency (or its equivalent) well beyond the teen years.

Dr. Rudolph Binder, who pioneered in sociology at New York University half a century ago, used to take up social cudgels on behalf of the eight-hour day and 44-hour week: but he always added, "I'm for that for everyone but myself—it isn't long enough for me." And in the "leisure time" he had from the classroom and for study and research, Professor Binder had a half dozen other "concerns" (most of them on behalf of needy peoples) which occupied every non-sleeping moment. So with each of us who has "leisure hours" or who is going to have an increasing number of them: we need to find channels to use many of them in the public interest, in cultural interests, in freely-given avocations from which we derive wholesome satisfactions. Indeed, as we grow into the "push-button era," we will desperately need to keep clear channels to such satisfactions.

It was Russia's celebrated Count Leo Tolstoy who, last century, advocated that society be organized—rather reorganized—so that one man would labor half a day at some physical task, and half a day at some mental task. He—as, I believe, the Poet Whittier did also to some degree—spent half his day farming, and half his day writing. The criticism of Tolstoy's scheme usually ended with the remark, "It's easy for a Count to do that; but not for an Ohio farmer, nor a Pennsylvania bricklayer." Yet, the Ohio mechanized farmer, and the Pennsylvania bricklayer whose hod is replaced by an electric lift, are pretty close to the day of five laboring-hours, with five others when they can engage in some intellectual pursuit. I wonder if any Count of the 1800's actually had a life as rich and full as an American worker's life can be in the years that will close this century?

Now, I know that we may have to reorganize our life—especially life in the cities—to achieve some of the best uses of leisure. In some ways it may mean a rebuilding of our cities: more local areas for recreation (near homes); educational facilities (including adult education) well scattered; business and industry reorganized or dispersed so as to reduce time now spent in transportation; garden areas within the cities; more



NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

BY IRA A. BRUMLEY

Church School Rally Day Offerings

The following Church School Rally Day offerings have been received in the North Arkansas Conference to date, but not reported in our last report: Green Forest, \$26.91; Gentry, \$20.00; Central City (Lavaca charge) \$5.00; London, \$5.00; Clarksville, \$100.00; Van Buren, First Church, \$50.00; Newport First Church, \$100.00; Cave City Circuit, \$5.00; Earle, \$30.00; Trumann, \$20.00; Leachville, \$10.00; Damascus, \$5.00; Blytheville First Church, \$150.00; Scranton, \$5.00; Ola, \$8.00; Liberty Hill, (Batesville District) \$1.00; Mayflower, \$1.00; Fourth Street, Rector, \$10.00; Cummins Chapel, \$3.00; Mars Hill, \$2.00; Centerton, \$5.00; Hoxie, \$10.00; Hardy, \$15.00; Clarendon, \$25.00; Huntington Ave., \$50.00; Macey, \$10.00; Pleasant Grove, \$5.00; Hickory Ridge, \$10.00; Brookland, \$5.00; Harmony, \$2.00; Searcy First Church, \$100.00; Judsonia, \$7.00; Harrison, \$75.00; St. John's, \$5.00; Viola, \$4.78.

Dr. Jack Wilkes Is Speaker For Hendrix Religion, Life Week

Dr. Jack S. Wilkes, president of Oklahoma City University and a graduate of Hendrix, has been named speaker for the College's Religion and Life Week, November 11-14. Dr. Wilkes, a native of Little Rock, will speak each evening, Monday through Thursday, at 6:30 in the Hendrix Chapel.

OTHER HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Campus Visitor Speaks

John Wong-Quincey, distinguished educator, teacher and lecturer, visited the Hendrix campus Wednesday, November 6, under the auspices of the Association of American Colleges and as one of the visitors provided through the Arkansas Foundation of Associated Colleges' cultural program, supported by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

Mr. Wong-Quincey, a native of Hong Kong, graduated from the University of London and was a member of the faculty of Tsing Hua University in Peking for twenty years, serving as professor of English, head of the department of Western Languages and Literature, dean, vice president and acting president.

Mr. Wong-Quincey met with several campus groups during the day and spoke that evening in the Hendrix Chapel on "Confucianism and Christianity."

National Who's Who Named

Eight Hendrix students have been named to the 1957-58 Who's Who Among Students in American Uni-

Elysian Fields Class Names Officers

The Young Adults Class of Elysian Fields Methodist Church, New Orleans, elected officers this past Sunday and the following were elected: Joe Perry, president; Gayland Magness, vice-president; Mrs. Jack Jones, secretary; and Mrs. Elliott Blaize, treasurer.

Officers are elected for a six months term with the idea of giving many class members a chance to share in the official duties of the class. The class had originally set an combined age limit of 72 years per couple, but this policy has given way over a period of time, due to the popularity and teaching ability of the class teacher, Harold Callahan. Many couples who have visited the class have been impressed by the Bible knowledge and well presented lessons that Callahan gives every Sunday and have become regular attendants.

The class has regular get togethers and social functions that binds its members close and adds to the spirit of the Sunday classes. The class supports the church in any manner that it is asked and works with other groups in church activities.

Along with the election of officers, a contribution was voted to the church Organ Fund. The class is presently studying the teachings of Paul and two Sundays ago, Rev. and Mrs. Glendon Messer were guests as Callahan presented a lesson on the minister and his wife in relation to the membership as set forth by Paul's early ministry.

The class is setting forth on a program of visiting new members and working out each member's ability to serve the class and thus build an even more spiritual group and serve the church to the utmost, it was reported by John F. Reeks, Jr.

versities and Colleges. Those named include junior Marilyn Duro of Mountain Home and seniors Judy Brannan of Piggott, Tom Brewer of Phillips, Texas, Judy Briant of Ashdown, Dick Brown of Harrison, Bobby Scott Fuller of Searcy, Al Graves of Hope, Barbara McDaniel of Ozark, Martha McOske of Little Rock and John Pike of DeWitt.

The students were selected by the Hendrix faculty for their outstanding scholastic and leadership abilities.

Freshman Officers Elected

Ashley Carr of El Dorado and Tommy Ray Caplinger of Fordyce have been elected officers of the 1957-58 freshman class of Hendrix College. Carr was elected president of the class and Caplinger senator. Al Graves of Hope is president of the Senate for the present school year.

CHURCH MUSIC INSTITUTE

JONESBORO, ARKANSAS—FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
NOVEMBER 22-24, 1957

Sponsored by the North Arkansas Conference Board of Education in cooperation with the General Board of Education, the Jonesboro District, and the Hendrix Music Department for all local church leaders of music in Northeast Arkansas.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, NOV. 22, 1957

6:30 p.m.—Fellowship Supper
Singing around the table.
Getting Acquainted
Orientation into the Institute program (Dr. Wiant)

SATURDAY, NOV. 23, 1957

8:30 a.m.—Registration at First Methodist Church

9:00 a.m.—General Session and explanation of day's work

9:15-10:05—"Piano Session" (Miss Sarah M. Robinson)

(Of special interest to church musicians using piano.)

- A. Repertoire for preludes, postludes, offertories, weddings, funerals
- B. Techniques—of accompanying, improvisation, modulation, announcing Amen, pedals, special effects that are especially adaptable to church use
- C. Service playing trends and practices
- D. Augmentation by string or wind instruments for certain solo or ensemble special effects (brass sextet in Christmas carols or in antiphonal effects used off stage or from back of sanctuary)
- E. Conducting choral organizations from the keyboard
- F. Combination of organ and piano used simultaneously
- G. Question and discussion period

9:15-10:05—"Organ Session" (Mr. Jo Lee Fleming)

(Of special interest to church musicians using either electronic or pipe organs)

- A. Repertoire for preludes, postludes, offertories, weddings, funerals
- B. Techniques of accompanying, improvisation, modulation, announcing Amen, pedals, registration
- C. Service playing trends, practices, problems, possibilities
- D. Augmentation by string or wind instruments for certain effects during specific seasons of the church year or for solo offerings
- E. Conducting from the keyboard
- F. Question and discussion period

10:15-11:05—"Music in the Educational program of the church" (Dr. Bliss Wiant)

- A. Nursery
- B. Kindergarten
- C. Primary
- D. Juniors

11:15-12:05—"Children's Choir Materials and Techniques" (Dr. Ashley R. Coffman)

Designed principally for adult leaders of children's choirs

11:15-12:05—"Hymnody" (Mr. Fleming)

Designed to acquaint one with the "Methodist Hymnal"

1:45-2:50 p.m.—"Vocal Techniques as applied to Choir Performance and Solo Repertoire" (Mr. Harold Thompson)

- A. Problems in tone production, enunciation, pronunciation, projection of tone
- B. Solo Repertoire
 - 1. Weddings
 - 2. Funerals
 - 3. Formal worship services

3:00-3:50—"Youth Choir Materials and Techniques" (Mr. Fleming)

Designed especially for those working with youth choir

- A. Junior High School
- B. Senior High School

4:00-4:50—"Hymnody" (Second Session) (Mr. Fleming)

4:00-4:50—"Conducting" (Dr. Coffman)

- A. Techniques of conducting
- B. Interpretation
- C. Tempo
- D. Special Effects
- E. Recreating the composer's musical intent
- F. Seating arrangements

7:30-8:00—"Certification of Ministers of Music in the Methodist Church National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians" (Dr. Wiant)

- A. Official authorization
- B. Regulations controlling the procedure
- C. Function of a certified Minister of Music in the parish

8:00-8:50—"Large Church Adult Choirs—Materials & Techniques" (Miss Robinson)

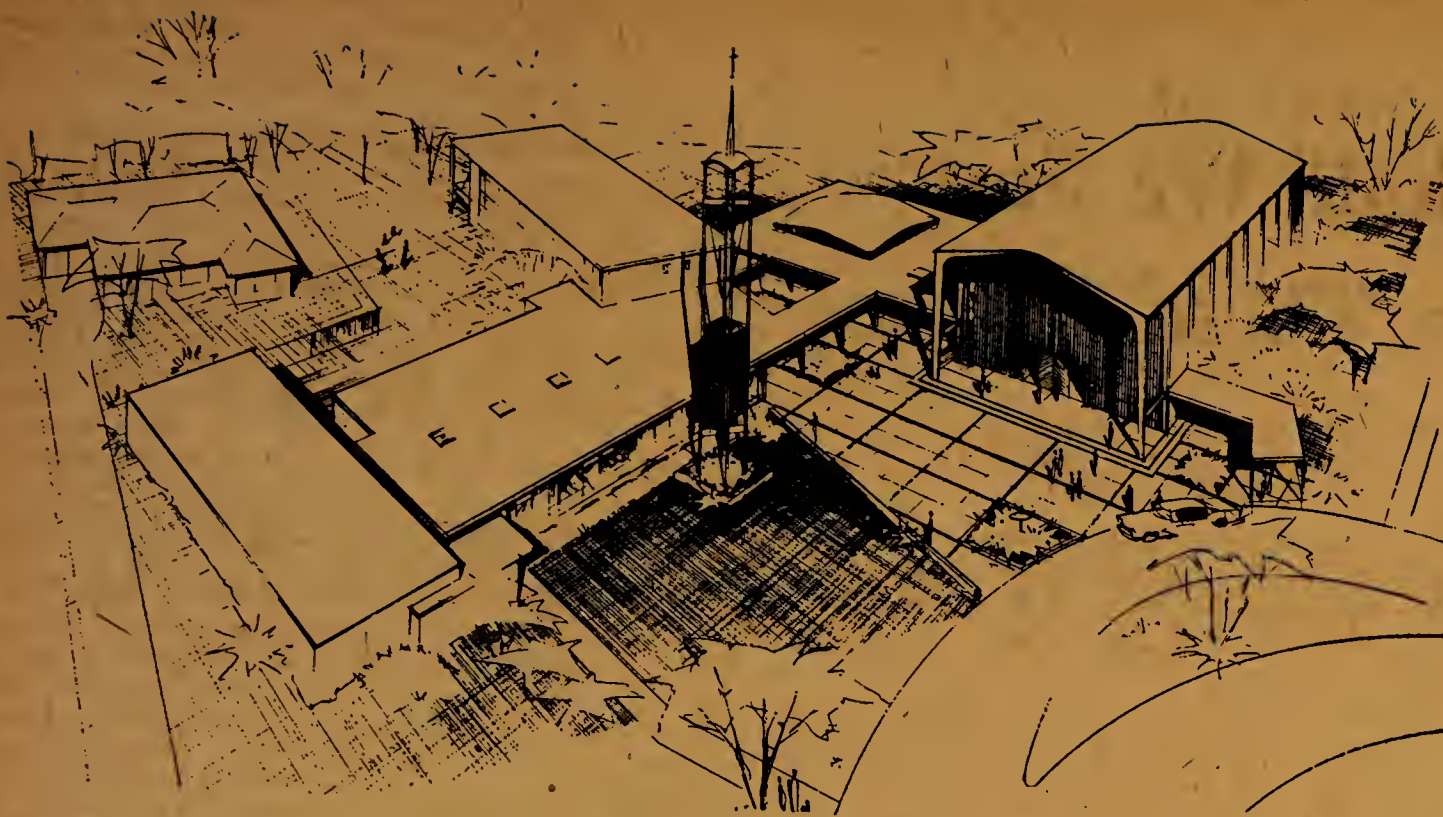
"Small Church Adult Choirs—Materials & Techniques" (Dr. Wiant)
Use of actual anthems on a volunteer choir with the use of scores projected on the screen

9:00-9:50—Rehearsal of combined choirs for Sunday afternoon Hymns

SUNDAY, NOV. 24, 1957

10:50 a.m.—Regular worship service of First Methodist Church

2:30 p.m.—Wesley Celebration and Hymn Festival



Architect's Drawing of Lake Vista's Master Building Plan

Lake Vista Begins \$150,000 Building Fund Drive

A church-wide "Loyalty Dinner" will be held Friday night, Nov. 8, at the Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans, signalling the beginning of solicitation in the \$150,000 sanctuary building fund drive.

Dr. W. E. Trice, in his 17th year as pastor of University Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, will be principal speaker at the dinner. Dr. B. J. Legett, Jr. is in charge of the program.

Construction of the proposed sanctuary is planned to begin within two years. The present physical plant of the Lake Vista church includes an education building, a temporary sanctuary and a parsonage. The temporary sanctuary will be used for additional classroom space when the new sanctuary is completed.

The architect's sketch for the proposed structure, prepared by August Perez and Associates, places the sanctuary to the east of the present educational building, connecting with it by two esplanades. An open courtyard extends between the covered walkways.

A campanile dominates the

grouping of the buildings. The sanctuary is planned to accommodate 450 persons. The building will include a pastoral study, a choir room, a bride's room, nave and sanctuary. An unusual brick grille effect is planned for the front of the building.

The sketch also includes, in the long-range planning of the site, a

small chapel to the north of the sanctuary, through the courtyard.

Chairman of the fund drive is Gordon Isaacson. Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr., is pastor of the church.

At a special dedication service on Sunday, Nov. 3, the children and young people of the church presented their share cards for the fund drive.

Independence Church Dedicates New Altar

The new altar at the Methodist Church, Independence, was dedicated and consecrated in a special service on World-wide Communion Sunday, October 6. The Rev. Paul Carroll, pastor, and the Rev. A. D. George presided.

Presented to the church by Miss Margrette Sessions, the altar is a love gift in memory of her father, the late J. W. Sessions, and in living tribute to her mother, Mrs. J. W. Sessions, who is the oldest charter member of the church and one of its most loyal members.

The altar is of light oak wood and wrought iron in ivory. The communion table is also of light oak and was constructed by the late Mr. Sessions twenty years ago.

Two basket arrangements of gold and white chrysanthemums were memorial gifts by another daughter, Mrs. E. T. Evans of San Diego, California.

Wilma Jo Walters of Leesville as vice president, Paula Martin of Shreveport as secretary and James Rhea Love of Minden as treasurer.

Jay Koonce of Sulphur was elected president of the freshman class. Barbara Hyde of El Dorado, Ark., was chosen vice president, and Alice Kate Bostick of Gilbert will serve as secretary. Treasurer of the freshman class is David Graham of Keithville.

PUBLISHING HOUSE SALES REACH ALL-TIME HIGH

(Continued from page 1)

books to more than 700,000 copies.

—Books printed by Abingdon

Heflin Youth, Pastor's Son, Suffers Tragic Death

Eugene Carter, 19-year-old Heflin youth, was electrocuted about noon Monday, October 21, by a high voltage wire which fell across several yard fences.

He was the son of the Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Carter of Heflin. R. E. Carter is pastor of Heflin and Dubberly Methodist churches.

Sheriff J. D. Batton and Deputy Loyd Baker of Webster parish said Carter was killed while helping fight grass fires started by the fallen power line.

He was given artificial respiration for more than an hour before being pronounced dead at 1:20 p.m.

Funeral rites were held in the chapel of First National Funeral Home in Alexandria. Burial was in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Pineville, La.

Survivors include the parents; two brothers, David and John Carter, and a sister, Bonita Carter, all of Heflin; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Carter of Dubberly; and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Pace of Jonesboro.

Press, book publishing business of the publishing house, totalled more than 2,000,000 by the end of the fiscal year.

—More than 76,000,000 weekly church bulletins were produced during the fiscal year, an increase of about 3,000,000 over the previous year.

The Methodist Publishing House is a self-supporting non-profit agency of The Methodist Church. It is the denomination's oldest service agency, having been founded in 1789.

Three Centenary Students Serve Pastorates

Three Centenary College students now are serving as pastors of Methodist churches in the Shreveport area while completing their studies for full-time careers in religion.

Melvin Ray Holt of Shreveport is serving as pastor of the Bethel Church at Logansport. Holt is a senior student at Centenary.

Larry Robertson of Bossier City is serving as pastor of the Cross Roads Methodist Church, and John Lee of Shreveport, also a religious education major, is serving his pastorate at the Wesley Methodist Church in Shreveport.

Two Centenary graduates, who now are attending Perkins School of Theology, an affiliate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Tex., also are serving as pastors this year.

Harold McClung of Shreveport, is pastor of the Longstreet-Shiloh church, and William Blakeley, also a Shreveporter, is pastor of the Rodessa church. Both were graduated from Centenary last year and also majored in religious education.

OTHER CENTENARY COLLEGE NEWS

The Centenary College Choir, fresh from a successful "Rhapsody in View" opening concert for the season, will be presented by the First Methodist Church of Jonesboro in an evening concert Monday. The Rev. G. W. Dameron is pastor of the sponsoring church. Both sacred and secular works will be included on the program, and student soloists will be featured.

A light outbreak of Asiatic flu and other flu-like ailments which struck about 40 students at Centenary College during the past few weeks appears to be waning on the campus. Charles A. Hickcox, dean of students, said absenteeism was not much higher than normal during the fall season, and no classes were cancelled as a result of the ailments.

Warrene Boyd of Bogalusa, a senior soprano, and John McGrede of DeRidder, also a senior and a member of the tenor section, are winners of this year's "outstanding member" awards of the Centenary College Choir. The awards are presented on the basis of choir spirit, effort and good sportsmanship. Miss Pat Chambliss, a freshman soprano from Summerfield, was selected sweetheart of the bass section. The Shreveport Lions Club, which annually sponsors the choir's opening concert at home, chose Miss Nancy Freeman, a junior from Texas City, Tex., as its sweetheart.

Mrs. Sue Boydston, enrollment counsellor for Centenary College, spoke Tuesday at the Methodist Youth Fellowship's sub-district group meeting in Baton Rouge. Mrs. Boydston showed colored slides of the college and discussed campus life. The Rev. L. W. Taylor, pastor of the Lavonia Methodist Church, was in charge of the meeting.

Class Officers Elected At Centenary

Class officers have been elected at Centenary College after a series of run-off elections conducted under supervision of the Student Senate.

Oscar Cloyd of Monroe was chosen president of the senior class with Patricia Leigh of Shreveport chosen vice president and Caroline Williams, also of Shreveport, selected to serve as secretary. The senior class treasurer is John Johns of Mansfield.

Junior class officers are the following: president, Francis Kelker, Shreveport; vice president, Cecile Plummer, Lake Charles; secretary, Peggy Longino, Shreveport, and treasurer, Pierce Lawton Graham, also of Shreveport.

The sophomore class chose Fred Willis of Coushatta as president,

What Shall We Say To These Things?

By Rev. Fred Schwendimann, Coushatta

Romans 8:28-39

ST. PAUL asked this question as he attempted to answer questions which had come into the early church. Affirming his faith in a God of love and his belief in Christ wherein was found the spirit of love and good will, Paul declared that only as the same spirit of love and good will came to motivate the actions of men, could questions be answered and problems solved. Running through a list of such possibilities as tribulation, nakedness, peril, sword, persecution, famine, any of which could disturb and destroy, he closes on this high note: We are inseparable from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

Our Problem Today

We are torn by the strife of social antagonism and racial misunderstanding; the horns of democracy and communism seemed locked in a struggle to death; the philosophy of materialism has so engulfed modern man that God's place in the scheme of things is hard to find.

What shall we then say to these things? The angelic announcement of the Saviour's birth rings in our ears, "peace on earth, good will toward men." The truth is that we are disturbed and confused as Christians because of social and ethical pressures upon us.

We Must Look Fairly At Ourselves And Others

There are many social issues which try men's souls, but perhaps the Christian conscience is being tried more severely over the race issue than over any other problem; race to you and to me means the white and Negro peoples. What shall we then say to these things? Let us remember that background and tradition and heritage go a long, long way in determining a person's attitude and feeling about certain issues. Let us remember, whether we admit it or not, that certain Southern prejudices have been a characteristic of our heritage, and such prejudices are not easily changed or given up. Let us remember that a prejudice which blinds one to the making of good decisions and the passing of good judgments is a terrible thing when that prejudice is against a large group of people because of something which they cannot help. Let us remember that Christians living in segregated communities with segregated traditions may be, and probably are, just as sincere and devoted as those Christians living in integrated communities with integrated traditions. Let us remember, that good has come to the peoples of both races in a segregated society just as good has come to the peoples of both races in an integrated society; those in each society who believe a particular practice has been a helpful one want to share that practice with others.

But we must not forget that along with the good and with the enthusiasm for sharing there has also come evil. Injustice and suffering have been borne by minority groups in a segregated situation, and injustice and suffering have been borne by minority groups in an integrated situation. In each one the majority group and minority group finds it hard to understand that injustice and suffering came not because of segregation or integration but because there was lacking between the groups the fundamental spirit of good will and loving co-operation. It is not fair, and we must not be guilty of saying that a person is less Christian because he believes

in segregation or a person is more Christian because he believes in integration. One can be less Christian or more Christian to be sure, but the practice of segregation or integration is not the key. That which must be remembered is that all of us are sinners, fallen short of the glory of God; like sheep we have gone astray. Our social and racial distinctions are hard to reconcile in the light of the Christian ideal as revealed in Christ. Only as we, individually and collectively, come to foster the spirit of good will toward all men, only then will we be worthy of being called Christian and only then will love become the fundamental rule of our social and economic order.

Church Union And The Negro

What shall we then say to these things? When the Union of Methodism was consummated in 1939, it saw the fulfillment of a great dream which had reached across the years. Consecrated souls and dedicated spirits had been moving toward church union. One bulwark in the establishing of a united Methodism was the Jurisdictional system, without which many feel there would have been no church union at all. The Jurisdictions are six in number: Northeastern, Southeastern, Central, North Central, South Central, and Western. Five of these were formed on the basis of geography; one was formed on the basis of Negro membership. Contrary to the opinions of some, it is the contention of certain leadership that racism had nothing to do with the development of the Jurisdictional plan. Leaders in the South as well as leaders in the North advocated the Jurisdictional plan (1) that there might be a more flexible administration and regional self-determination, and (2) that the minority which the Southern Conferences knew they would be might safeguard their rights against any sudden vote of the General Conference. The Jurisdictional plan was established to protect minorities and to give each region a chance to elect its own Bishops and representatives on the General Boards of the Church.

There are those who would leave the impression that at the time of Union, Negro Conferences and Negro members were suddenly cast off by themselves as an unholy sacrifice to the Plan of Union. Such is not true. The nineteen Negro Conferences, some in the South, some in the North, were already separate entities in the "Northern" church as well as in the "Southern" church, and had been for years. Had there been no Jurisdictional system, the fact remains that there would still be nineteen Negro Conferences comprised of Negro Congregations and served by Negro ministers. These Negro people would have to be accounted for. In order that the Negro Churches might have the same rights and privileges sought by the "white" churches in the new United Church: that of electing their own Bishops and representatives on the General Boards, and for other reasons, the Jurisdictional System was born. And should be continued.

The Church in India has its own separate organization, the Chinese and Japanese on the West coast have their own churches and pastors, the Indians of the Southwest have their own churches and pastors; yet, there have been many across the nation not satisfied with the Jurisdictional system because it seems to promote Negro segregation. In fact, the general consensus in The Methodist Church seems to be on the side of

desegregation of the church in spite of the Central Jurisdiction as we now have it. Evidence for this statement may be found in Episcopal Addresses, General Conference resolutions, and statements by boards and agencies across the church.

Further evidence is to be found in certain bits of church school literature and in other periodicals of our church. This "trend of imposition" is to be deplored and guarded against. At the General Conference of 1956, an amendment for the gradual abolishing of the Central Jurisdiction and thus opening the way for integration of the races in the churches was proposed and referred to the several Annual Conferences for ratification. Even though the amendment should be adopted by the 1960 session of the General Conference, it is extremely doubtful that integration would come in the church because of the exacting terms and provisions of the amendment which made the same possible.

The Supreme Court Decision And The Negro

What shall we then say to these things? That which has crystallized our thinking and caused consternation in the South was the Supreme Court decision of 1954 which declared segregation in the public schools unconstitutional and ordered immediate steps be taken for the integrating of white and Negro students in the public schools of our land. This position taken by the Court is a position contrary to one held by the Court . . . contrary by implication if not by decree; to wit, that if equal though separate facilities were furnished the Negro, we were fully complying with our legal and moral responsibility. The South was moving in that direction and doing a pretty good job of it in these recent years.

In declaring segregation unconstitutional in the public schools of our land, the Court inferred if not specifically stated that force and any others means might be employed in order for the public school systems of the land to obey its interpretation, thus leading to immediate integration of the same. The overwhelming majority of peoples in the South simply do not believe the Court's decision was right, either legally or sociologically, and believe the Court had made a tremendous mistake, one which will set back relationships of the white and black races for many years. The most bitter opposition to the Court's decree has arisen where forceful means have been used to carry it out; where force has been used to impose the pattern of integration upon the fabric of society which through the years has known segregation.

It is no more Christian to force people to integrate than it is to force people to segregate because force is not Christian regardless of how it is used. Christianity has stood through the years not for force or pressure, but for persuasion, love, and kindness; the Kingdom of Heaven will never be forced into being. Let us remember that an economic, political, or religious order which resorts to force in the attainment of its ends does so at its own peril. Jesus wanted to bring in the Kingdom more than he wanted anything else, but he refused to use the method of compulsion; he depended on love and kindness and helpfulness. You cannot bring in the Kingdom with legality or with law or with pressure, nor can a great people be welded into a unified whole by the use of force when such use is contradictory to the heritage and tradition of the peoples concerned. The principles of our great Democracy, held high in idealism by the founding fathers, cannot be violated, however sweet the phrases justifying force and forceful means, without something happening to the solidarity of the American People.

The final solution to the problem which faces us is not to be found in the power of the courts nor in the legislation of a General Conference. Force, power, and military might though backed by law do not change attitudes. Only as attitudes are changed will society be changed. Force will not be the answer; appeals to reason and justice will bring changes from within which will cause changes from without.

The Answer The Church Must Give

The primary task of the church is not to rally people to be integrationists or segregationists, but rather its task is to call people to love one another, as Christ loved . . . redemptively,
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Malvern To Host Recreation Workshop Nov. 29, 30

A recreation workshop for older youth of the Little Rock Conference will be held at the First Methodist Church, Malvern, Ark., November 29, 30, according to the Rev. John Hassler, Little Rock, director of youth work in the Conference.

The workshop will begin at 10 a.m., Friday, and will close at 4:30 p.m., the following day.

Courses and instructors include: Folk Games, Miss Polly Lassiter, Arkadelphia, and Mrs. Frances McLean, Malvern; Crafts, the Rev. W. W. Barron, Wilmar; Drama, Bill Thrasher, Little Rock; and Party Games, the Rev. Mr. Hassler.

Older youth are given preference, the announcement said, and high school 12th graders, next. Those who plan to attend are requested to send \$1.00 to the Rev. Mr. Hassler at 1723 Broadway, Little Rock, Ark., along with name, address, local church, and college or high school attending.

The youth are asked to bring bedroll and toilet articles (for sleeping in the church), and each will provide for his own meals at a cafe or cafeteria.

New Hope Church Organizes MYF

The New Hope Methodist Church, near Van Buren, Ark., has recently organized a MYF.

Officers were elected the 13th of October and the following Sunday were installed in an impressive worship service.

Elected to serve for this year are: president, Jimmy Pound; vice-president, Berry Crawford; secretary and treasurer, Janice Harness; program chairman, Linda Bailey; reporter Twania Pound.

A planning session will be held each month to plan the worship programs, recreation, service projects and other activities.

A Halloween party was held at the church on October 26. Games were played and refreshments served.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Daugherty are counselors for the group. Twania Pound is reporter.

Church Has Responsibility

"Two hundred and fifty to three hundred thousand Methodist youth are in the armed forces. Four hundred and forty-three thousand are in college. A large number are married. We do not know to what extent Methodism represents a cross section of the total population. But this appears certain: all the older youth have not left the local community. Far more are still there than the churches realize! Many who have moved are still near Methodist churches, and every Methodist church has a responsibility for older youth." — From midsummer 1957 issue of Kit, bulletin of the Youth Department, General Board of Education, for youth leaders.

LR Conf. Youth To Sponsor Christian Witness Mission



Members of the planning committee for the MYF Christian Witness Mission for the Little Rock Conference are shown here making plans for the mission. They are, L to R, Dianne Carter of Highland Methodist Church, hospitality chairman; J. Russell Henderson, district director of youth work of the Little Rock District and a member of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church; Anne Hansen, president of the Little Rock Sub-district and a member of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church; Jonney Lamb, registration chairman and member of the Hunter Methodist Church; and Mary Brannon, prospects chairman and member of the Asbury Methodist Church. E. F. Price, member of the Henderson Methodist Church and counselor of the Little Rock Sub-district, was not present for the picture.

Some 130 To Attend Session Scheduled For February 21-23

Last June when delegates to the third Annual Conference of Methodist Youth of the Little Rock Conference met at Camp Tanako, they unanimously voted to sponsor a Pilot Weekend Christian Witness Mission to be held in Little Rock next February. They were awed by the size and import of the task. But the approval and commendation of the Conference Board of Evangelism when the project was presented to them at Annual Conference, gave assurance to the youth that the project would have ample support. The Conference Board of Education also agreed to furnish all possible leadership and guidance for the Mission.

Since that time, Rev. H. O. Bolin, Little Rock, chairman of the Board of Evangelism, has secured the services of Dr. Howard Ellis, Director of Youth Evangelism of the General Board of Evangelism, from Nashville, to direct activities during the Mission period which was set for February 21-23, 1958. The Little Rock Sub-district MYF has agreed to be host for the mission and assume all planning and direction prior to the actual meeting date. A quota of twenty youth and key adult youth leaders has been assigned to each of the other five districts of the Conference. These delegates, plus those participating from the Little Rock District, will provide a total of 120 to 130 leaders who will be trained for their local church in the methods, techniques, and by actual experience in youth evangelism.

The first general briefing session on duties and responsibilities of the various local committees from the Little Rock Sub-district was held at Pulaski Heights Church, Sunday afternoon, November 3. At this meeting, which was presided over by Rev. John Hassler, Conference Director of Youth Work, the activity committees were set up and youth and adult co-chairmen selected. Plans were also developed to begin the work of listing prospect cards and securing homes for visiting delegates. MYF groups in the Little Rock District are looking forward anxiously to February 21 to meet their co-workers from over the Conference and get to the task of winning youth for Christ and His Church.

Fayetteville Youth Participate In Annual UNICEF Drive

Central Methodist and Wiggins Methodist Junior High youth, along with Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Christian youth, participated in the annual United Nations Children's Fund drive Wednesday night, October 30.

Sixty-five youth and 20 adults (who chauffeured the youth around town) collected \$307.07 in one evening. After collecting the donations, the youth enjoyed biting for apples (Continued on page 15)

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

STEPS IN CHARITY

Did you ever hear of Maimonides? This is the common name for Rabbi Moses ben Maimon, a philosopher, talmudist, physician, and astronomer who lived during the twelfth century. He was born in Cordova, Spain, but later lived in North Africa where he died in 1204. Among the words of wisdom he left us are "Maimonides' Eight Degrees of Charity." On the supposition that many of the readers of this column haven't seen them during the seven and a half centuries since their origin, I want you to see the modernity of this rabbinical wisdom. The eight degrees or steps in the duty of charity in his words are as follows.

The first and lowest degree is to give but with reluctance or regret. This is the gift of the hand, but not of the heart.

The second is to give cheerfully, but not proportionally to the distress of the sufferer.

The third is to give cheerfully and proportionately, but not until solicited.

The fourth is to give cheerfully, proportionately and even unsolicited, but to put it in the poor man's hand, thereby exciting in him the painful emotion of shame.

The fifth is to give charity in such a way that the distressed may receive the bounty and know their benefactor without their being known to him. Such was the conduct of some of our ancestors, who used to tie up money in the corners of their cloaks, so that the poor might take it unperceived.

The sixth, which rises still higher, is to know the objects of our bounty but remain unknown to them. Such was the conduct of those of our ancestors who used to convey their charitable gifts into poor people's

Pineville Youth Raise Money

Intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship members of First Methodist Church, Pineville, offered their services "for hire" October 26.

They washed cars, mowed and raked lawns, cleaned house, baby sat, and ran errands until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

According to Connie Cantrell, MYF president, the youth charged for their services, and all proceeds went to the fellowship treasury. The group has service, worship, and fun projects for which it needs money, the president said.

dwelling, take care that their own persons and means should remain unknown.

The seventh is still more meritorious—namely, to bestow charity in such a way that the benefactor may not know the relieved persons, nor they the names of their benefactors, as was done by our charitable forefathers during the existence of the Temple. For there was in that holy building a place called the Chamber of the Silent, wherein the good deposited secretly whatever their generous hearts suggested, and from which the poor were maintained with equal secrecy.

Lastly, the eighth, and the most meritorious of all, is to anticipate charity by preventing poverty—namely, to assist the reduced fellow-man, either by a considerable gift or sum of money, or by teaching him a trade, or by putting him in the way of business, so that he may earn an honest livelihood and not be forced to the dreadful alternative of holding out his hand for charity. This is the highest step and the summit of charity's golden ladder.

Get out your own thermometer and check the temperature of your stewardship of possessions. How many degrees can you check off as to your "charitable spirit"? Amazing,

isn't it how much insight a twelfth century rabbi could have into the spirit of the twentieth century? And he makes you stop and think. Or does he?



Little Rock Conference Executive Committee Meets at Aldersgate



Planning the 1958 annual meetings are Mrs. M. E. Scott, conference president, Mrs. L. B. Tooley, program chairman for the Woman's Society of Christian Service Annual meeting, and Mrs. Hazel Dabney, secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Twenty-one members of the Little Rock Conference Executive Committee met at Camp Aldersgate October 25 and 26, with Mrs. M. E. Scott, president, conducting the annual fall business meeting.

Rev. James Major, conference secretary of the Town and Country Commission, spoke at the opening supper, and Mrs. Howard Elder, secretary of Christian social relations, reported on the United Nations Seminar she attended.

Mrs. Charles Ashcraft gave the devotional which was followed by roll call and introduction of new members of the board, Mrs. Alvin Stone, new vice-president; and Mrs. W. M. Reinhardt, Hope District president. The president announced the appointment of Mrs. R. H. Cole, Magnolia, as Chairman of Nominations.

Mrs. Ross Helvie, secretary of promotion, and district presidents, reported the organization of two new Guilds and two new societies, one new district member and 328 new members in the Woman's Society since June 1st. A total of 12,497 members was reported.

Mrs. Fred Harrison, Historian, announced that the bound copies of the annual minutes, a bound copy of the Conference's first 25 years and years until the formation of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as written by Mrs. F. M. Williams, are being placed in the Records Room of the Methodist Building, Little Rock.

Mrs. J. L. Verhoeff, treasurer, reminded the Board that My World Bank is to be promoted this quadrennium. She presented a chart which showed the per capita giving of the conference for last year to be \$6.78.

Mrs. Hazel Dabney, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, reported two new Wesleyan Service guilds: Capitol View, Little Rock, and St. Paul's, Little Rock. She also announced that Mrs. Christia Hendricks, of the Norene Robken Guild, Asbury, Little Rock, has been selected to represent the con-

ference at the Guild Pilot Group at Dallas, November 16 and 17.

Mrs. Murray B. McLeod will be among the other conference secretaries of Literature and Publications going as guests of Literature Headquarters to Cincinnati, November 20-22 to meet with the editors.

Mrs. Charles Ashcraft, secretary of spiritual life, will be the guest of The Upper Room at Nashville in January. Mrs. Ashcraft reported 355 Prayer Groups in the Little Rock Conference. She announced that the Prayer Calendar will henceforth include all projects of the General Board of Missions as well as of the Woman's Division.

Mrs. Joe Carmichael, secretary of missionary education, gave the plans of the School of Missions to be held July 14-18, following the Guild Institute, July 12-14, with Mrs. Alvin Stone as Dean; Mrs. Ross Helvie, Business Manager, and Mrs. L. C. Harvey, Registrar.

Miss Pat Couch, upon recommendation of the Committee on Missionary Personnel, was selected as Youth Delegate to the Assembly.

Mrs. Murray B. McLeod is in charge of reservations for the special bus to the Assembly to be held in St. Louis May 5-9. Those desiring to go on the bus, at \$10.45 round trip, should contact Mrs. McLeod.

The president appointed the following committee at the request of the Finance Committee to study the division of the Cultivation Funds and their use: Mesdames Dabney, Verhoeff, Helvie, Stone, Cole, Reinhardt and Cameron.

Mrs. L. B. Tooley, chairman of the program for the annual meeting, reported plans underway for the annual meeting to be held March 12-13 at First Methodist Church, El Dorado, with Bishop Paul E. Martin and Mrs. A. R. Marquardt of Lincoln, Nebraska, as two of the featured speakers.

The Guild Annual Week-End will be held at Pine Bluff, March 9-10.

Week of Prayer Observed In Local Societies

England

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of England observed the Week of Prayer and Self Denial October 29 with Mrs. Kirvin Hale in charge of the program. Those taking part on the morning program were: Mrs. Frank Carl Lee, Mrs. Bill Duerson, Jr., Mrs. Buddy Benefield, Mrs. W. G. Cunningham and Mrs. Frank Carr.

Sandwiches and coffee were served during the noon hour.

Mrs. J. C. Tankersley presented the projects in the afternoon with talks being made by Mrs. Gordon Rye, Mrs. Jack Case, Mrs. J. W. Lipscomb and Mrs. R. H. Hardin. Mrs. L. C. Casey played the organ and Mrs. J. C. Shifflett led the hymns. Mrs. Ralph Ray and Mrs. Jack Case were in charge of decorations.

Scranton

The members of the Scranton Woman's Society of Christian Service, with friends from other churches, observed "Quiet Day" at the Scranton Methodist Church on Thursday, October 24.

A program based on the theme "If With All Your Hearts Ye Truly Seek Me" was presented. This was divided into three meditations with Mrs. A. M. McKennon, Mrs. Ardell Eikleberry and Mrs. Omer Ewing as leaders. An inspiring devotional and re-dedication service at the altar was led by Mrs. Jim Carter, preceeding the luncheon.

A box labeled "Request for Prayer" was placed in the sanctuary and used later as part of the afternoon intercessions. Arrangements of worship settings and flowers made the service more meaningful.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES LOUISIANA CONF.

NOVEMBER

Vice-President: Present the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Promotion: Evaluate the effectiveness of the work for the past six months.

Student Work: Entertain students from overseas, especially during the holidays.

Youth Work: Tell about plans for promoting Christian Outreach in the MYF.

Literature and Publications: Secure Christmas gift subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

Capitol View Organizes New Guild

A new Wesleyan Service Guild, the Dorothy Deal Memorial WSG, has been organized at Capitol View Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas. Mrs. M. O. Bettis, Secretary of Little Rock District, and Mrs. Bea Thomas, Past Conference Secretary, Little Rock District, presented a program on the What, Why and How of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

The following officers were elected: Virginia Thompson, President; Jo Ann Ballentine, Vice-President; Nina Wright, Recording Secretary; Pat Moore, Corresponding Secretary; Janelle Wills, Treasurer; Betty Bruce, Spiritual Life Chairman; Peggy French, Missionary Education Chairman, and Bernice Godwin, Coordinator.

Mrs. M. O. Bettis presided at the candle light installation of the new officers at the church.

Hammond Presents Study As TV Program



The Study on Japan was presented as TV broadcasts at First Methodist Church in Hammond on October 1, 8, 15 and 22. Four of those who participated in the programs are shown above, from left to right: Mrs. Edward Amar, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. Carl Barrett, Mrs. L. D. Kinney and Mrs. J. A. Sims, secretary of missionary education and leader of the study.

November In The Louisiana Conference Is

Retired Ministers' Home Month



Duplex Home Built In Ruston, 1956

May 20, 1957

Rev. James B. Grambling
Box 175
Logansport, Louisiana

Dear Brother Grambling:

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to you, the churches, the pastors, the district superintendents, and Bishop Martin for providing a lovely home for us. We have enjoyed living in it. We want to thank all who helped to make this possible.

It makes us happy to still live in a minister's parsonage, after retiring.

Again, I say thanks to all, especially to Brother Grambling, for his untiring efforts to make this possible.

Sincerely,
Rev. and Mrs. James R. Strozier

April 23, 1957

Rev. James B. Grambling
Box 175
Logansport, Louisiana

Dear Brother Grambling:

As this conference year draws to a close, it means that I have experienced my first year as a retired minister of the Methodist Church. This has been a wonderful year for me and Mrs. Watson. We have enjoyed and are enjoying living in the lovely home which the Methodist Church has built for retired ministers. It is all that one's heart could ask in the way of a place to live. I know that it is more than I deserve. However, I am grateful that I served as an active minister in a church that is concerned about the welfare of its retired ministers.

Mrs. Watson and I express our appreciation to you for the wonderful work you have done on this project. We are thankful that we can live in this lovely home.

Praying God's blessings on you and yours,
I am

Sincerely yours,
B. D. Watson

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WHAT SHALL WE SAY TO THESE THINGS

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purposefully, helpfully. Our great church for over a hundred years has been helping to build the Negro race, and we have no thought of retiring from the task. It is possible that both races can be and should be greatly lifted; but the lifting strength for each and all races must come from within the race; it cannot be imposed upon a people through mechanical procedures. History has shown us the truth of this statement. To inspire a race to build itself in mind, heart, fiber and strength is worthy of any church; and to this sacred and exalted task we should give our faith.

These are days which will demand much prayer and supplication and heart searching. Each of us must strive for a patient understanding of others irregardless of their beliefs . . . for their beliefs were often produced by geographical regions and by past training. These are days which will call for coolness of head and mind in the careful weighing of propaganda and in the passing of judgment. We must be careful what we say, for often sharp and vindictive words will flow under the white heat of temper or high emotionalism. These are days when our hearts should be strangely warmed by the spirit of Christ, thus allowing to well up within us the attitude of peace on earth and good will toward men. In so doing we will know the inseparable love of God through Christ, and in the symbolism of Holy Communion, we can break bread with our brothers around the world.

Some of the materials used in preparation for this message are as follows: a sermon by Dr. D. L. Dykes; "Methodism Has a Message" by Bishop Paul E. Kern; "Methodism in Belief and Action" by Bishop John M. Moore; "Christian Conscience and Race" by the Reverend Mario J. Alfonso; "Church Colleges and Integration" by Woodrow A. Geier; "The South Takes a Long Second Look at Segregation" by Paul R. Ervin; "Should the Central Jurisdictional System be Abolished" by the Reverend W. A. Tyson; "The Problem that Besets Us" by Dr. Dudley A. Ward; "Christianity, Democracy and Segregation" by Dr. James P. Brawley; "Our Jurisdictional Organization" by Nolan B. Harmon.

Supporting material is available and at hand for ideas expressed.

National Council Com. To Make Study Of 'Popular Arts'

New York (RNS) — A National Council of Churches commission will study to what extent comics, motion pictures, popular songs, advertising and radio-TV "soap operas" influence contemporary religious life.

The survey was announced by the Rev. Marvin P. Halverson, executive director of the council's department of worship and the arts, at its annual meeting here. It will be made next year by psychologists, theologians and leaders in each of the five "popular arts."

Mr. Halverson said the project will attempt to discover how far these "art forms" serve as carriers of genuine religious insight as well as how churches can make use of them.

SIGN POST IN EARTH'S ORBIT



Open House Held At White's Chapel Parsonage

Mrs. Leila Hickman and Miss Elsie Warlick, assisted by the Ladies of the WSCS of Ville Platte Church, held open house for the White's Chapel Charge at the new parsonage at 115 So. Soileau, Ville Platte, Thursday Oct. 10th from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 o'clock.

The parsonage, which was recently purchased by the White's Chapel Charge, has six rooms and two baths and is located on a paved street one block from main street in Ville Platte. The Parsonage was decorated with mums, the colors, yellow and black, in keeping with the season of the year.

The Ladies of the WSCS, Mrs. M. O. Malloy, Mrs. W. K. Edwards, Mrs. W. O. Tilton and Miss Elsie Warlick, served at the silver coffee service. On this day Mrs. Kent Thompson, of Chicot Church, had a birthday and her husband presented a beautiful birthday cake for all to enjoy.

About fifty guests registered in the Guest Book. The fellowship and co-operation of the Chicot, Pine Prairie, Ville Platte and White's Chapel Churches of this Charge is outstanding, the report said, and all are proud of the new parsonage. Mrs. Leila Hickman is pastor of the charge.

Baptists Asked To Shun United Fund

El Paso, Tex. (RNS) — Baptists here were asked by their leaders not to participate in or contribute to the United Fund "in view of the predominance of sectarian agencies."

The action was taken by the El Paso Baptist Assn., at its annual meeting as the Fund, first in local history, began its solicitations. The goal was \$865,549.

A spokesman for the association said the resolution was adopted unanimously by the representatives of 28 Baptist churches.

N.O. First Church Men's Club Elects New Officers

The First Methodist Church Men's Club, New Orleans, held its monthly meeting Friday, Oct. 11, and officers were named for the year.

Retiring president is Wm. J. "Billy" Michon, who led in organizing the club in Oct. 1955.

The following officers were named: advisor to the president (a new office created at the meeting), Wm. J. Michon; president, Clyde Shaw; vice president, H. L. Brockman; secretary, Chester Coulter; treasurer, James Harbison; and chaplains, the Revs. N. H. Melbert and Art Baker.

Committees include the following: publicity chairman, Wm. J. Michon; program, Al F. Hanson and Lester Ferguson; project, Harry Miller and Ed Williams; devotional, Leo Wagner, Fred Wagner, and R. R. Rooks; birthdays and sickness, Walter Wellman; membership and attendance, Robert Ruano, P. D. Hodge, and Asa Chandler; stewards, Robert McCreary, chairman, Robert Ruano, William Cook, Harry Miller, Walter Wellman, Ed Williams, George Byrne, John Millard, Jack Simpson, and H. L. Brockman.

Leo Wagner moved that the meeting be dedicated to Michon for his untiring efforts for the advancement of the club, and that each member of the group subscribe to the "Methodist Layman" in his honor. All responded.

Following the election, a shrimp boil was enjoyed by all.

The Rev. W. L. Pearson, pastor of Sunrise Baptist Church here, served as moderator of the meeting. He issued this statement:

"We Southern Baptists are opposed to any sectarian group using public funds to further its own cause. If a Baptist organization we would still be opposed to the operation."

"We stand for the separation of the Church and the State and do

Ruston District Pastors, Wives Plan Program

The regular meeting of the ministers and parsonettes of the Ruston District was held at the Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, October 28.

Mrs. D. B. Raulins of Ruston, gave the devotional for the parsonettes and Mrs. Bentley Sloane, Shreveport, presented a workshop on Christmas decorations.

Rev. Luman Douglas, district superintendent, gave the devotional for the pastors' meeting. A business session was held, with Rev. Mr. Douglas making several announcements about coming events: The District Conference at the First Methodist Church, Minden, November 20; the 1000 Club Drive; the Retired Minister's Home Month.

The summer camping schedule as follows: Senior Camp, Jack Shaw, director; Bill Fraser, assistant; Adult Camp, Jolly Harper, director; First Intermediate, Henry Blount, director; Roland Friedrich, assistant; Second Intermediate, Paul Cassels, director Joe McClain, assistant; First Junior, Leon Marsalis, director; Bill DeBusk, assistant; Second Junior, Bob Peyton, director; Jim Constable, assistant.

Rev. Mr. Douglas presented each pastor with a devotional booklet by Bishop Martin, "The Lord Hath Need Of Thee," which contains the morning devotional talks by Bishop Martin last June.

Announcements were made by the following: Rev. Jack Midyett concerning the "One Day of Witnessing" plan for February; Rev. Jack Shaw, concerning the Church Wide Mission Study, "Lands of Witness and Decision"; Rev. Bill Stokes, concerning the Wesley Foundation Work at Tech; Rev. Karl Tooke, in behalf of the Every Member Canvass Emphasis; and Dr. Bentley Sloane, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education.

The new pastors of the district were introduced by the superintendent. They were; Rev. W. R. Wendt of Springhill, and Rev. Bill Fraser of Homer.

A telegram was read by the Secretary, Henry Blount, from the Rev. and Mrs. Bob Carters expressing appreciation for the flowers recently sent to the funeral of their son.

The meeting was adjourned and the group enjoyed a covered-dish luncheon prepared by the Parsonettes. After the luncheon, they went to see the new district parsonage and presented Rev. and Mrs. Douglas with an old-fashioned pounding.

not believe that public money should be used for the advancement of any religious body whatsoever."

Earlier, Bishop Sidney M. Metzger of El Paso issued a statement permitting Roman Catholics to participate in the Fund. He acted after an application of the Planned Parenthood Center to become a member agency was turned down. Previously, the bishop urged Catholics to withhold contributions to the Fund pending clarification of the status of certain groups in relation to it.

The comment of United Fund officials was that "you do not ask a drowning man's race or creed before throwing him a rope."

The Law of Abundant Returns

By Bishop Ralph E. Dodge
Lourenco Marques, Mozambique,
Africa

The more one observes life about him, the more convinced he becomes that most people receive according to what they give; they harvest what they plant. There are, of course, many exceptions in a world as large as ours; but the exceptions do not invalidate the rule.

The friendly person has many friends; the sincere person is treated with openness; the furtive person is regarded with suspicion; the selfish person thinks all the world is trying to cheat him. Generosity begets liberality; love inspires kindness; concern for others creates a corresponding interest.

Churches which give liberally to send the Gospel to others receive for themselves a spiritual blessing. The pastor who tirelessly ministers to the needs of his parishioners has his own deep longings satisfied. The mother who is devoted to her children finds herself surrounded by a loving family.

This law of positive returns is nowhere more evident than on the mission field. A loving doctor has appreciative patients; a hard-working agriculturist will create industriousness in his pupils; a challenging teacher will be rewarded by seeing her pupils grow and develop beyond her expectations; a patient pastor can count upon the faithfulness of a major portion of his flock.

In dealing with people of other nationalities or races, it is especially important that all "contact agents" be at their best and always as positive as possible. Differences in culture can be bridged with positive attitudes, friendly approaches, scrupulous dealings, sympathetic understanding, and love.

During this time of tensions on both local and international levels, it is well to remember that the harvest follows the quality of seeds sown. If we would be trusted, let us trust; if we would be respected, let us respect the rights of others; if we would be free, let us not attempt to enslave others. Just as certain as night follows day, "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus uttered one of the great truths of life when he said, "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

To Produce Film On Methodism In Bolivia

The Rev. William F. Fore, Cresskill, N. J., executive in charge of visual education for the Methodist Board of Missions, left New York October 16 for Bolivia to produce a film about Methodist mission work.

Mr. Fore, whose title is director of the Department of Visual Education in the board's Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, will spend five weeks in Bolivia. He will film work being done in three areas where Methodism has concentrated its efforts—La Paz, the capital; the "Altiplano" or high plateau land around Lake Titicaca, and the Santa Cruz-Montero area in southeastern Bolivia.

The documentary film will be the last of four motion pictures about



A New Home For Shizuki Church

By Arthur Gamblin
Methodist Missionary, Awaji Island, Japan

September 1 was a day that will live long in the memory of Shizuki Church, a tiny Christian group on the island of Awaji near Kobe, Japan. After nine years of shifting to many temporary meeting places, the congregation on September 1 moved into its first permanent church home. Though Shizuki Church is small and relatively isolated, it is typical of many of the village churches of the United Church of Christ, of which Methodism is a vital part. It is through gifts which American Methodists make to World Service and Advance Specials that churches like Shizuki are able to attain their dream of a house where they may "worship God in spirit and in truth." The interest of Methodists in Shizuki Church and other Christian congregations in Japan is high this year, because the interdenominational overseas mission study theme for millions of American Protestants is Japan. For all these reasons, Shizuki Church, though only a small outpost of the body of Christ, is significant for Methodism.

Pictured above after morning worship in their old building, the pastor of Shizuki Church, the Rev. Shinjiro Endo, led the congregation in prayers of praise and thanksgiving. Then during a hymn of praise, six members went to the front of the church and received the symbols of faith, the Cross, the Bible, the baptismal font, the communion set and the offering plates. These were carried to the new building. The procession was led by Mr. Endo and Dr. John B. Cobb, a Methodist missionary.

AUSTRALIANS PLAN CHURCH ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN

Sydney, Australia (RNS) — A church attendance campaign will be conducted on a nationwide basis in 1958 by the Australian Council for the World Council of Churches.

The council announced the drive following discussions with leaders of member Churches.

The campaign will include an intensive visitation program by laymen before Easter and a period for pledged attendance at worship from Easter to the end of June.

Swift Action Urged To Aid Arab Refugees

Critical repercussions may follow failure to support the United Nations relief work among Arab refugees, a Church World Service committee was told recently. Speaking to the group, Dr. Tracy Strong, internationally known churchman, warned that the entire Middle East situation will worsen dangerously unless the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNWRA) is enabled to carry on its food and distribution program among the Arab refugees, now numbering more than 900,000.

"The United States has pledged 70 per cent of the money for a projected \$23,000,000 UN fund for Arab relief," Dr. Strong reported. He added that Great Britain has pledged 20 per cent and other nations 10 per cent, but that there is a lag in payments by the latter. This lag, he said, might hold up the entire program since Congress has made U. S. payments contingent upon those of other countries. Since 1948, Dr. Strong noted, almost one million dollars in cash and four million in goods have been sent to the area by U. S. churches through Church World Service.

For many years director of the International YMCA, Dr. Strong was a consultant to the National Council of Churches committee on findings of the international church conference on the Arab refugee problem, held, May 1956 in Beirut, Lebanon.

P. I. Doctor Sent As Missionary To Malaya

The fifth missionary to be sent overseas by the Methodist Church in the Philippines within three years was commissioned recently by Bishop Jose L. Valencia, Methodist bishop in the Philippines.

The newest Filipino "foreign" missionary is Dr. Raymundo Rivera, a 27-year-old physician who is being sent to Malaya. Like other Filipino missionaries overseas, Dr. Rivera will be supported by the missionary giving of Philippines Methodists—not by mission funds from the United States.

Dr. Rivera was commissioned in the Kamuning Methodist Church in Quezon City, a suburb of Manila. He will work among the Malayan Chinese who have been re-settled in "New Villages" after being removed from jungle fringe areas to escape communist guerilla raids.

An active churchman, Dr. Rivera has been vice-president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Philippines Annual Conference, youth director of the Manila district and president of the district Young Adult Fellowship. He is a lay preacher and a graduate of the University of Santo Tomas.

The five Filipino overseas missionaries are another evidence of the desire of "younger churches," those established as a result of American missionary efforts, to become missionary-sending as well as missionary-receiving churches. A similar trend is evident in South America, where Methodists are supporting with their own funds five foreign missionaries.

The first Methodist missionary from the Philippines went to Okinawa in 1954. Since then two nurses have joined the international Methodist medical team working among the Ibans in Sarawak, and a young woman has gone to Malaya as a local church youth director.

Methodists in the Philippines hope to continue sending missionaries overseas, the Rev. Dr. Charles Mosebrook, Methodists news correspondent says.

Moscow Claims Full Religious Freedom

London (RNS) — The Moscow Radio broadcast what it said was a statement by Dean Mikhail Zirnov of Skorbyyashchensky Cathedral in the Russian capital declaring that "there is probably no country in the world where religion is as free as in the Soviet Union."

"I preach as I please," the statement said, "and no one has ever asked me what I say in the pulpit and my parishioners have never been discriminated against because of their religious beliefs."

The broadcast was one of a new series aimed at convincing foreign listeners that full religious freedom exists in the USSR. The programs are being beamed especially to Moslem countries. They include statements by Soviet Moslem leaders on the religious freedom theme.

New Film Available On Problems Faced By Young People

A new motion picture which presents an important religious lesson for young people through the medium of dramatic entertainment is from the studios of G. H. W. Productions, Ltd., and is released through United World Films. Entitled, "The Supreme Secret," the theme of the 55-minute production deals with a youth problem familiar to many American cities and strives to show an approach to that problem too often neglected.

The story is of a juvenile gang on the Mersey waterfront of England, differing little from similar American delinquent groups. Except for Liverpool slum accents of speech they might live within the shadow of Brooklyn Bridge.

There is a Mission with Robert Harding, dedicated young clergyman in charge and hopeful of helping these boys, one of whom seems of special importance because it is obvious that the right word at the right time might change his life. The boy, Mike, has admitted feeling a deep personal loss in the death of his father and believes he has no real friend—no one to care about him today or in the future. He cynically derides attempts to persuade him that he does have a Father and that he needs only to open his heart to him for an end to loneliness and a fear of life.

The moment comes when this boy gets into serious trouble as a member of the gang caught robbing a freight car. They escape the police though a shot is fired and one officer left seriously wounded. Mike, frightened and desperate, now wonders if prayer really can help him. He takes refuge in the Mission and finally turns to the Father he has been urged to seek. Suddenly persuaded that he is no longer friendless and alone he leaves the Mission unafraid and surrenders to the police.

For information regarding the booking of this film and other religious films suitable for all denominations write to United World Films, (Religious Films Dept.) 1445 Park Avenue, New York 29, N. Y.

"GRASS ROOTS" EVANGELISM IN LOCAL CHURCH IS GOAL

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win 235,000 men, women and young people to the church."

The Council's general sessions featured several distinguished speakers. Excerpts from some of the addresses include:

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Schools are crowded"—Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, president of the Council of Bishops and the Board of Evangelism.

"Evangelism is a year-round job with no vacation. We can rest when we get to heaven. We can't save America in a six-weeks, high pressure campaign. . . it's the long pull by ordinary preachers and laymen that counts." —Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles.

"Let us seek that spiritual power that comes from a firsthand experience and so transforms a person that he develops a passion to share it with others." —Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, Ark.

COMMITMENT DAY SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 1

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ages, and to aid others in taking a "new step in Christian living."

Dr. Hooton paid tribute to Methodist editors, pastors, lay leaders, church school officers and teachers for their cooperation in making the churchwide observance "an overwhelming response to the General Conference call to creative action for a Christian home and social life."

The board has prepared for local churches a kit of leaflets, bulletin covers, posters and other Commitment Day literature, including suggested sermon material written by the Rev. Dr. Charles Ray Goff, pastor of the Chicago Methodist Temple.

FAYETTEVILLE YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL UNICEF DRIVE

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and marshmallows, and several group games, after which refreshments were served.

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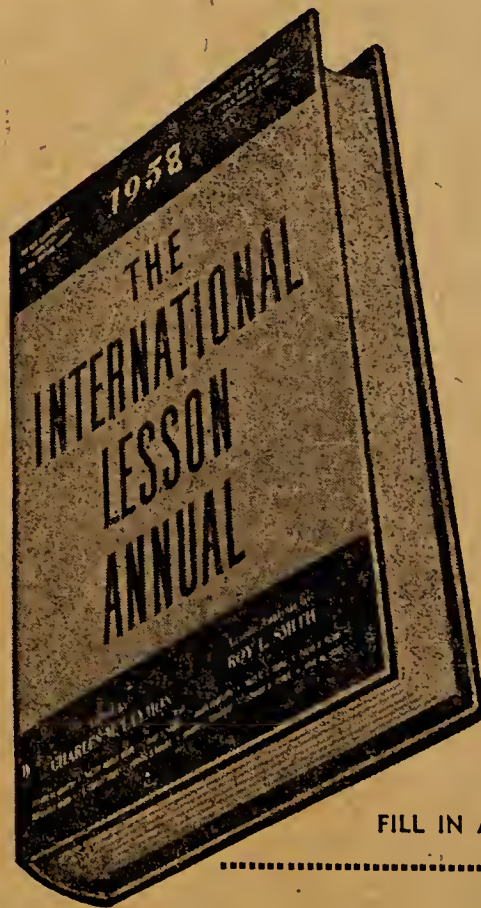
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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 17, 1957

THE RESURRECTION AND OUR FAITH

READ 15TH CHAPTER 1 CORINTHIANS.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.* —1 Corinthians 15:58 (RSV)

The series of eight lessons in Unit IX, which we are now studying, are all grouped under the general subject, "The Gospel Applied To Society." Today's lesson, "The Resurrection And Our Faith," is certainly a part of the gospel which applies directly to a society made up of human beings.

In the Easter lesson this year, April 21st, we studied the Easter message as it proclaims the resurrection of Jesus. While any Christian consideration of life after death is inseparably connected with the fact of the resurrection of Christ, we should keep in mind that today's lesson is not a restudy of the resurrection story as found in the Easter message. Rather, we study today the matter of our own survival, as human beings, after death. We are concerned here with what we, as Christians, believe about the possibility of life after death and what we believe about the nature of that life.

The 15th Chapter of 1 Corinthians, from which our lesson is taken, is commonly called the "resurrection chapter." It is the most significant discussion of the after-life to be found in the writings of Paul. It is doubtful if there are writings anywhere of similar length, by an authoritative writer that throw so much light on the possibility and nature of life after death for man. This is rather remarkable, since the writing of 1 Corinthians ante-dated the writing of the Gospels by several years. Paul is not copying ideas already proclaimed in the writings of others, he is blazing a new trail in the discussion of the most profound subject confronting mankind.

The Importance Of The Resurrection Of Jesus

Just what happens to our physical bodies after death, further than the tender care accorded them by loved ones and friends, may be of little or no consequence. We say of them, "Dust to Dust."

It was not so with the body of Jesus. It would have been very difficult, if not impossible, to convince the apostles and others that Jesus had really risen from the dead if His body was still in Joseph's tomb turning back to dust. His appearances would not have been mysterious beyond words, they would have been frightening. The convincing element in it all, for the apostles and others, was the fact that Jesus appeared to them in something of the same form and appearance with which they were familiar before the crucifixion, except that His body now bore the scars of the crucifixion, and His

tomb was empty.

While Jesus appeared to His disciples in a recognizable form, they knew that His body was not the same, in nature, that it was before His death on the cross. After His resurrection, Jesus could suddenly appear before them and just as suddenly disappear while they looked on. He could pass through closed doors into their presence. In His ascension He could rise from the earth and disappear in the clouds above them. All of this let them know that while the form in which Jesus appeared to them was like the body He had before crucifixion, its nature was not the same.

In verses 12-19 of this chapter Paul describes something of the shadow that would fall across the world if man did not believe in the resurrection from the dead. (1) If there is no resurrection, then Christ did not rise from the dead. (2) If Christ did not rise from the dead, (a) Our preaching is vain. (b) Our faith is vain. (c) We, as Christians become false witnesses. (d) We are yet in our sins. (e) Those who have died believing in Christ have perished. (f) He climaxes this statement by saying, "We are of all men most miserable."

Faith In Our Survival Must Include Faith In Christ's Resurrection

The founders of the Christian church believed that they would live again after death because they firmly believed that Christ their leader arose from the dead. This was a basic, much-emphasized doctrine taught by the early church. This was the most striking, outstanding, revolutionary doctrine taught by the early church. It had its foundation in the miracles of Jesus, which included the raising of some from the dead. More particularly it was based on belief in the resurrection of Jesus, himself.

What was true of those who constituted the early church is just as true of us, who live today. We have no justifiable reason for believing that we will live again, after our physical life here is ended, apart from a faith that Jesus arose from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus is the only authentically documented record of a resurrection from the dead in the history of man. Consequently, our faith in our own survival after death must include faith in the resurrection of Jesus or our hopeful speculations have no foundation on which to rest.

According To The Scriptures

There were numerous, converted Jews who were members of the

church at Corinth. It was likely for their benefit that Paul calls attention to the fact that Christ's death on the Cross for our sins was "according to the scriptures." He calls attention also to the fact that Christ's burial and resurrection were also "according to the scriptures." The scriptures to which Paul refers were, of course, the Old Testament writings since there was no New Testament at that time. This reference to the sacred writings with which the Jews were so familiar must have been very impressive for these Jews.

Such a reference should also impress us today. It was no coincidence that Christ so beautifully and completely fulfilled the description of the Messiah which ran, like a silver chord, through the Old Testament writings. Apparently contradictory and confusing as some of these prophecies were, they were all fulfilled in Christ. He was the "suffering servant" as well as "the Lion of the tribe of Judah." He was the "sacrificial lamb" but "Of His kingdom there will be no end." He was a "King" but He rode to His coronation "Upon a colt, the foal of an ass."

Most Important Question Ever Raised About Human Life

In discussing man's faith about the possibility of his own resurrection, Paul raised the most important question that has ever occupied the human mind. There are many interesting questions man has raised about life here. Where did we come from? How was man able to survive in primitive life? How has it been possible for man to develop from the ignorant, primitive form of life into the highly trained, intellectual giants many are and with a cultural life and spiritual aspirations so pronounced? The record of man across the centuries covered by authentic history is filled with achievements and progress as he reaches for the stars. Nevertheless, all his boasted progress is but powdered ashes and his hopes but idle dreams if death is the end of it all.

Man rises to his highest heights when he comes to believe he is immortal and that life here is but the beginning of an endless life of growth and progress in a world where life never ends. Faith in the immortality of the soul is of such supreme importance to man that it is very unfortunate that it has been cluttered up with minor, insignificant questions so far as life here is concerned as to where that world is; what form of body will we have? What will that world look like? and similar questions.

The important question is, are we creatures of a day or immortal creations of an infinite God who made us for the endless ages? To disbelieve in a future life is the most disheartening, frustrating, frightening feeling of which the human mind is capable. To sincerely believe we are immortal is the most encouraging, heartening, inspiring thought that can stir the human heart.

God Giveth It A Body

Since the question of the resurrection from the dead was new to so many of the members of the Corinthian church, who had formerly been pagans, it is perfectly natural that such a stupendous idea would create in their minds many questions. It is quite probable that

these questions were embodied in the letters written from the church to Paul. The 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians is Paul's answer to such questions.

Paul uses the planting of a seed and its growth as a striking, informative illustration of the resurrection from the dead. All the way through this discussion Paul is emphasizing the fact that the spiritual body we will have in the next world is different from the physical body we have here. He says that, in planting a seed, we do not plant the body that is to be when the seed grows. He says, "God giveth it a body as it pleased him." Then he adds, "So also is the resurrection of the dead." It is significant that Paul never speaks of the resurrection of the body but of the "resurrection of the dead." Paul says, regarding the end of time, "We shall not all sleep." That is to say that those who are alive at the end will not die physically but Paul says "We shall all be changed." The "change," Paul talks about here for those living at the end, is likely something of the change which took place in the physical body of Jesus at the time of His resurrection. Paul felt that he was certain about two things regarding the next life. One was that we would have a body there and that it would be a body of a different nature than our present physical body. In his second letter to the Corinthian church Paul says, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved (destroyed RSV), we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Our Personality Will Survive In Spiritual Body

Continued life after death would have little attraction or meaning for us unless our present personality survives in the new body Paul speaks about. The resurrection of Jesus brings us assurance that we too will survive death in a recognizable form. In the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, Jesus indicates also that we will take our memory with us into the next world. At the time of the transfiguration there appeared with Jesus, Moses and Elijah. The apostles seemed to be able to recognize them and, while the vision was still before them, Peter asks permission of the Lord to build three tabernacles there, "one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias." This was hundreds of years after the death of Moses and Elijah. How the disciples were able to recognize them we are not told.

Why We Must Believe In Survival After Death

(1) We must believe in life after death if we are to believe in the Bible as a revelation from God. We must believe in life after death if we believe in Christ since He very definitely taught that truth.

(2) We must believe in life after death since this faith, in some form, seems to be instinctive in the human heart.

(3) We must believe in life after death if we are able to believe in a good God. It would be sheer mockery for God to create us as we are with present longings and aspirations and then decree that death ends all.

(4) We must believe in immortality if we are to believe in the real value of human life here.

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Church Now Needs 622 New Missionaries

Minimum of 350
Persons Sought This Year

New York (BM)—The Board of Missions has listed 662 openings for 1958 in Methodist mission fields in the United States, Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico and about 35 countries overseas.

The 662 figure includes all of the openings listed for personnel. However, the Board, through its Office of Missionary Personnel, (150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.), is seeking to recruit a minimum of 350 persons for missionary service this year.

The total openings include 547 vacancies in overseas fields and 115 in home fields. The 350 minimum figure includes 235 overseas needs and the same 115 needs at home, the latter being the single figure given by home missions authorities.

In explaining the "total openings" figure overseas as contrasted with the "minimum" figure, Board executives said:

"Each of the openings specified in the 547 figure overseas represents a real need. If a person volunteered for any jobs, he could be placed in the position listed if he met the qualifications. But experience has shown that such a high figure in the overseas fields tends to be unrealistic in the light of recruitment patterns. The revised total of 235 is considered more realistic and represents the minimum needs overseas for 1958. Thus, this is the initial goal toward which the Board is aiming in overseas missionary recruitment."

The openings are for service under all three of the Board's administrative divisions, Division of National Missions, Division of World Mission and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. They include needs for both regular career missionaries and for 100 special-term missionaries, the "3's" in overseas fields and the "U. S.-2's" in home areas.

The vocations listed for both home and overseas service are many and varied. There are openings for men and women, ministers and laymen.

The qualifications for missionary service at home and overseas are the same. They can be listed as follows:

Christian Experience — The basic essential is a first-hand experience of what Christianity is and does, a realization of the need of all men for Jesus Christ and a desire to share one's Christian faith and experience in all areas of life.

Age — For regular missionaries, 23-35; for special-term missionaries, 21-28.

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Find the strength for your life...



WORSHIP TOGETHER THIS WEEK

A nation-wide drive urging regular church attendance began November 1, the first day of Religion In American Life Month. Throughout November, advertisements in newspapers, magazines, buses, subways, on billboards and over radios and television will stress the importance of family worship. The above picture with its theme will be used extensively in this campaign. Governors of 40 states have proclaimed the observance, according to the committee on Religion In American Life, the sponsor.

Baton Rouge First Church Has Founder's Day

Bogalusa Methodists Announce Long Range Building Plan

Bogalusa Methodists voted at a church conference held Sunday, October 27, to approve an over-all building program which will include the erection over a period of years three new buildings. The Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Church of Bogalusa plans to erect a children's building as the first unit of the program. This building will be constructed behind the present educational building.

The church's Building and Expansion Committee has been authorized to work out details in financing the children's building in cooperation with the quarterly conference and board of trustees.

Each of the two additional buildings, according to the plan, will be approved by the congregation before they are begun.

The second unit according to the program, would house a fellowship hall, adult and youth classrooms and a ladies' parlor. The second unit

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Monroe Southside Methodists Sponsor Cuban Student

For the past two years the Commission on Missions and the Woman's Society of Southside Methodist Church, Monroe, has sponsored the education of Gervachio Castanet, a 14-year old Cuban boy who is one of a family of ten children in Havana Cuba. After having been brought to the attention of these organizations by Miss Pat Alexander of Sterlington, who is a missionary to Cuba, and by Rev. James T. Harris, superintendent of the Monroe District, the project was begun.

Even though his entire childhood has been one of hardships and hard work, Gervachio graduated as valedictorian of his sixth grade class last year and was awarded a scholarship to Candler College Mariaiao, Havana, where he is enrolled. His father, who is a carpenter, is able only to pay his board in the home of the janitor of the school. After school Gervachio cleans the school rooms to help defray his expenses.

Cesar Benitz, pastor of Iglesia Metodista in Cuba where Gervachio attends church, writes the Southside church that he is a hard worker and a brilliant student, and expresses deep gratitude for the assistance given him by Southside.

Recently the Boy Scout Troop No. 128 of the Southside church, through the efforts of their Scoutmaster, T. E. Fuller and assistant scoutmaster, Vernon Greenlee, sent Gervachio a brand new Scout Uniform and, with the special permission of National Scout headquarters, the young Cuban was allowed to become an associate member of Troop No. 128. He is also a member of the Cuban Boy Scout Troop No. 16 which is located at Candler College. The Rev. Lea Joyner is the Southside Methodist Church minister.

follows: Alison Bogan, Mrs. W. K. Brady, Mrs. Linton L. Cooper, Selby Day, E. F. Fleming Sr., Miss Gertrude Fridge, Mrs. P. P. Gordon Sr., Mrs. J. L. Fore, Mrs. William Gruenwald Jr., A. C. Hernandez, L. A. Himes, Judge Charles A. Holcombe, Miss Ollie Hernandez, Mrs. S. D. Hogue, Mrs. Frank H. Kean Sr., Mrs. S. J. Kean, Edward Kuhnert, Miss Berta Moffit, Miss Stella Murphy, Mrs. E. D. Pearson, Alfred Pender, Mrs. Steve Russ, Mrs. J. P. Skolifield, Matt G. Smith, Mrs. E. C. Templet, Mrs. Ernest J. Tucker, Mrs. P. M. Viccellio, Mrs. S. Y. Watson and Anthony Wolf.

Church Now 123 Years Old

The First Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., pastor, observed Founders Day on Sunday, October 27. At the morning worship service 32 members of the church were presented with Certificates of Honor for having been members of that church 50 years or more.

Displayed in the Narthex of the church during the day were old records, dating back to 1884.

Following the morning worship service a basket picnic was held in the youth center gymnasium and attended by a large number of the First Church members.

A dramatic oratio, "The Holy City," climaxed the Founders Day observance on Sunday evening.

Methodism was begun in Baton Rouge before 1810 as one of many stops made by Methodist circuit riders. Records indicate that Baton Rouge became a station in 1834 with the appointment of Rev. C. K. Marshall as the pastor. A one story building was erected at the corner of Laurel and 4th Streets.

A list of those whose membership dates 50 years or longer in the First Church congregation is as

Find Christianity Growing In Japan

Latest figures on church membership in Japan show a total 593,589 Christians of all denominations worshipping in 5,123 churches and preaching places.

The statistics, taken from the 1957 Christian Yearbook of Japan, give membership in the United Church of Christ (of which Methodism is a part) as 167,971. That figure is considerably more than half of the total Protestant membership, which is put at 322,135. By comparison, Roman Catholic membership is 277,063, according to the Yearbook, and Orthodox churches have 34,391 members.

Average attendance at Sunday morning worship services in 4,312 Protestant churches is 89,116, according to the Yearbook. Enrollment in 3,930 Protestant Sunday schools is 222,503.

The Yearbook shows 6,715 full-time church workers, of whom 4,187 are Japanese and 2,528 are missionaries. Of those, 1,377 Japanese workers and 378 missionaries are affiliated with the United Church.

During 1956, the Yearbook states, there were 23,312 baptisms in Protestant churches, 20,305 in the Roman Catholic Church and 392 in Orthodox churches.

That Japanese Protestant leaders are concerned about membership and evangelism is emphasized in a report from a conference this fall of 100 evangelistic leaders of the National Christian Council. Representing the United Church, the Anglican Episcopal Church, the Japan Baptist Convention and the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Korean Church in Japan, the leaders met to discuss Protestant evangelism in Japan.

Ohio Town Sets Thursday Night As 'Church Night'

Thursday night is Church Night in Bryan, a northwestern Ohio town of 7,500 people. For 18 years there has been an understanding between the churches and the public schools to this effect. Teachers never schedule school events on Thursday nights, except in rare instances, and then the fact is known far in advance. And the churches, in turn, (Continued on page 15)

Indian Christian Leaders Being Developed In Numbers

Christian churches have developed enough native leaders so that missionary work in India could be continued effectively even if all missionaries should be forced to leave.

This was the word given the Methodist Council of Evangelism by the Rev. John T. Seamands, himself a missionary to India for 17 years, at the agency's annual meeting October 18 in Minneapolis.

The son of missionary parents, Dr. Seamands is teaching at the Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., while home on a six-month furlough.

The Methodist Church's four bishops in India are nationals, as well as 95 per cent of the district superintendents, school principals and other major leaders, Dr. Seamands said.

He reported that the Methodist Church in India now numbers 594,000 members, and operates 675 grammar schools, 76 high schools, eight theological seminaries, two colleges, and 21 hospitals and dispensaries.

Indicative of India's "spiritual hunger," Dr. Seamands said, is the wide interest in Bible study. He said that 250,000 persons, 90 per cent of them non-Christians, are enrolled in Bible correspondence courses.

There is also widespread participation in the life movement, he said. For example, he said that thousands of Indian Christians prayed for the success of the Billy Graham crusade in New York, even though many of them have no idea where New York is. "The people of India are praying for America," he said, "and they want you to pray for them."

November CROP Campaigns Get Underway

The big trucks with their banners proclaiming "Another Load of Corn for CROP" have started rolling as the 1957 Christian Rural Overseas

Bishop Kennedy Stresses Necessity For Christian Evangelistic Emphasis

Like Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America, Christian evangelists have to "penetrate an iron curtain of paganism, fear, insecurity and futility," Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles said October 21st in Minneapolis at the annual meeting of the Methodist Council of Evangelism.

"If we cease to be evangelists, we cease to be Christians," Bishop Kennedy told the 525 ministers and laymen from across the country.

"Life is hard and tragic . . . religion won't relieve our burdens, but it will give us the strength to bear them," Bishop Kennedy said.

Gearing his message to the council's plans for evangelistic effort at the local church level, Bishop Kennedy offered this four-point counsel:

1. "Don't make false promises. If we can't deliver, we hurt the cause of the church.

"We are a generation of murderers of words, taking our cue from the advertising world as we tell half-truths in our promises and guarantees. We are saying in the name of Christianity that by reading the right book one can relieve all worry and tension. Our magazines and air waves are filled with a cheap religion. There is no cross in it. People who heed this kind of thing become disheartened and cynical and scorn the real church. Religion is not a sentimental yarn.

2. "Give the straight news of the gospel. No oratory, no pronouncements, but just the facts. We can't save America in a six-week campaign full of high pressure techniques. This kind of evangelism may help, but it's the long pull by ordinary preachers and laymen that counts most.

3. "Don't fear criticism and opposition. We are not worth our salt if we don't take stands that invite public criticism. There is something wrong if the enemies of the Christian faith are not worried about what the church is up to. Methodists are more than nine million strong in the United States, and yet we have so little power. If we dared, we could change the nation and the world. Our timidity is our great betrayal.

4. "Keep at it. It's the day-to-day witnessing that counts, not the sporadic good word or good work.

"Evangelism is a year-round job with no vacation! We have enlisted for life. We can rest when we get to heaven."

Soviet Republic Churches Filled, Says Report

The first report since 1940 on the Methodist Church in the former Baltic states, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (now republics of the Soviet Union), tells of churches "filled to capacity" in Estonia.

Information about Methodism in Estonia is contained in an October newsletter from the office of Bishop Odd Hagen, Stockholm, Sweden. The newsletter reported:

"According to information from Estonia, Methodism there is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this winter. Some of the persons who started Methodism in the Baltic states came from other countries—for instance, Dr. George A. Simons of the United States, and Sister Anna Ekland from Finland. The main part of the work was done by Estonians.

"The superintendent of the Methodist Church there, Dr. V. Ojasso, says that the anniversary will be celebrated by having a revival in all the churches throughout Estonia."

President Says Duty Of Ministry To Put Military Profession Out

Washington, D. C. (MI)—President Eisenhower has told a Methodist minister here that he still believes that it is the duty of clergymen to put men in the military profession out of a job. The President made this remark to the Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, chancellor of Boston University, following a service in which he heard Dr. Marsh preach about the religious life of Theodore Roosevelt.

Dr. Marsh accompanied President Eisenhower to the door of the church where they chatted for several minutes while newsmen snapped pictures. The President recalled that he had visited Boston University when Dr. Marsh was president to accept an honorary degree. "I told you then that it was the duty of men in the ministry to put men in my profession out of a job," said the President. "I feel this even more so today."

President and Mrs. Eisenhower attended a service at Grace Reformed Church (United Church of Christ) which marked the opening of the Theodore Roosevelt Centennial Observance. Theodore Roosevelt attended Grace Church regularly during his administration (1901-09). Dr. Marsh, who is an authority on the life of the 26th president, was invited to serve as guest preacher for the centennial service.

in the nation's vast farmlands. Program drive gets into high gear (Continued on page 14)

Area Conferences Among Those Pledging Goal Higher Education Support

Richmond, Va. (MI)—Fifty-nine of The Methodist Church's nearly 100 conferences in the United States have pledged to give a total of more than \$24,000,000 during the next three years to Methodist-related colleges and Wesley Foundations.

The money raised will go to institutions related to the conferences where it is contributed. It will be used for current operations and will be in addition to money raised in capital funds campaigns to increase and improve physical facilities.

The announcement was made November 3 by Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., chairman of the Quadrennial Commission on Higher Education of The Methodist Church.

The commission is promoting the Methodist emphasis on Christian higher education during the church's 1956-60 quadrennium.

Fifty-four conferences have committed themselves to give \$1.30 per member to the cause each year for the rest of the quadrennium. (Some do not expect to reach the goal immediately but plan to before 1960.) Five other conferences have pledged more than \$1.30 per member each year of the period.

A total of \$25,868,619 pledged for the three-year

period results from multiplying the latest available membership figures of the 59 conferences by the amounts pledged and this by three, the number of years.

A total of 118 colleges, universities, theological schools, and other educational institutions in the United States are related to the Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

There are 162 Wesley Foundations in the country. They are accredited Methodist student centers at state and independent colleges and universities.

The Quadrennial Emphasis on Higher Education was voted by the 1956 General Conference, top legislative and policy-making body of Methodism.

Purpose of the emphasis is to strengthen and expand Methodist-related educational institutions. To help do this, the General Conference recommended that each Methodist conference raise at least \$1.30 per member each year.

The five conferences that have pledged more than the \$1.30 per member minimum goal are Northwest Texas, South Carolina and Louisville, \$2.30 each; Pacific Northwest, \$1.50; and North Dakota, \$1.40.

The 54 conferences that have adopted the \$1.30 goal include the Little Rock, Louisiana, and North Arkansas.

CWS Plans Larger Program To Aid Refugees

New York (RNS)—An expanded program of aid to refugees in Europe, the Middle East, Hong Kong and elsewhere was announced here by Church World Service, relief agency of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director, said help will be given refugees in more than 40 countries next year. He and other CWS officials said there are 30 million refugees over the world who need homes, food, medicine and clothing.

A conference of denominational officials will be held in New York on Dec. 13 to lay before the American public the pressing situation of Chinese refugees in Hong Kong, Dr. Wilson announced. The meeting also will discuss other refugee-aid projects.

More than 1,000,000 men, women and children have fled from Communist China into Hong Kong, a CWS report said. Refugees are arriving in the overcrowded British colony at the rate of 100,000 a year, it added.

These Chinese exiles are becoming the world's greatest concentration of human need, Dr. Wilson told the CWS board of managers. He said the churches' program to assist them must be stepped up sharply.

Dr. Wilson reported that more than 250,000 refugees in Hong Kong live in tarpaper shacks on the sidewalks and in vacant lots, and another 185,000 on rooftops and tenement staircases. Ninety-five per cent of the refugees over 14 years of age have tuberculosis, the report said.

The CWS official said his agency will help provide or maintain new housing units, hostels for men and women, community centers, a day nursery, free school classes, and rural resettlement projects to put Chinese families back on the land. It also will expand its program of milk bars for children, he said.

Refugee aid and rehabilitation projects will be continued or expanded in Kenya, West Java, India, Pakistan, Formosa, Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Jamaica, Haiti, British Honduras, San Salvador and in European Countries. They include assistance to flood victims in some of these areas.

The European program will be carried on in cooperation with the World Council of Churches.

Air Force To Go Ahead With Its Academy Chapel

Denver (RNS)—Air Force officials said here they are ready to go ahead with construction of the ultra-modern Air Force Academy Chapel near Colorado Springs despite criticism of its design by some members of Congress.

The decision came after the Department of Worship and the Arts of the National Council of Churches "enthusiastically" approved the plans.

The department acted at a meeting in New York. Its Commission on Architecture previously had unanimously endorsed the chapel design.

USE SPUTNIKS IN ANTI-RELIGIOUS CAMPAIGN

London (RNS) — Russia's Sputniks prove that "only science, not religion, can work miracles," the Sofia Radio said in the latest broadcast in its campaign against religious beliefs of Bulgarian workers.

"However much you prayed it would not take you anywhere," the station said, "but the Soviet Sputnik, fruit of Soviet science, can take you to the moon in the near future."

President Says God Will Lead Mankind To Use of Atom

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Only God will lead mankind to use the atom peacefully instead of for destructive purposes, President Eisenhower said here.

He made the statement in presenting the first annual Atoms for Peace award to Dr. Niels Bohr, Danish-born physicist, in a ceremony at the National Academy of Sciences.

The President, speaking extemporaneously, said:

"The world now has a choice between the technology of abundance and the technology of destruction—between the use of power for constructive purposes or for war and desolation."

"And, my friends, as we contemplate this simple truth, I think we are moved to gain the deeper conviction that no matter how long or how far scientists may go in probing the secrets of Nature for the benefit of man, yet it will be only the Master Scientist, only the Almighty, Who will delve deeply enough into the hearts and minds of men to lead us to use these

Says Mass Communications Now Dominate Thinking of Americans

Indianapolis (RNS)—A Baptist clergyman said here that mass communications now dominate the thinking of Americans once shaped by ministers and educators.

The Rev. Paul O. Madsen of New York told the first American Baptist Urban Convocation that "our thinking is in many ways dominated by three press associations, four radio and three television networks."

"The church is not prepared for such broad scale manipulation of mind and perhaps should never be," he said.

Mr. Madsen is secretary of the Department of Cities of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. The three-day meeting, attended by 300 delegates, was called to help pastors, laymen and churches to better understand the problems they face in America's expanding cities.

"Ministers and educators once shaped the mind, morals and thinking of our nation," Mr. Madsen said. "The church stood on the town square and was part of the hub around which the community revolved."

He later explained that the press associations and networks influenced thinking by the way they selected and played up news.

"They are the ones which provide sources of news and what they pick up as important becomes the important news so far as the public is concerned," Mr. Madsen said.

"News buried in the middle of a page or in the back of a paper is missed by most people. How the news is played dominates the thinking in America."

great secrets properly—to develop in us the compassion, sympathy, the understanding, the consideration for other points of view that will eventually bring peace — a just peace—to the world."

Mr. Eisenhower said there is no question that the people of the world desire constructive use of the atom. He urged that all nations work together in that direction.

See Rural Churches Playing Growing Role

Green Lake, Wis. (RNS) — A National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country agreed here that rural congregations are playing a growing role in country life.

Dr. Richard O. Comfort of New York said this was the consensus of some 20 discussion groups. He is executive director of the National Council of Churches' department of town and country church which sponsored the convocation.

Dr. Comfort, summing up the discussions, said optimism among the participants over the expanding activity of rural churches was tempered with warnings that a united effort by clergy and laymen is needed for continued results. It was stressed that strong leadership is required to restore rural congregations to their full community role.

Principal speakers at the three-day meeting were James P. Warburg of New York, specialist on foreign affairs; Protestant Episcopal Bishop William W. Horstick of Eau Claire, Wis., and Arthur E. Wileden, professor of rural sociology at the University of Wisconsin.

Clergy To Act On Newspaper Using Liquor Ads

Emporia, Kans. (RNS)—Clergymen affiliated with the Ministerial Association here plan to discontinue paid church advertisements in the Emporia Gazette as a result of the paper's new policy of publishing liquor ads.

The Rev. Seward Reed, president of the association, announced the step and added that the clergymen would take "further action" at their next meeting.

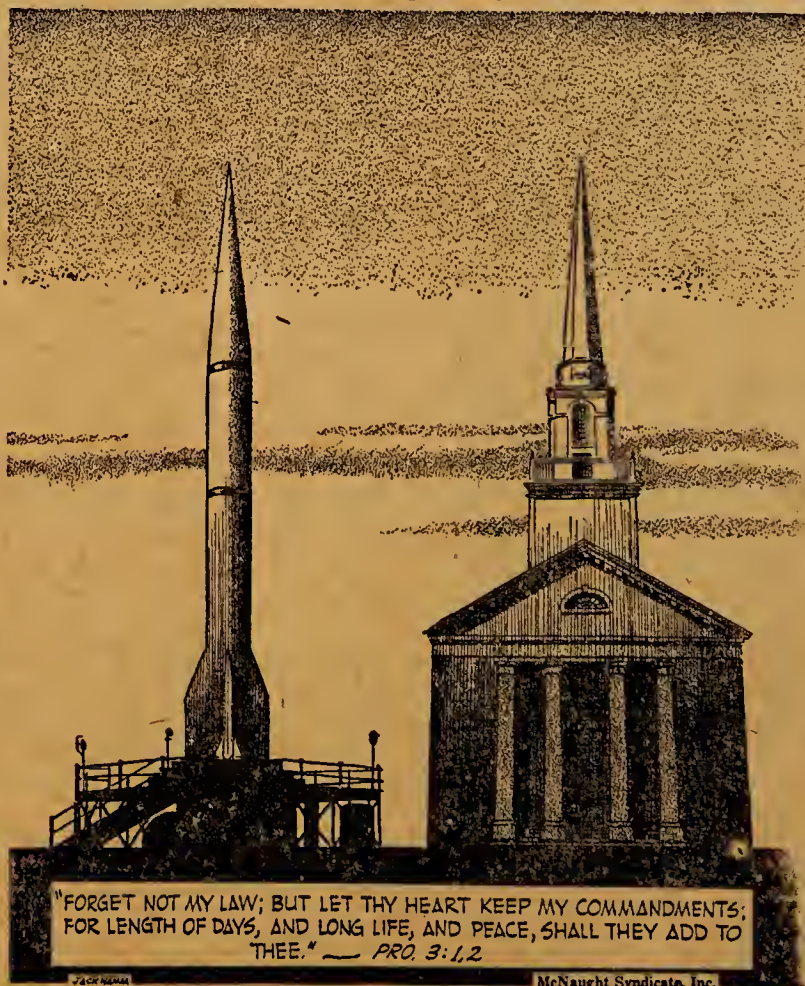
The Gazette, founded in 1895 by the late William Allen White, ran the first liquor ads in its history on Nov. 1.

A committee of four members of the ministerial association visited the paper and made a formal protest. Mr. Reed said the committee met a "polite but firm" refusal by the paper's management to change its new policy.

A spokesman for the Gazette told the group the paper was "merely conforming to a modern advertising trend" and hoped to publish a better newspaper because of the increased revenues from alcoholic beverage advertising.

The Living Scriptures— by Jack Hamm

Contending Steeples



Greed Knows No Bounds

THE effectiveness of the annual emphasis of a sober Christmas celebration can be seen, according to the Methodist General Board of Temperance, in the hurt to sales of liquors during the past few Christmas seasons. The liquor industry is concerned about the situation, according to the Board, and is now prepared to let loose this year with "the most intensive barrage of liquor advertising and propaganda in the history of Christmas." The Board states that the distillers are worried by the trend among business concerns to turn their annual Christmas parties into family fun gatherings without alcoholic drinks. One distiller has scheduled seven million dollars' worth of advertising in newspapers and magazines and another distiller nearly five million, all to come out during this month and next in an effort to turn the tide back in their favor.

It is difficult for committed Christians to conceive of a greater perversion of the meaning of Christmas than that which the liquor industry is perpetrating on the American public. This is, of course, indicative of the greedy length to which the liquor industry will go to exploit all that is high and holy for the sake of gain.

Who Controls American Thought Life?

ELSEWHERE in this issue is a news story which might very well be a commentary on organized religion in this year of 1957. A clergyman told a church group that mass communications now dominate the thinking of Americans once shaped by ministers and educators. "Ministers and educators once shaped the mind, morals and thinking of our nation. The church stood on the town square and was part of the hub around which the community revolved." The speaker was primarily commenting on the treatment given news stories, and how their very handling helped to determine what Americans would be thinking. Our concern, however, is that if the clergyman is right, organized religion should take necessary steps to regain the confidence and faith of American people.

No one wants to go back to the days when lack of mass communication facilities meant that news stories were almost history before they reached many of the people. There was something, however, about the place which the church or churches had in the life of the average community. With the passing of years the church or churches have had to actually compete with many developing organizations and activities, and somewhere along the way the church and churches have apparently slipped in the role that they once had in helping to shape the minds, morals and thinking of many people.

It is worth noting that if this be true, it is also true that church membership both numerically and percentage-wise is now at an all-time high. Membership in organized religious bodies now exceeds 100,000, which represents something more than half of the nation's population. The constituency of organized religious groups represents an even larger number of the citizens.

Just what all this adds up to is that even with an all-time high in membership, churches and their leaders are perhaps influencing less the thinking and living of Americans. This may be true in spite of the fact that religious education techniques are more refined and efficient, an unprecedented wave of church building has outfitted organized religion with the best of plants in which to conduct its programs, and church programs have become highly organized.

Church leaders would do well to consider whether they want to yield permanently the responsibility for determining what Americans think and live by to those who handle the news of the day. The communication of news will be and must be left to those who are qualified to fill that role. But the church must bring its witness to bear in a larger way on those who already have in varying degrees committed their lives to it.

Religion And Work Are Compatible

COMMUNISM, which claims to champion the cause of the working man, recently took the position in a radio broadcast from Communist Bulgaria that "honest, productive work and religion are incompatible." According to a Religious News Service report, the broadcast said that religious holydays, customs, rituals and pilgrimages to various shrines "are diverting thousands of people from their tasks and work," resulting in great harm on the national economy.

That this claim should come from Communist leaders should provoke no great surprise, since they seem to be able to twist almost any subject to suit their own purposes. On this particular subject, any activity or cause which potentially could come between the people and the state, which claims the complete loyalty of its people, is a threat to the very continued existence of the state itself. Christians will recall that this threat was the provocation of the persecutions by the Romans of early Christians.

On the other hand, however, Christianity teaches that belief and the exercise of religion dignifies man and causes him to find life's fulfillment in honest, productive work. In this greater sense honest, productive work and religion are indeed compatible. America has become great, productively and creatively, and it has not been in spite of its religious heritage, but because of it. One of the great dangers of the present and next generation is that with shorter and shorter work weeks and more leisure time, the average person will not be working enough for his or her own good. Honest, creative work is good for the soul of man.

As we have tried to understand the Communist point of view at this point, it is that religion is a luxury that few working people can afford to have and remain good workers. According to the Christian point of view, religion is a necessity which gives meaning to all of life, including the work that he does, either with his hands or mind, or both. This is but another manifestation of the incompatibility of Christianity and Communism.

Man is made for work and cannot find fulfillment of life without honest, productive endeavor. Man was also made for God and here again neither he nor the society of which he is a member can find its highest fulfillment apart from the recognition that this is God's world and all that dwell and work therein are His.

A Challenging Opportunity

METHODISM with its current emphasis on Higher Education has an opportunity to capitalize on a developing situation, described as a growing interest in religion on college and university campuses. Our readers will note that this interest has been described as being in religion and not necessarily in organized religion, the church. College and university leaders have been saying for some time now that students are becoming more and more aware that secularism is unsatisfying and insufficient. There is more to life than sticks and stones, the physical and the material. There is fresh inquiry into the spiritual aspects of life, the why and wherefore, about values that cannot be weighed and measured.

This interest in religion which is a part of the fresh inquiry is also, we believe, a reflection of the current interest in religion beyond college and university campuses. In Methodism's emphasis on Higher Education, it is not only fitting but, we believe, altogether proper that some move be made to convert this campus interest in religion to organized religion. It is not enough that our leaders of tomorrow be interested in religion, but they should be led to see that one's religion finds its greatest fulfillment as it expresses itself in a fellowship with others of similar belief and practice, through the church.

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Bishop Paul E. Martin addresses the Fayetteville District Missionary Institute held recently.

Fayetteville District Missionary Institute Hears Bishop and Mrs. Martin

The Fayetteville District Missionary Institute was held on Friday night, November 1, and Sunday afternoon, November 3. The Friday night meeting was a dinner served at Central Church, Fayetteville, honoring Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin. There were more than 150 attending the dinner from all over the District.

Mrs. Martin spoke briefly to the group telling of some of the humorous experiences, but conveying a profound appreciation for the work our missionaries are doing in Africa. Bishop Martin showed slides of the work in Africa. The pictures and his comments helped the group to a deeper understanding of the tremendous work being done and the unlimited possibilities still before the Church in Africa.

The sanctuary was filled to capacity when the Bishop spoke at First Methodist Church in Springdale, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Here again he gave a

vivid description of the work of the church's preachers, teachers, nurses, doctors, and other workers in Africa.

"Africa is a nation ready to be born," the Bishop said. He described the conditions, saying that there were times when it looked rather discouraging, but then as one thinks of the short time the church had been at work there and sees the progress made, one rejoices. Bishop Martin explained that the work of the Christian missionary had stemmed the spread of Communism in Africa. Just how long that bulwark will remain is a question the church must decide.

An offering was received for the immediate construction of a new Methodist Church in Elisabethville, a community of more than 30,000 souls where there is no church of any kind. The Fayetteville District will assume its share of the finances in building this new church and parsonage, the report said.

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A Big
Liar

By
Rev. R. A. Tester



and heard him talk frequently. He never told the truth if he could help it. His name, Harv, was a byword for falsehood. By common consent in the community he had a copyright on it. Harv was not a vicious man. He was just no account. He lacked purpose and of course never achieved much. But he had a rather lively ego. His big talk was made to keep this alive. What he lacked in achievement he sought to make up by deception and of course this turned out to be self-deception more than any one else. Trying to lift himself by his tongue he tripped himself.

Harv's fault of making big talk is pretty common. Probably most of us have used our tongue amiss at times. In private affairs we call it expediency or discretion. In politics it is policy. In national affairs it is diplomacy. In the cold war it is propaganda. By whatever name we call it, deception blunts the edge of truth.

Self esteem is not wrong, but right. The best way to keep it alive is to remember that we are made in the image of God. Make that image shine and we keep our own self respect and win that of others.

Jesus said: "The devil is a liar . . . when he speaks a lie he speaks of himself . . ." That is he speaks out of his own inner nature. He owns the original copyright on falsehood. He will let Harv or you or me use it free for awhile, but we'll pay him a high royalty in the long run.

World Circulation of Scriptures Now Nears 27 Million

Total world circulation of the Bible, the Old and New Testaments and portions of the Scriptures together reached 26,379,142 in December 1956. This and other dramatic facts are documented in a 12-page report issued last week by the Rev. Dr. Frank W. Price, director of the Missionary Research Library, maintained by the National Council of Churches. This is almost one million more than the year before and 3,242,469 more than in 1954.

"At the close of 1956," Dr. Price reported, "at least one whole book of the Bible had been published in 1,109 languages, which is 17 more than the year before." He pointed out that the historical list of 1,109 includes many languages now obsolete, such as certain Chinese dialects, but that the number of languages in which some part of the Bible has been circulated in the last 25 years "is probably between 600 and 700."

Dr. Price's report continues: "In 1956, the complete Bible was published for the first time in the Bemba language (Northern Rhodesia) Nimbi Ijo (Nigeria) and Morovo (Solomon Islands) and the entire New Testament became available in eight new languages, including the North American Indian Navajo."

Using American Bible Society and other agency figures, the report shows that the first five countries in the sale of complete Bibles

are the United States, Germany, England and Wales, South Africa and Brazil.

The fact that the Bible continues to be published, circulated and studied in Communist China is underlined by the following figures: "Since 1949, 171,278 complete Bibles, 170,493 New Testaments and 3,199,282 portions of the Bible have been distributed and 43 editions printed from old plates already in the country." In addition, seven Bible Houses are maintained in major Chinese cities, the report shows.

"These are not mere cold statistics but living and inspiring facts," declared Dr. Price. "Today the Bible has become a truly universal book in a world that still possesses a babel of tongues."

University of Arkansas WF Holds Open House



Bishop and Mrs. Paul Martin were among the approximately one hundred out-of-town guests who visited the Methodist Student Center, 730 West Maple Street, Fayetteville, in connection with Homecoming Day, November 2, when the Wesley Foundation Council held "open house" from 10 to 1, and again after the game with Texas A & M.

From left to right: Dr. Roy Bagley, superintendent Fayetteville District; Dr. A. W. Martin, Director Wesley Foundation, University of Arkansas; Bishop Paul E. Martin; Mrs. Paul E. Martin, and Mrs. A. W. Martin.

WHEN LIFE IS LONELY

Let us consider today the mastering of another of life's immovables, loneliness. Here again as in the case of pain we must use discrimination in determining how much of our loneliness is inevitable.

Sometimes we are lonely simply because we are unlovable. Sometimes we are out of step with the crowd merely because we are out of sorts; not every person who charts a lone course is a pioneer or prophet. He may be only an eccentric or a nuisance.



When we see others drifting away from us, we ought first to give them the benefit of the doubt. Emerson said, "The only way to have a friend is to be a friend."

Some of us may be like the young woman who came to the late Dr. H. C. Link complaining of her loneliness. Examination showed she had never exerted herself to cultivate the company of others. When guests came to call, she absented herself if she did not think them congenial. Thus never putting out to take others in, she found her circle of friendship shrinking.

And sometimes our loneliness is the result of our sin, for wrongdoing has a way of eventually cutting us off from our comradeships. Hence when we talk about loneliness, let us make sure it is not due to oddity, aloofness, self-centeredness or sinfulness. A person's first obligation is to get along with his crowd in order to get the crowd along.

Nevertheless, no person goes far in the journey of life without some stages where he does or should walk alone.

Some time ago one of our nation's business leaders lost his wife. At first his spirit seemed utterly broken. We tried to give him the assurance that the circles of love now broken by death would someday be reunited. Grasping that thread of hope, he began tying up the loose ends of his life and he is now carrying on with calmness and confidence. He feels his wife still working with him.

Duty, as well as death, often separates us from our fellowships. Sometimes the Christian, like his Lord, has to go off alone into the wilderness of decision where he, too, must think through his own philosophy of living

and plan his own program of action. It may be that in clinging to our conscience, we, like Christ, may have to separate from our fellow townsmen, even our families.

One of my most consecrated parishioners wrote me a letter telling how she had been impressed by a certain minister's statement that modern Christians were too comfortable. Maybe we have been failing to stress sufficiently the note of sacrifice for conscience's sake. Maybe we are trying to make our religion too comfortable in order to attract worshipers.

Do not misunderstand me. I believe church buildings should be comfortable. It is not hard sitting but hard hitting which makes a strong Christian. But maybe we have been trying to make people too much at ease in our religion. If we have never been made lonely for conscience's sake, we better take warning. The men who have moved the world have moved out ahead of the crowd and endured thereby the hell of loneliness.

One thinks of William Penn, who was ostracized by his aristocratic friends and thrown into prison for speaking his religious beliefs. He spoke of solitude as "a school few care to learn in, though none instructs us better."

To sensitive, friendly natures, lonely resistance is anguish. Jesus with His eagerness for love and comradeship must have experienced unfathomable sorrow when He felt called to go against His own disciples. When He announced that He must go up to Jerusalem to be crucified, Peter protested. Our Lord knew that Peter's protest was prompted by love. Yet He had to rebuke him for the sake of divine duty.

Perhaps the bitterest drop in Christ's cup of sorrow was the desertion of those nearest to Him in His last hours of trial and death. A man can endure the curses of the crowd if he has those close to him who understand.

A hundred and twenty years ago Wendell Phillips felt called to speak on the streets of Boston for the abolition of slavery. He was heckled by hostile crowds and opposed by party politicians. His wife was an invalid. And every night before going out to speak, he would stop by his wife's bedside. She would take his hand in hers and say, "Don't shilly-shally, Wendell." The consciousness of her unseen comradeship sustained him in the face of jeering mobs.

Of Moses in his loneliness when his followers became impatient, it was said, "He endured as seeing Him who is invisible." When we have to walk alone on the path of duty, there is always a Divine Companion.

The Layman's Column

By
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North Arkansas Conference



SPUTNIK AND YOUR WORLD

A lot of people got all "fired up" when they heard that the Russians had launched a missile which had enough power in it to go into the realm of outer space and spin around the world at terrific speeds for a number of weeks. Many of us began to worry about what it meant for the Russians to hold the first record of such a missile. Certain of our military men did their best to whip us into a frenzy of fear. We better get worried about this thing; they told us; else we would be followers, not leaders in the race to gain control of the new and unconquered unknown . . . at least some of the Army and Navy brass wanted us to feel that way. But after all, what does the creation of "Sputnik" mean to you or me, living in the cities and towns and countryside of the United States? Must we forget all about certain virtues and values that have been taught to us all our lives, so that we can learn to put new and greater importance on a man-made gadget which can be destroyed by man much more easily than it can be made by him? Are we simple-minded enough to conceive that we are able to create something more important than the human mind . . . or love . . . or truth . . . or friendship? Isn't it time we drew ourselves up short to make a quick analysis of our frenzied reactions to just another gadget?

After all, the Russians are smart, but they have not outdone the world in many fields of learning. True, they are not sitting on their successes. They are doing vast amounts of research in a number of fields. There is no reason why they should not make wonderful contributions to science, literature, music and the other arts. Just because they are dominated by a small and fanatical group of leaders it should not prevent them from making large and significant contributions to the world of existing knowledge. The United States will never have it easy with the great nations aiming at leadership of the world in fields of knowledge and study. And we may as well admit that the masses of people in the so-called "backward nations" of Asia will soon

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

WE GIVE THEE THANKS, OUR FATHER

We give Thee thanks, our Father: for the vast wealth in grain, in animal life, in products of soil and mine, of earth and sea and air, in the fashioning of needs and of luxuries, with which thou hast blessed our land and our labor upon it these many years. Thou hast poured out material things upon America as upon no other people in all recorded history. Grant that we may ever accept thy bounty as a stewardship for all thy sons and daughters in every corner of thy earth. May we share thy overflowing plenty equitably with all thy children, our brethren.

We give Thee thanks, our Father: for the labor of men who have plowed and harvested, who have quarried and hewn, who have felled

be making their competition felt in these fields.

But, unfortunately, the Russians have one quality that we lack. It's a very simple and homely one . . . dedication. With that alone they can outstrip us in many fields unless we realize the fact. You and I and all of us spend a lot of time saying how terrible the Communists are. And as far as I am concerned, they are pretty bad. But while some of us are busy condemning them over our cocktails and around our comfortable dinner tables, they have the spirit of dedication to do . . . to act . . . to give . . . to deny themselves, so that while we are sleeping; fat and comfortable; they are hard at work. Even we who call ourselves Christians, make nothing like the real contributions to spreading the Christian religion that most Communists do for Communism. How can a religion prosper when its members who make thousands of dollars per year per person, give the Church in terms of twenty-five, or fifty, or even a hundred dollars per year to promote the religion that we say will defeat Communism? After all, "Sputnik" will not destroy us, in my opinion. The most real and the worst weapon that we shall have to meet will be our own unwillingness to pay the price of showing Jesus Christ to the world.

trees and erected homes, who have given brain and brawn to build upon the plans and laws revealed by Thee to artists and architects, to scientists and engineers, to dreamers and doers. Give us the spirit of justice to reward each according to his service; give us light to see Thee in every achievement; and give us grace to be thankful to Thee, life's Master Architect and Builder.

We give Thee thanks, our Father: that our nation is at peace with other nations. But also for the vision of a world at peace which has come to people in our land and across the earth.

We give Thee thanks, our Father: for the expanding revelations of the vastness, the wonder, the order, and the power of thy universe which Thou hast given us in recent years; for the scientists and discoverers to whom Thou hast spoken; and for the marvels of chemistry, of physics, of medicine, of psychology, of radio, of television, and of atomic fission which Thou hast revealed to us through these chosen men. Great is thy power, and great is thy faith and hope in man in revealing thy truth to him. We thank Thee for thy confidence: and we pray that we may be worthy of thy trust—that we may use this dreadful knowledge for the well-being of all thy children upon earth.

We give Thee thanks, our Father: for the pioneers of yesterday who subdued jungles, who crossed the oceans, who fought tyranny, who rejected wrong, who laid foundations of righteousness upon which we have been taught to build; for those who struggled for the liberties and rights we possess; for those who trekked across the land, establishing homes, and schools, and churches, and hospitals—those pioneer farmers, and mothers, and teachers, and circuit-riders for Thee; those doctors, and nurses, and champions of the law, from whose hardships and sufferings we all profit today.

We give Thee thanks, our Father: for the revelation of Thyself that came to us in the person, the life, and the teaching of Jesus Christ, thy Son. We thank Thee that because of Him we have a Hope, we know a Way, we envision thy Kingdom upon earth, we anticipate a Life Everlasting. Help us, each of us, to keep the Message ever before us, and to strive toward the goals we envision.

We acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, our Father, as the Source of all life and all good. And we acknowledge our inter-dependence, under Thee, with all peoples everywhere on earth. May our true thankfulness be expressed in our love, and our service, and our sharing of thy bounties with them, in thy Name.

The Living Hymns of Charles Wesley

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THE tremendous interest in the hymns of Charles Wesley two hundred and fifty years after the author's birth is evidence enough that they are living hymns, and that they are alive today. We plan to survey briefly the conditions under which they were born, what it was which gave them such life, and the reason for their continuing life through the years.

I

The hymns of Charles Wesley were born of their times and circumstances—especially as a response to two great needs: the Church of England needed a song; and the people of England needed a saviour.

It is hard for us to realize to what an extent it is true that the Church of England had come into being without a song that was in any way adequate. The Reformation in Germany, under Martin Luther's great leadership, had developed very early a German hymnody which drew its spirit from the hymns of men like Bernard of Clairvaux and its form from the German folk songs and popular songs. The Reformation in Switzerland, on the other hand, following John Calvin's strict direction, went back to the singing of Psalms. The Reformation in England had followed Calvin rather than Luther at this point. They had discarded the great hymns of both East and West, lest something uninspired and therefore possibly evil might enter into their worship. They had only "Psalms of David" and no hymns of Christ.

Further, the early English translations were abominably literal and literally abominable, at least by later standards. The New Version, by Tate and Brady, was a very great improvement, but the country churches still heard Sternhold and Hopkins. And the singing itself was poor, often left largely to poorly trained or untrained choirs. Isaac Watts, an older contemporary of the Wesleys, made a very great advance indeed, really bridging the chasm from psalms to hymns; but, though greatly appreciated by the Wesleys, his hymns were not easily accepted except in the nonconformist churches. So the Church of England was still without a song.

The still more fundamental need was the need for a saviour. The times were cruel. Life was degraded and corrupt. Religion itself, after all the quarreling between Roman Catholics and followers of the Church of England, and with various kinds of nonconformists, might be formal, contentious or impotent. The people needed to have the Saviour revealed to them. In the providence of God, the Wesleyan hymnody and the revival grew up together in response to the needs. Each was essential to the other, and each was a part of the whole.

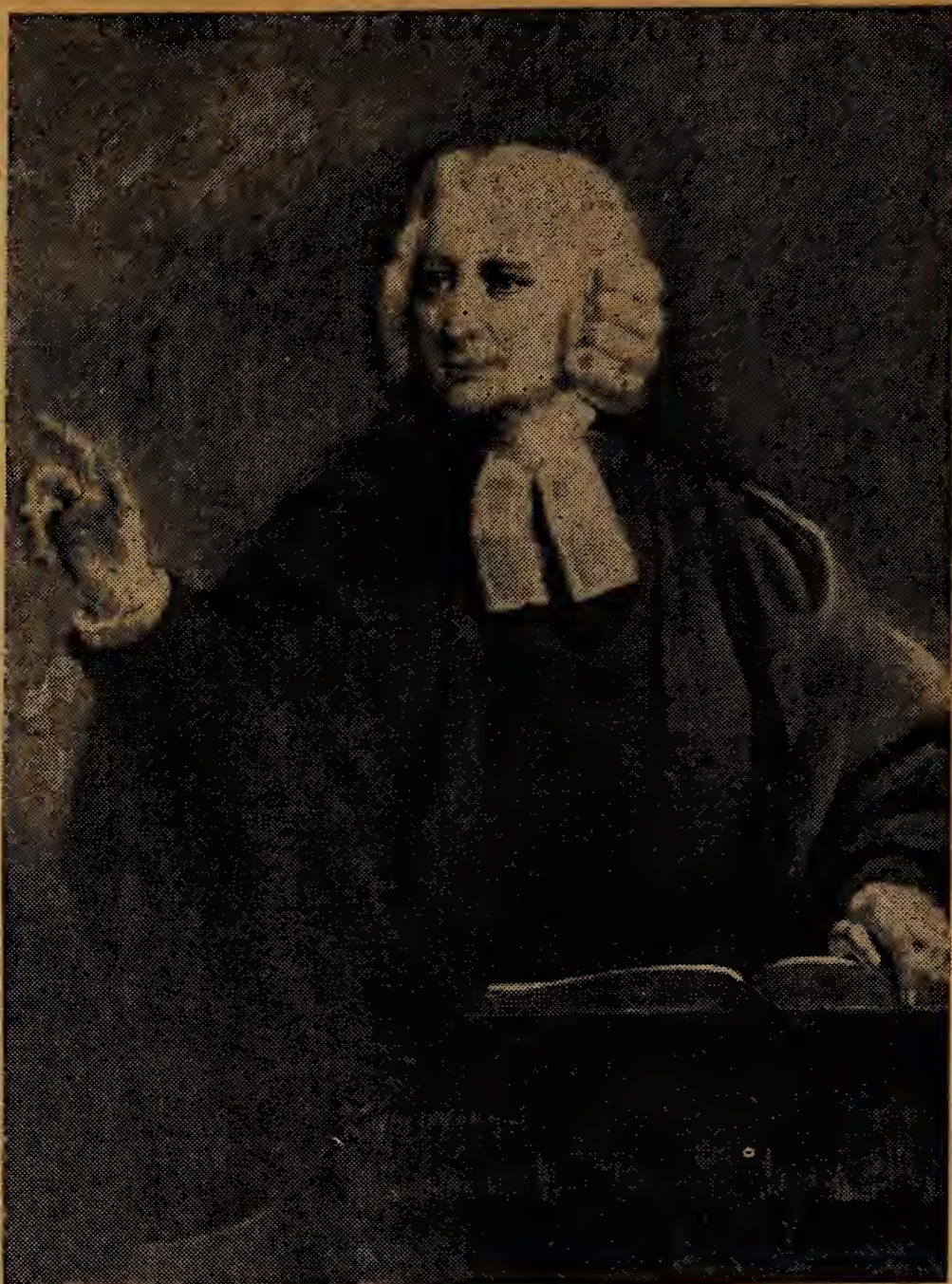
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But the circumstances and the needs are not a sufficient explanation of all that happened. There were many poets, but the others did not produce a great hymnody. There were many devout Christians conscious of the desperate situation, but they did not produce the revival. In no other group did the times produce anything comparable to the achievements of the Wesleys and their followers. The Wesleys themselves were unique. Their background on both sides of the family furnished a rich preparation of culture, devotion and ability. To this heritage was added a home and school training which made them take their place among the best educated men of their generation. Their knowledge of Scripture was "profound, exact and extensive." They were acquainted with the ancient and mediaeval poets, and with the poetry of their own day.

The hymns which seem most alive today were the hymns of Charles Wesley's youth, written between the ages of 31 and 43, in times of tension, struggle and sometimes peril. Although he lived to be 80 years old and wrote more than 6,500 hymns, only one of the thirty which we chose as especially familiar was written after he ceased to itinerate, at 43. That one, appropriately enough, is "A Charge to Keep I Have."

We must stress again the relationship of the hymns to the revival. The hymns endeavored to express what the revival accomplished in men's hearts. Some were written to awaken men to a sense of their sin and peril, and to call them to repentance and faith. They also taught the doctrines which the sermons proclaimed; and they continue this teaching while the sermons are no longer heard.

But these uniquely prepared men and the epoch-making revival would not have produced Charles Wesley's hymns had it not been for the soul-shattering and life-creating experience which came to Charles and soon after to John. Charles had written poetry before, but who reads it today? There was needed the divine inspiration in his own soul, which seemed to multiply his powers by infinity. And we can never forget that there were two brothers working together. We recall that where one can chase a



thousand, two can put ten thousand to flight. But it was not two of John, nor two of Charles. The combination of the right two elements results in something very much greater than two volumes of either one. Indeed, something comparable to atomic fusion can take place in the realm of the soul. "What hath God wrought!"

III

The hymns of Charles Wesley are alive today, not just because of the great variety of meters in which he wrote so skillfully and with such fine imagination, nor just because there was a great revival two centuries ago to scatter so widely the hymns it had helped to produce. The continuing movement which grew out of the revival and spread across the world is part of the answer. But the central fact to recognize is this: the hymns still live because their message to mind and heart is the eternal gospel of salvation. Sin is still sin, and Charles Wesley feels its destructiveness. Repentance is still real, and he calls men to his own saving experience of pardon. The glory of God's acceptance of the prodigal is unchanged. The way of salvation is powerfully revealed, even as when the hymns were first sung. The Gospel, though nineteen centuries old, is still thrillingly new. But sinners still need to be called. And the universal offer of God's love in Christ is still by many unknown. Read each of these hymns in its entirety.

*Jesus, Lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly.*

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*Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
More than all in Thee I find.*

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*O that the world might taste and see
The riches of His grace!
The arms of love that compass me
Would all mankind embrace.*

A recent drawing in *The Saturday Review* pictured a long distance runner with his torch in his hand staggering into the presence of the elders who have awaited his coming and his news in desperate intensity. The runner is ready to drop, utterly exhausted. But he manages to gasp out the words, "I forgot the message." Charles Wesley never forgot the message. May we as faithfully remember.

*His only righteousness I show,
His saving grace proclaim;
Tis all my business here below
To cry, "Behold the Lamb!"*

*Happy, if with my latest breath
I may but gasp His Name;
Preach Him to all, and cry in death,
"Behold, behold the Lamb!"*

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

A UNION THANKSGIVING Service will be held at 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day at the Haynesville Methodist Church with Rev. E. V. Appling preaching.

DR. AND MRS. B. C. TAYLOR held open house at the new district parsonage, 839 Monrovia Street, Shreveport, on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10.

DR. G. W. POMEROY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, will be the speaker of the Union Thanksgiving Services to be held at the First Baptist Church of Monroe.

THE TUNICA and St. Francisville Methodist Churches observed Layman's Day with Rev. W. C. Barnett speaking at both churches. Rev. E. E. Sylvest is pastor of the St. Francisville-Tunica charge.

REV. ANGUS LEE CARRUTH, pastor of the Tangipahoa Methodist Church, has recently concluded a week of revival services at the Tunica Methodist Church where Rev. E. E. Sylvest is pastor.

REV. J. WOODROW HEARN, pastor of the Davidson Memorial Methodist Church, Lafayette, spoke on the subject of leadership to the October meeting of the Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church in Lafayette.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the Rayne Methodist Church began its fall series of meetings on Friday, Nov. 1, with a supper meeting. Hon. deLesseps Morrison, Mayor of New Orleans, was the guest speaker. Dr. A. M. Serex is pastor of the church.

MRS. J. H. CAIN will be the speaker at the evening worship service of the First Methodist Church, DeRidder, Sunday, Nov. 17, at which time she will share with her fellow-members of the church her many experiences of her recent trip abroad. Rev. Robert H. Jamieson is the pastor.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, presented the Charles Wesley Festival Service at the Varnado Methodist Church on Sunday, Nov. 10. The choir is under the direction of John Hammond. Rev. Stanley Baker is pastor of the Varnado church.

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College, was guest speaker on Tuesday evening, Oct. 29, in the Activities Building of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport. Dr. Mickle spoke on Japan and showed slides made on his recent trip there. Dr. John J. Rasmussen is pastor of the church.

REV. ANGUS L. CARRUTH, pastor of the Tangipahoa Methodist Church, was the guest evangelist in revival services held at the Greensburg Methodist Oct. 27-Nov. 3. The pastor, Rev. James A. Knight, lead the singing. Services were held each evening at 7:30. Homecoming Day was observed at the close of the revival on Sunday, Nov. 3, with dinner served at the noon hour.

REV. W. D. POOLE, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, will preach at the evening worship service of the Tangipahoa Methodist Church on Sunday, Nov. 17. Following the service he will preside over the quarterly conference session for the charge. Rev. Angus L. Carruth is pastor of the Tangipahoa-Pine Ridge charge.

REV. J. C. SKINNER, pastor of the Montgomery Methodist Church, was guest evangelist in revival services held at the Kinder Methodist Church Nov. 4-10. The pastor, Rev. Raymond M. Crofoot, was in charge of the song service for the series of services. Morning devotions were held Wednesday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. with refreshments following the services. Evening worship services were held at 7:30.

REV. JOHN F. KILPATRICK, pastor of the Pineville Methodist Church, was guest evangelist in revival services held at the Memorial Methodist Church, Bastrop, Nov. 3-8. Rev. George Ross, pastor of the Caddo Heights Meth-

odist Church, Shreveport, was in charge of the song service. During the week services were held at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. daily. Rev. Brady B. Forman is pastor of the church.

THE RINGGOLD METHODIST Church has just appointed a Building Committee of eight people to develop plans for the building of a new church and educational building. The committee is composed of Jap Crump, Charles Mc-Lemore, Bob Mitchell, W. A. Givens, F. S. Rodziowski, Mrs. J. T. Noles, Mrs. E. B. Gillon and Mrs. George Thomas. Rev. Roy Grant is pastor of the church.

DR. BENTLEY SLOANE, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Louisiana Conference, was guest speaker at the Summer Grove Methodist Church Sunday evening, Oct. 27. Dr. Sloane used as his subject, "Lands and Peoples of the Bible," and discussed the present relations between the Arab world and the state of Israel established by the Jews in 1947 under authority of the United Nations. He used colored slides to illustrate his talk. Rev. Tom Lancaster is pastor of the church.

A REPORT received from Rev. D. F. Anders, pastor of the Claiborne Methodist Church, shows progress in each phase of the Church Program, and especially in the Youth Division and the W.S.C.S. Mrs. Anders has been in St. Frances Hospital in Monroe, Room 567, for approximately two months. The Rev. Mr. Anders wishes to take this means to thank their friends for the many kindnesses shown during her illness, and gives us the good word that she is holding her own. He also states that bids have been let for an Educational Building at the church, and that in spite of the flu there has been good attendance at the church services.

THE FORMATION of Bossier Parish's 27th Scout Unit was completed at a meeting held Wednesday night, Oct. 23. This Scout Troop is composed of five new scouts. The adults who will be working with this new Troop No. 201 are Rev. Fred O. Shirley, Institutional representative; Lawrence Meyers, chairman of Troop committee; Albert Thornborrow and George Kemper, Jr., committeemen. The Scoutmaster of the new Troop is James McKenzie. With the formation of this troop, the Barksdale Methodist Church, of which the Rev. Mr. Shirley is pastor, is embarking on a plan of scout organization that will include the organization of additional scout units in the future.

CA. CONNAUGHTON, Shreveport, and a member of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, was the speaker for the Layman's Day service at the Davidson Memorial Methodist Church, Lafayette. Mr. Connaughton is active in church and civic affairs in Shreveport, and has just completed a term as president of the Louisiana Life Underwriters Assn. The church lay leader, J. J. Davidson, Jr., made the arrangements for the Layman's Day services. Roy Jones and James A. Richardson, two laymen of the Davidson Memorial Church, spoke at the evening service. Other laymen who participated in the services were R. C. Harper, B. R. Falconer, C. C. Barnes and A. E. Hartiens. Rev. J. Woodrow Hearn is pastor of the church.

REV. EMERSON WESLEY SMITH of West Newbury, Mass. has been elected associate secretary of The Methodist Church's Board of Social and Economic Relations, it was announced Oct. 29 by the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, Chicago, general secretary. The 39-year-old minister has served for the past six years as chaplain of industrial relations for the Boston Area of The Methodist Church. He was the first clergyman in American Protestantism to be appointed to such a post. Mr. Smith will begin his full duties in his new position next May at the board's national headquarters, 740 Rush Street, Chicago. In the meantime, he will be serving the national board to whatever extent his commitments in New England permit.

CHURCHES serving areas east of Baton Rouge will unite in the second annual community

Thanksgiving Service. The service is set for 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Irvin Cheney, pastor of the Broadmoor Baptist Church. The choir of the Broadmoor Presbyterian Church will provide special music for the service. The special offering will be given to CROP, an agency of Church World Service, which provides food from American surplus to hungry peoples of the world. Churches participating in the service are: St. Luke's Episcopal, United Lutheran, Broadmoor Baptist, Broadmoor Presbyterian, and the host church, Broadmoor Methodist, where Rev. J. P. Woodland is pastor.

LOCAL LAYMEN of the Hodge Methodist Church conducted the Laymen's Day services, with the pastor, Rev. G. A. Morgan sitting in the pew. B. E. Hathaway, Church School superintendent, presided; Mrs. E. M. Collins led in the opening prayer; W. C. Rasbury, chairman of the Official Board, read the Scripture; E. M. Collins and W. N. Heflin were ushers; W. H. Buford, lay leader, and Noel E. Rasbury, chairman of the committee on membership and evangelism, were the speakers; the Youth choir sang the anthem; and Albert G. Wilson gave the benediction. On Sunday, Oct. 27, the Rev. Mr. Morgan spoke on the subject, "The Why of the Sunday School," and led in the dedication of the new addition to the educational building at the close of the service.

LAYMAN'S DAY services have been observed in all four churches on the White's Chapel Charge. R. L. Luther of the Ville Platte Methodist Church, spoke in his home church using the subject, "My Father's Business." Kent Thompson, Chicot, spoke in the White's Chapel Methodist Church, using the subject, "Loyalty." Mrs. Willie Campbell, of White's Chapel, spoke in the Chicot Methodist Church on "Love." Miss Elsie Warlick, Ville Platte, spoke at the Pine Prairie Methodist Church on "Witnessing for Christ." According to a report received, each layman gave a most inspiring and helpful message, which was enjoyed and appreciated by all who heard them. All four of the laymen speakers are members of the churches on the White's Chapel Charge, where Mrs. Lelia Hickman is pastor.

RECENT ACTIVITIES at the Chatham Methodist Church include the observance of Layman's Day at the morning worship service on Sunday, Oct. 20. J. M. McCauley was the speaker. Mr. McCauley is in charge of the youth program of the church. Members of the church gave the parsonage family a "pounding" on Nov. 1. Many gifts and a good supply of groceries were received. New furniture for the parsonage was purchased recently, and the outside of the parsonage has been repainted. A planning committee has been set up by the Quarterly Conference to make a study of the building needs of the church in regard to an educational building. The building, when completed, will complete the building program at Chatham. The sanctuary was completed in 1945 and the parsonage was built in 1950. This part of the building program was carried out under the pastorate of Rev. J. T. Garrett. Rev. R. F. DeBusk, Jr., is the present pastor.

A LAYMAN'S DAY was observed in both churches on the Tangipahoa-Pine Ridge Charge on Sunday, Nov. 3. Edwin C. Schilling, Jr. was the speaker at the Pine Ridge church. The worship service was under the direction of Hugh D. Young. Judge Horace Reid spoke at the Tangipahoa evening service, and T. C. Lanier was in charge of this service. The observance of Layman's Day inaugurated the Lay Associate Minister program at Tangipahoa. The plan is for a layman to serve as lay associate minister for a period of one month, and is designed to assist various laymen in becoming better acquainted with the program and organization of the church. T. C. Lanier, charge lay leader, will serve for the month of November. He will preside at each service during the month, assuming responsibility for the entire service with the exception of pastoral prayer and sermon. In addition to rendering other services to the church during the month he will engage in private practices of study and worship. Rev. Angus L. Carruth is pastor of the church.

A Hymn of Thanksgiving



Korean Farmer Plowing In Rice Paddy

I thank thee, Lord, for golden grain in store,
For food and shelter 'gainst the winter's roar:
But let me never mark my thanks complete
While any man in hunger walks my street.
I thank thee, Lord, for chapel, school, and home,
Those sacred ties from which at pain we roam:
But may I never rest content while child
Of thine is wandering, lonely, down the wild.
I thank thee, Lord, for generous love and care,
For beauty, hope, and knowledge thou dost share:
O let my thanks in double portion rise
And lift my brother's vision to the skies.
I thank thee, Lord, that peace enfolds the land,
Our youth not sacrificed to war's demand:
But let there be no quitting rest for me
While yet one brother struggles to be free.
I thank thee, Lord, that Christ has shown thy Way,
That he has given hope for better day:
O may my gratitude, in deeds expressed,
Be writ in neighbor lives to thee confessed. — W. W. R.

CHURCH NOW NEEDS 622 NEW MISSIONARIES

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Health—Good physical and mental health is necessary since the work is difficult and exacting. A thorough physical examination under the direction of the medical secretary of the Board is required. A psychological examination is also given.

Education—College graduation is required of all missionaries. For such specialized work as college and theological school teaching or medicine, graduate or professional degrees are required.

Experience—At least one year of successful experience in work similar to that which one will be assigned. This is not required for special-term service.

Church Membership—It is the policy of the Board to appoint as missionaries persons who are members of the Methodist Church. Some exceptions are made, especially in the case of special termers.

Quality of Work—There must be a better than average record in scholarship and practical achievement. The missionary should be characterized by intellectual alertness, the ability to get things done and the ability to work with all types of persons.

A summary of 1958 personnel needs in both the home and overseas fields follows. Persons wishing to obtain a detailed listing of

openings or interested in any phase of missionary service may write: Office of Missionary Personnel, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

The needs in the home mission field are for home missionaries to serve under the Division of National Missions and for deaconesses and home missionaries (men) to serve under the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The Division of National Missions needs about 15 pastors (home missionaries) for Methodist churches in Alaska and Hawaii.

The Woman's Division is seeking 50 deaconesses and home missionaries for career service in home fields and 50 "U. S.-2's" for special-term service. Both types of workers will serve in hospitals, children's homes, community centers, town and country work, women's residence halls and mission schools in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Vocational openings include teaching, case and group social work, nursing, community center administration, Christian education, dietetics and recreational leadership.

The 54 overseas openings include 497 vacancies for regular career missionaries and 50 special-term workers (3's). Couples and single men will serve under the Division of World Missions and single women under the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the

RUSTON DISTRICT MINISTERS HOLD RETREAT

The Ruston District's Ministers' Retreat was held at Caney Lake Camp, Oct. 1-2. The meeting opened with a devotional by the district superintendent, the Rev. Luman Douglas, Tuesday morning at 10:15 a.m. A luncheon Wednesday was the closing event.

Leaders for the various sessions included the following: the Revs. Don Risinger, Ladelle Futch, George Goodwin, Henry Blount, Roy Grant, George Dameron, George York, Hardy Carroll, Jack Shaw, Bill Debusk, Jolly Harper, Frank Collins, G. A. Morgan, Bob Peyton, Abe Conerly, Jack Midyett, Dan Robinson, Rupert Coles, and Roland Friedrich. The Rev. Bob Carter was registrar, and the Rev. Paul Cassels, song leader.

CENTENARY COLLEGE NEWS

The Centenary College Choir, directed by Dr. A. C. Voran, presented its first full-length out-of-town concert of the current season Monday evening in Jonesboro under sponsorship of the First Methodist Church of Jonesboro.

Six cheerleaders have been elected by students of Centenary College to serve during the 1957-58 basketball season of the Centenary Gents. They are Keith Simons, Jen Houchin and Jeanne Kelso, all of Shreveport; Mary Beth Comar, Bossier City; William E. Dupre, Welch, and Billy Lee Derrick, Many.

The Rev. R. Leonard Cooke, vice-president of Centenary College, preached at the 11 a.m. services Sunday at the Southside Methodist Church in Monroe. The Rev. Lee Joyner is pastor of the church.

The Rev. R. Leonard Cooke, vice-president of Centenary College, represented the college at the Lafayette district meeting Tuesday in Houma and at the Lake Charles district conference in Lake Charles yesterday. Today he is giving a Centenary progress report at the Shreveport district conference at First Methodist Church in Plain Dealing. Next week, the Rev. Mr. Cooke will attend the following district conferences: Tuesday, Monroe district, First Methodist Church, Gilbert; Wednesday, Ruston district, First Methodist Church, Minden, and Thursday, Alexandria district, First Methodist Church, Oakdale.

Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The overseas openings include the following vocational totals: Church and social work—148; agricultural and home economics—8; business and secretarial—10; medical—64, including 20 doctors, 32 nurses, 2 dentists and 10 other medical workers; educational—267, including 27 in education administration, 23 in theological school teaching, 46 in college teaching, 11 in teacher training, 7 in specialties (literacy-literature, audio-visual, etc.), 6 in adult education, 102 in secondary education and 45 in elementary education.

Countries for which openings are

Oil City Methodist Men Organize

A Methodist Men's Club was organized Wednesday evening, October 16, at the Oil City Methodist Church.

Dr. Jack Newton was elected president of the group, J. D. Thaker, vice-president and program chairman, and Loyd McKenzie, secretary and treasurer. Plans called for the group to meet every third Wednesday night of each month. The Oil City Woman's Society will serve the evening meal for the meetings. The November meeting is scheduled for November 20. Rev. L. M. Sawyer is the Oil City pastor.

Other recent activities among Oil City Methodists include a weekly prayer service which is held each Wednesday evening. Also, training classes for members of the church are being held on Thursday evenings. The senior young people's class meets at 6 p.m. and the junior class at 7 p.m.

Laymen's Day speaker at the Oil City Church was the lay leader of the church, J. D. Thaker.

Center Point Methodists Meet

The Center Point Methodist Church held quarterly conference Sunday, September 29. The morning sermon was preached by the Rev. Luman Douglas.

A Basket lunch and fellowship meeting was held at noon, followed by the official conference at 2:00 p.m. Elected to go to the Ruston District Conference to be held in Minden, November 20 were Will Tolar and Keith Tankersley. Alternates are Mrs. Lamar Hathaway, Mrs. I. N. Walsworth, and Mrs. Henry Peevy. David Maxwell was elected as delegate for the MYF, with Faye Hathaway alternate. Rev. J. T. Garrett is pastor of the Center Point Methodist Church. Mrs. R. R. Maxwell is reporter.

BOGALUSA METHODISTS ANNOUNCE LONG RANGE BUILDING PLAN

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would be erected on the site now occupied by the present educational building and parsonage.

The third unit would be a new sanctuary in the approximate location of the present one.

The congregation also approved a recommendation of the church parsonage building committee that a lot on Cedar Road be purchased and that the committee develop a detailed plan for the parsonage.

Approximately \$80,000 was pledged in a building fund campaign two years ago conducted under the leadership of Rev. J. Edward Keith of Dallas, Texas. About \$35,000 of this amount has already been paid in.

Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is the pastor.

listed are: Union of South Africa, Algeria, Tunisia, Angola, Liberia, Belgian Congo, Southern Rhodesia, Austria, Belgium, Pakistan, India, Japan, Korea, Chile, Brazil, Peru, Uruguay, Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Panama, Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Malaya, Burma, Indonesia, Sarawak, Mozambique, Mexico and Singapore.

East German Reds Again Threaten Force Against Youth

Communists in East Germany have tried for years to lure teenage boys and girls away from the Christian churches by urging them to take part in youth dedication ceremonies. The ceremonies are an atheistic counterpart of Christian confirmation and communion.

Spearheaded by Berlin's doughty Bishop Otto Dibelius, church leaders fought the Red efforts, urged Christian parents and young people to shun the rites. The appeal was successful. Reds reported disappointment at the slim response to their youth program.

Frustrated Communists took a new tack last month. Communist Party secretary Walter Ulbricht told a Red youth organization rally at Sonneberg that the dedication rites would soon be made obligatory for all boys and girls "irrespective of the beliefs in which they have been brought up."

Meeting at Hannover, leaders of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany expressed grave concern. A resolution declared that the proposed force would violate the freedom of conscience granted in the East German constitution and create new tension in church-state relations. It recalled that Premier Otto Grotewohl had last December assured the churches that participation in the youth rites was purely voluntary.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Buffalo Island

The Buffalo Island Sub-district met at the Macey, Ark. Methodist Church October 21 at 7:30 P.M. The group met in the sanctuary for a period of fellowship. Michael Powell, president, was in charge of the business session. Caraway won the banner with 797 points. Mrs. Maxine Steele, from Manila, led the program. A panel discussion was conducted on "What is UNICEF?" After the program, refreshments were served. The next Sub-district meeting will be held at Monette. Myra Ashabranner is reporter.

YA Week Observed At Berryville

A Youth Activities Week was held in the First Methodist Church of Berryville, Ark., in early September. Each evening, the mothers served supper to the youth and youth workers. The meal was followed by singing and a film suitable to one of the discussion groups.

Mrs. Herman Remple led the junior high young people in "A Survey of the Bible." The Rev. Pharis Holifield led the senior high group in "Youth Friendships." Recreation was directed by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pharis and Lyle Monger.

Speakers each evening were: Sonny Evans, Tuesday; the Rev. E. W. Faulkner, Wednesday; Rev. J. Leonard Byers, Thursday; and Rev. Mr. Holifield, Friday.

Films were projected by Bigham

New Youth Division Council Officers Named At Noel Mem.

New officers for the Youth Division Council of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, are: Gary Montgomery, president; Bradford Mayo, vice president; Jackie Rosett, secretary. Representative and alternate representative to the Commission on Education will be Johnny Dalton and Cornelia Agurs.

The Youth Division Council is composed of the following: Young People's Department officers—Bradford Mayo, Lynda Scurlock, Nora Bess Stafford, and Cornelia Agurs; Senior High Department officers—Johnny Dalton, Gary Montgomery, Jackie Rosett, and Fane Bussie; Intermediate Department officers—Mary Geraldine Wall, Lide Cooke, Davetta Caghey, and Sandra Townsend.

The Council meets once each quarter, makes a survey of needs of youth, plans for advancement of youth at promotion time, and makes plans for division-wide activities in the Youth Division.

MYF BRIEFS

Bearden

The Bearden, Ark. Methodist Youth Fellowship conducted a canvass for funds for UNICEF Wednesday night, Oct. 30. The group returned to the church for refreshments following the drive. They were served by the pastor, the Rev. Gerald Fincher, his wife, and counselors Mrs. Wallace Tucker and Mrs. Pat Scarlett. During the month, the group is presenting programs in the homes of shut-ins, according to the publicity director, Wendell Tucker.

Ville Platte

The MYF of Ville Platte, La., Methodist Church, assisted by the juniors of the church and Mrs. Malloy, one of their counselors, raised \$42 on Halloween night for UNICEF.

After the drive, they met at the church where they were served refreshments. Games, and Bible quizzes were enjoyed by all. They were directed in the hour of recreation by Mrs. Hickman, and Miss Elsie Warlick.

Ringgold

The MYF of the Ringgold, La., Methodist church conducted the worship service for the Sunday night service, Nov. 10. Miss Melinda Waller was the main speaker and several other youth participated in the service.

According to the report, the MYF group in the church is growing, and has conducted a number of services in the past.

and Roy McClelland. Day activities included a "Youth Round-Up," work around the church, and a swimming party. On Friday morning, members of the group gathered on Saunders' Heights for an early morning devotional led by Edward Pharis. Breakfast was served in the Fellowship Hall by

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Allied Youth Conference To Feature 'Seminars' On Alcohol and Adolescents

Washington, D. C. (AL) — This month some 500 hand-picked high school students from the United States and Nova Scotia will take a "busman's holiday" when they journey to Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania to attend a special school offered by Allied Youth.

The school, the first of its kind ever offered, will feature various seminars designed to answer teenagers' questions on "Alcohol and Adolescents."

Among topics slated for discussion are: Drinking and the Teenage Driver; What Happens When a Teenager Drinks; Alcohol and Community Juvenile Problems; Why Do Teenagers Drink; and Drinking and Dating.

Leading authorities in the field of adolescents and alcohol will act as discussion leaders and resource chairmen.

The teenage delegates, members of Allied Youth Posts in high school and communities from Nova Scotia to Florida and from Maine to California, will represent the more than 20,000 youngsters in the Allied Youth Program of scientific alcohol education for teenagers.

Mr. Raymond C. Lewis, Executive Director for the 26 year old organization, revealed in a special interview that Allied Youth has been collecting, correlating and processing materials on phases of the alcohol question about which the teenagers have evinced an interest. Mr. Lewis estimated that some 5,000 sources of information have already been tapped.

In addition to their use in the Buck Hill Falls, "seminars," the materials resulting from the survey will appear in the forthcoming series of *Alcofax* which will be made available to the members of the Allied Youth program and to other interested teenagers and adults. The first in the series, "Alcohol in Brief" will appear at the end of this month.

Operating on the principle that alcohol and teenagers need not mix, Allied Youth also offers a program of "Fun Without Drinking" for the younger set in addition to its alcohol education program.

Members are also encouraged to participate in community activities leading towards responsible citizenship. During the past year, AYers assisted in polio drives, city clean-up campaigns, baby-sat for voters, collected stamps for hospitalized veterans and conducted Religious Emphasis Weeks in their communities.

Allied Youth, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., is non-sectarian, non-political and non-profit.

getting in and putting a shoulder to the organizational wheel. They always know the answer when the exam is over and the papers handed in. They know what kind of party the Fellowship Committee should have planned, but they never get in on the heavy work ahead of time. They can pick flaws in projects, holes in program plans, and gaps in whatever is going on—but always after the train has gone by.

There must be some kind of reserved section for this group in heaven—I hope it's way out beyond the left field bleachers where they cannot be seen or heard!

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

GRANDSTAND QUARTERBACKS

Now that the football season is approaching its deserved climax, and modern man's answer to the Roman gladiatorial games is whirling along to its dervish end, it may be in order to sound off on how I feel about folks we always seem to have with us—football season and otherwise.

What I mean to say is that I am just about fed up with grandstand quarterbacks! You know the guys—they sit up in the stadium and tell the coach how he should have done on that last play or in that last game or during the entire season. They have the answers and if he had only known the right questions and asked them early enough, these side-line second-guessers would have saved the day—to hear them state it, anyway. They loudly tell those within gunshot how that young quarterback should have done it on the play that didn't quite jell. It sounds easy to hear them describe the procedure. But unfortunately they were on the sidelines and it didn't get done properly.

So happens in our MYF this year we have two key players in our high school football picture along with the coach. They all report an abundance on Monday morning advice on how they should have done it. One of our players is the captain and half-back and the other is the quarterback. They surely wish the grandstand boys could help them out sometimes—at the time when the going is rough and the decision is being made! But these sidewalk superintendents of the gridiron are only around when the dust has settled and the gun fired to end the game. Then their post-mortem advice begins. Frankly, I think our boys would just as soon they shared their gloomy comments with someone else!

There seems no way that one can use this vast resource of counsel and advice at a time when it really counts. The fellow who thought up the idea of "Sidewalk Superintendent" peep-holes on construction jobs was trying to get pedestrians and other advisers out of his hair. They tell me that many valuable suggestions have been received and acted on from the construction laymen who had a bright idea how work could be improved, speeded up, or what have you. But that doesn't help after the game's over!

The Church and church organizations have their share of these post mortem dealers. They can stand off and tell the preacher how the church should be run. They can sit on the MYF sidelines and criticize in a caustic way without ever once



Louisiana Conference Plans Workshop On Promotion

The Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold a Workshop on Promotion at the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, November 20-22 under the direction of Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Monroe, Vice-President.

Registration will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, and the meeting will adjourn at 2 p.m. Thursday. Members of the team who will lead and who attended the Regional Workshop at Aldersgate in October are: Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader, New Orleans, President; Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Jurisdiction secretary of promotion, Shreveport; and Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild.

The purpose of the Workshop is to improve techniques of promotion of the purposes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Delegates from the districts to this meeting will be the following officers of the districts: president, vice-president, secretary of promotion and secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild.

Those attending will be as follows: Alexandria District: Mrs. C. C. Dethloff, Mrs. B. E. Thibodeaux, Mrs. Kathleen Waggoner and Mrs. Louise Roberts; Baton Rouge District: Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke, Mrs. L. G. Raub, Mrs. A. O. Buckingham, and Miss Mary Lucille Napier; Lafayette District: Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Mrs. M. Eloi Girard, Mrs. Kenneth Trumps, and Miss Marilyn Carter; Lake Charles District: Mrs. Robert Compton, Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Mrs. L. H. Cashen, and Mrs. E. D. Sweeney; Monroe District: Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Mrs. R. E. Goode, Mrs. A. H. Harper and Mrs. T. D. Guthrie; New Orleans District: Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, Mrs. Max L. Clayton, Mrs. Carl Gallaher and Miss Mildred Evans; Ruston District: Mrs. R. S. Wynn, Mrs. Leslie Hamner, Mrs. Zollie Meadows and Miss Sue Batten; Shreveport District: Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Mrs. W. D. Snelling and Miss Arline Tyler.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

The director of United Church Women, Mrs. William M. MacLeod, has announced that a grant of \$20,000 to that organization would be used to give religious and civic leaders a chance to sit down together and speak "freely and frankly" on controversial problems. This year's grant is double the amount of a similar grant awarded last year, which helped establish 24 workshops on "How to Deal With Controversy" in states from North Dakota to Florida. "Church and civic leaders in communities where there are workshops have reported a warm response and a new awareness of the problems of people in minority groups," Mrs. MacLeod said.



Planning the Workshop on Promotion for the Louisiana Conference are, left to right: Mrs. Minza Rabun, Bastrop, Mrs. C. N. Cadwallader, New Orleans, and Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Monroe, chairman of the Workshop.

Guild To Be Represented At Pilot Group

Mrs. Hazel Dabney, secretary of the Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, announces that the Little Rock Conference will have two representatives at the Wesleyan Service Guild Pilot Group meeting at Dallas, Texas, November 16-17. They are: Mrs. Edwin McKenzie, president of the Fairview Guild, Camden, and Mrs. Christia Hendricks, Asbury Church, Little Rock.

Executive Committee Meeting, Pine Bluff District

The Executive Committee of the Pine Bluff District Woman's Society of Christian Service met in regular session in the Grady Methodist Church on Tuesday, Nov. 7th with ten members attending. Mrs. A. R. Merritt, District President, presided over the meeting, with Mrs. Glenn Lovett, president of the local society as hostess for the day. Reports were heard from each officer and the following given on work done since the last meeting of the Committee, in September.

1. A Prayer Retreat held in Grand Avenue Church, Stuttgart, attended by forty-five women from over the district, led by Mrs. Curtis Williams, was reported by Mrs. Vernon Chalfant, District Sec'y., Spiritual Life.

2. A Mission Institute held also in Grand Avenue Church, Stuttgart, on Oct. 8th, presenting all Missionary materials for Youth and Children in cooperation with the Board of Education. Seventy-five women attended which included, Sunday School teachers, Counselors of M.Y.F. groups, other adult workers with children and youth, and secretaries of children and youth of the Woman's Society. Mrs. Williams Hargrove, Mrs. Sara Snuggs, Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Mrs. Theda Bell Patton, led the groups

Week of Prayer Observances Reported Logansport Guild

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Logansport Church observed Week of Prayer on October 30. The members met at the church for a breakfast prepared by Mesdames H. C. Price, Fred Coday and A. D. McGlathery.

After breakfast, all went to the chapel for a program of prayer and meditation led by Mrs. Sybil S. Hale and Mrs. Viola Caraway. An offering of \$9.00 was received.

Ringgold

Discussing the projects which were to benefit from this year's Week of Prayer and Self Denial at the Ringgold Woman's Society of Christian Service on October 29 were Mesdames Roy Grant, C. J. Frye, Raphael Bloch, Bill Lockerman, L. D. Kinard, and E. C. Huggins. The entire program was directed by Mrs. E. S. Woodward, who gave a devotional on "Life, A Mirror."

During the luncheon hour, Adult Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. Roy Grant, Mrs. Roger Lawson, Mrs. Laura Martin, Mrs. Clarence Williams and Mrs. Bill Lockerman.

in each Division; representing the Woman's Society and Board of Education.

New business included:

1. Mrs. Tommy Shell, 2103 W. 32nd, Pine Bluff, was elected Vice President of District to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Everette Patton.

2. Mrs. A. R. Merritt, was elected the delegate to the Assembly to be held in St. Louis in 1958 and Mrs. Shell, the Reserve Delegate.

3. The racial Policy and Charter of the Division was read by Mrs. T. S. Lovett, and one new District

Literature Secretaries To Visit Headquarters

The Conference secretaries of Literature and Publications will visit Cincinnati November 20-22 as the guests of Literature Headquarters. While there they will be in conference with editors of materials for the Woman's Division of Christian Service and will see publication processes for these materials.

Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Russellville, Jurisdiction secretary of Literature and Publication, announces that those attending from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area will be Mrs. Wideman Watson, Homer, Louisiana; Mrs. Murray B. McLeod, Little Rock, and Mrs. S. B. Wilford, Forrest City.

First Church Little Rock Holds Harvest Day

The third Annual Harvest Ingathering was held at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on November 4 under the leadership of Mrs. Carroll Nordean, with over two hundred members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in attendance.

A worship Service in the sanctuary was in the form of a history of Harvest written by Mrs. Nordean with Mrs. Duane Brothers as the Reader. Harvest Characters depicted in costume were: Egyptian, Mrs. John Forgy; Jewish Festival, Mrs. Murray B. McLeod; Pilgrim, Mrs. Julian Smith; and 1864 United States woman, Mrs. C. C. Collie, Jr.

Mrs. Taylor Wilkes sang "Thanks Be To God" accompanied at the organ by John Summers, who also played the organ meditation preceding the service and the postlude.

The presentation of an offering of almost eight hundred dollars was made at the altar by the sixteen circle chairmen as the group sang the Doxology. Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor, gave the prayer of thanksgiving and dedication.

The luncheon was highlighted by the decoration of the sixteen large tables representing sixteen of the countries in which the Woman's Division of Christian Service has projects. Representatives from each circle explained the projects. Mrs. George Millar, Jr., vice-president, presided, and the Vocal Blessing was given by Mrs. Chas. Rigano, Mrs. T. D. Wilkes, Mrs. Robert Gannaway, Mrs. Bruce Ellis, Mrs. E. S. Dudley and Miss Mary Ward accompanied by Mr. Summers.

Mrs. Marion H. Monk, chairman of the Harvest Ingathering, gave the benediction.

member was reported by Mrs. Ralph Sallee.

4. Plans were set up for the Workshop to be held at Lakeside, Pine Bluff, on Nov. 14th for the following officers; Presidents; Vice Presidents; Secretaries of Promotion and Treasurers.

Closing Worship period led by Mrs. Chalfant.

A Child-Like Faith In God

By BEN GRAVES

MANY people, in preparing a talk, and certainly this includes myself, go through three agonizing stages. Although I have never coached a football team, I imagine these stages are very similar to those that Coach Dietzel experiences in trying to plan his strategy before a tough ball game.

First is the period of rambling and uncontrolled thinking. The second is the stage of desperation, where you conclude that no idea or plan makes sense. And the third is the stage of crystallization where an idea finally is conceived out of this motley collection of nothings. I suspect Coach Dietzel has had night mares in about the same sequence.

I was in this second stage of desperation one night recently when, by chance, I walked from my bedroom where I had been reading, into the family room where our three children were glued to TV. Immediately I realized that they were watching the TV adaptation of that famous stage play, "The Green Pastures."

Those of you who did not see this show probably will recall that the play was based on Roark Bradford's book "Ole Man Adam and His Chillun." Bradford spent much of his life in Louisiana, and he learned to love and understand his Negro neighbors on a plantation near Natchitoches, which formed the setting for "Ole Man Adam" and many other of his stories. Bradford admired the Negroes' child-like faith in God and the success with which they translated the story of the Creation and other stirring Old Testament events into stories about men and women like themselves.

I quickly became absorbed in this powerful drama and so did the children; and there we sat for an hour and a half. Some critics have since called that production television's finest hour, and I, for one, certainly agreed.

Need Of A Childhood Faith

The thought occurred to me, as I sat there, that perhaps what we Methodists need most of all in these hectic and sophisticated years is a rekindling of our own childhood faith in God. While I watched this beautiful but simple story of Old Testament history unfold on the TV screen, I drifted back in my own memories to the days when I used to sit on my grandmother's lap while she recited the trials and tribulations of her earlier years, and especially those as a child during the Civil War and post-war period. These stories would always end with my asking the question, "Grandmother, how did you live through it?" Invariably, her answer would be, "Faith, my child, faith." And always she would try to illustrate her point with a simple story drawn from the Bible.

After I watched the television play, the other prospective subjects rolling around in my mind—such as the immediate problems of the home, the church, the community, the state, the nation—and even the LSU football team—seemed to take a back seat in the recesses of my brain and become superfluous. And, so, my idea was born.

For the next few minutes, then, I would like to discuss with you the subject upon which I settled: "A Child-like Faith in God."

Methodist Doctrine Emphasizes The Personal

In comparing the beliefs of Methodists with those of other Christian religions, ministers often say that Methodism is a doctrine of the individual and his personal faith. As John Wesley put it, "ours is a heart strangely warmed." By contrast, Calvinism is often termed a doctrine of God, and Roman Catholicism is frequently called a doctrine of the church.

The deep faith and the personal religious experiences of John and Charles Wesley and

their followers in the midst of the degradation and misery of eighteenth century England led them to forsake ministerial assignments in their native Anglican Church. John and Charles Wesley's father was an Anglican rector and their mother was the daughter of a minister. So, we know that it must have been with deep regret but complete conviction that their sons set out on a separate course. But the younger Wesleys always retained an open mind on church denominations and never felt that any church, including the Methodist, offered the only road to salvation.

They did believe, though, that too great a gap existed between the clergy of the Church of England on the one hand and the individual member on the other. We recall how the early pioneers of Methodism in America became known as "circuit riders" and how they preached in any spot where a congregation could be assembled. Carrying his creed of individual faith and personal religious experience, John Wesley is said to have ridden 250,000 miles—mostly on horseback, and preached an average of three sermons a day for 50 years.

Personal Faith Brought To America

A testament to the success of these circuit riders is the fact that today Methodism is the largest Protestant denomination in the United States, with more than 9 million members.

Many of our Methodist forefathers in North America, then, must have felt their hearts also strangely warmed and they, too, must have developed a personal faith that gave meaning and purpose to human life.

If we Methodists today really have a personal faith in God and apply the consequences of this faith to our daily lives, it seems to me that many of our other problems would tend to melt away.

To qualify this statement, I do not mean a general and vague sort of belief in God. I mean a simple, unquestioning faith—like the children in "The Green Pastures"—like the little boy out walking with his father on a dark night who slips his hand into his father's palm and trots fearlessly along.

—Like the psalmist David, who said,

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

—Like George Washington who, on his deathbed, said to his doctor,

"Do not flatter me with vain hopes. I am not afraid to die."

In fact, the perfect definition of the type of faith I am talking about is found in the 11th Chapter of Paul's letter to the Hebrews, from which our text today is taken:

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

When we try to fathom the deepest mysteries of life, there comes a point when the human mind can take us no further. For example, no scientist has been able to answer successfully the little girl's question to her mother, "Where was I when I wasn't?"; nor has anyone yet explained all the miraculous workings of the human body, nor all the wonders of the universe—no, not even of Sputnik. It is simple faith that comes to our rescue in critical situations and carries us from the darkness of doubt to the sunlight of certainty.

It was this simple faith that led to the first settlements and finally to the astounding development of America. Let us remember that down through the ages, faith in God has been an all-powerful force in the lives of men.

Faith In God Is Fundamental

Let us remember, too, that all of the great and lasting movements of civilization have been

founded upon, and dedicated to Faith in God.

Most of the world's two billion people have a firm faith in the existence of a Supreme Power. Where that faith does not exist, or where it is being subjugated, we find the great threats to the continuance of civilization as we know it. Throughout history, however, Faith in God has persisted and has survived the efforts of dictators, prejudice and tyrants to wipe it out. All of us hope and many of us believe that history will repeat itself in the present world struggle between those who believe in, and those who deny, the existence of a God.

In the United States, recognition of a Supreme Power and dependence upon that Power for guidance is contained in the Declaration of Independence and in our state and national constitutions.

So strong was their faith in God that our forefathers caused to be stamped on our coins the words "In God We Trust." A few days ago we issued our first one dollar bills with this inscription. At that time, one critic of the cheap dollar said that since man no longer was able to stabilize the value of the dollar, we now were asking for God's help.

In all of our official ceremonies, in our courts, in the ranking of flags; recognition of God takes precedence over other matters of business.

What About Our Faith

But what about you and me? Is ours a simple and abiding faith? The greater our faith in God, the greater will be our faith in ourselves and in our fellow man. No one can really succeed without abundant faith and confidence in himself. So long as a man has faith in his ability, he is never licked.

With faith in ourselves, our fellow men and God, our individual horizons and those of our church are unlimited. Without faith, our personal existence and that of Methodism become meaningless.

Some years ago, a prominent historian predicted that every nation will pass through the following phases:

From bondage to spiritual faith
From spiritual faith to courage
From courage to freedom
From freedom to some measure of physical abundance
From abundance to selfishness
From selfishness to complacency
From complacency to apathy
From apathy to fear
From fear to dependency
From dependency back to bondage.

Whether this prediction is right or wrong when applied to all nations is questionable, but certainly there seems to be an amazing parallel between the history of the United States and these predicted stages. It is impossible to say just where we are in the cycle at the moment, but it seems reasonable to conclude that we are between "some measure of physical abundance" and "apathy." In any event, it would appear that we are once again much too close to bondage to be comfortable.

Rekindling Of The Faith

Fortunately, there is some evidence that we may be rekindling religious faith in America. Records show ever-increasing numbers of church members—55 per cent today compared to only 20 per cent 70 years ago. Also, the Billy Graham crusade in New York recently indicated that there is an interest in religion even in the most hardened areas of apathy.

The growth of our own church and its church school is little short of amazing. The real question, though, is this: Is our renewed growth the result of shallow beliefs and popular pressures, or is it the result of a deep and abiding faith?

The kind of faith we surely need is aptly described in a verse of a beautiful old hymn which says,

*Faith of our fathers; faith and prayer
Shall keep our country true to Thee;
And through the truth that comes from God,
Our land shall then be free.*

Yes, we Methodists not only should believe, but we must believe that Faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life. With faith, our hearts, like John Wesley, and like the children in "The Green Pastures," may, too, be strangely warmed.

Why We Baptize Infants

By J. B. Green

THE question is important, and our people, in most cases, do not know the answer.

Why We Baptize Infants:

I. A four-fold answer.

1) We baptize infants as a sign of their right. A regulative principle of Presbyterianism is a doctrine of the covenants. The Scriptures speak of two covenants of God on behalf of mankind. The first is called the covenant of works. The second is called the covenant of grace. All believers in Christ are members of this second covenant. The children of believing parents are born within the covenant. The sign of that covenant in the New Testament is baptism. Being by birth members of the covenant of grace, infants have a right to receive the sign of that covenant. Baptism does not introduce them into membership in the covenant, but is a recognition of their membership in the covenant.

2) We baptize infants as a sign of their need. Infant children have need of cleansing, and baptism is a sign of cleansing. Every infant born into the world by ordinary generation is a member of a sinful and lost race. It is infected by what is called original sin. Original sin is sin we are born to; it is not sin which we have personally committed, but sin which we inherited by virtue of our connection with a sinful race. Every infant, therefore, needs cleansing. An infant is baptized as a sign of its need of purification.

Presbyterians do not believe that baptism is essential to salvation. We do not believe that unbaptized infants dying in infancy are lost. The infinite merit of Christ covers their sin.

3) We baptize infants as a sign of God's covenant promise.

The great promise of the covenant is that of pardon and purification. Pardon takes away the guilt of sin, purification removes the stain, the defilement of sin.

4) We baptize infants as the seal of God's covenant blessing. A seal on a document is a guarantee of its authenticity. God's appointed seal of the covenant of grace is a guarantee, or pledge, that he will fulfill his promise in connection with the covenant. And the promise is that of forgiveness and acceptance into favor and fellowship.

II. *A Defense of the Practice from History and Scripture.*

All churches that baptize by immersion regard infants as improper subjects of baptism.* Why? For two reasons: First, their mode is unsuitable. But the main reason is, they say, there is in the New Testament no authority for baptizing infants. They separate the New Testament from the Old, their appeal is to the New Testament alone. Our appeal is to the whole Bible. The whole Bible is the Christian's authority. No one has the right to separate the two Testaments, they belong together. The roots of the New Testament are in the Old; the fruits of the Old Testament are in the New. What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. In the days of Christ and the Apostles the Old Testament was the Bible, the only Bible. It was years after Pentecost, which was the birthday of the Christian Church, before the Scriptures of the New Testament were written. It was years later still before the books of the New Testament were assembled and regarded as authorized Scriptures of God.

All churches that baptize by sprinkling regard infants as proper subjects of baptism. Why? For two reasons: Their mode is suitable; but the main reason is that it is according to Scripture.

The Church of God is one; one Church in two dispensations. The Christian Church is an outgrowth of the Jewish Church. The Jewish Church was the Church of God in that day. The following three proofs will suffice to establish the point:

REPRINTS AVAILABLE

This article "Why We Baptize Infants" is available in tract form. This article, as well as another by Dr. J. B. Green, "Why We Baptize By Sprinkling," was originally published in the Southern Presbyterian Journal. This article on Infant Baptism is available in tract form at \$2 per hundred, postpaid. The tract, "Why We Baptize By Sprinkling," is available at \$1 a dozen or \$6 a hundred, postpaid. Tracts may be ordered from the Southern Presbyterian Journal, Weaverville, N. C.

1) Christians are children of Abraham. Paul says in Galatians 3:7, "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham." Abraham is called the father of the faithful. That is, the father of all believers. In Roman 4:16-17, the Apostle says, Abraham is the father of us all, as it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations.

2) Jesus declared that many shall come from the East and the West, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 8:11) Sit down where? Sit down at the banquet table of the Lord in the completed Kingdom of God. Those that come from the East and the West and sit down with the Jews are Gentiles, so Jews and Gentiles, now Christians, constitute one family, of which Abraham is the human head.

3) Paul's figure of the olive tree.

In Romans, 11th chapter, Paul uses the olive tree to represent the ancient people of God. He teaches that the unbelieving Jews were broken off of the tree, and the believing Gentiles are grafted into that tree. So, the ancient people of God, which were Jews, and the new people of God, which were Gentiles constitute one tree.

These points of teaching are sufficient proof that the Church of God is one. Well, infants were members of the Church in the Jewish dispensation. The rite by which infants were recognized or admitted as members, was not baptism, but circumcision. Why? For two reasons: First, circumcision was a bloody rite. Baptism is a bloodless rite. Since Christ's death, since the blood of the Lamb of God was shed, no blood has been lawfully used in the worship of God. The second reason why baptism was substituted for circumcision is that it is applicable to both sexes. In the nature of the case, circumcision was applicable only to male children.

Colossians 2:11 shows that baptism is the equivalent of circumcision, "In whom (Christ) also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." There the Apostle is writing to Gentiles, and says that they have been circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, and the circumcision referred to is baptism with water.

Those who oppose infant baptism say that it is a foolish custom. The infant knows not what is done to it or for it, and receives no blessing from it. Does it occur to them that their criticism applies with equal force to the custom of circumcision? The infant was circumcised at the age of 8 days. It did not know what was done for it, nor why it was done. God appointed the rite. Did God do a foolish thing? Better be careful how you charge the Allwise with foolishness. Jesus was circumcised at the age of 8 days, in

fulfillment of the Law. Do you want to follow Christ in this matter?

Those who oppose infant baptism say that the New Testament says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." The infant cannot believe, therefore, the infant should not be baptized. It was true in the Old Testament that infants could not believe, yet infants were circumcised. People then were saved by faith the same as now. Any Gentile coming into the Jewish Church was circumcised on the basis of his faith in, and acceptance of, the God of the Jews. And his children went in with him, having been circumcised.

Children then were circumcised on the basis of their parents' faith. Children now are baptized on the basis of their parents' faith. Parents then, parents now, represent their children and act for them. That was right then, and that is right now; not only right, but necessary. Small children cannot act for themselves in the matter of the State, in the matter of the Church. "The choice of the parent is the destiny of the child." The status of the child in the state is that of the parents; the status of the child in the church is that of the parents.

You now see why there is no "thus sayeth the Lord" in the New Testament for infant baptism. No such word is needed. Children had always been in the church. In the absence of any word to the contrary, it would be understood that infant children are still members of the church. Let our opponents produce a "thus sayeth the Lord" for not including children in the membership of the church. The burden of proof is on them, not on us.

They say the child receives no benefit from the administration of the rite of baptism. How do they know? Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God." And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them and blessed them. Was Jesus' blessing on the heads of little children no more than the blessing of a minister today on the heads of little children? I believe, and say to you, that the child whom Jesus blessed was really blessed.

The blessing of baptism may not be tied to the moment of its administration. An Englishman, Gardner by name, a sea-going man, was converted by remembering a sermon which he heard as a boy. That sermon did not take effect until long after the boy had become a man. So God's promise of blessing in connection with baptism is fulfilled in his own time. Does anyone say there is no example of infant baptism in the New Testament? There are household baptisms in the New Testament. When Lydia believed and was baptized, her household was baptized with her. Acts 16:14-15. When the jailor at Philippi was baptized, his household was baptized with him. Acts 16:30-31. If there had been in Lydia's household a child too small to believe, would it have been left out? If there had been in the household of the jailor a child too young to believe, would it have been left out?

Since children were included in church membership back under the law, if they are excluded now under the Gospel, the new dispensation is less generous than the old. In that case, under the Gospel, we would have contradiction, not expansion. Our God goes forward, not backward. He moves toward a broadening dispensation, not a narrowing one.

Peter's word still stands: The promise is unto you and to your children. Acts 2:39. There is no limitation as to age in the text. The law requiring infant children to be signed and sealed as heirs of the covenant of promise has never been repealed. The invitation of Jesus, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," has never been withdrawn. When parents go in, the children go in with them.

If the United States should offer to enter into covenant with you for the temporal and everlasting good of your child, would you refuse the offer? I appeal to believing parents in Columbus, in Georgia, in all Christendom, to count their children in, and claim for them the sign and seal of their inclusion in the covenant of grace.

Religion is a family affair. It has been so from the beginning. Let it be so to the end.

* The Greek Orthodox Church baptizes by immersion and baptizes infants by that mode. They immerse the child three times in the name of the Trinity. No Scripture basis for either the mode or the repetition.

35 'Pioneer' Churches Organized In Rural Korea

By Finis B. Jeffery

Seoul, Korea

The Korean countryside is a beautiful place to travel in the fall. The fields of rice are ready to harvest, and the air is clean and fresh. Korea has been blessed with a good rice crop this year, and the people are thankful for it, since the previous year's harvest was almost a complete failure.

This past week I have been traveling in the Chulwon District, which is the area next to the front lines. Many American soldiers will remember this area because of the heavy fighting that the Americans did in the Chulwon Valley. This area was opened for resettlement two years ago by the Korean government, and since that time the Methodists have formed thirty-five churches in the area. In addition to these churches, there are now five kai chok (pioneer) churches.

The organization of the pioneer churches is a thrilling act on the part of the local Christians. For instance, the action of the members of the Kwanin Methodist Church is typical. The Korean Christians are very missionary minded, and when there is a neighboring village without a church, they feel compelled to remedy the situation. As a result, the elders and the Bible men have been visiting the neighboring village of Jangjong. Quietly they have called on individual people, telling them about Christ. After several months, they were able to start a Sunday school in the home of a new believer. The Bible man is an excellent story-teller, and he had great success with the children. After the number of believers had reached fourteen, they were able to get help from our church headquarters totaling \$140. With the help of this money, they bought a small thatched-roof dwelling and erected a wooden cross on it. So, this is now the Jangjong (pioneer) Church. The Bible man and the elder hold services there every Sunday afternoon. On Friday evening the members gather in the class meeting where they sing hymns, pray, and study the Bible.

"The Light of the World Came"

This past week, while on our itinerary, my co-worker and myself took Christian movies to this pioneer church. Through these Christian movies, we helped the believers to know more about the life of Christ; we also introduced Jesus to hundreds of non-believers. The movies began about 8:30 p.m., and lasted until 11 p.m. The children of the Sunday school sang hymns, and the Bible man and myself spoke to the non-believers about our faith in Christ. It was a beautiful night, and the movie held the attention of the people of this lonely village. I had the feeling that this village would never be the same in the future. It was actually as if the Light of the world had come among these people, and they no longer needed to walk in darkness.

Before the movie, I went with the elder to the surrounding farm houses, where we distributed Christian tracts. The people lead lonely lives, and it was interesting to watch one of the older men



The Bible man distributes tracts to the Korean villagers.

reading the tract to a cluster of people about him.

Without such dedicated Christians as the elder and the Bible man, the Korean church could not be built. As American Christians we cannot build the church for the Koreans. There are, however, several ways in which we can help.

We Can Pray and Share

First, we can pray. God does answer the prayers of a righteous man. The Korean Christians do need our prayers. They face many temptations and discouragements. They need the prayers of fellow believers everywhere.

Then we can work and share with our Korean Christians the task of extending the faith. They need encouragement, and it does help for believers from other lands to come and share with them the burden that they are carrying. This is particularly so, since they comprise only a small percentage of the total population. The showing of Christian movies is just one of the ways that we can help the evangelists here to make Christ known to those who do not know Christ. After the movies had finished, the Bible man expressed to me how much the movies helped to make known Christ to the village.

If we cannot share in the work, we can share our material blessings with people who are building churches even though they do not have the necessities of life that they need. In the three districts that I serve, there are twelve pioneer preaching places that could start new churches for around \$200 per church. This amount would buy a simple dwelling or a tent where the people could gather and worship and have Sunday school and prayer meetings. Fourteen dollars a month would give a small subsidy to a Bible man who could come and gather the people together in the church. It would not pay all his living expenses, but it would make it possible for him to serve the pioneer church. It would help to firmly plant the Christian faith in a community.

As Americans we have such a wonderful opportunity to be used by the Lord to make Jesus known to all people.

NOVEMBER CROP CAMPAIGNS GET UNDERWAY

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Through CROP farmers and other church families unite each year in providing grains and other relief products for the world's needy.

Among the farm states cooperating in this program, Illinois and Iowa communities are typical with their impressive goals.

"When the 1957 returns are all in," declared Elvin Franez, Illinois State CROP director, "it is anticipated that cash and commodities contributed will represent a value of \$175,000." He emphasized that most of the food products collected are not now available through government surpluses so "CROP steps in where the churches' Share Our Surplus program does not operate."

Mr. Franez also announced that CROP Corn Gleaning Day has been set for November 16. On this day, he said, Illinois farmers with corn still on the ground open their fields to young people from local churches, who have a real "field day" gleaning for CROP.

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Recent Poll Shows Church Attendance Still Increasing

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Attendance is about the same in all sections of the country except in the Far West, where substantially fewer persons attend. Women go more regularly than men. Persons who have had the advantage of a college education go more often than those who have had a high school education. And persons with a high school education, in turn, attend more frequently than those who have not gone to high school. People in the middle years (30 to 49) attend in greater proportion than younger adults (21 to 29) or older people (50 and over).

There are now 100,162,529 members of churches and synagogues of all faiths in the United States, according to the latest annual compilation of the Yearbook of American Churches.

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OBITUARY

BABCOCK — Dr. Sidney H. Babcock, a prominent Methodist clergyman for many years, died in St. Anthony Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oct. 24, following a two and one-half year illness. He was 80 years old.

The former vice president of Oklahoma City University, and one of the original trustees who founded Southern Methodist University, had lived in Oklahoma for some time.

The son of a prominent Arkansas minister, Dr. Babcock was a native of Greenwood, Ark. He received his BA degree from Arkansas College at Batesville and did graduate work at Vanderbilt and the University of Chicago.

He began his ministry in Arkansas where he served the Wheatly-Palestine Circuit, the Brinkly church (four years), and in Forrest City (four years). For three years he held a pastorate in St. Joseph, Mo.

Dr. Babcock went to Oklahoma in 1908 to take over the Methodist pulpit at Atoka. After a year at Atoka he moved to Muskogee. He has held other pastorates at St. Paul's Methodist Church at Shawnee, the Barnard Memorial Church at Holdenville, Lawton, Altus, Elk City, and Woodward.

In the late '30s, Dr. Babcock lived in Oklahoma City while serving as executive secretary of the Board of Education, and earlier as presiding elder of the former southern church's Oklahoma City District.

He was also president of the board of trustees of OCU and in 1946 and 1947, served as the university's vice president. He had continued to serve on the OCU board of trustees.

Dr. Babcock had represented Oklahoma Methodists at the church's General Conference seven times.

He was considered one of the country's foremost authorities on church law and was also an author, having written "The History of Oklahoma Methodism."

Dr. Babcock was a veteran of both the Spanish American War and World War I. In France during the First World War, he served as a chaplain with the American Expeditionary force at General Pershing's headquarters.

The long-time minister retired in 1947 after serving 48 years in the Methodist Church. He had made his home at 2833 Croydon Court since his retirement.

Conducting the funeral service Oct. 26 at St. Luke's Methodist

Church, were the Rev. Edwin W. Packer, district superintendent; the Rev. W. McFerrin Stowe, St. Luke's pastor; the Rev. Byron Cravens, pastor of Nickolo Hill Church; the Rev. Leland Clegg, executive director of the Conference Council; and Bishop W. Angie Smith. Burial was in Rose Hill Burying Park, Oklahoma City.

In addition to his wife, Ida Mae, and his sister, Mrs. W. E. Greenway, Marianna, Ark., Dr. Babcock is survived by a son, Sidney H. Babcock, Jr., living in New York, and two daughters, Mrs. Don G. Vieaux, Corpus Christi, Texas; and Mrs. William T. Cottingham, Jr., Douglas, Ga.

YA WEEK OBSERVED AT BERRYVILLE

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some of the mothers.

The climax of the week was the youth service on Sunday morning with Sonny Evans as the speaker, Leon Warren as organist, Nan Carol Drake as leader, and with Donna Kay Hanby, Linda Holland, Gwen Field, John Spurlin, and Carl Austin Smith taking other parts of the service. Junior ushers



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were Sonny Cain, Johnny Hollard, and Tony Holifield. Candle lighters were Ann Bigham and Becky Harvey. Worship services were planned by Donna Kay Hanby, Edward Pharis, and Rev. Mr. Holifield. Nan Carol Drake is president of the Berryville MYF.

OHIO TOWN SETS THURSDAY NIGHT AS CHURCH NIGHT

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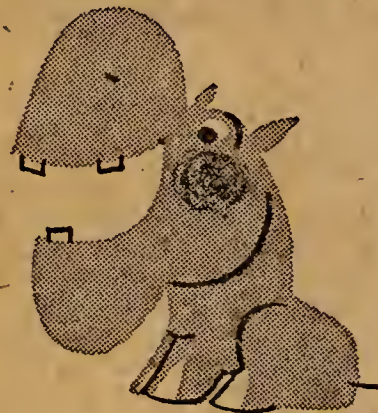
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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 24, 1957

DIRECTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-14.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Let all that you do be done in love.* —1 Corinthians 16:14 (RSV)

Today we study the last of the eight lessons in Unit IX. All of these lessons have been taken from 1 Corinthians, Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church. As we have been considering the general subject for this Unit, "The Gospel Applied To Society," we have found that Paul, in this letter, was dealing very directly with some dangers that threatened the church at Corinth and dangers also that have threatened the Christian church in every generation since Paul's day.

The warnings and the instructions Paul gave this young church in Corinth concerned the moral standards in the church; the ministers who were trying to guide them; the misuse of liberties which Christianity had brought them; the manner and spirit in which they worshiped God, especially in the love feasts; the proper use of the diversified gifts by the different members of the church; and the doctrine of the resurrection from the dead. In this, the closing lesson of the series, under the subject, "Directions For Christian Giving," Paul is concerned about methods and motives in Christian giving.

It is quite possible that there is no great principle of Christian living that has been so grievously neglected, especially in our church, as the necessity for Christian people to liberally support, with their money, the local church and its world-wide program.

The doctrine of Christian stewardship, with reference to money, has been so badly neglected in the regular program of our church that it has been necessary, more than once, to promote special, church-wide programs to give emphasis to our financial obligations as Christians. While this was much better than to continue to neglect this important phase of Christian living, it has, at times, resulted in a temporary, over-emphasis on giving, in order to meet an emergency. By this over-emphasis on Christian giving through an emergency period and then largely omitting from our regular church program this vital part of Christian living, we have often left our people confused about the real importance of regular, systematic giving so necessary to the proper development of the individual Christian and the progress and growth of the church. It is our feeling that the Christian stewardship of money should have a proper, balanced emphasis regularly throughout the church. Such a course would likely help us to avoid some of the emergency appeals we have found necessary in past years.

Now Concerning The Collection

Some may question the propriety of Paul jumping so abruptly from the discussion of such a sublime subject as the resurrection from the dead to the matter of taking up a collection. It may have seemed more abrupt to the Corinthian church than it does to us. Let us remember that the original letter of Paul was not divided into chapters and verses. In that letter, without any kind of a division, Paul does jump, from the most profound discussion of the resurrection ever written, to the matter of a collection. With Paul, there did not seem to be the slightest inconsistency in changing from a discussion of the resurrection to that of money.

Paul felt quite at liberty to press this offering since he had no personal interest in it. The offering was being made for the poorer Christians in Jerusalem who seemed to be in financial difficulties. There are those who feel that this financial distress, experienced by the Jerusalem church, was likely brought about by the attempt of the church at Jerusalem to "have all things in common." They sold their property, pooled their resources and lived out of a common treasury. Evidently this did not work out so well.

Directions For Christian Giving

Paul here gives the Corinthian church some directions for Christian giving. These directions for Christian giving are just as necessary to a satisfactory financial program of giving for church people today as they were when Paul wrote them down for the church at Corinth.

(1) First, Paul tells us that we should have a definite, regular time for our giving. For the Corinthians he suggested, very appropriately, "the first day of the week." This suggestion of Paul's meant, of course, Sunday. While it is very convenient and appropriate that we make our contributions for the support of the church when we attend the Sunday services, the day of the week on which we make our contributions is not nearly so important as that we have a definite time to make our payments to the church. Unless we have a definite time fixed for our contributions, we are likely to find ourselves omitting or forgetting contributions we were expecting to make. Paul suggests a definite time for regular contributions as a vital part of Christian giving.

(2) The great apostle infers also that we should give systematically, that is to have a definite amount set aside for payment to the

church. Unless we consider our payments to the church important enough for us to plan payments of a definite amount which we have pre-determined, we may be tempted to be erratic in the amounts we pay.

(3) Paul also gave the Corinthian church and us a definite way to determine the amount we should pay to the cause of Christ. Paul's suggestion is that one should give "as God has prospered him." As an orthodox Jew, Paul was grounded in the doctrine of the "tithe," as an amount one should pay for kingdom work. In this instruction to the church at Corinth, Paul does not suggest the tithe as a standard for giving. It would be hard to believe that Paul did not still hold the tithe as a minimum standard for giving. Paul here suggests that, where God has prospered us, we should give out of our abundance, measuring our gifts by what we have left, after we have given, rather than by a minimum percentage.

Opportunities For Christian Giving

The needy Christians at Jerusalem were brought to the attention of the Corinthian Christians as an opportunity for helpful giving. These gifts, of course, were in addition to the contributions they made for the support of their local church.

(1) There are local charities that appeal to us because we are better able to see the needs of the less fortunate about us. We have a responsibility for those near us, but we should remember that there are many others, just as needy and deserving, out yonder in the world whose needs must go unmet unless we aid them through the organized church.

(2) There is a large opportunity for Christian giving in support of our local church. The local church is the base of operation for the spread of the kingdom of God. The influence of the local church is the saving element in the community in which it works. If that were all, it would deserve the best we could give it in service and financial support.

(3) Helpful and essential as the local church is in any community, this is only the beginning of its work. All of our great denominations have a world-wide program in keeping with the Great Commission, which is to evangelize the world. In our own church we call that program World Service. Every dollar we contribute to World Service is divided on a percentage basis between the various, vital interests of kingdom building at home and abroad. It is our feeling that we cannot invest a dollar, where it will serve a larger number of worthy, worthwhile interests, than by investing that dollar in World Service.

The Use Of Money The Most Revealing Test Of Character

It is quite likely that more people break faith with God in the use of material possessions than in any other way. If this be true, then all of us should exercise special care in the use of our possessions, whether they be large or small.

The fact of the business is that in the New Testament, practically every individual who is pictured as losing his soul or losing his way religiously did so because of his attitude toward, or his use of his possessions. Whether it be the

Rich Fool, the Rich Young Ruler, Dives, the Prodigal Son, Ananias and Sapphira, Judas, or some others we might mention, all found themselves in difficulties because of the way they used their possessions. What happened to Bible characters has happened to masses of professed Christians in every generation since the days of the early church.

Spiritual And Material Possessions Inseparably Linked Together

There are some who give their money and withhold themselves. Some try to give themselves and withhold their money. Try as we may, it still remains that we cannot give life without money or our money without our lives and please God. God does not honor halfway living or halfway giving. What we have is so much a part of what we are that we cannot make a pleasing gift of either to God without giving both.

The Only Way To Make Possessions Permanently Our Own

It is necessary for us to spend part of our income in many different ways. We have the matter of food and clothes, we have housing and the education of our children, to mention only a few. Nevertheless, we should keep it in mind that, for all of these various services for which we spend money, it is necessary for us to get value received for our money at the present time, if ever.

In our judgment, however, there is a difference in spending a dollar for food and investing a dollar in the work of the kingdom of God. We buy the food and soon it is used up, and whatever value the dollar had for us has been used up for a temporary need. If, on the same day, we invest a dollar sincerely, for the work of the kingdom, that dollar will pay us dividends so long as the eternities roll on. In contrast to the values of the dollar spent for food, which are soon used up, we clip coupons on the dollar invested in kingdom work forever.

That is to say that, if we want to make any part of our material possessions eternally our own, we must invest part of our income in the work of the church. Any other use of our money, wise or unwise, is for a temporary matter, and those values end at the grave.

Open Doors—Many Adversaries

Paul spent little time looking for "good appointments." He chose for his places of labor some of the most difficult situations in the world of his day. In today's lesson Paul is talking of "open doors." For most of us today "open doors" mean an opportunity for a more or less profitable and pleasant field of service. Paul adds that beyond these open doors are many adversaries. That fact in no way influenced Paul's decision to enter the doors. In Paul's letter to Titus, he tells him that "For this cause I left thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting. One of the things 'wanting' in Crete, which Paul mentions, is that 'The Creteans are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.' For this cause Paul left Titus there to set things straight. Paul never avoided 'open doors' because hardships were to be found on the other side. He followed, in his own life, the exhortation he gave the church at Corinth, 'Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong. Let all you do be done in love.'

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Charles Wesley Hymn Record Album Available

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The first record album to feature exclusively the hymns of Charles Wesley has been produced by the Protestant Radio and Television Center, Atlanta, Ga.

The 250th anniversary of Charles Wesley's birth is being celebrated this year, and the album was produced in connection with the observance.

Charles Wesley was born December 18, 1707, lived in England, and wrote about 6,500 hymns. He was the brother of John Wesley, founder of Methodism.

The hymns in the album are sung by the Chancel Choir of First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, under the direction of Dr. Glen R. Johnson, director.

A portion of the album is devoted to a "Charles Wesley Hymn Service," featuring hymns woven together with appropriate narration.

The hymns are recorded on both sides of a 12-inch, 33 1/3 rpm., long-playing, high fidelity record. The albums are \$3.95 each and can be ordered from The Chancel Choir, First Methodist Church, Ross and Harwood Streets, Dallas, Texas.

Simpson, LC, Plans Building Program, Has Anniversary

Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, recently marked the third anniversary at its new location with plans for an extended building program.

The occasion was commemorated with the enactment of the "Arc of the Covenant," a ritual first conducted three years ago when the church moved from its site at Pujo and Moss streets, which had been home to the congregation since 1898, to its new location at 1611 Louisiana Highway 14. The service was conducted Sunday, November 10.

The ceremony consisted of church leaders bringing the pulpit, Bible, candlesticks and cross to the new building just as they did three years ago. Participants in the ritual at that time were again on hand for this occasion, including Rev. Ted Howes, who was pastor at that time.

The present pastor, Rev. Cleburne W. Quaid, was appointed two years ago this month.

Simpson has grown from a membership of about 300 to 500, and through the years, has taken an increasingly active part in the community.

President Asks Thanksgiving Day Prayers For God's Help, Guidance

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—President Eisenhower asked Americans to pray on Thanksgiving Day not only for "our manifold blessings" but for "God's continuing help and guidance in our conduct both as individuals and as a nation."

The President, in his annual Thanksgiving Day proclamation, also urged that the happiness of family reunions on Nov. 28 "be tempered with compassion and inspired by an active concern with those less fortunate in our own country and in other lands."

and recreational needs as well as spiritual needs, spokesmen said.

Scout Troop 1, sponsored by Simpson church, is the oldest troop in Louisiana and one of the oldest in the south. This fall the church initiated a week-day kindergarten, which is now attended by 30 children, and is open to the public as well as to the congregation. Teachers are Miss Mariam Darnall and Mrs. H. T. Worthington.

"Teen-Time" is held in the summer months and utilizes the Sunday school facilities and playground equipment. Each Saturday the children's building and playground may be used by its members for birthday parties.

As the church moves into the fourth year in its new building, spokesmen also announced plans for a new sanctuary which is expected to be started in 1958.

Mr. Eisenhower said it behooved Americans on Thanksgiving Day to dwell upon the "deep religious conviction" of the nation's founders, and to "recall that our leaders throughout the succeeding generations have relied upon Almighty God for vision and strength of purpose."

Text of the proclamation follows:

"At the autumnal season of the year our hearts move us to follow the wise and reverent custom, inaugurated by our Pilgrim Fathers more than three centuries ago, of setting aside one special day for expressions of gratitude to a merciful Providence for the blessings bestowed upon us.

"It behooves us to dwell upon the deep religious conviction of those who formed our Nation out of a wilderness, and to recall that our leaders throughout the succeeding generations have relied upon Almighty God for vision and strength of purpose.

"As a Nation we have prospered; we are enjoying the fruit of our land and the product of our toil; we are making progress in our efforts to translate our national ideals into living realities; and we are at peace with the world, working toward that day when the benefits of freedom and justice shall be secured for all mankind.

"For such blessings let us be devoutly thankful, and at the same time let us be sensitive and responsive to the obligations which such great mercies entail.

"Now, therefore, I, Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America, having in mind the joint resolution of Congress approved December 26, 1941, which designates the fourth Thursday in November of each year as Thanksgiving Day, do hereby call upon our people to observe Thursday, November 28, 1957, as a day of national thanksgiving.

"On that day let all of us, in accordance with our hallowed custom, foregather in our respective places of worship or in our homes and offer up prayers of thanks for our manifold blessings. Let the happiness which stems from family reunions on Thanksgiving Day be tempered with compassion and inspired by an active concern for those less fortunate in our own country and in other lands; and let us ask God's continuing help and guidance in our conduct, both as individuals and as a Nation."

Baton Rouge First Church Honors Long Time Members

Pictured below are members of the First Methodist Church of Baton Rouge who have been members of that church for 50 years or longer. From left to right, first row: Mrs. W. Y. Watson, Miss Gertrude Fridge, Miss Stella Murphy, Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., minister of the church, Mrs. W. M. Gruenwald, Miss Ollie

Hernandez, Mrs. J. P. Skolfield, Mrs. P. P. Gordon; Second row: Lee Himes, Anthony Wolf, Frank Fleming, Jr., J. Selby Day, Mrs. J. S. Kean, Mrs. Frank H. Kean, Mrs. W. K. Brady.

An additional story concerning the honoring of this group is found on page nine.



Thanksgiving In A Time Of Insecurity

By David H. C. Read

YOU and I have been brought up under a great delusion. We have been born into an artificial, technical world—a very remarkable world where Nature has been tamed, and made to supply us with an infinite variety of food and clothing and accomodation and means of travel. By a miracle of human cooperation the necessities and many of the luxuries of life have been put at our disposal. I come down to breakfast and pour myself a cup of coffee. There it is—quite simple: but how does it come about? The coffee was bought in a shop, and the act of buying involves the use of money and therefore the whole financial system of modern man. But how did the coffee come to the shop? Through a complicated commercial system of supply, and by a system of transport over land and sea involving the cooperation of thousands of laborers, clerks, engineers, drivers, sailors, dockers, and others. And behind them lay the work of planters and pickers about whose life we know practically nothing. The moment I add cream to the coffee another vast system of human cooperation is involved, going back in the end to the birth of a calf in some part of the state. I stretch out my hand for a piece of bread—and another army of human ingenuity has been at work from the moment that a farm-laborer dropped some seed into the ground. That is how we live—every moment of the day drawing on the products of our technical civilization.

And our delusion consists in this: that we imagine that this state of affairs is natural and permanent; that shops, and water-pipes, and electricity-lines, and plumbing and beds and carpets are our birth-right. They may not have been in the beginning, but they are now, and ever shall be, world without end. We take for granted a world where everything is "laid on." Food, clothing, education, health services, transport are now said to be "laid on"—conveying the impression of a society where everything comes through a tap. I remember remarking this modern expression first on joining the army, and the slight surprise I felt when a C.O. said to me: "Chaplain, we've got a service laid on for Sunday morning." Even the worship of God apparently can be laid on, delivered through a pipe for our convenience.

But this world where everything is laid on is not the real world at all. I am not despising for a moment the achievements of modern civilization. (A new kind of hypocrite is the man who composes a violent attack on modern inventions on his typewriter, and then drives in a car to deliver it on the radio.) I simply want

to emphasize that our modern way of life, our complicated technical society has screened us from the basic truth of our precarious position on this planet and our utter dependence upon God.

That is why I have taken a word from Jeremiah, a writer who lived in a more primitive society, who lived nearer to Nature and real human nature, and for whom little was laid on. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." You can't help feeling as you read the Old Testament that the people who lived then were conscious in a way that we are not, of the insecurity of our tenure on earth. Floods and earthquakes, famine and pestilence seemed to be always just around the corner, and time and again they looked at one another in relief and are saying: "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed."

It was the same in the earlier days of the Church. Men and women lived in the shadow of "the terror by night, the arrow that flieth by day, the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noon-day." Again and again this sense of danger is reflected in their prayers. "Good Lord deliver us" is the theme. "Protect us"; "Help us"; "Save us." If you read the prayers and sermons of our forefathers at the time of the Reformation you will find that they too had the sense of walking on thin ice, dependent from day to day, from hour to hour on the sustaining hand of God.

The present sense of insecurity which haunts ordinary people is not a new burden laid specially on this generation. The only thing new about it is that it is based on a new and horrible power now within man's grasp—the power to lay civilization in ruins more speedily and totally than ever could be dreamed of before. But Christian people ought not to be overwhelmed by this new feeling of insecurity. We should have known it before—known that men and women at all times are vulnerable beings, exposed to all kinds of dangers, and preserved only by the providence and mercy of God. "It is of his mercy that we are not consumed." Perhaps the new fear that lies upon mankind is God's way of awaking us from the delusion that our modern civilization is the secure foundation, the rock on which we can rest our hopes.

We need to recover that sense of utter dependence upon God which we find in every book of the Bible, and in the lives of all great Christians. We have to learn to rely finally on nothing but God, and his mercy. And that's not easy. For we've gotten into the habit as a nation of thinking that reliance upon God is a kind of last resort. When we are called to a national day of prayer a kind of shudder goes through us as if things must have come to a



pretty pass if such drastic steps are taken. We pray to God, both as a community and as individuals, when we are in a jam and can think of no way out. It is good that we should pray then, but we must remember that emergency religion has its limitations. You are not likely to have a strong and sure sense of God's mercy in a crisis if you have left him out of account in the normal run of life. We need to be in training in our religion as in any other human activity. And that training consists in a habitual, regular remembrance of our dependence upon God. "It is of his mercy that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning." "New every morning." Isn't that a bracing truth to get hold of? The kind of training I referred to might well consist for us in a daily remembrance as we get up in the morning that our life, our health, our affairs, our friends, our concerns and worries are in the hands of God.

Another way of remembering our dependence upon God is the habit of regular worship when we come together as a family of men, women, and children, and commit ourselves to God in prayer and adoration. It is our way of saying: "O God, there is so much to distract

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Dr. David H. C. Read is the minister of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City where he succeeded Dr. George A. Buttrick. Dr. Read, an exceedingly popular and stimulating preacher, was for nearly three years a British prisoner of war in a Germany Army Prisoner Camp. He served churches in England before coming to New York City.

West Germany Decorates Ecumen. Leaders

Geneva (RNS)—Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist, executive secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, were decorated with the West German Order of Merit at a ceremony here.

Dr. Freidrich Holzapfel, German Ambassador to Switzerland, conferred the awards "as a token of gratitude for all that you and your organizations and all your colleagues have done for us in Germany during our most difficult trials and in our greatest distress."

The award ceremony was held at a reception arranged by the German Consul General here during a visit to Geneva of Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin, head of the Evangelical Church in Germany.

Ambassador Holzapfel said that after the war it was the churches who "opened the door again for the German people and showed them the way back to the community of nations."

"The churches of the world have relieved the tremendous distress of the German people," he said. "The churches helped them build up the inward peace and security that spring from faith. But their help was not merely spiritual but also material."

He said that more than 50 million dollars in aid was received by Germany through church organizations alone and "without this help few of the children in Germany would be alive today."

The ambassador said it now is the turn of the German people to help other countries in need in accordance with the Biblical injunction to bear one another's burdens.

Bishop Dibelius was here to preach at the German Lutheran church of Geneva which is marking its 250th anniversary.

At a later gathering in the church, Dr. Lund-Quist assured Bishop Dibelius, on behalf of the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation, that Christians all over the world are praying for him and members of his Church.

Church Construction Set Record For Month

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Church construction totaled \$80,000,000 in October, a new record for the month, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported.

Building activity by churches in the first ten months of this year amounted to \$716,000,000, an increase of 15 per cent over the same period in 1956.

Construction by private schools and colleges totaled \$47,000,000 during October. This was the same figure as for September but \$2,000,000 below October of last year.

Private hospitals and other institutions undertook \$44,000,000 worth of new construction in October, \$13,000,000 more than in the same month of 1956.

Woman Medical Missionary Goes to Africa At 70

Boston (RNS)—Dr. Alma Locke Cooke, 70, a Congregational Christian medical missionary in China for 30 years, left here for Africa to serve hospitals on that continent.

Shunning retirement, Dr. Cooke accepted the invitations of two of her former hospital colleagues who transferred to Africa after the revolution in China. She will work first at the Sara Hurd Scott Memorial Hospital in Dondi, Portuguese West Africa. Later she will go to the Willis F. Pierce Memorial Hospital at Mt. Silinda, Southern Rhodesia.

Dr. Cooke represented the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in hospitals at Lintsing and Tehsien, China, from 1920 to 1949.

During the Japanese invasion of China the Lintsing hospital served as a base hospital for wounded soldiers with Dr. Cooke ministering to them in addition to the civilian patients until she was taken prisoner by the Japanese in 1941. She was repatriated to the U. S. in 1942 and returned to China after the war, staying there until the Chinese Communists expelled all foreigners in 1949.

Dr. Cooke then accepted a post

Stevenson Says Mankind Faces Brotherhood or Extinction

NEW YORK (RNS)—Adlai E. Stevenson said here that the Soviet earth satellites are a warning that mankind faces the choice of extinction or human brotherhood.

The former Democratic Presidential candidate spoke at a dinner sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Mr. Stevenson emphasized that the "basic issue" today is not the supremacy of nations.

"It is the supremacy of man for good or for evil, for survival or suicide," he declared.

Science has forced humanity to a crossroad "from which there is no turning back, no escape," Mr. Stevenson said. "The choice is either extinction or the human brotherhood that has been the vision of visionaries since the beginning of time."

"What the 'bleep-bleep' is saying," he continued, "is that now the world has no option, that it must turn from narrow nationalism, sectarianism, racialism, that the only conceivable relationship among men is one based on men's full respect—yes, their love, if you please—for each other."

Warns Of Over-Emphasis Of Religious Freedoms

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — A Baptist clergyman warned here that too much emphasis on religious freedom and too little on the responsibility of Christians to cooperate can lead to anarchy.

Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of First Baptist church, spoke from the pulpit of Washington (Episcopal) Cathedral at a service sponsored by the American Baptist Convention. He is a former president of the Convention.

Dr. Pruden declared that "while we have a great deal to say about man's right to differ we need to say a lot more about his need to cooperate."

"We have our various Protestant denominations as a constant testimony to our right to be different," he said. "We need to address ourselves to the more dramatic and substantial means by which our similarities may be readily recognized and usefully employed."

"The time has come for us to exercise our freedom in the interest of harmony, unit and constructive achievements. Within the framework of a free society we are confronted with the obligation to serve one another in true Christian humility."

Dr. Pruden said that "an extreme emphasis upon individualism represents just as great a departure in one direction from the Christian ideal as totalitarianism does in the other."

"To glorify freedom as an end in itself is an invitation to anarchy," he added.

Protestants in the area of eastern Germany now occupied by Poland are a "dying body," a German church meeting was told. Professor Harold Kruska, president of Kirchendienst Ost Church Service East) said at Hamelin last month that only 100,000 were left of the former three million members of the church.

There is little pastoral leadership and only a "primitive religious life" exists in the area, he reported. Small groups of laymen continue to meet for services and religious classes.

Report Decrease In Acts of Violence In Columbia

Bogota, Colombia (RNS) — The Evangelical Confederation of Colombia (CEDEC) reported "a decrease in acts of violence or discrimination against Protestants" in the period from June to September.

"It is to be expected that this trend will continue in all the country," the organization said in its official bulletin.

The bulletin recalled that on Sept. 30 Interior Minister Jose Maria Villarreal pledged in a statement to the press that his government, "faithful to its democratic principles, will do everything in its power to restore constitutional rights to all Colombians."

The CEDEC embraces 14 Protestant groups in Colombia, most of them of United States origin.

Its bulletin stated that Protestant work in the country continues to be handicapped because no Protestant churches or schools are permitted in the so-called Mission Territories and Protestants are barred everywhere from "making public demonstrations of faith through radio broadcasts or public meetings."

with the Health Service at the University of Michigan where she remained until reaching retirement age last summer.

She will not receive any salary while in Africa.

Methodist Bishop Herbert Welch Feted On 95th Birthday

NEW YORK (RNS)—Dr. Herbert Welch, senior bishop of The Methodist Church, was feted at a luncheon here on his 95th birthday.

He was called the "most beloved leader in the Church" by Bishop Frederick B. Newell of the New York Area, who presided at the birthday party held in Christ Church, Methodist.

More than 300 persons, including notables in the church, diplomatic, educational and sports fields, were present.

The luncheon was given by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief which Bishop Welch founded in 1940 and headed for eight years. Bishop Newell, in his introduction, noted that during Bishop Welch's tenure the committee raised more than \$7,000,000 to aid the needy overseas.

Bishop Welch, who doesn't look more than 65, made a few observations about the church, theologians, and life in general.

He said he was a "middle-of-the-road progressive, neither a pacifist nor a prohibitionist." But he spoke kindly of "extremists" because "all the truth is not with any one of us."

The bishop cautioned against "hurrying God,"

saying that "His way is slow and the marches to peace and brotherhood are by inches rather than miles."

Bishop Welch noted that since he entered the ministry in 1890 the church's range of concern has been extended to include problems of race relations, world affairs and ecumenicity. He said the church is facing such problems with "greater intelligence and devotion."

The nonagenarian said that in old age he had found comfort in both nature and the poets. The latter, he observed, "sometimes seem to be closer to the truth than the men of theology."

"While they are often accused of living in ivory towers," he said, "many of our theologians seem to be digging in subterranean caves. So many of our men of learning are not men of light. They seem to want to confuse the little man with their learning by using obscure terms and abstract theological processes."

"I, for one, am for the gospel of simplicity, for the little book that the little man can understand rather than the proud and ponderous tome."

Among the compensations of old age, Bishop Welch said, was "time enough to change one's mind and to learn lessons of tolerance and patience."

How Thankful Are We?

ONE question that each of us must face at the annual Thanksgiving season is "Just how thankful are we for all that life has meant with all its blessings?" The answer to that question determines in a large degree one's general attitude toward life and God.

If there ever was a group of people who had less to be thankful for as the Pilgrim Fathers at the end of their first year, we don't know who it would be. Having lost many of their number because of hardships, sickness and attacks by Indians, their supplies running low, and in a strange country far from civilization as they had formerly known it, these Pilgrim Fathers had every reason to look with ungrateful hearts and pessimism on their state of being. Yet, history records that with hearts full of thanksgiving they gave thanks to Almighty God for his leadership and benevolence.

If there ever was a nation of people who had more to be thankful for than the citizens of this nation in this fall season of 1957, we don't know who it would be. To be sure, there is much that one could mention that would spell distress, gloom, uncertainty, and fear. But on the other hand, there is so much more that adds up to happiness, opportunity, a sense of well-being, material prosperity, length of life and hope of heaven.

But just what is the degree of thankfulness for all this that we have? The great danger in having so much is the tendency to be less grateful for what one has. The more material and spiritual treasures one possesses, the greater likelihood that one will simply take these treasures for granted. On the other hand, the Christian grace of thankfulness to God and one's fellowmen reveals an inner dependence and faith in God and one's fellowmen which gives meaning to one's spiritual and material treasures.

In answer to the question we have raised, most of us would reply that we are grateful. A moment's introspection prompts such an answer. But we also know there are varying degrees of thanksgiving, and that the thanksgiving that we most often offer comes from our lips and not from our lives. It is one thing to give thanks to God for His blessings, but it is something else to offer completely our lives in service to Him and our fellowmen. It is one thing to thank God for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, but it is quite another matter to seek for His Spirit to live in and through our lives, and follow His teachings in all of our relationships of life. Real thanksgiving is thanks-living.

More Scientists Not All The Answer

MANY who have sought to analyze the reasons why Russia seems to have the edge at the moment in the missile and satellite races have pointed to the emphasis that Russian leaders have placed on science in their educational programs. We are told that Russia is developing, through her schools, more scientists and engineers, and that resources are being placed behind this phase of its educational program, making possible significant programs in these fields. We are also told that such an emphasis has been dragging in this nation, and unless we step up the emphasis on scientific training of our youth, we will continue to be outstripped in these fields.

With all this one could hardly disagree. The President approaches the nation via television and radio on this question, giving the average lay person the impression that our scientific standing and achievements are of paramount importance. Whether these matters are of absolute ultimate importance there may be some question.

For instance, in our race to fill our schools with budding scientists we must not forget that it is just as important, and perhaps more so, to give added emphasis to developing this nation's moral fiber as it is to making it a stronghold of scientific wonder. The use to which all the physical, material and scientific

power is put will be determined in a large measure by the moral caliber of this nation's leaders and those who choose them.

Few will question the wisdom of stepping up the scientific aspect of our educational programs, but more scientists is not all the answer to the woes of our day. Security in its final sense will depend on people who are morally alert, spiritually concerned, and above all, definitely committed to Christian righteousness as a way of life.

Blueprints For Action

THIS office receives from time to time printed programs which outline in some detail the programs of local churches for the conference year. Some of these are issued early in the conference year, and set forth for church members, plans and objectives of the local church for the entire year. Others are published later in the year after the various local church commissions have had time to study their responsibilities and make their plans for the rest of the year. Others, as one we received this week, are in the form of reports to quarterly conferences of activities undertaken thus far and set forth plans for the next few months.

One of the main objectives of this current quadrennium is strengthening the local church. We can think of no finer way of informing local church members of their church's program than placing in members' hands such "blueprints for action." One of the great characteristics of Methodists is that they respond when they know, and knowledge can only come through the dissemination of information. The practice of acquainting church members with their local church program is one activity that should be enthusiastically encouraged.

Role Of Religion To Be Studied

RELIGIOUS leaders who are concerned about the effect that organized religion is having on the total life of the United States will be very interested in the study announced last week to be made of the role of religion in American life. The announcement (see article elsewhere in this issue) states that the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Republic will make the inquiry into the role which religion plays in the affairs of this nation. This project will be part of the "basic issues" program with which the organization is now concentrating, issues concerning freedom and justice in America. Other areas of American life also now being studied include corporations, labor unions and common defense. In the study of the role of religion, Fund for the Republic leaders have stated that specific areas to be included are the relationship between church and state, the role of religion in public life, and religious dissent.

Leaders also have announced consultants from major faiths who will assist in the study. Representatives of non-religious points of view will also be consulted.

We are confident that there will be a great deal of interest in whatever findings are published from this survey. Church leaders will appreciate some assessment of what impact organized religion is having on America's life and destiny.

We had the privilege a few days ago of attending the Great Plains College Trustee Workshop in Lincoln, Nebraska. One of the speakers, M. P. Akers, editor of Chicago's daily *Sun-Times*, observed in his address, that we are concerned about Russia's use of her power because Russia does not have a mature spiritual basis for the use of its military and diplomatic power. Mr. Akers, an active Methodist layman, was suggesting that by developing a sound spiritual basis for action in this nation, the rest of the world could continue to maintain faith and confidence in this nation's intentions in all of our international relationships.

This is, of course, one of the roles of religion in America's life. Not the main objective, to be sure, but not an unimportant one. The Christian church is a fellowship of the redeemed which seeks the redemption of others. One of the results is the developing of a spiritual tone in America's society. The Fund for the Republic study will indicate how far the churches have come in this matter, but more important how much further they have to go.

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and confuse us during the week we want to pause for a while and remember that we belong to Thee, and that from day to day it is of Thy mercy that we are not consumed." And sometimes it is helpful for us to link our worship to some special instance of our dependence upon God. What better occasion is there than that of the harvest? For the harvest speaks the universal language of man's need. There may be a vast difference in agricultural method from the mechanized harvesters of today back to the time when Ruth gleaned in the fields of Boaz—but the method is irrelevant, the harvest is still the harvest, the annual bounty yielded by mother earth to her children.

Another symptom of awaking from our delusion about modern society is that we have again become conscious of the harvest. Harvests are in the news, they are not just the subject of songs and paintings and poems. Throughout the world men and women anxiously await news of the harvest for upon it depends quite literally their daily bread. It is coming home to the most city-bred among us that we cannot take for granted that there will always be food in the shops or in the larder. A harvest-failure on a world scale; the cutting off of our own supplies of wheat; a breakdown in the delicate mechanism of distribution and we should know hunger—not the petty discomfort of short rations, but hunger, starvation. Therefore this day we come with sober gratitude, into the church of God and give thanks, "for it is of his mercy that we are not consumed."

I have spoken of the need to remember our dependence upon God. I hardly need to remind Christian people that this spirit utterly possessed our Lord. He was very much aware of the importance of daily bread—there would never be much to spare in the larder at Nazareth when he was a boy—and he taught us to pray for it. And he was much concerned with the way men should live together and share the gifts of God in peace. But he never for a moment forgot his Father in heaven who fed the ravens and clothed the lily. His utter dependence upon God gave him that serene and confident attitude to the danger of this world which he is able to bestow on his loyal followers. And with it all there went a sense of gratitude and joy. To realize our dependence upon God is a solemn thing but not a sad one. The writer of the Lamentations has brought us a glorious text but the rest of his book makes pretty dismal reading. He knew nothing of Jesus Christ and we are entitled to read his words in the light of the Gospel and the spirit of Christian thankfulness. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness"—therefore we give our happy thanks to God.

Do you say grace in your house? I suppose it is a habit that has largely died out, as it ought to if it be a mere formality. But, whether we do or not, are we truly thankful? Do we honestly remember that it is of the Lord's mercies that we have this food; that it's not because we are more worthy people that we have more to eat than our brethren in many countries; that what we push aside today we might yearn for

in a future day of need? We can show our gratitude not only in words—and why shouldn't we say our own private grace for every good thing God gives us, not only food, but homes, and beautiful countryside, and every happy experience?—but also in caring for the needs of others who have not been so fortunate as we. That is why from our churches there go out parcels of food and clothing throughout the world; why we are being given the opportunity of helping those who have been hit by floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes—those unexpected reminders of our precarious hold on this earth. In all these ways we are remembering our dependence upon God and giving him humble thanks.

It sometimes takes a jolt in our lives to make us truly thankful for the mercies of God. I remember going out to France in 1939. During that winter of the phoney war, food was plentiful on a scale we have not known since. Night after night we sat down to delightful meals, and were apt to complain if the standard fell short of the best. The army rations we took for granted, and complained if we could not supplement them with extra dishes of all kinds. Then, not many weeks later, as a prisoner of war, I found myself one day after three weeks march in a transit camp in Germany, and during these three weeks our standard of values had undergone a radical change. My recollection this time is of walking round behind the barbed wire with two friends. All thoughts of rich meals had vanished: our one thought was bread. Up on his machine gun box above the barbed wire a German sentry was finishing his breakfast. As he came to the end he carelessly flung away the crust of his bread. Quick as lightning I flung myself on that crust, and we sat down on a stone and proceeded to divide that crust with the most meticulous accuracy into three equal pieces. For us it was manna from heaven as we ate and were thankful.

I think we all have had some experience of that kind. We take health for granted until one day we find ourselves in the hospital. We take our dearest friends for granted till one day we lose them. We take our liberties for granted until we find that they are threatened or that they have been abolished. It is these sudden jolts that make us realize that "it is of the Lord's mercy that we are not consumed." As we thank God for the harvest, let us ask him to make us conscious day by day that we live by his grace, and to increase in us a humble, simple and grateful spirit.

Fund For The Republic To Conduct Religion Study

New York (RNS)—An inquiry into the role of religion in American life will be made by the Fund for the Republic, Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, president, announced here. He said eight consultants had been named to conduct the study.

Dr. Hutchins said the study would deal with relations between Church and State, the role of re-

Evangelism Mission At Korean School Results In 579 Baptisms

Mission Headed By Layman, Harry Denman

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—A total of 579 persons were baptized Sunday, November 10, at the close of an evangelism mission led by Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, at Ewha University, Seoul, Korea.

Dr. Denman is general secretary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism here. He conducted a similar mission at the school last year, and more than 700 were baptized on the closing day.

The university, said to be the "biggest women's school on earth," has about 5,000 Korean women enrolled. It is related to the Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church.

Working with Dr. Denman in the eleven-day mission was the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, editor of *The Upper Room*, interdenominational devotional guide published by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism. They were invited to conduct the mission by Dr. Helen Kim, president of the school.

Being a layman, Dr. Denman did not baptize the 579 persons himself. This was done by Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C., Dr. Potts, and five Korean ministers.

Bishop and Mrs. Oxnam and Bishop and Mrs. Gerald H. Kennedy, Los Angeles, were present for some of the mission. They are on a round-the-world trip.

Among those baptized were 30 faculty members and some other employees of the university. All the rest were students and were 18 years old or more. Many of them had religious backgrounds in Buddhism and Confucianism.

"The baptisms were not the result of spur-of-the-moment emotionalism," said Dr. Potts. "These girls were thinking deeply during the entire mission."

The mission began on October 31. Dr. Denman preached to two different groups of about 2,000 each morning. Dr. Potts spoke twice daily on cultivating the devotional life. About a thousand students attended a period each afternoon in which Dr. Denman and Dr. Potts answered their questions.

Some typical questions and requests, said Dr. Potts, were, "Explain the force of evil in the world," "What is the office of the Holy Spirit in the Godhead?" and "Give the proofs of the resurrection."

The persons who were baptized made decisions for Christ earlier in the mission. They then had consultation periods and after that signed cards saying that they wanted to be baptized. After being baptized, they were referred to

ligion in public life, and religious dissent.

Among the issues to be covered, he said, are the religious pressure group, its rights, duties and effect on freedom; the use of public funds to assist church-supported education; released-time religious instruction and "moral guidance" programs in the public schools; and "bloc-voting."

"Special studies and research will be commissioned from qualified individuals and institutions," the announcement said. "From time to time leading spokesmen for the various faiths, as well as representatives of the non-religious point of view, will be called on for consultation."

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Saw

An Old
Alligator



By
Rev. R. A. Teeter

that was tagged with four hundred and twenty five years. All that he had done in that four and one quarter centuries was to grow a little bigger and uglier each year. However we can't blame him for that. He was only an alligator. But what a quirk of nature that anything so ugly should live so long. Possibly it is intended to teach us something by contrast.

Maybe I shouldn't have done it, but I thought of Methuselah. He was clocked at nine hundred and sixty nine years. And I said, old 'gator you've got a long way to go to match that. Better watch your diet and keep up your daylong naps; I suppose the old 'gator reproduced his kind for there was a hundred or more small fry lying about. It is said of Methuselah that "he begat sons and daughters." But nothing is said about what kind of living he made for them or what he taught them. I suppose that is why the Bible disposes of him in about three verses. (Here is a masterpiece of reporting—not much to tell, few words used.) This old man made a worse record than the alligator—for he was a man and was supposed to do something.

What about our living? Is it for length of days or quality of achievement? There is very little of real value in the marathon of years. Jesus lived thirty-three years by the calendar but he put the values of eternity into each one and created a new standard of life. He substituted eternity for time, and height of reach for length of days. That is for his followers too. He didn't ask us to bid for length of life, but for the fullness of it. "I am come that they might have life and have it to the full."

various churches, where they will receive training for church membership.

Ewha University has seven colleges—liberal arts, medicine, pharmacy, law, education, fine arts, and post graduate. As in the United States, 12 years of pre-college training is required for entrance.

While Bishop Oxnam was in Korea, he preached one Sunday at Chon Dong Methodist Church, Seoul. Dr. Syngman Rhee, president of the Republic of Korea, is a member of the church and was present that day.

HOW TO AVOID BEING SMALL

The process of growth holds us in ever-fresh wonder. When anything serves to stunt or block our growing process, it means loss to the individual and to the group.

Charles S. Stratton was a very prominent American of a former generation. His name was a box-office attraction. But his was the prominence of notoriety rather than fame, for he was known as Tom Thumb and was exhibited by P. T. Barnum for years. However much curiosity may be aroused by a dwarf, the sight of a stunted body evokes pity, for it possesses an element of tragedy.

And an even sadder sight is a person whose body grows while the mind remains stunted. And not all dwarfed minds are in mental hospitals. Some time ago a mother fell into such a tantrum over a slight inconvenience that her teenage daughter whispered to her, "Mother, act your age."

And if a life is hindered in its growth by causes which could have been prevented, then such retarding is a sin. However, the sin of failure to grow may be so subtle and painless that it does not disturb us much at the time.

When a body stops growing, there is no pain such as attends a broken limb. When a mind stops growing, there is no ache. When a conscience stops growing, it suffers no twinge like that caused by breaking one of the Ten Commandments.

Nevertheless, the Greek word for sin means "missing the mark." Hence, failure to grow, if due to causes which could be prevented, is a sin.

Consider the sin of being small in mind. Smallness of mind may take various forms. For one thing, a mind may be stunted through being uninformed. If I let my mind be unused, it is a sin. Others may not be sufficiently conscious of my mental emptiness to condemn me for it. I may not even know what I am missing.

But even in the eyes of our statute law, ignorance does not quite

excuse me, does it? If I run my business in a way that violates the tax regulations, I am not exonerated by pleading I did not know the law. If I unintentionally kill my friend with a gun which I did not know was loaded, I may not be charged with murder, but I cannot forgive myself. And in the eyes of Christ, ignorance does not quite excuse us.

The Master Teacher came to set our minds on the trial of truth, saying, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." He came to make us alive to the world around us, its people, its beauty, its needs, and not to what we should know is a form of sin. Others may not denounce us. But we cannot get away with it in the eyes of Christ.

Perhaps the most pervasive form of small-mindedness is that of being narrowed by self-interest. Edwin Arlington Robinson describes one of his characters as having "eyes like little dollars in the dark." The miser thus pictured had allowed his vision to become clouded by his own mercenary concerns. He measured everything by the dollar sign. He viewed every situation according to the way it affected his own interests.

When a man thus stands in his own light, he darkens and dwarfs his mind. Thereon Jesus said, "If thine eye be single thy whole body shall be full of light." Moffatt translates the Master's words thus: "If thine eye be generous, the whole of your body will be illumined."

Jesus would have us keep the generous eye, the eye that is generous enough to overlook our own petty selfish interests, generous enough to look only for the truth and to follow God's way, lead where it will.

Today let us take the measure of our minds according to the injunction, "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." God has given us these minds, noble in reason, infinite in faculty. He holds us accountable for their use. Are we investing our mental talents so they grow?

Or like the man in Our Lord's parable who wrapped his talents in a napkin and buried it, are we allowing our minds to be buried in ignorance, specialization and self-interest?

Our minds are too finite to grasp the whole truth in this vast and ever-evolving world. But let us pray for God's help in growing out of our ignorance, in being lifted out of our littleness and in being loved out of our narrowness.

With God's help we can become big natures.



The Layman's Column

By
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KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

About this time of year many of us begin the first steps of our Christmas celebrations by wading through catalogs of Christmas cards in an effort to find the ones that we feel would come nearest to fitting our own personality or to pleasing the friends to whom we plan to send them. Fortunately, the catalogs are full of beautiful cards, so our real problem is to choose from too many rather than too few. There are the cards with all sizes and shapes of our old friend, Santa Claus. Then there are the many cards with attractive winter scenes . . . a little stream winding through the snow covered ridges . . . two deer hopping across the page with no suggestion as to why they got there or where they are going . . . here are some ducks rising from a river and a hunter shooting from a blind . . . here's a big truck-and-trailer combination with some company's name on it . . . there are others too numerous to mention, and altogether too far away from any conception of the Christmas theme to even deserve to be called a Christmas card. Then there are a few carrying an outright racy or even vulgar message but still masquerading under the name of Christmas cards. All this is what you see in the catalog. What will you finally decide to buy?

If we could actually mail a birthday card to Jesus, do you suppose that we would send Him a picture of a truck or a locomotive, or even a random scene, simply because it was pretty? Wouldn't we like to show our love for Him in the printed message, just as we wish to do when we send a greeting to our earthly family? If we send a message to a friend, reminding him of another friend's birthday, would we say that it was "X's" birthday? Wouldn't we be willing to go to the trouble of writing out the whole name instead of just putting down an odd letter?

During the approaching Christmas season wouldn't it be a beautiful act for Christians to let their loyalty to Christ be shown through the type of Christmas greetings that they send to their friends? This loyalty might be shown in the choice of message on the card. After all,

On A Wide Circuit

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GEORGE HENRY "NEVER SAID A WORD"

George F. Henry died the other day at the age of 63 . . .

Now I am sure most of you who read these lines never knew George Henry. But those who did will remember him with affection, and with a bit of new courage, and with understanding.

For thirty-eight years, George Henry was a bookkeeper and accountant with the Board of Missions in the Methodist Building, New York City. That, some would say, is something of a record in itself! But what made it the more remarkable was that George had no legs. He made his way along Fifth Avenue and up and down subway stairs with the aid of two crutches and one artificial leg which he could throw forward with his knee—the other leg was off above the knee.

George lived in Brooklyn with his widowed mother; she died there about a year ago. Every day, rain or shine, snow or ice, he made the journey from Brooklyn to Manhattan and back again via the crowded subway—among people who had little time or thought for a brother's handicap. Those of us who are still able (though sometimes at test of temper) to resist a shaver or to lean our weight from a strap, could never figure how he stood the journey. Though I hope he may have, on occasion, been made glad by

Jesus came to bring us love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, and a number of other desirable virtues. One of the joys of Christmas is to review these virtues and meditate on them; to try to make them a more important part of our daily living. Another joy of Christmas surely would be to pass them on to our friends, especially to those who have been laboring under loads of daily concerns so much that they may have lost sight of the real joy of Christmas. As we greet our friends these days, and especially as we gather our families for the Christmas festivities, let us keep Christ in the center of our joys, knowing that He will reward us with deep and satisfying assurances that He will guide us in the days ahead.

some small show of the human kindness that does lie deep in all people.

But the remarkable thing about George Henry was his constant cheerfulness, his genuine bravery, and his uncomplaining spirit. Years ago, he remarked once to me that most of his minor illnesses came from the fact that he could never get any normal exercise. And that was the nearest to "complaint" I ever heard from him. Through the years I had talked with him and often walked with him the few blocks from subway or luncheon to the office, he rarely talked about himself—and never about his handicap. It was only a very few years ago that he confided in me that he was the sole support of his mother and that she was incurably ill. And it was only after his death that I learned he had lost his legs by being run over by a train while crossing the railroad yards of his native Wilkes-Barre.

Fifty-five years of bravery, of suffering, of handicap, and no complaint! No one of us who knew George could ever complain of our own infinitesimal "troubles" when he was around. His very silence about his own would have shamed us. Indeed, for the years he served at "150," he was a living example and sermon in "patience amid tribulation." The Apostle Paul would have used such an one to buckle up the courage of the saints of the early churches . . .

One day last winter, when New York's streets were covered with ice, George Henry turned up at the office—and on time. "Why on earth did you come in on a day like this?" asked an associate in amazement. "O this isn't so bad—I've seen lots worse," George smiled, and went his way. And then the other noticed that small spikes had been added to the rubber on the tips of George's crutches, so that he wouldn't slip on the ice.

Such a man was George Henry. And we are all the stronger for the wordless sermon he lived among us for thirty-eight years. Something of him has been transplanted into every life he touched. . . Yet there are many George Henrys living in our communities; uncomplaining under handicaps, yet giving us cheer and comfort, making us better men and women.

When George Henry, aided by his crutches, climbed the rostrum to receive his pin for twenty-five years of faithful service with the Board of Missions, the audience broke out in spontaneous applause. I wouldn't be surprised if that were the only such outspoken applause George ever received for his courage, his example, his faithfulness, his mastery of circumstances. . . Perhaps some genuine applause for these other unsung heroes in our towns might not be out of order!

National Education Conference Holds Biennial Meeting

LR Pastor Elected Commission Chairman

Cincinnati (MI) — The national Methodist Conference on Christian Education, held here November 5-10, elected its first woman president, had a record registration of 809, and discussed virtually every aspect of Christian education.

Mrs. Estelle Blanton Barber, director of Christian education at First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, was elected the first woman president in the 17-year history of the conference. She had been vice-president of the conference the last two years.

The Rev. Dr. A. Merritt Dietterich, Des Moines, Iowa, was elected vice-president. He is executive secretary, Interboard Commission, Iowa Area of The Methodist Church. Miss Virginia Henry, Nashville, Tenn., a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Education, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin of Little Rock, was elected president of the conference's Commission On Executive Secretaries and Board Presidents. Dr. Shamblin is chairman of the Board of Education of the Little Rock Conference.

All the officers were elected for two-year terms, as were officers of the conference's six commissions and the executive committee members.

Purpose of the biennial conference is to provide for counsel and co-operation of professional workers engaged in Christian education, especially as related to the local churches of Methodism.

In addition to general sessions of all delegates, numerous meetings of the six commissions were held. The six commissions are for executive secretaries and presidents of conference boards of education, children's workers, youth workers, adult workers, directors of Christian education, and professors of religion.

The delegates participated in worship, group discussions, panel discussions, workshops, role playing, and various other activities.

The 40-page program listed such subjects as the handicapped, the Methodist Quadrennial Emphasis, camping, curriculum, world peace, leadership training, human relations, race relations, international relations, Bible conferences, music, administration, alcohol propaganda, job analysis, television, and church school architecture.

Informative presentations were made by both the Division of the

The Living Scriptures — by Jack Hamlin

"We Give Thee Thanks"



Alabama Church Tries New Sunday Worship Hours

Norwood Baptist church, Birmingham, Alabama, has changed the hours of its Sunday school and morning worship service in what the pastor describes as "an effort to slow the hurried pace of Sunday worshippers." The church moved its Sunday school hour from 9:30 to 9:00 a.m., its time for the morning service from 10:50 to 10:10. Pastor John Scott Trent said this permits worshippers to leave the church by 11:10.

"The people at the church have taken on a new Sunday-morning glow," Trent continues. "The feeling of having to rush around on this day is now gone."

Local Church and the Editorial Division of the Methodist General Board of Education.

Principal speaker was the Rev. Dr. Albert C. Outler, professor of theology, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. He spoke five times on the theme of the meeting, "The Christian Church as a Redemptive Fellowship."

Plan Capitol Hill Services In Wash.

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Plans for a series of weekly interdenominational, interracial noon-time worship services for workers on Capitol Hill and their neighbors were announced here by The Methodist Church.

The services will be held each Wednesday noon in the Simpson Memorial Chapel of the Methodist Building, located across the plaza from the United States Capitol.

The Capitol Hill neighborhood is interracial. Ministers of Negro churches in the area are being invited to participate.

The series was to be opened by Dr. Bryon F. Archibald, pastor of Chevy Chase Baptist church. He will be followed by the Rev. Richard H. Johnson, pastor of Ebenezer Methodist church; Dr. Carl Heath Kopf of First Congregational-United Church of Christ; and Dr. Frederick E. Reissig (United Lutheran), executive secretary of the National Capital Council of Churches.

Noon-time services have been held for several years in the Simpson Chapel but they were Methodist in character and attendance.

Reports Results of Survey On Meth. Pastors' Salaries

Some interesting facts are revealed in a study of Methodist ministers' salaries which has been made by the Rev. Albert C. Hoover of Chicago, director of the Statistical Office of The Methodist Churches.

His findings are published in the 17th annual report of the Council on World Service and Finance for 1956-57.

Mr. Hoover's study traced over a 10-year period the salaries of 499 young ministers who joined annual conferences in 1945. Three hundred fifty-nine of these men were appointed to pastorates that year, and a year later (1946) their average cash salary was \$1,769. This figure excluded house rent, travel allowance, etc.

Ten years later, in 1956, 281 of the 359 were still in the pastorate. Their average cash salary for that year, including travel expense, had increased to \$4,517, or 155.6 percent.

Reliable average cash salary figures for the entire church are hard to get, Mr. Hoover points out. Factors which make it difficult to compute accurately are part-time or student pastorates and some 300 federated churches in which the money reported to the Methodist conference is only that portion which comes from Methodist members—not the entire salary paid.

Mr. Hoover's study also shows the correlation between average salaries and the number of supply pastors in an annual conference. In the main, the 10 episcopal areas with the lowest average salary constitute the group having the largest per cent of supplied or to be supplied charges.

"This would mean," Mr. Hoover explains, "that in many cases a portion of the year passes either without ministerial leadership, with a part-time leadership, or with inadequately trained leadership. This reduces the average support for the whole church."

His report lists the 10 areas with the highest average amounts paid pastors as follows:

By areas, 1. Los Angeles; 2. Minnesota; 3. Iowa; 4. Illinois; 5. Houston-San Antonio; 6. Wisconsin; 7. Charlotte; 8. Michigan; 9. Ohio; 10. Richmond.

Lists Causes Of 'Typical Church Fires'

With winter fast approaching and all signs indicating it will be a hard one, "typical church fires" from a dozen causes will mean the loss of millions of dollars in property unless precautions are taken in time. In response to many requests for data on the problem, the Bureau of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches has published a report in its Information Service (Nov. 2) which shows "careless housekeeping" high on the list.

Of more than twelve "typical causes," defective and overheated heating systems are responsible for 22.5 per cent of the loss, the record shows. "Fire bugs" come second, causing 13.1 per cent, followed by defective electrical wiring and equipment at 12.5 per cent.

The Church Fire Insurance, a service organization of the Episco-

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Reports Observations of Three Week Communist China Trip

"I saw people going to church and confirmed with my own eyes in Shanghai that 50-100 per cent of church members in six separate churches were present one Sunday," declared Prof. Walter Freytag on his recent return from a three-week visit to Communist China. Dr. Freytag, professor of missions at Hamburg (Germany) University and chairman of the World Council of Churches' division of studies, made the trip at the invitation of the Chinese churches.

While three weeks in China "is not long enough to venture a judgment on the total situation," Dr. Freytag said he was impressed with the "look of the people" and "a new spirit of self-respect."

"One sees some splendid churches recently built," he reported, "and others have been enlarged or restored." He also was "amazed" that the 700,000 non-Roman Catholic Christians in the large cities have no

fewer than 21 student secretaries and that there are 15 executive and 100 workers employed in the Shanghai YMCA.

"Nowhere, however, does one find any fundamental criticism of the present political system," he continued. "This is one of the things on which they are silent." He added, however, that anyone who becomes a Christian cuts himself off from the Party and "joins a minority which today is at best respectfully tolerated."

"It is a simple fact," he declared, "that they know they are called to witness to the gospel in the world and one constantly sees Christians quite naturally saying grace before a meal in public." Dr. Freytag concluded: "We must remain in touch with the Chinese Christian churches and refrain from setting ourselves up as judges."

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. HAL CARRUTH, Chaplain of Fort Polk, was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church of DeRidder, Sunday evening, Nov. 10, where Rev. Robert H. Jamieson is pastor.

REV. R. LEONARD COOKE, vice president of Centenary College, spoke at the morning worship of the Southside Methodist Church, Monroe, Sunday, Nov. 10, where Rev. Lea Joyner is pastor.

REV. D. W. POOLE, superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, preached in a series of revival services held at the Baker Methodist Church, Nov. 3-10, where Rev. John H. Sewell is pastor.

At the last Quarterly Conference of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, the following were certified as Lay Speakers: Cecil C. Cutrer, Sam H. Jones, Clement M. Moss, and Dr. Billy L. Turney. Dr. Carl F. Lueg is pastor of the church.

FINLEY EMBREE, lay leader of the Slidell Methodist Church, was guest speaker, Oct. 27, at Lutchter-Reserve Methodist Churches. Mr. Embree and his daughter, Patricia, were guests for dinner at the parsonage of Rev. and Mrs. Frank C. Lankford.

DR. MEFFRE MATTA, a leading layman of the Munholland Methodist Church, New Orleans, was guest speaker on Layman's Day at the St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans. Others who participated in the service were W. P. Balovich, Charles Carraway, Robert Fine, Howard Orlopp, and Pat Ryan. Rev. Harvey G. Williamson is pastor of the church.

REV. TOM LANCASTER, pastor of the Summer Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport, conducted noonday services at the Beck Building Chapel, Shreveport, Wednesday, Nov. 6 and Wednesday, Nov. 13. Beck services are non-denominational and open to the public. The 25-minute meetings begin at 12:05 p.m.

REV. SPENCER WREN, pastor of St. Luke Methodist Church, New Orleans, was guest evangelist in a series of special services at the Kenner Methodist Church, Nov. 3-8. He used as his general theme "Exploring the Dimensions of Depth." Rev. Marvin H. Corley is pastor of the Kenner Church.

THE CROWVILLE Methodist Church has recently completed a series of revival services with Rev. Harold Hine, pastor of the Vidalia Methodist Church, as guest preacher. According to a report received from the pastor, Rev. Edwin H. House, Jr., it was a very fine week of fellowship and inspiration together.

THE ANNUAL UNION Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Tallulah Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, Nov. 27. Rev. Arthur Strickland will bring the message. All churches of the city will participate in the service. Rev. William F. Mayo is pastor of the host church.

FAMILY NIGHT, sponsored by the Friendship Bible Class, was held at the DeRidder Methodist Church Wednesday, Nov. 13. Don Morrison and Belisse Curless, two McNeese State College students, were the speakers for the evening. Special music was presented by the DeRidder High School Boys Quartet. Rev. Robert H. Jamieson is pastor of the church.

LAYMAN'S DAY was observed at the Quitman Methodist Church on Sunday, Nov. 3, with Pete Medak of Monroe as the guest speaker. Mr. Medak is an active and outstanding layman from the Southside Methodist Church of Monroe. Cecil Waldrip, layman of the Quitman Church, was in charge of the service. Rev. Troy Garrett is pastor of the church.

CHARLES STUCK, Lay Leader of the North Arkansas Conference, was guest speaker at the morning worship service of the Coushatta Methodist Church Sunday, Nov. 3, in observation

of Layman's Day. Pat Strother, along with other laymen of the church, participated in the service. Mr. Stuck has recently returned from a trip around the world. Rev. Fred Schwendimann is pastor of the church.

MRS. INDUK PAHK, of Korea, spoke in the morning and again in the evening at the Sam K. Baird Hall of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport. The program was sponsored by City-Wide Prayer Groups. Her topic for the morning service was "The Power of Prayer," and "Why I Am A Christian," in the evening service. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., is pastor of the host church.

REV. HARVEY G. WILLIAMSON and family have moved into the new parsonage purchased by St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans. The new house contains three bedrooms, two baths, and has a large living and dining room area. The kitchen is completely modern. This new parsonage represents an investment of some \$24,000 by this congregation.

SPILLER MILTON, son of Rev. W. D. Milton, pastor of the First Methodist Church of West Monroe, preached at the morning worship service of the Sterlington Methodist Church on Sunday, Nov. 10. Rev. James T. Harris, superintendent of the Monroe District, preached at the evening service. The pastor, Rev. W. M. Allen, is now at home and is appreciative of the flowers, cards, letters, and prayers in his behalf.

A BUILDING PROGRAM is to be started by members of the Curtis Park Methodist Church, Bossier City, to provide additional facilities. The first unit to be constructed will be a children's building costing approximately \$42,000. A kick-off banquet was held at the church on Tuesday, Nov. 5, with Dr. B. C. Taylor, superintendent of the Shreveport District, as the speaker. Rev. W. V. Sirman is pastor of the church.

REV. LEA JOYNER, pastor of the Southside Methodist Church, Monroe, was guest speaker at a special service at the Quitman Methodist Church, Wednesday evening, Nov. 6. The choir from Southside church was present and rendered several selections. The Rev. Miss Joyner used as her subject, "Walking With God." After the service a "squirrel mulligan" supper was served by members of the Quitman church to those present. Rev. Troy Garrett is pastor of the host church.

THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT of the General Board of Education has available copies of "Christmas Worship in the Home." This program has been prepared by the Department of the Christian Family of the General Board of Education. This program has been prepared to be used by family groups in homes at Christmas. Order programs from the Service Department, Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn. The price is 30c per dozen; \$2.00 per hundred. Send cash or check with order.

SHERIFF BRYAN CLEMMONS and members of his staff addressed the Ingleside Methodist Men's Club at its October meeting. The sheriff's Junior Deputy Sheriffs' League was the topic of discussion. With Mr. Clemmons were Capt. Ray Thomas of the juvenile office; Ralph Hubbard, firearms instructor for the junior deputies, and three members of the league, Sgts. John Chemin, Nolan Tollett and Warren Hubbard. Rev. Robert Irving is pastor of the church.

FAMILY NIGHT was observed at St. Paul's Methodist Church, New Orleans, on Oct. 24, with some 175 persons in attendance. The theme for the evening centered around Japan—as this activity brought to a close the Mission Study on Japan by the W.S.C.S. of the church. A typical Japanese meal was served, and Rev. and Mrs. Kondo—a Japanese couple studying in New Orleans, were guests for the evening. Rev. Harvey G. Williamson is pastor of the church.

THE PRIMARY and Junior classes of the Douglas Methodist Church enjoyed Halloween

night in a special way. In a school bus, and accompanied by their parents, they visited the homes of the shut-ins, singing songs and presenting them with fruits and candies. They then returned to the church for a Halloween party. Mrs. T. D. Chandler is teacher of the Primary classes and Miss Julia Faye Leachman is teacher of the Junior class. Rev. George Goodwin is pastor of the church.

TUESDAY, Nov. 12, at Amite, and Thursday, Nov. 14, at Baker, Missionary Institutes for Children's Workers were held for the churches in the Baton Rouge District. Mrs. Charles Learner, district director of Children's Work, and Mrs. John Sewell, district secretary of Children's Work of the W.S.C.S., were in charge of the Institutes. Mrs. Warren Spitzzi and Mrs. Opal Hampton were present and presented some of the studies for Junior and Primary children in the Church School and additional sessions.

DON LAND, student at McNeese State college, spoke on "The Wesley House" at the meeting of the W.S.C.S. of the University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, at the regular monthly meeting. He gave a resume of the aims and activities of the Wesley House and stated, "Wesley House motto is Wesley is our Home Away from Home." Mrs. W. A. Ford presided at the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. Paul Verduzco. The devotional was given by Mrs. D. E. Ottinger. Rev. Earl Emmerich is pastor of the church.

REV. JOHN WINN, PASTOR OF THE Metairie Methodist Church, conducted the noon-day services, Monday through Friday, at the Church House, New Orleans, under the auspices of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches. "Our Several Selves" was the Rev. Mr. Winn's topics at the daily services, conducted from 12:10 to 12:20 p.m. with a period of prayer, Scripture study, meditation and soft music. The chapel is open from noon to 1 p.m. according to the Rev. H. Wilson, executive secretary of the Federation of Churches.

REV. W. R. WENDT, pastor of the Springhill Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the celebration of Homecoming and Memorial Day at the First Methodist Church, Bossier City, on Sunday, Nov. 3. The Rev. Mr. Wendt was the pastor at the time of the opening of the new sanctuary, and the occasion was an eighth anniversary. Members of the committee who planned the activities for the service were: Frank Curry, chairman, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Brown, Mrs. Marie Seigler, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Robertson, A. B. Ewing, and W. T. Waller. Rev. Alfred M. Brown is pastor of the church.

DR. DAVID C. SHIPLEY, one of today's foremost authorities on the lives and work of John and Charles Wesley, will speak at the First Methodist Church of Lafayette, on Dec. 1, 2, 3, and 4, at 7:00 p.m. Through this series of discourses, First Church together with Asbury and Davidson churches are observing the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley. Dr. Shipley, who has received his Th.M. A., and Ph. D., is professor of Historical Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas. Among the courses he teaches is the course offered to senior students on the History and Theology of Methodism. Rev. Fred S. Flurry is pastor of the Lafayette church.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY was observed Friday, Nov. 8, at the First Christian Church, Alexandria, under the direction of the United Church Women of Alexandria-Pineville. Rev. Eugene K. Brink, pastor of the church, acted as worship leader and was assisted by Dr. Guy M. Hicks, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Rev. Harold Borchert, Presbyterian missionary on furlough from Japan, spoke on the theme, "Bread, Freedom and Dignity." Also assisting with the service were Mrs. R. N. Buckley and Mrs. George Fowler. Mrs. M. G. Holloman, chairman, urged women of the United Church Women's member churches to bring warm clothing, household linens and blankets to be sent as part of the "Parcels for Peace" program to refugees awaiting resettlement in camps in Europe and Asia. The offering, a part of the annual observance, is taken to promote self-help projects in Africa, the Middle East, India and Pakistan.

Begins Weekly 'Church Nite' Program

First Methodist Church, Shreveport, launched its first "Church Nite" recently with some 375 members present. The program is unique in that it is planned with the idea of scheduling all church meetings and activities on one particular night—the traditional Wednesday night for the church. The schedule is one that meets the need and interest of all ages—families as well as individuals. It begins with a supper that is served for 50c per person in Sam K. Baird Hall at 6:00 p.m. This is followed with a round of Table Fun that is conducted by members of the Recreation Council.

At 6:45 p.m. the groups divide and go to special groups; a game room, television and movie are provided for the children. Some of the movies to be shown are Walt Disney's "Dumbo," "Lassie Come Home," and "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm." The youth are provided with a study hall, game room, TV room, and Bible study groups. The adults have their choice of television, book reviews, "How To" classes, which include "How to Decorate Your Home" and "How to Make Your Own Christmas Decorations," Bible study, "Game of the Week," and seasonal worship services.

Regular monthly meetings such as the youth councils, adult councils, official board, commissions on membership, education, and missions, and church school parties, meet while other family members attend the class or activity of their choice. All meetings dismiss at 8:00 p.m. which makes it possible for all the family members to attend and be back at home by an early hour.

A spokesman had the following to say about the new program: "Besides the fellowship that is stimulating to a friendly church, the 'Church Night' is allowing family life to develop by encouraging all family members to save Wednesday night on their calendar and dedicating it to Christian growth, business, fun, and fellowship. Gone are the days when each member of the church family has to be at the church a different night. As one young family remarked, 'This is going to help our family life tremendously



Above—A supper begins "Church Nite." Attendance reached 375 the first Wednesday evening.

Below—A study hall is provided for youth on "Church Nite."



Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor of First Church, Shreveport, greets members arriving for first "Church Nite."

if this first meeting is an indication of what is to come."

Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., is pastor of the Shreveport First Methodist Church.

First Church, BR, Reviews History

First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, observed Founders' Day, Sunday, Nov. 10, and some 32 who have held membership in the church for a half century or more, were honored.

Special seats were reserved for the group at the 11:00 o'clock worship service, during which Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., pastor, presented them with parchment certificates embossed with the gold seal of the church. Following the worship services, the congregation retired to the gymnasium of the youth center where the church's XYZ Club (older adult) was host at an old-fashioned "basket picnic."

During the services giving special recognition to these members, Dr. Dawson gave some interesting notes from the 123-year history of First Church. From ancient church volumes, he recounted the story of Methodist circuit riders and their work in the tiny Baton Rouge Station around 1810. In 1834, the church was taken off the circuit and given a full-time minister, Dr. C. K. Marshall, and a one-story church house was built. The records revealed the first membership roll of the church, and several family names are those of today's active members. Mentions of cholera and yellow fever plagues were lifted from the old records, and an account of the dark days of the Civil War when the minister was imprisoned and taken to New Orleans, and the church closed for three years. Dr. Dawson noted the significant phase as the chronicler of long ago ended his report . . . "But with God's help we persevered."

Another note of interest for the Founders' Day activities was a dis-

Suggests Greater Exchange of News With English Meth.

Baltimore, Md. (MI)—The need for a more complete exchange of news and opinion between American and British Methodists was cited at the annual meeting here November 5 of the executive committee of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies.

As a first step the Rev. Dr. T. Otto Nall of Chicago, editor of the *New Christian Advocate*, was authorized to correspond with his "opposite number," the Rev. Dr. Richard C. Burnett of London, editor of the *Methodist Recorder*, concerning a monthly exchange of news stories and articles of mutual interest.

The committee also received a proposal of the Rev. John D. Erb of Boston, editor of *Zion's Herald*, for the establishment of a quarterly journal in the interest of world Methodism, featuring news, theological and ecumenical studies, and research in Methodist history.

The committee voiced considerable interest in such a publication, but said no funds were available at present.

Other editorial needs discussed by the committee included a new *History of American Methodism* (to match a British history now in preparation), an *Encyclopedia of Methodism*, and perhaps a *Dictionary of Methodist Biography*.

Lafayette To Have Wesleyan Revival

The Methodist churches in Lafayette will sponsor a Wesleyan Revival, commemorating the anniversary of Charles Wesley, Dec. 1-4. Dr. David C. Shipley, professor theology at Perkins School of Theology, SMU, will be the speaker for the services which will be held each evening at the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, at 7 o'clock.



DR. DAVID C. SHIPLEY

play of the earliest records of the church, along with ancient programs and clippings, in the narthex.

The events were closed at the evening worship service when the Motet Choir presented the sacred oratorio, "The Holy City," by Gaul, under the direction of the Minister of Music, Marvin C. Genuchi.

Oil City Youth Organize Fellowship

The Oil City, La., Methodist Youth Fellowship was organized in September with the following officers elected: Marion Powell, president; Lewis Thacker, vice-president; Coe McKenzie, treasurer; Billie Vic Bozeman, secretary; program committee, Loyd McKenzie, Jr., David Bridges, Elizabeth Thacker, and Betty Fowler.

The counselors chosen are Mrs. Walter Fowler, Mrs. Carroll Powell, Mrs. Harold Braselton, and J. C. Thacker.

The group meets each Sunday night at the church at 6:00 o'clock. There will be a business meeting, a worship service, and a period of recreation and refreshments.

The newly formed MYF has taken over the devotional part of the evening service.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Covington, La., Methodist Youth were hosts to the MYF Sub-district group Oct. 25, with about 60 members attending.

Meditation and the program were given by the Pearl River group. In the absence of the president, Frances Barker, Duncan Hodges, vice-president, presided over the business meeting. A welcome to active participation was extended to the Mandeville group.

After the meeting, games and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Arkansas Valley

The Arkansas Valley Sub-district met at Mulberry on Monday, November 11 with 55 present.

The meeting opened with a program which presented several ideas on being a good witness.

The business meeting with Lionel Jewell, president, presiding was conducted. The minutes of last months meeting and the council meeting were read and approved. The roll was called and it was announced that attendance increased. A card was read from the Oark Church, a new one in this area, thanking the Sub-district for an invitation to join.

The group next played a game, and refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be at Lamar on December 9. The program will be on "Christian Outreach."

Danville

The Danville Sub-district MYF met Monday, November 4, at Belleville. Some 55 attended and Belleville received the Banner.

Dr. Louis A. Draeger from Danville, made a talk on "The Rules of Life."

Plans were made for the recreation clinic to be held at Danville, November 23. All Yell County MYF groups are urged to attend, and an invitation is extended to have the groups join the Sub-district. Reporter is Nancy Richer.

DeWitt MYF Presents Mission Study Program



In cooperation with the Woman's Society Missionary Education program during their mission study of Japan, the Senior and Intermediate MYF groups of the First Methodist Church of DeWitt (pictured above), used the program theme, "Japan Today" for the devotional hour Sunday evening, November 3, following their regular recreational period.

For the MYF meeting, the Japanese theme was carried out effectively in the many and unusual decorations in the church basement. Miss J'laine White was chairman of the decorating committee. Mrs. O. G. Rollison and Mrs. H. E. Hampton were hostesses for the special Japanese party and program. Miss Marlene McGuire is recreational leader.

The Senior MYF had charge of the evening service preceding the showing of a film on Japan, "The Younger Brother." Miss Kay Shannon, president of the Senior group, Miss Judy Stephenson, Miss Donna Davis, Jimmy Rasco, and George Hillman presented the devotional program. A group of girls from the Junior department—Mary Kay Trice, Linda Quermous, Maxine Gray, and Carol Hampton sang "Yes, Jesus Loves Me" in Japanese.

Rev. Curtis Williams is pastor of the DeWitt church. Mrs. H. E. Hampton was chairman of the study on Japan.

MYFers Report UNICEF Projects Texarkana

The Senior Department of First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Ark., worked for UNICEF in conjunction with the other churches in the city and the Allied Youth, on Halloween evening. The program was under the supervision of their counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Martin and the chairman of the Area of Faith, Miss Carolyn Eason.

The area covered included a portion of six streets and from these calls, \$106 was collected.

At the conclusion of the calls, the group returned to the church for refreshments and fellowship. The evening was concluded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Tackett where they were invited to view a "Room of Horrors."

Joan Davis, president, expresses her thanks to all of the committees who worked to make it a successful and enjoyable evening.

Crowley

The Juniors and Intermediates of the First Methodist Church, Crowley, dressed as ghosts, witches and devils, turned a "scared" Halloween into a "shared" Halloween for UNICEF. By this time next year, thousands of children will be healthier and happier because the youth were such wonderful ambassadors for the United Nations Children's Fund. The fun of dressing up and collecting pennies, nickles, dimes, and dollars is over, but now the money will go to work all around the world. The amount collected was \$51.11. Adults assisting in the Trick or Treat project were Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Rue, Donald Stutes, and Mrs. C. L. Malone.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

BREAKFAST FOOD IS NOT ENOUGH

One thing about radio and television commercials, they impose on our minds cliches and jingles about particular products. For instance, when one mentions Wheaties he automatically falls victim to the huckster who coined the phrase, "The breakfast of champions." So naturally when I eat Wheaties I identify myself with all the champions who presumably are sharing my breakfast wherever they are!

But even the breakfast food folks in the Cereal City nearby will probably admit (quietly though) that it takes more than breakfast food to make a champ. So when a man who has been producing champions in a particular field steps up to suggest the qualities that go to make champions, I am inclined to give ear. Thus it is that I took note of some words of the coach of the Australian track team in the 1956 Olympics. A good many of his men were on the top step of the trylon when the track oscars were passed out at the close of the various events in Melbourne. Therefore, he ought to have some insight into what besides breakfast food produces champions. He listed three qualities that make a champion.

First, he rates *intelligence and keenness of mind* at the top of the list. If you wonder why, he explains that a champion needs to know how to respond to good coaching. He must have insight as to how to make the most of himself. He needs the ability to learn from his mistakes. He can have the brawn and the stamina, the energy and the

Special Youth Services Conducted At Crowley

A series of youth services was held recently at First Methodist Church, Crowley, La., with the Rev. Byrd Moreland, pastor of Asbury Church, Lafayette, as leader.

Attendance increased each night, according to the report, and 64 were present for the concluding service. "Not only did the number increase, but an increasing sense of fellowship and congeniality seemed to prevail," the report said.

Youth from First Church were joined by young people from the Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Baptist, Catholic, Maxie Methodist, Rayne Methodist, and Wesley Methodist Churches.

Plans were made for the services by the youth and counselors, with the cooperation of parents and other adults. The Woman's Society served refreshments each evening. The Rev. Louis Hoffpauir is pastor, and Miss Norma Garlington, education director.

Huttig MYF Group Elects New Officers

The MYF of the Jack Mayfield Memorial Methodist Church, Huttig, elected officers for a new term. They are as follows: president, Sherry Fullerton; vice-president, Sandra Ely; secretary-treasurer, Beverly Cain; reporter, Myrna Gilmore; Outreach and Citizenship, Sue Bolding; Faith and Witness, Michael Impson; and Fellowship, Jerry Davis. They were installed at a candle light service. Patricia Bolding is secretary of the Union County Sub-district.

The young people began their new term by presenting a program at the home of Mr. Knox, a shut-in. Beverly Cain gave the program and Sandra Ely gave the devotional.

On October 30, the group sponsored a trick or treat for UNICEF, which will help unfortunate children. They collected \$40. Afterwards they met at the church for refreshments and games. For one of their projects they bought a communion set for the church.

Counselor is Miss Doris Holley and the Rev. Myron Pearce is pastor.

muscles, but if he fails to have the intelligence to learn how to use these resources he will never make a champion.

Second, championship quality is seen in *will-power and desire*. Without this no person will pay the price of self-discipline. The race is not won in the finals alone. It is in the long hours of development of self and the perfecting of talent and natural ability. The self-denial and heartache that accompanies practice and defeat, practice and victory—these are important and demand real commitment.

Third, the Australian coach listed *poise and the ability to relax*. He said a champion is so at peace with himself and so relaxed, even though he may seem tense, that in the final seconds of the race when he calls on himself for the final sprint, he will know how to bring out of himself more than others are able to do.

Shift your gaze for a moment from
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Broadmoor, Shreveport, Honors Charter Member



Mrs. J. L. Saxon, charter member of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, and past president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was awarded an Honorary Life Membership on November 4. Mrs. Saxon is active in all phases

of church life, and is presently serving as treasurer of the local society.

Shown in the picture are Mrs. Furman Barnes, Mrs. W. J. Gillespie, Mrs. Saxon and pinning the pin is Mrs. Clyde Stallcup, all past

presidents of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Others in the picture are Miss Rosa Mixer, only other Broadmoor woman to be awarded an Honorary Life Membership, and Mrs. John Wilfong, now president of the society.

Programs Presented On Student Work

Central Avenue,
Batesville Guild

Four members of the Wesley Foundation of Arkansas State College at Jonesboro were guest speakers Friday, November 8, at the Wesleyan Service Guild meeting at Central Avenue, Batesville.

The group included Margaret Hart of Manila; Charlotte James, Tuckerman; Bill Jacobs, Poplar Bluff, Missouri; and John Adams, Yellville. They were accompanied by Carol K. Moore, youth director at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, and Willard Womack.

The talks centered around the activities and growth of the Wesley Foundation during the time they have been students at Arkansas State. Construction will start soon on a \$40,000 building on the Arkansas State College campus.

The visiting group was introduced by Mrs. Paul Melton, program leader. Mrs. Hadley Jones was devotional leader.

Little Rock Conference Holds District Workshops

Camden District

Over 60 women from the Camden District attended the promotional workshops for presidents, vice-presidents, promotion secretaries, and treasurers held at Vantrease Church, El Dorado, November 5, and Jackson Street Church, Magnolia, November 7.

The meetings were under the leadership of Mrs. Nelson Thornton, secretary of promotion for Camden District. She was assisted by Mrs. J. F. McKinnon, district president, Mrs. C. Z. Couch, district treasurer, and Mrs. A. C. Hale, district vice-president. Mrs. M. E. Scott, president of the Little Rock Conference, assisted with the meeting at Vantrease.

Needs and problems of the societies and suggested solutions were discussed in small groups which later shared their findings with the entire group. How adults learn was brought out in buzz sessions. A panel showed the relationship of the W.S.C.S. to the total program of the local church and to the pastor, with Rev. M. E. Scott assisting at Vantrease and Rev. W. Neill Hart taking part at Jackson Street. A chart showing how the money of the Woman's Society is spent was explained by the district treasurer, who was also a member of the panel. Two periods of Bible study were greatly enjoyed by the women attending each meeting; and role-playing had a part in each day's activities.

The women who were present felt that ideas gained in the workshops would help them to bring new skills and techniques into the work of their local societies.

Hope District

The Hope District Workshop On Promotion for the Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the First Methodist Church in Hope Thursday, November 7th at 9:30 A.M. Mrs. M. E. Scott, Conference President, Mrs. A. C. Stone, Conference Vice President, Mrs. Ross Helvie, Conference Secretary of Promotion, and Mrs. J. L. Verhoff, Treasurer, led in the various group projects and learning situations.

Mrs. W. M. Reinhardt, Hope District President, and Mrs. J. A. Daniels, District Promotion Secretary, were in charge of the program. A representative group of women from the local societies of the district participated.

Dr. Robert B. Moore, district Superintendent, conducted a district preachers' meeting in connection with the workshop.

Mrs. J. L. Verhoff led in the closing worship service at three P. M., concluding a very helpful and interesting day.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Selma Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. C. K. Watson, November 5 with Mrs. Watson, president, conducting the business session, and the program in the absence of the program chairman. Those taking part were Mrs. Beckham, Mrs. Kitchens, Mrs. Hugh and Mrs. Daniels. The next meeting will be held December 2 in the home of Mrs. Vance Whittaker.

U.N. Meditation Room Reopened

New York (RNS)—The meditation and prayer room at the United Nations here was reopened to the public after being enlarged and artistically decorated.

A new fresco, just completed by the Swedish artist Bo Beskow, covers a nine by six and a half foot panel set against the front wall of the room. The painting, done on wet plaster, is of blue, white, gray and yellow geometric designs.

The meditation room is on the west side of the public lobby in the General Assembly building. It is intended for the use of delegates and visitors to the U.N. More than 300,000 persons have visited the room for prayer or meditation since it was opened in 1952.

Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld has taken a personal interest in redecorating the room. He calls it "a room of stillness, where nothing intrudes on those who wish to find stillness."

Urge Americans Face Soviet Achievements Without Panic

Boston (RNS) — A plea that Americans face the latest Soviet scientific achievements "soberly but without panic and without forgetting the reality of spiritual power" was made here by the Massachusetts Council of Churches.

The council, in a resolution adopted at its annual meeting, urged that "our national effort be directed not only to military competition but also to scientific advance for the benefit for all mankind."

It also urged that the United States intensify diplomatic, economic and social efforts "to remove the causes of war and create

First Church, Lafayette

The First Methodist Church Woman's Society of Christian Service of Lafayette met Tuesday night November 5 at the Methodist Student Center with Mrs. Fred Flurry, secretary of Student Work of the Lafayette District and the local society presenting the program. Mrs. Eloi Girard, president of the society, welcomed visitors from Asbury and Davidson Memorial Methodist churches.

Mrs. Woodrow Hearne told of Methodist colleges all over the world. Ted Tether, director of the Methodist Student Center at Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, gave a report on the Wesley Foundations in institutions of higher learning in the United States.

A playlet "Three Doors to Tomorrow" was presented by the following members of the Wesley Foundation at Lafayette: Effie Whittington, Joan Connley, Phyllis Hester, George Ann Morrow, Elaine Savage, Nancy Moore, Barbara Linscombe, Dean O'Dea, Mary Alice, Grimmitt, Jimmy Conley, Janet Mitchell, and Evelyn Burleigh.

peace."

The delegates from 1800 Protestant churches called for the pursuit of disarmament through the United Nations, the "control" of American nuclear weapons experiments and the "direction of atomic power to peaceful uses."

"The major contribution this country can make to international cooperation and goodwill," the adopted resolution said, "is through the fullest dedication of itself to the common welfare of all people everywhere."

The Ministry To Migrant Laborers Is Increasingly
Becoming The Concern Of The Church. This
Article Suggests That, In This Ministry,

You Are There

By MONICA B. OWEN

FOR sixty years I've been going up the seasons. It's been hard but I couldn't have done it alone. The good Lord, he holpen me."

That is Granny Thompson speaking. Tragedy, poverty, and ignorance forced her with her three young children to start following the crops long ago. Thousands of other families like hers go up the road each year only because they can find work in the fields, and it is our need of fruits and vegetables to eat and cotton to wear that keeps them moving from harvest to harvest, from shack to shack.

But as they travel the roads, often they do not go alone. In thirty-one states, the church goes with them and you are there to help, for the partnership of denominations, councils of churches, and councils of church women makes the Migrant Ministry of the Division of Home Missions, National Council of Churches, possible. Together we work to find ways of helping these homeless families toward a better life.

There are three approaches to the enormous task of meeting the need. First of all comes direct service. This is a religious ministry through which we try to help migrant families find a faith of their own choosing, one that is relevant to their daily lives. So church services are held—by the light of a fire in an oil drum in front of the shacks, or at the edge of a field, or wherever people can gather together. We come to share our faith, yet often we are humbled by the simple, sincere belief in God that we find. For the children there are Sunday schools and vacation church schools in which teachers use lessons that relate to the experience of migrant life, lessons especially prepared for this group.

Since religion must touch every area of life, the Migrant Ministry tries to provide for these families some of the good things we take for granted but they have never known. Our babies and young children, as a matter of course, are cared for in our own homes. But what happens to migrant babies when their mothers work in the field? If we could have been there, Willie Lee Jones would not have been run over by a tractor as he slept on some potato sacks, and Charlie Johnson would not have crippled legs because he spent his babyhood living in a box. But this year, because you were there through the Migrant Ministry, more than six hundred children were cared for in child care centers scattered across the country—in the desert of Arizona, in the potato fields of Pennsylvania, in Maryland, in Virginia, in North Carolina, and in the Everglades of Florida.

Migrant children of school age are ready to learn the skills they will need to know if they are to grow into responsible adults. So clubs and playgroups are provided for hundreds of them, special schools with curricula adapted to their needs are carried on during the summer months, and this year a vocational school was developed as a pilot project. Under the leadership of experienced teachers, a group of boys built a full-sized cabin, using only the kind of tools and materials they would be able to buy for themselves in the years ahead. An old jalopy gave them practice in simple motor mechanics. The girls learned to budget, plan simple meals, do the marketing, and prepare and serve lunch each day for the whole group. They developed their own small cookbooks, made curtains and cupboards, and set up housekeeping. One mother, watching them at work in the cookshack, said, "If I'd had a chance like this when I was a child, I wouldn't have been on the road today."

Teen-agers need the Migrant Ministry, too. These young parents who have known little of childhood themselves want to learn to make good homes and to care for their own children. They need the hope the ministry can bring them and they long for some of the fun they have missed and that all young people need. Rosita Fernandez, for example, who will soon be eighteen, has traveled through ten states this year

with her husband and small son and daughter. She needs and wants the help we can give her.

The adults, most of whom have had little chance for schooling, need to learn to read and write if they are to assume their place as responsible citizens. Many of them are eager to know the skills that can improve their lives. "Education is better to have than to need," the motto chosen by one women's group, tells of this desire. Our goal is to help them toward greater self-direction and self-respect; the Migrant Ministry works with rather than for them.

"Look for this sign. Where you see it you will find a friend." These words on cards, printed in Spanish and in English, remind migratory families to watch for the Migrant Ministry symbol on the thirty Harvesters that move from state to state across the country. Other cards telling of families we have helped are sent ahead to staff members in other areas so that the service already begun can be continued. Because of this concern, Billy Mack, when he reached strawberries in Michigan, went on with his reading lessons begun in melons in Florida; and Nancy, who has had polio, had her braces put on in cotton in Texas and refitted when the family moved to the cherry orchards of Wisconsin.

Acceptance by the communities in which migratory families work is the second aim of the ministry and without church women this goal could never be reached. Together they discover the need, awaken concern, and serve on more than seven hundred local committees. More than three thousand women have worked as volunteers this year, for weeks or months giving generously of their time and their skills. Through the World Day of Prayer offerings, they also make the ministry possible. Many migrants themselves share in this day. This year, in one state alone, more than four thousand took part in the services, making what contribution they could out of their meager incomes. This sharing is one of the many ways by which communities come to know and to accept migrants as neighbors rather than as "hands" to harvest the crops, a group which too often townspeople have been glad to see come, and glad to see go when the need for pickers is over.

The churches cannot do the job alone, so the third approach of the Migrant Ministry is to work with all available agencies. Help is found through the services of many groups such as Boy and Girl Scouts, service clubs, the Red Cross, and 4H Clubs. The public agencies of health, welfare, education, and employment are increasingly extending their resources. Clinics and hospitals are opening their doors. Welfare departments often help when tragedy strikes, schools are accepting migrant children in greater numbers, and the Farm Placement Service is working toward steadier employment.

Sometimes we wonder whether migrancy must go on forever as a necessary part of American life. Researchers in the US Department of Agriculture predict that for at least twenty-five years migrants will be following the seasons, for migrancy will not yet be solved and we shall still want fruits and vegetables to eat and cotton to wear. So, since this is to be a continuing problem there must be planning at the state and national levels. Already there are state committees of the Migrant Ministry, governors' commissions are being appointed, and the President's Committee on Migratory Labor is at work studying ways of providing better housing and transportation. With groups such as these as partners, we can help to make a better life for the migrant families on whom we depend.

"I'm going. Who cares? Who cares?" These words on the truck of a migrant cotton picker tell us of his sense of being forgotten. But the churches do not forget. They care, showing their compassion and concern through the Migrant Ministry. And wherever it goes, you are there.

Reports Heard From Bishops At Council Meeting Last Week

Bishop Martin Reports
On African Trip

Gatlinburg, Tenn. (MI)—Turbulent world conditions and a new missionary zeal manifest by adherents of ancient faiths, once called "heathen," were reported by four Methodist bishops to their colleagues in Council here November 12-14.

Africa's movement into conspicuous world focus was reiterated both by visiting bishops and by those resident there.

What for a century was known as "darkest Africa" is now the key continent, Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock told his colleagues. "It has been transformed from a jungle wilderness to a continent possessed of fabulous resources. It must be reckoned with in the affairs of the world. The awakening of its two hundred million people will fill the coming years with explosive problems, conflicts and headlines."

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of Denver saw in Africa a "rising tide of nationalism. There is a new pride in the African as an African. The continent is now where China was 25 years ago."

"Communism, which thrives on confusion, unrest and conflicts, is bearing down," he said, "particularly in Sudan and the new country of Ghana."

"Of every 100 Africans, 54 are pagan, 32 Moslem, and 14 Christian. Mohammedanism is coming alive as a missionary faith. Its approval of polygamy and the recognition of racial equality make its appeal effective."

Two bishops resident in Africa, Bishop Prince Albert of Monrovia, Liberia and Bishop Newell S. Booth of Elizabethville, the Belgian Congo, confirmed the observations of their visiting colleagues on Africa.

Bishop H. Bascom Watts of Lincoln, Nebraska agreed that "nationalism everywhere is ascendant." Particularly impressed with what he saw in the Middle East, he warned, "Make no mistake, there is a stir among the Arab people which is intense and portends trouble for the world."

With regard to America's so-called "religious boom," Bishop Watts made some observations: "Ours is not the only country which is showing renewed interest in religion. The ancient faiths are all experiencing marked renewal. In Japan where Shintoism seemed to be dying, it is now showing great vitality. Buddhism is basing its strong revival on its claim of being the religion of peace. Its adherents assert that it was the Christian nations which plunged us into two world wars. The only hope in this atomic age, they say, is to turn to Buddha."

In India, Hindus are on a mission to convert Christians, according to Bishop Watts. He added that Mohammedanism is also on the march. Their religious activity is closely linked with Arab racialism.

Early Diploma From Centenary College Returned to School

The first official diploma ever awarded to a woman by Centenary College has been returned to the institution for its permanent archives.

Mrs. Emory C. Cameron of Peoria, Ill., who received the Bachelor of Science degree on June 8, 1904, has presented her faded, but still legible, diploma to Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary.

Mrs. Cameron is the former Miss Jennie Lane May, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. May of Franklinton. Her father was serving as a Methodist minister in the Franklinton church at the time she attended Centenary, then located in Jackson.

Although four women had completed degree requirements prior to the day on which Miss May received her degree, all were denied degrees and were given merely certificates testifying to their successful completion of prescribed courses of study. To confer a baccalaureate degree on a woman was considered unthinkable until several years after the turn of the century.

Miss Carrie Schwing and her sister, Miss Willie Schwing were the first women to invade the all-male domain of the campus. Both completed requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in 1900, but both received only certificates. This injustice was rectified in 1947 when Centenary conferred the degrees on the sisters. Carrie, who had meanwhile become Mrs. Carrie Schwing Tomb and was living in Jackson, accepted the degrees for both herself and her sister, who had meanwhile married Professor Robert Campbell, one-time member of the Centenary faculty, and who now resides in Wichita, Kansas.

In 1902, Miss Maria Mason and Miss Mary Hill Taylor also were given certificates as having completed Bachelor of Science requirements. They, too, were denied degrees. In fact, college records indicate that the board of trustees were so doubtful about the wisdom of educating women that they felt it necessary to call a special meeting to decide if the two young women should receive even the certificates.

It was at the commencement ceremonies in 1902 that Miss May was awarded the Winecoff Medal for excellence in Latin. William Hamilton Nelson, author of the history, "A Burning Torch and a Flaming Fire," refers to her as "one of the brightest students who ever attended Centenary College."

Miss May was one of five in the graduating class of 1904. Others were A. K. Doss, who died at a comparatively early age; I. S. Hoffpauir, about whom little is said in college records; R. H. Harper, who later became Dr. R. H. Harper of Lake Charles and an outstanding Methodist preacher, and B. B. Taylor, who became one of Baton Rouge's leading attorneys.

Under the signature of C. C. Miller, then president of Centenary, are those of C. N. Lynch, professor of Latin; J. M. Roberts, professor of Greek; G. L. Harrell, professor of science and mathematics, and J. C. Roberts, professor of English. Other signatures on the diploma are those of Vice President S. S. Keener, W. D. Wall, Edward L. McGehee, W. W. Carre, William H. LaPrade, C. W. Carter, F. N. Parker, J. M. Henry



White Hall Church Building Scheduled For Dedication

Lafayette District Conference Meets At Houma

The Lafayette District Conference met at the First Methodist Church of Houma on Tuesday, November 12, with the Reverend R. R. Branton, District Superintendent, presiding and the Reverend B. A. Galloway host pastor.

The conference was attended by 128 delegates and guests, and a very comprehensive program was outlined for the work of the district.

Among the visiting speakers were the Reverend Leonard Cook, vice-president, Centenary College, the Reverend J. B. Grambling, representative of the Retired Ministers' Homes, the Reverend Ewing T. Wayland, editor of The Louisiana Methodist, the Reverend L. D. Haughton, Superintendent of Methodist Home Hospital, the Reverend Charles Flurry, representing the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation and Miss Ann Fox, representing the Methodist Children's Home.

The morning devotional was brought by the Reverend Travis Campbell, pastor of the Golden Meadow Charge, and the conference sermon was brought by the Reverend Byrl Moreland, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette.

A delicious crab dinner was served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church.

Three young ministers were relicensed to preach. They are: Reverend Paul Matherne, student of Candler School of Theology, Emory Uni-

and I. D. Wall, all members of the board of trustees at the time. Dr. Mickle expressed delight at receiving this bit of Centenary history for the college archives, and he said the old diploma will be placed later in a spot where today's coeds may see it and take cognizance of the fact that education once was something restricted to men only.

Dedication services for the new church plant of the White Hall Methodist Church, located seven miles southwest of Haynesville, will be held on Sunday morning, December 1, at 11:00 a.m. Bishop Paul E. Martin will deliver the dedicatory sermon and lead in the service of dedication, according to Rev. W. P. Cassels, pastor.

The White Hall Methodist Church is on the Shongaloo charge of the Ruston District. Rev. Mr. Cassels has served as its pastor for the past 12 years. The White Hall Church building was completed in 1955, debt free.

The building has a sanctuary, dining hall, completely equipped kitchen, church office, cloak rooms and rest rooms. The church has a resident membership of 40 members and carries out a half-time church program budget.

versity; Reverend Lionel Marcel, U. S. Army; and Jerold Hoffpauir, student at S.L.I. Reverend Matherne and Reverend Marcel are members of First Methodist Church, Houma, and Reverend Hoffpauir is a member at Indian Bayou.

Church Construction Expected To Set New Record This Year

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Church construction will set a new record of \$870,000,000 this year, the Departments of Commerce and Labor predicted here. They said church building would continue at the same pace next year.

Last year's figure of \$763,000,000 was the previous record.

Although church construction has been gaining each year since 1953, the government departments believe it will level off next year and not go any higher than in 1957.

The government did forecast, however, a three per cent increase in construction activity by non-public schools and colleges, most of which are church-related. It indicated that \$540,000,000 would be spent by these schools on new buildings in 1958, more than offsetting a slight decrease during 1957. Construction by the non-public schools is expected to total \$525,000,000 this year, compared with \$535,000,000 in 1956.

An increase of 17 per cent is predicted in construction activity by private hospitals, orphanages and other institutions. New buildings erected by these institutions will reach \$505,000,000 this year, an in-

In 1872 White Hall Methodist Church was organized and a church was built that stood until present structure replaced it. It was constructed of heart pine lumber and all the interior ceiling and trim were hand dressed. Much of this old lumber was redressed and used for trim in the present building. It is finished in natural finish.

Parson Jim Smith, a circuit rider of the old school, was appointed its first pastor. He was a carpenter by trade, and he along with his nine sons and many others, built the church that stood for nearly one hundred years. Through these many years the church has been served by various pastors. In February, 1946, Rev. W. P. Cassels was appointed pastor with services only two afternoons per month. In 1952 the pastor and his faithful congregation began plans for the present structure. Bro. Cassels was also a carpenter by trade. He was chosen head carpenter and leader in construction and within two years the building was completed at a minimum cost, with the congregation and pastor doing the work.

Rev. Mr. Cassels and members of White Hall Church invite friends and former members to be present for the dedication service.

crease of 54 per cent over the \$328,000,000 reported in 1956. The government agencies say the figure will be \$590,000,000 in 1958.



DRINKING IS A MORAL ISSUE

By Carradine R. Hooton
General Secretary, Methodist Board of Temperance

Methodists are convinced that the problems of alcohol pose a moral responsibility for churchmen. For this reason, our church has long been a leader in the search for solutions to alcohol problems. To help local churches meet that responsibility, we have established a World Service agency known as the General Board of Temperance.

Far from telling people what they cannot do, it is the purpose of this Board and of our churches to remind our people of the positive benefits of Christian living, to call attention to the productive value of a life free from alcohol.

There are four ways in which Methodists meet problems of alcohol—through Education, Commitment, Rehabilitation, and Legislation.

Education

The Board of Temperance carries on a church-wide educational effort designed to help Methodists find the facts about beverage alcohol, then examine those facts in the light of Christian conviction.

New audio visuals and printed materials are in constant preparation to keep Methodists informed. A Washington newsletter, The Clipseet, and a unique local church service called CONTACT are produced regularly. Board personnel serve on the curriculum committees of the General Board of Education to help in the planning of up-to-date study materials for the church school.

Two national schools of alcohol studies are sponsored annually by the Board, and its staff participates in a host of Annual Conference and regional training enterprises for local church leaders.

Commitment

At the direction of the General Conference, the Board of Temperance provides materials for the church-wide observance of Commitment Day, the first Sunday of each December. On this date Methodists across the nation consider individual Christian responsibilities related to drinking. Theme for the current observance will be "Drinking Is a Moral Issue." Program materials are designed to help each pastor bring his people to a Christian decision based on the sound education which has been going on year long through the church school.

The Commitment Observance is not just a "pledge signing" day, but last year more than 1,000,000 Commitment cards were ordered for use in local churches. With

these cards and in other ways millions of Methodists chose abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages as a wiser way of life, a "step in Christian living."

When the Leiffer Bureau of Social and Religious Research conducted its recent Methodist survey, it found that 81 per cent of regular church-going Methodists approved the church's abstinence position.

Rehabilitation

Not content to ignore the nation's 4,500,000 alcoholics, the Board of Temperance has adopted an all-out campaign to help local churches serve these troubled persons and their families. Audio visual materials and a special rehabilitation packet for pastors have been recently developed.

In a thirty-year history, the outstanding work of Alcoholics Anonymous has reached only 130,000 alcoholics, one in thirty-five. This leaves a vast number of persons whom the church must serve with a healing and redemptive fellowship. In one Methodist church more than 30 alcoholics have been returned to society through the work of the pastor and a group of concerned laymen.

Legislation

While legislation alone can never solve alcohol problems, there are communities and states taking constructive steps to reduce social drinking problems.

Through its Department of Legal Affairs, the Board helps Methodists in local communities seek more effective control of drinking and driving through chemical test laws and encourage (1) proper alcohol education in the public schools, (2) strict laws governing alcohol sales to minors and the number and location of liquor outlets.

The Board helps Methodists work for national and state legislation to outlaw alcohol advertising, take liquor service off commercial airliners, establish state sponsored rehabilitation programs and provide the privilege of local option decision in every community.

For Methodists, "Drinking Is a Moral Issue," and that issue must be met by a militant churchmanship, discontent with the status quo; a churchmanship which demands that the lights of truth and the Christian conscience be applied to every social problem.

(For further information write: Methodist Board of Temperance, 100 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington 2, D. C.)

Methodists Plan Expansion of Missions To Physically, Mentally Handicapped

Methodism's home missions specialists have begun a study of the need for an expanded ministry to a specialized segment of the American population—the physically, mentally and emotionally handicapped—and how these groups can best be served.

A preliminary report on an intensified ministry to the handicapped was made to the staff of the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions October 24 in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Dr. Allen B. Rice, executive secretary for home missions, presented the report from the division's Special Committee on Methodism's Ministry to the Handicapped. The special committee is composed of two staff specialists in work with the handicapped, Percy J. Trevethan, executive vice-president of the Goodwill Industries of America (of Methodist origin and now one of the

Bishop Asks Moral, Spiritual Rededication

Wilmington, Mass. (RNS)—Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord of Boston said here that Americans must meet the "threat" of Russia's Sputniks not only by efforts to gain scientific supremacy but by a renewed dedication to "moral and spiritual concepts of life."

Preaching a "Call to Faith" at a cornerstone laying for a new Methodist church he said "many Americans have been in some degree victimized by the lure of creature comforts and a soft materialism."

"As a nation we must be dedicated to those moral and spiritual concepts of life upon which our nation was founded" he said, "and in which we have realized our greatest splendor in the world of nations," he said.

LISTS CAUSES OF TYPICAL CHURCH FIRES

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pal Church, and the National Fire Protection Association list lack of sprinklers, unprotected concealed spaces, combustible decorations and draperies, and oiled floors as other major causes of Church fires. It was also disclosed that many churches carry inadequate fire insurance, particularly considering the rise in building costs in the past 20 years. However it was noted that in some states insurance rate credit can be obtained by churches which

install proper fire extinguishing systems.

In the report, the special committee said there are more than 2¼ million handicapped persons in the United States. They fall into such categories as the blind, the deaf, the emotionally and mentally disturbed, the orthopedically and otherwise physically handicapped, the aged, the deformed and those commonly referred to as "shut-ins."

The special committee, Dr. Rice said, has organized the approach to the problem in five steps:

(1) Procedures for discovering the handicapped and the need for ministry to them.

(2) Survey of ministries now being rendered and evaluation of their extent and significance.

(3) Possibilities of discovering and training full-time and part-time workers in the field, including approaches to theological schools, summer schools for pastors and other methods of carrying forward programs for training workers.

(4) Development of methods for integrating the various handicapped persons into regular programs of local churches.

(5) Obtaining resources for financing programs in the field.

P. I. Doctor Sent As Missionary To Malaya



Bishop Jose L. Valencia (right), Methodist bishop of the Philippines, commissions Dr. Raymundo Rivera as a missionary to Malaya. He is the fifth Filipino Methodist to go overseas as a missionary in the last three years.

OBITUARIES

RICKEY, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph C.—Rev. Joseph Cleveland Rickey, for 47 years, a minister of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ along the village pathway and in the small towns and in the country side of Arkansas, has closed that ministry and gone to his eternal reward. He passed away October 6, 1957 in Memphis, Tenn.

His wife and helpmate, Mary Elizabeth Rickey, joined him in that eternal home, a few moons following his going. She passed away October 29, 1957 in Methodist Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Rev. and Mrs. Rickey traveled life's journey together for 54 years, and labored as a team for God and in the building of His Kingdom.

Their last earthly home was the Methodist parsonage at Hunter, Arkansas, but because of ill health, they had lived with a daughter, Mrs. H. B. Williams in Memphis for the past several months.

Joseph Cleveland Rickey was born December 12, 1884 in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mary Elizabeth Gamble was born December 10, 1884 in Illinois.

They were married in 1903 and to their union was born three daughters, Rachel, Gertrude, and Ruby and one son, Joe Mills. All of these survive them as well as 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. They plighted their troth 54 years ago, and said they would be faithful unto death. They kept that vow. They were faithful to each other and faithful to the church they loved, faithful to the people they served in so many pastorates.

The great throng of people they ministered to, loved them and rise up to call them blessed.

We have read in papers that they died, but those of us who knew them through the years of Christian ministry do not believe it. We believe they are radiantly alive. That they have been transferred from their mortal bodies of pain to immortal souls in glory. They are there in the presence of Christ who

loves them and Whom they loved and served. His mercy is everlasting and enduring and He has called them unto Him.

Life is richer because we knew them, and today, our hearts have a sense of peace because our Christian experience gives us the knowledge that they live on forever. —Miss Mildred Osment, Jonesboro..

COOK—Mrs. Bessie Brady Cook, widow of Thomas Lee Cook, and mother of two members of the North Arkansas Conference, died at Sparks Memorial Hospital in Fort Smith, following an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Cook was the mother of the Rev. Brady Cook, pastor at Greenwood, the Rev. Miss Fern Cook, pastor at Manfield, Miss Irene Cook, who for several years assisted her brother Brady, in revival work, and Mr. Washington Cook, who resides in Ithaca, N. Y. There are also five grandchildren.

For quite some time Mrs. Cook has made her home with Miss Fern, moving from parsonage to parsonage with her. In every appointment she became active in the work of the Church, especially in the work of the WSCS, with the children and the youth. For the past two years she has been with Miss Fern at Mansfield and has made many friends there. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Mansfield, with Dr. Ethan Dodgen, district superintendent of the Fort Smith District, and the Rev. J. H. Hoggard, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Fort Smith, in charge of the services.

A second service was held on the following day at Emmet, Ark. Burial was held in the Snell Cemetery in that city. Dr. Dodgen and the Rev. Hoggard also conducted this service. Pallbearers were the members of the Official Board of the Church at Mansfield, and the members of the Church School Class of which Mrs. Cook was a member.

The Methodist Church has lost a valuable member in Mrs. Cook, but her Christian influence will live a long time in the lives of her children. —Mrs. Patti Anderton

LOVE—Mrs. Edna Spence Love was born at Quitman, Arkansas, on January 25, 1889, and died at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on September 8, 1957. In February of 1905, she was happily married to R. M. Love and to them were born six children. The family moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1922, settling in the Oaklawn section.

For the past thirty-five years Mrs. Love has been a member of the

Oaklawn Methodist Church in which she has filled almost every position open to the laity. For many years she taught a class in the church school and was superintendent of the young peoples work. She was at one time president of the WSCS and was awarded a life membership for long and faithful service. Rarely was she ever absent from her place in the choir on Sunday.

She was converted at the age of fifteen and united with the Quitman Methodist Church. Her faith in Christ sustained her in life and in death. She was a woman of practical common sense, and of strong convictions. People loved her because she loved them and many sought her out for help in sorrows and difficulties. The host of friends and the profusion of flowers at her funeral service expressed the high esteem of her church and community.

She is survived by three sons: Spence, Houston, Texas; Shelton, Baytown, Texas; Fred, Boston, Mass., and by three daughters: Nina, Vivian, and Della Mae, all of Hot Springs, and by two sisters Mrs. Henry Hought, Lonsdale, Arkansas; and Mrs. Andrew S. Kerr, Stuart, Fla.

Services were conducted at Hot Springs on September 10, by her pastor, Rev. Clyde Parsons and Rev. Roy Farr, and interment was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

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track and field to the Christian community of saints. Here were and are champions in the art of creative living. Look at the early Christians and see these qualities that make a champion. Intelligent faith and keenness of mind in understanding what Jesus was trying to say—that's part of it—the insight as to how to

make the most of life, the intelligent use of life's resources.

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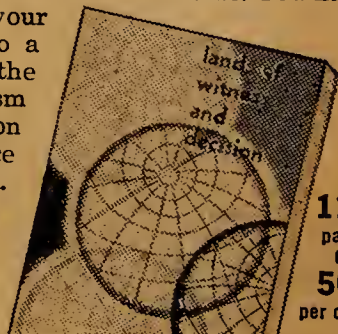
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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 1, 1957

BOLDNESS IN CHRISTIAN WITNESSING

READ PHILIPPIANS, CHAPTER 1.

MEMORY SELECTION: *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.* —Philippians 1:21

For the past two months we have been studying lessons taken from I Corinthians. Our general subject for the series of eight lessons has been "The Gospel Applied To Society." With today's lesson, we begin Unit X, which has a series of five lessons. In this new and final unit for the year, the subject is a little more definite and specific; it is "The Gospel Applied To PERSONS." The first four lessons of this series are taken from the Book of Philippians. The subject for the first of these four lessons, which we study today, is "Boldness In Christian Witnessing."

Paul addressed the letter, as coming from himself and Timothy, "To all the saints in Jesus Christ who are at Philippi." While in this letter there is not the pointed criticism of the church that was found in Paul's letter to the church at Corinth, this does not mean that either the church or its members were perfect. Paul addressed them as "saints," which was a very commonly used term to describe the early Christians. It simply meant that they were set apart from other men and their way of living, and were dedicated to the new life in Christ.

The Church At Philippi

After Paul was hindered providentially from going into provinces of Asia Minor, on his second missionary journey, he had a vision at Troas in which a man of Macedonia was saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Paul took this as a call from God to go west. He crossed the northern reaches of the Aegean Sea and came to Philippi in the northern part of Macedonia. There he founded the first Christian church in Europe.

There was no Jewish synagogue in Philippi. However, Paul found a meeting place on the bank of a river where some devout souls retired to pray. Paul joined them there and began his work which later resulted in the organization of the Philippian church.

It was in Philippi where Paul and Silas were arrested, beaten and thrown into prison where, in the "inner prison," their feet were put in stocks. At midnight, while they sang and prayed, "there was a great earthquake," shackles fell from prisoners, prison doors opened and Paul and Silas were free. It is little wonder, after this demonstration of courage and faith, that the church at Philippi honored and loved Paul and wanted to have a share in the work he was doing elsewhere by sending him gifts on different occasions. Because of this expression of love by members of the church at Philippi

and because of the loyalty of its membership to the cause he loved, Paul seemed to have a very tender feeling in his heart for the Philippian church.

Converting Difficulties Into Gospel Opportunities

Let us remember that Paul had been a prisoner for almost three years before he reached Rome, where he was when he wrote Philippians. More than two years of that time, he had been in prison in Caesarea. It was during that period of imprisonment that Paul made his defense before the Governor, Felix, with such a powerful witness for Christ that the record says, "Felix trembled." It was also during this period of imprisonment that he made his defense before King Agrippa with a witness for Christ so forceful that Agrippa said, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." On the long voyage to Rome, amidst a blinding storm that drove their ship before it for days, Paul gave one of his most effective witnesses for Christ, as he gathered the hopeless crew and officers about him and told them of having a message from heaven, and gave them the promise of that message that no one of them would be lost in the storm.

On reaching Rome Paul was, of course, a prisoner of the Roman government while in Rome, and, according to tradition, was finally beheaded outside of Rome on the Appian Way. Let us keep in mind that this letter to the Philippians, which we are now studying, was written by Paul while a prisoner in Rome. Nowhere, in human life, do we find a more impressive example of "Converting Difficulties Into Gospel Opportunities" than we find in the work of Paul while a prisoner, before and after he reached Rome. Thirteen of the Books of the New Testament were written by Paul. Six of these thirteen letters were written by him while a prisoner in Rome.

Paul's witness for Christ in Rome did not stop with letter-writing. Chained to a Roman soldier day and night, Paul used even this as an opportunity to preach the gospel to some in high places in Roman government. He says in our lesson text that "It has become known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ." Paul closes this letter to the Philippians with the statement, "All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household." Apparently Paul made converts even in the household of Caesar.

Many members of the Christian

church in Rome visited Paul and went away encouraged and enlightened by their visits and "bold to speak the word without fear." Practically all of the last five or more years of the life of Paul were spent as a prisoner, much of the time in jail. This may have appeared to be a crushing calamity. Instead, Paul converts a prison into a pulpit and did some of the most effective witnessing for Christ to be found in his long fruitful ministry.

Witnessing And Happiness Not Conditioned On Surroundings

Just what we would do and how we would feel, if we had spent five years of our lives as prisoners for trying to do good, it would be hard to say. In our lesson text, speaking of his experiences as a prisoner, Paul says, "I therefore do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice." This letter to the Philippian church is possibly the most optimistic, joyous letter Paul left us. He says of his imprisonment, "I would have ye should understand, brethren, that the things which have happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel."

Paul did not allow the difficult conditions under which he was forced to live to hinder his witnessing for Christ. Neither did he allow it to crush the spirit of joy and happiness that came to him as he continued his ministry of witnessing for Christ under these trying circumstances. Among the Christians at Rome there were differences of opinions regarding Paul. Even these differences caused increased activity among both factions. Paul found something to be happy over even in these differences. He said, "notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretense, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therefore do rejoice."

We learn from the life of Paul that our lives may be happy and fruitful despite apparent difficulties and hardships that may surround us. As Christians, we will never be in a position where we may not bear effective witness for Christ if we have something of the spirit of Paul.

Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me

Our lesson today has for its subject, "Boldness in Christian Witnessing." The business of bearing witness for Christ was of primary importance in the establishment and growth of the early Christian church. According to the report of Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, the last thing Jesus said to his apostles before His ascension was, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Jesus did not establish a well-organized church with elaborate ritual and stated forms of worship. Jesus, by the example of His life and by word of mouth, taught great principles of righteousness, and gave witness to His faith in the importance of these truths by going to the cross, and sealing His ministry with His own life's blood. Then He entrusted it all into the hands of His apostles with the words, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me."

We should be careful that we do not become so interested in the great organization of our church that we forget the purpose for which it was organized. In the New Testament, the church is not described as a great organization but as a living organism, the body of Christ. We are living members of that body—"witness unto" Christ.

The most remarkable thing that has happened in world history was the amazing spread of the Christian church, from the one hundred twenty despised, persecuted followers of Christ in 30 AD, to a state religion which encompasses the Roman Empire three hundred years later. The basic foundation for that rapid growth was found in the personal witness of the membership of the church to Christ's power to save and their willingness to face fire, sword, wild beasts and other of the most terrible forms of persecution that evil minds could invent, in order that they might be faithful to the testimony they gave. Fortunately, Christian witnessing is one thing that every true Christian can do and, in doing it, he can render his greatest service to the cause of Christ.

How May We Bear Christian Witness Today?

(1) We may bear Christian witness for Christ by having first-hand information which is grounded on a personal experience of Christ in our lives. A witness in the courts of our land cannot give hearsay testimony regarding the case at hand. The witness must speak about something he knows about personally.

It is not necessary for one to visit all points of the globe before he is privileged to teach the geography of the world. We license people to teach the geography of the world who have never been out of their native state. We license people to teach the history of the world when we know that they have no personal knowledge of any event of history back of their early childhood. One may learn what books say about the geography of the world or the history of the world and, assimilating these facts, be considered qualified to teach these subjects.

This is not true about Christian witnessing. We may know, as well as anybody, everything the Bible teaches about Christ and the Christian religion. Nevertheless, when we pose as preachers, teachers or as lay witnesses, the thing our hearers want first of all is confidence that we have had a personal experience of Christ in our own lives and speak out of a personal experience as well as a general knowledge of the subject of religion. One might graduate at a half-dozen Christian colleges or a half-dozen theological seminaries and still be powerless to witness for Christ if his hearers know that all he knows about religion is what he has learned out of a book.

(2) Our life and character must stand the test when weighed by those who know our lives. The fact that years ago we had a personal religious experience is not enough for effective witnessing. That experience must be up-to-date, here and now. A religious experience we had twenty years ago and a bath we had twenty years ago are both worthless now unless we have continued to enjoy them down through the passing years until today.

"For Me To Live Is Christ"

For Paul this is not just a rhetorical speech born of a momentary, temporary ecstasy. This for Paul was a description of a "way of life." Paul is giving Christ a chance to live again on earth in and through his life. No higher, more sacred experience can come to man than to feel that, through his life, Christ is living and speaking and working again among the sons of men.

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Hendrix College President Resigns; Dr. Marshall T. Steel Named Successor

The resignation of Dr. Matt L. Ellis was accepted by the Hendrix College Board of Trustees at a meeting of the board in Little Rock, Saturday, November 23, and Dr. Marshall T. Steel, Dallas, Texas, was named by the board as the new president. Dr. Steel will assume his new responsibility February 1, according to board officials.

The board meeting followed a meeting of the board's executive committee on Monday, November 18, at which time Dr. Ellis had offered his resignation. The executive committee recommended the acceptance of the resignation to the board and nominated Dr. Steel as Dr. Ellis' successor.

Dr. Ellis had been the head of the Hendrix College administration for 12 years. Prior to that time he had served as president of Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia. Before his service at Henderson he had served on the Hendrix College staff as professor of philosophy and as librarian. Board officials also announced that Dr. Ellis would continue at Hendrix as head of the department of philosophy.

Dr. Steel, a 1927 graduate of Hendrix, has been pastor of the Highland Park Methodist Church since 1936. He is the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Edward R. Steel of Arkansas. His grandfather was also a Methodist preacher in Arkansas. During Dr. Steel's pastorate at Dallas, the Highland Park congregation grew to the world's largest Methodist congregation.

Dr. Ellis pointed out that the availability of such an outstanding leader as Dr. Steel at this time seems "almost providential" in offering him the opportunity to return to his work in philosophy. The college has been searching for a professor of philosophy since a member of the department left the faculty last summer. A change of administration in February will enable the college to restore full offerings in philosophy for the second semester.

During the presidency of Dr. Ellis, Hendrix has made many advances in plant and resources. Endowment has doubled and is now more than \$2,000,000. A million Dollar Campaign and a \$600,000 Campaign both exceeded their goals. New buildings include a chapel and auditorium, a dining hall and student center, and two residence halls.

While at Hendrix, Dr. Ellis has also continued an active leadership in educational, religious and civic affairs. In 1950-51 he was president of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, being the first president ever named from Arkansas. He was Lay Leader of the North Arkansas Conference from 1945 to 1952, and has been a member of the quadren-

nial General Conferences of the church in 1944, 1948, 1952 and 1956. He is a past District Governor of Rotary International.

Dr. Steel, 51 years of age, had served a number of Arkansas Methodist pastorates before going to Dallas 21 years ago. These pastorates include Bauxite, Carlisle, Monticello, and Winfield in Little Rock. He has returned to Hendrix frequently as a featured speaker on such occasions as the annual Religion and Life Week, and has taken an active part in several financial drives of the college. He was the speaker at the college's Rededication Day last October 15. He is married to the former Miss Ouita Burroughs of Millville, Ark. Their son William is a recent graduate of Hendrix, and their son Robert is a student there now.

Dr. Steel has had an outstanding career at Highland Park, where he has a full-time staff of more than 30 and a congregation of 8500. For six years he has been the preacher on the weekly Methodist Men's Hour, which is carried by radio stations throughout America. Several years ago he received the Leading Dallas Citizen Award. He holds the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York and honorary degrees from Hendrix and Southern Methodist University.

"I am proud of the rich tradition that has grown around Hendrix and of the long relationship of my family with Hendrix, from father to children," Dr. Steel said. "I don't



Dr. Matt L. Ellis



Dr. Marshall T. Steel

Change In Date Of Baton Rouge District Conference Meeting

The date for the district conference of the Baton Rouge District has been changed to Monday, December 9, according to Rev. D. W. Poole, superintendent of Baton Rouge District. The conference will be held at the First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, with Dr. Danna Dawson, Jr., as pastor host.

The Baton Rouge District Conference had originally been scheduled for Tuesday, December 17.

The New Orleans District Conference will be held at the St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans, on Monday, December 16, as originally scheduled.

The holding of these two district conferences will complete the 1957 district conference schedule.

know any group that I have come to honor more highly than Dr. Matt L. Ellis and the Hendrix faculty. I look forward to joining them in serving Hendrix and Arkansas Methodism."

The decision to come to Hendrix was a difficult one, Dr. Steel told members of his congregation in an announcement mailed to them. "This decision has been, as you may guess, extremely difficult," he wrote. "Most of you are familiar with our love for Arkansas; and many have known of our devotion to Hendrix College. Ouita and I are convinced that this is a call to service we must accept."

Council of Bishops Meets In Tennessee

Gatlinburg, Tenn. (MI) — Welcomed by Governor Clement, a Methodist, and made honorary citizens of Tennessee, the members of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church spent three days, November 12-14, in Mountainview Inn here in their semi-annual meeting. Reports from bishops recently on visitations abroad and by those who head important church commissions filled eight sessions.

The expected official review and proclamation of the adoption of three constitutional amendments was referred to a later meeting. The amendments, passed by the General Conference of 1956, have been submitted to the 134 annual conferences for ratification.

Although in the case of each of the amendments the total favoring vote of the 104 conferences which have voted is several times the opposing vote, the Council of Bishops was prevented from making official announcement because of the absence of reports from 30 annual conferences. The conferences not yet voting on the amendments in the main are small, overseas bodies. Their aggregate votes are so few that regardless of the way they vote, the preponderantly favorable result would not be appreciably altered.

The Council gave consideration to
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Methodists Plan Week of Dedication Observance In Feb.

Methodist pastors and leaders have been urged by denominational officials to plan for a widespread and effective observance of the 1958 Week of Dedication, Feb. 16-23.

This will mark the tenth year that The Methodist Church has officially observed a Week of Dedication at the outset of the Lenten period, as a time for spiritual enrichment and receiving a special offering for special missionary projects.

Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, in a statement prepared for distribution to the more than 39,000 Methodist churches, calls upon every pastor to "invite his people to the altar for a service of rededication and give them a chance to make a gift to the cause of sending out the light of the gospel to other people."

The Dallas bishop is chairman of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of The Methodist Church.

In many churches, the Week of Dedication will be geared into the opening of their Lenten program and will be part of the congregation's over-all preparation for the nation-wide Week of Evangelism, March 2-9.

A \$150,000 item in the Week of Dedication is earmarked for Crusade scholars who come from mission areas to study in the United States.

Under the Division of World Missions, Week of Dedication projects include:

Lucknow Christian College, India	\$35,000
Sarawak, Borneo, Hospital	60,000
Diffendorfer Memorial, Japan	
International Christian Univ.	50,000
Union Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires	55,000
Division of National Missions	

Projects include:

Rio Piedras, University Church, Puerto Rico	\$20,000
Mobile Units in several missions	20,000
Indian Mission	20,000
Los Angeles Korean Church	20,000
La Trinidad Church, El Paso, Tex.	10,000
Palolo Valley Church, Hawaii, Educational Unit	20,000
Kenai Church, Alaska	20,000
Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief:	
Disaster Relief	\$50,000
Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign in India	25,000
Arab Relief	25,000
Korea—Rehabilitation at 38th Parallel	20,000

Preachers Can Still Save Tax Money

Churches may reduce the amount of their pastor's income tax by placing a parsonage expense allowance in the church budget if this is done before the end of 1957. Under revised income tax regulations, such action may be taken now and apply to all of 1957. After January 1, 1958, budget action must be taken in advance of the payment of salary and parsonage expenses, in order to qualify the pastor for tax reduction.

When the new income tax law was passed in 1954, it included a provision that a minister's gross taxable income does not include the rental value of the parsonage, or a rental allowance paid as part of his compensation, to the extent used to rent or provide a home. The Internal Revenue Service interpreted the law liberally in regulations issued in final form in the *Federal Register* of June 15, 1957.

Pastors with rental allowances
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Architects' presentation of the new \$20,000,000 Interchurch Center now under construction in upper Manhattan, N.Y., overlooking the Hudson River. Hailed as a symbol of the growing movement toward cooperation among the churches, the block-long, 19-story building, next door to famed Riverside Church, will house the National Council of Churches, several denominational offices and a score of other church and interchurch agencies. Designed by Voorhees, Walker, Smith and Smith, of New York City; and Collins, Willis and Beckonert, of Boston, Mass., the structure will be ready for occupancy early in 1960. Its erection brings to fruition an effort begun 20 years ago to establish a national headquarters for the churches, and a central home for their cooperative enterprises. Among its unique facilities are a chapel for daily worship services and a religious exhibit room for rare manuscripts and other priceless heritages of the Protestant and Eastern Orthodox traditions.

Groundbreaking Held for Religious Center

New York (RNS)—Groundbreaking ceremonies were held here for The Interchurch Center, a 19-story building which will house the central offices of the National Council of Churches and the headquarters and boards of various Protestant denominations. Religious leaders also dedicated the site.

The building, which will cost \$19,700,000, is being erected on a block-size area in Morningside Heights next door to Riverside church. The land was made available by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The National Council will occupy four of the 18 office floors. Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary, noted that "for the first time in its history all the activities of the Council will be housed under one roof."

Agencies of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. will have three floors, the Methodist Board of Missions, the denomination's committee on Overseas Relief, and Methodist Information will occupy another three floors.

American Baptist Convention agencies have leased two tower floors, and the Reformed Church in America and its boards will occupy another tower floor. Agencies of the African Methodist Episcopal Church also are moving into the center.

Divided floors will provide offices for the World Council of Churches, the International Missionary Council, the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, and The Hymn Society of America.

Space in the center also has been

allocated to American Leprosy Missions, Inc.; Commission of the Churches on International Affairs; Council for Clinical Training; Inter-board Committee for Christian Work in Japan; the Japan International Christian University Foundation; Ludhiana Christian Medical College Committee; John Milton Society; Vellore Christian Medical College Board; World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples); and World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association.

The building will have two floors of especially designed joint facilities for the use of all tenants, and underground parking for 130 cars. A pedestrian tunnel will provide access to the meeting rooms and facilities of Riverside church.

The joint facilities include a chapel, nine meeting rooms to be used separately or in combination, and a lower level 500-seat cafeteria with adjacent lounge.

New Missions Bldg. Destroyed By Auca Indians In Ecuador

Another attempt to reach the fierce Auca Indians of Ecuador has ended in failure, leaving a half finished mission building wrecked and ruined. The cunning savages left more lances, a sinister warning that last year's massacre of five young missionaries would be the fate of other outsiders who might make further attempts to reach the tribe.

This time there was no loss of life because Missionary Dr. Wilfred Tidmarsh who had established another beachhead much nearer the Auca territory, was away from the area. He had broken his leg last September. Further work had been suspended pending his return. Now the new building has been abandoned.

Nevertheless, attempts to reach the original friendly Indians at "Terminal City" are continuing. They are still accepting—and returning—gifts sent to them via the "bucket drop" method devised by martyred Nate Saint. Missionaries believe that the friendly Aucas did not partake of the latest raid, and may not even know that it had taken place.

American Students Can Now Apply For NC Scholarships

Young men and women preparing for full-time Christian service and candidates for the ministry have the chance in the coming academic year to study in countries around the world as part of the program of Ecumenical Scholarship Exchange administered by the National Council of Churches.

In announcing places available for a year's study abroad, Dr. Robbins W. Barstow said that scholarships in Asia will be open to Americans for the first time this year. Dr. Barstow is director of the exchange program and executive director of the National Council's Department of Overseas Union Churches.

For the past eleven years, Dr. Barstow said, the program has meant that nearly 500 students representing 72 church bodies and 74 countries have received a year of advanced training in seminaries in this country for their future ministry in their home lands.

Candidates who qualify may study in Austria, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, the Scandinavian countries, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and some countries in Asia, Dr. Barstow announced. Ecumenical Scholarships cover tuition, board and room and a small allowance for incidentals. He also emphasized that applications must be received by December 15, 1957.

Methodist Council of Secretaries Meets

Knoxville, Tenn. (RNS) — Dr. Harry Spencer of Nashville, Tenn., was elected president of the Council of Secretaries of The Methodist Church at its annual meeting here. He is executive general secretary of the denomination's commission on TV, Radio and Films.

He succeeds Dr. Ralph Stoddy of New York, general secretary and director of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information.

NY Professor Sees Law Rivalling Religion In Ethical Preachments

Cambridge, Mass. (RNS)—A law professor said here that the ethical and humanitarian implications of the law have "begun to rival the messages and preachings of religion." And this, he said, poses a major challenge to religion.

Prof. Edmond Cahn of the New York University Law School said that for the first time since the advent of Christianity in the Western world "law often equals and occasionally surpasses religion in the quality of its announced faith and practical works."

He spoke on "Religion and Law" at the Harvard University Law School under the auspices of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation.

Prof. Cahn contended that religion and law "stand rigidly apart and the gulf between them grows ominously wider." Because of this gulf, he said, "religion in America is approaching and soon must confront a great and unnoticed crisis."

"Religion and law will remain distant from each other, distrustful and alienated," the professor maintained, "until men reach the point of knowing . . . that both creation and revelation in the cosmos and in the law are incomplete, ongoing and continuous."

The religious trend in which the law is surpassing religion, he said, may constitute a threat not only to the future of organized religion but also to law and the administration of justice.

"In a democratic society like ours," Prof. Cahn said, "law is tethered to the opinions and moral standards of the general public, and if religion fails to lead and edify these the advancement of law will inevitably suffer."

He said that when a lawyer looks for the churches' stand on freedom, justice and fraternity for all peoples he finds they have the same views as a century ago. When a lawyer tries to bring harmony and understanding among men or groups, the professor added, he finds teachers and textbooks of religious and private schools cancelling his efforts by erecting barriers in the minds of children.

While the Supreme Court is trying continually "to elevate the legal plane of human dignity," he said, most of the churches and synagogues "are complacently content to vouch for theological and ethical notions that would cause embarrassment if they were expressed and taken seriously in a secular setting."

Prof. Cahn cited a number of ethical and humanitarian issues on which, he said, the law has done much more than religion. He said courts, legislators and executives have been advancing and supporting Negro rights, public school education, university education, better transportation, economic opportunity and employment and public housing, while churches have furnished little or no leadership in these movements.

"Though the Roman Catholic Church possesses the best interracial record of major denominations it did not anticipate but followed the advance thrusts made by secular authority," he said.

Sees Struggle Ahead Between 'Cross and Crescent' In Africa

Baton Rouge, La. (RNS)—A struggle between "the cross and the crescent" is shaping up in Africa, a Southern Baptist missionary said here.

The Rev. John McGee, a missionary to Nigeria, said that Islam and other religions of the East are experiencing a resurgence under the guise of nationalism.

He addressed the annual meeting of the Louisiana Baptist Brotherhood.

The missionary said that \$50 million is being raised in the Arab world to make Africa Moslem. He said that a Cairo university has said that Islam is the religion best suited for African peoples because it "least interfered" with their customs.

"They really make no demands on their people," Mr. McGee said, "They require allegiance and that is all. The people continue in their old practices."

He said the Moslem influence, even in British-governed Nigeria, is so strong that Christian missionaries are forbidden by the government to preach in certain areas, especially in the northern region of the country. Mr. McGee said there are some 15 million Moslems in Nigeria.

Clergymen Protest Pre-Thanksgiving Christmas Parade

Raleigh, N. C. (RNS)—Clergymen here protested the action of the Raleigh Merchants Bureau in scheduling the annual Christmas parade for the Saturday preceding Thanksgiving.

The Ministerial Association informed the bureau it would not sponsor a float in this year's parade because of the early date.

The Rev. James W. Ray, pastor of Ridge Road Baptist Church and secretary of the association, said "it might be effective if preachers would speak from the pulpit concerning the observance of seasonal dates in proper sequence."

Dr. R. Fred West, pastor of the Hillyer Memorial Christian Church, preached a sermon on "Why Christmas Before Thanksgiving?"

He said the holiday observance in Raleigh had reached a point where it held "no moral or spiritual meaning at all, other than that of the almighty dollar."

"The church should not be used as a stooge to bless secular culture as such," he added.

"Some of these businessmen who are pillars of the churches in greater Raleigh and who squawked when Roosevelt and the New Deal tampered with the date of the Thanksgiving holiday," the clergyman said, "are the same ones who are scheduling the parade this year."

Dr. Ralph Sockman Receives Christian Broadcasting Award

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of Christ Methodist Church, New York, was presented here with the first annual award of the World Committee for Christian Broadcasting.

The presentation was made at a luncheon sponsored by the Department of Radio and Television of the National Capital Council of Churches.

Tribute was paid at the luncheon to 12 Washington area radio and television sponsors which contributed public service time for more than 2,500 religious programs during the past year.

Dr. Sockman was honored by the Christian Broadcasting Committee, an international, interdenominational Protestant group, in recognition of his service to America's religious life in more than 25 years of weekly broadcasts over the "National Radio Pulpit," a network program.

The award was presented to him by Dr. W. Burton Martin, secretary of the World Committee for Christian Broadcasting. He also is secretary of broadcasting and films for the Presbyterian (USA) Board of Foreign Missions.

Dr. Martin said that Dr. Sockman "penetrates so deeply as to pierce the cultural armor which shields us and reaches our basic humanity. Thus his message is understood and appreciated by men and women wherever the English language is spoken."

Awards also were given to a number of Washington clergymen and lay volunteers who have assisted in producing and directing religious broadcasts. Prominent personalities in the entertainment world, including actress Julie Harris, forum sponsor Lawrence Spivak and newscaster Theodore Koop, made the presentations.

Clergyman Says

Protestant Pastors Facing Spiritual Healing Challenge

St. Petersburg, Fla. (RNS)—A Lutheran clergyman said here that every Protestant pastor "faces the challenge of a greater spiritual ministry of healing."

Dr. C. G. Wolf of Miami told the Florida Conference of the American Lutheran Church that the practice of faith healing is growing among Protestant churches and ministers.

However, he warned against the "emotionalism, near-frenzy and bombastic attitudes" of some self-styled healers. And he criticized the tendency of some healers to blame the patient's lack of faith when a cure is not effected.

"Jesus often required faith but he did not always demand it," Dr. Wolf said. "In some cases the patient healed could not have had faith because of his condition or his ignorance of Christ and His divine person and power."

The pastor said the Lutheran Church is standing at an important crossroad as regards faith healing.

"Our Lutheran Churches and synods have not taken an official stand on the question of faith healing and healing services," he said. "But they have not censured pastors who attempt the practice."

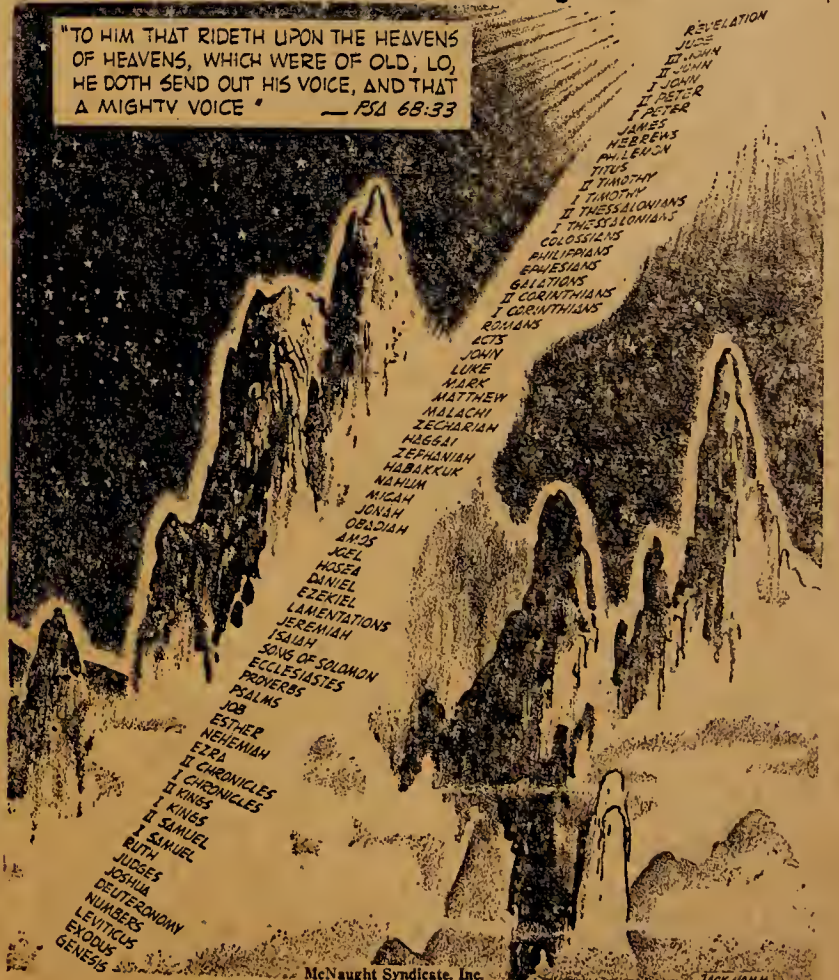
Traveling Religious Art Exhibit Planned

New York (RNS)—An exhibit entitled "God and Man in Art" will tour museums in ten cities over the country for one year under the auspices of the American Federation of Art here. The tour begins at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, Tex., next March.

A federation spokesman said the exhibit will comprise "significant religious work in the Judeo-Chris-

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The Living Scriptures — Ladder to the Understanding of God



Change In Hendrix Administration

ONE of the most significant developments in Arkansas Methodism within recent years was the announcement last week of the resignation of Dr. Matt L. Ellis from the presidency of Hendrix College and the election of Dr. Marshall T. Steel as his successor. Dr. Ellis will continue at Hendrix after the effective date of his resignation, February 1, as head of the Department of Philosophy. Dr. Steel, a native Arkansan, and for the past 21 years pastor of the Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, will head an institution from which he graduated and in which he has maintained an active interest throughout the years.

One person who is close to Hendrix observed that when Hendrix can keep one who has meant as much to Hendrix and bring in one who is as capable as Dr. Steel, then we are all getting more than we deserve. We have the feeling that all those who love Hendrix feel about the same as the one who made the observation.

It would be difficult to assess all that Dr. Ellis has contributed during the 12 years that he has headed the Hendrix administration. Those who remember the distance that separated Hendrix from its parent organization, Arkansas Methodism, when Dr. Ellis assumed the presidency and compare that distance with the closeness of Hendrix to Arkansas Methodism today will everlastingly be grateful to Dr. Ellis for this closing of the gap.

In addition, religion has come to have a place of prominence and influence on the campus during Dr. Ellis' administration that has been altogether wholesome. This is, of course, as it should be.

Furthermore, evidence of this close association and the development of the spiritual life of the campus is seen in the large number of life service volunteers enrolled at Hendrix. Approximately 20% of the Hendrix student body is made up of life service volunteers. These students have places of responsibility in the affairs of the student body.

Dr. Ellis has rendered distinguished service during a critical period in the life of Hendrix. Arkansas Methodism is appreciative of this leadership and the contribution which he has made. We are confident that we speak for Methodists throughout the state when we say to him "Thank you and sincere best wishes for continued usefulness to Hendrix, Methodism, and the Kingdom."

Arkansas Methodism is proud that Dr. Steel is coming home to head the Hendrix administration. It feels that it is extremely fortunate that he would leave the influential Highland Park pulpit, the world's largest Methodist congregation, for the president's chair at Hendrix. His coming, we believe, is providential, and we are confident that under his leadership Hendrix College will continue to move forward as an arm of the church. Especially at this time of Higher Education emphasis when Arkansas Methodism is endeavoring to strengthen its educational work, it is fortunate that Dr. Steel has accepted this responsibility. We pledge to him for Arkansas Methodists their unqualified support in making Hendrix College all that it should be.

The Case For Abstinence

THERE is never a day that passes but what newspapers report several tragic events in which the drinking of alcoholic beverages has played a role. Drinking while driving, acts committed while under the influence of alcoholic beverages, homes broken up because of prevailing conditions of which beverage al-

cohol is a contributing factor, these and other incidents bespeak the insidious place that the liquor industry has in the life of this nation. Those who have made a study of these matters say that more money is spent today for beverage alcohol than all the money spent for educational, philanthropic, and religious purposes combined. And who can estimate the cost of all the suffering, shame, humiliation and loss of life that can be attributed directly to the drinking of alcoholic beverages?

We believe that the Methodist Board of Temperance is absolutely correct when it insists that the way to get at this problem is through a program of absolute commitment to abstaining from the use of beverage alcohol in any form. That is why The Methodist Church sponsors Commitment Day annually on the first Sunday in December. If church members of all denominations were really committed to abstaining from the use of beverage alcohol, the liquor industry would be hard put to continue on the stupendous scale on which it now operates. Methodism, with a long history of action in this field, should continue to lead out in this frontal attack on the whole business which is thwarting the spiritual, cultural and economic life of America.

Prohibition is one of the means to the end that is sought and the use of legal means to stop the flow of beverage alcohol must be continued. With all of its good points, however, prohibition will never be as effective as a citizenry which refuses to buy the stuff, whether it is for sale legally or illegally. If there is little or no demand for beverage alcohol, there will be little or none for sale. There is nothing quite as effective as the economic consideration. Take profit out of the business, and those engaged in it will go elsewhere to turn a quick dollar.

Methodists who straddle the fence on this issue, saying that while they don't drink themselves they don't want to interfere with others who do, will do well to align themselves with the position of their church on this matter and get their names among those who are eager to be done with the whole business. Abstain and get committed on Commitment Day!

Slipping On With The Truth

TELEVISION viewers a few nights ago were treated to the spectacle of seeing one of their favorite programs crashed by a man who proceeded to read a message which he had written to the American people. Hardly before anyone knew what was happening he had said "Dear Americans, the Russians have gotten a step ahead of you and you are trying to catch up." By that time the program's emcee took the man in tow and escorted him off the television stage. The man later explained that he had written a message to the American people about Godlessness, and he had chosen this means of getting his message to the American people. Press reports indicated that he was being held for mental observation.

Concerning the man's mental health, we of course could not pass judgment, but there seems to be little doubt that his message has some bearing on America's plight. Thousands of ministers man America's church pulpits Sunday after Sunday speaking of Godlessness, and there can be little doubt but that they know whereof they speak. It is plainly evident on all sides. We only wish that the TV show crasher had succeeded in getting his 300-word message reprinted in full in the newspapers. It might have gotten a wide reading among many who seldom hear the preacher's prophetic deliverances.

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And give the little seeds their birth;
For fields that yield their crops of grain,
And skies that shine above the earth;
For mountains, valleys, plains and hills
That make the landscape grand to see,
For oceans, rivers, streams and rills,
O God, in thanks we look to Thee.

For birds that sing their cheerful songs
That greet us at the break of day;
For ev'ry heart of man that longs
To bless us all along life's way;
For food to eat and clothes to wear,
For friends and loved ones, homes and beds,
For health and strength and daily care,
O God, in thanks we bow our heads.

For our great privilege to live
Where schools and churches dot the land,
Where men their best to others give
In time and service that is grand;
Where Christians love and pray and sing
And add dear brothers to their rolls;
Where men to right and freedom cling,
O God, in thanks we lift our souls.

For Thy good Word and saving grace,
And for our glorious flag unfurled;
And for the right to fill our place
In this great nation of the world;
For Christ who came from Heaven's throne
And died upon the cruel tree,
That He might crown us as His own,
O God, we thank and worship Thee.

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The Day My Religion Meant Most To Me

By Mrs. O. C. Birdwell

In a newspaper article dated New York, May 27, 1956, I was startled by the heading "Pagan Funeral Practices Draw Churchman's Criticism." The director of Worship of the United Lutheran Movement charged that modern funeral services are downright pagan. This observation was made in a message to the denomination's 4400 pastors, printed in the "Lutheran," their official organ.

In the June number of the "Christian Century," there is an editorial comment on this same article, stating that the director of worship for the United Lutheran Church is accurate in his description and right in his belief that it is "high time" we challenged many current ideas and the practices to which they lead. He quotes six suggestions given in the Lutheran. I would like to testify to the fact that I believe my husband's funeral on December 9, 1954, would even meet his requirements. In 1935 in Texarkana, Arkansas, an undertaker, who was a very spiritual man and possessed a beautiful tenor voice led the singing for my husband in a Revival Meeting at our church, my husband doing the preaching. They became fast friends, so when the undertaker's mother died a few months later, he wanted my husband to conduct her funeral. He requested that hymns of rejoicing and victory be used, for he said this is her crowning day for which she had been preparing all her life and he didn't want to be selfish and mar it. His face shone for he was thinking of what she was experiencing as far as he was capable of doing. I never forgot that funeral.

My husband, who for many years was a member of the Little Rock Annual Conference, loved the Lord supremely and sincerely loved

people and they knew it. The denomination didn't matter, although he was a Methodist from conviction. Whomever he contacted and especially those who needed him, he was never too busy to serve them. He had a radiant personality, a keen sense of humor, an infectious laugh and genuine love. When he passed away I was told that not only his own people, old and young, but all the other denominations loved him even the Catholics.

My husband and I grew closer together through the years—we were not only sweethearts but pals and cooperated in many phases of the ministry, as I was a musician, had training in work with children, young people, and adults. We never wasted any time—were what you call "Second Mile" Christians, always doing more than required. We went out into the mountain and mill sections, holding revivals and putting on vacation schools, in which we used our "life service" young people from home base as helpers. We had no children, so we invested in many of our young people in our different churches, taking some into our home, helping

Editor:

For some purpose that long article last week on "Why We Baptize Infants" may be of great value; at least to show how backward is the reasoning of some who still think Adam "brought on all our woe." To me, it is the limit in bosh to say that an infant has need of cleansing, either in baptism or by any other method before it has committed personal sin.

I've never seen anything in Infant Baptism by Methodists but this: "By this rite we dedicate this child to God instead of to the Devil; and promise to try to rear it in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Plenty of Baptists and Campbellites dedicate infants to the Lord, but not by baptism; and I've no doubt they mean exactly what we do by the ceremony. So far as I am concerned, my children were born members of the Methodist Church.

—Gay Morrison, Sr.

others in school, college and Seminary. My husband was especially good with young people—In fact, our Bishop and many of the Cabinet told me in his last appointment that he was the oldest preacher in the Little Rock District and the people wanted him back because he was so good with young people.

At my husband's funeral, which was at our church, I was sitting between one of preacher boys and one of our girls and they said my face shone, for I was thinking of the glories my husband was experiencing, as far as my finite mind could grasp it, now face to face with his Lord and the heavenly host for which he had been preparing all of his life. I knew only his body was in the casket and the church was filled and overflowing with fruits of his labor and friends.

This was his great day and I was not going to mar it, for according to Heb. 12:1 I believe he knew. I completely forgot myself, for the grace of God was more than sufficient and He has wonderfully sustained me ever since.

It is customary for some of the fraternal orders to which one belongs, to have the committal service at the grave but I wanted ministers of the Gospel for the entire ceremony at the church and the cemetery. However, his Masonic brethren did a very beautiful thing—His body lay in state in his church from 9:00 A. M. until 2:00 P. M., the time of the funeral and the Masons had an honor guard of two men, changing every hour.

That night, the preacher boy who was sitting beside me at the funeral, called me over the phone and told me that he had matured in his Christian experience that day, that although he had been preaching eight years (We started him preaching when he was fifteen—Since then he has finished High School, Hendrix College and will finish at Southern Methodist University on June the first, holding preaching appointments almost continuously), my attitude at the funeral had made eternal life most real to him for he loved my hus-

Editor:

I have enjoyed reading the letters in the conference organs of our Episcopal Area "From Our Readers." The writer feels this "new phase" of the conference papers will be of special interest to our readers; that many will look forward to reading each week in the church papers not only the fine articles of the church activities, excellent editorials, and church news comments, but also these helpful letters.

In the column "From Our Readers," by your permission, I would call the attention of those who were members of the Arkansas Conference of the former Methodist Protestant Church (and others concerned) that I have in my possession the Journals and records of the Arkansas Conference of the former M. P. Church from the date of its organization until Methodist Union in 1939.

As I am occasionally asked for information relative to the service records of Methodist ministers who served appointments in the above conference, my address is 1601 South Main Street, Springhill, La.

And I shall be very glad to help in any way possible to establish the service records of my ministerial friends of the former Methodist communion in Arkansas.

—W. O. Tisdale

band and he accepted not only my attitude but my interpretation of Heb. 12:1—"Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses"—which is just a continuation of the great Faith chapter 11—and should not be broken.

The following summer, 1955, the preacher boy was chosen as one of the "Seventy" from Seminaries all over the United States to be sent out by the General Board of Missions and after training for a short time at Lake Junaluska he was called out by the Committee and told he had the most mature Christian experience of any of the group and consequently were giving him some of the most difficult appointments. On the way to Omaha, Nebraska, his first assignment, he took polio on the bus and upon arrival at Omaha was rushed to the hospital. He was paralyzed all over and put in the "Iron Lung" for several days and told when the danger of infection was over he would have to go home. While he was taking some therapeutic treatment outside the lung, he suddenly astounded the doctor and nurses by saying: "I must be about my Father's business"—and got up and walked—a miracle. He went to all the other appointments.

Though the boy has his own father and mother, he is our son "Timothy" and we have helped him from another angle, cooperating with his parents.

Recently he has had three fine offers from other states, besides his own conference. He will succeed, as he always has, for he has the things that count the most: the Holy Spirit within, the personality, the equipment and the proper wife.

WHEN FEARS BETRAY US

As we approached America's national Thanksgiving Day, my mind recalled something John Ruskin once said about nations. He declared that in their history nations often parallel the record of a volcano. A volcano begins in an eruption of molten lava from the hot heart of the earth. Then the lava cools and hardens and the crater eventually becomes extinct.

So, said Ruskin, it often is with nations. They are born in a burning heat of patriotic fervor, they rise in a glow of moving zeal, and then cool down into encrusted institutionalism and harden into lifeless forms. And I wondered if such a change could happen here.

Of course, it could happen here. America could go the way of the powerful nations which once dazzled the world.

Therefore at the Thanksgiving season I desire to address some words to us as individuals. And may I remind our Canadian friends that I always think of your nation and ours as sharing the same general traditions and ideals.

The words which I wish to use were spoken by a veteran of life's most trying experiences whose volcanic energy and glowing zeal had not died down. He was writing to a young man who apparently was in danger of losing heart and nerve. Here are the words of Saint Paul to young Timothy: "I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control."

Like Timothy, this land and people have within them the gift of God through the laying on of ordaining hands. To be sure, this country has not been consecrated in any such spiritual fashion as Saint Paul had ordained Timothy. Nevertheless, the blessings of this North American continent are to be thought of as the gift of God through the material resources of our good earth and the spiritual resources of the people who developed it.

I need hardly recount to you the religious influences at work in devel-

oping the culture of this North American continent. If we would follow the story of New England, we must walk in the footsteps of her preachers. In Pennsylvania the formative influence was the Quakers; in Maryland it was the Roman Catholics; in Virginia, the Church of England; in the Carolinas, the Huguenots; and leading the advance over the Alleghenies were the Methodist "circuit riders," sharing the hardships of the pioneers, shuttling in and out of new settlements, weaving the softer threads of the spirit into the coarse fabric of the rough frontier life. It was the slender spires of the churches which kept the settlers from surrendering to the wildness of the wilderness.

And just as Saint Paul felt young Timothy needed to rekindle his zeal by remembering the faith that was in his mother and grandmother, so now it is time to rekindle the gift of God in us by reminding ourselves of the faith that was in our forefathers.

First of all, said Paul, "God did not give us a spirit of timidity." He did give us an instinct of fear which is an essential part of our nature. Fear, like pain, is a sentinel warning us of danger. But when fear, which is good as a sentinel, moves into headquarters and becomes chief of staff, then it plays havoc with our lives.

There was nothing which Jesus felt called upon to challenge more frequently than fear. He saw its devastating effects. How frequently we see men betray themselves and others through fear. When we get scared, we lose our heads and do things out of character. We do foolish things which heighten the danger. Fear may loosen our tongues and make us talk too much, giving ourselves away. Fear may drive us into panic, transforming us from men into beasts.

I am thinking about the fears aroused by the sputniks which have been whirling over our heads. To be sure, these satellites sent up by the Soviet Union are the portent of possible peril. They should shake us out of our complacency but not pitch us into a spirit of defeatism.

Let us unite the forces of the Pentagon and catch up with the rocket program of the Russians. But let us not in panic start a "crash" program which would devalue the American and Canadian dollars and narrow all-round education into the single channel of science.

Edison is reported to have said that what man's genius can create, man's character can control. That is our hope and prayer. Our challenge is to develop the character to control our inventions.

The Layman's Column

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CONFORMITY VS. TRANSFORMITY

Probably the greatest temptation of everyday life for the Christian is the temptation to conform to the prevailing pattern of the social community where one lives. In many towns and cities social drinking is the popular thing to do. In those communities many people think that they cannot exist outside a certain social set. Therefore, if that set does its social drinking, the temptation is to conform and take "one little one" just to be sociable, forgetting that in the taking of just one cocktail the person who calls himself a Christian is thereby aligning himself with the whole liquor industry and giving aid and comfort to all the evil planning that the industry does.

Likewise, the prevailing practice in some groups is to play cards for money. It is always explained that the stakes are "quite small," thus giving the implication that gambling for a few pennies is not as bad as gambling for large amounts. Then there are those who go to the races to place a "small bet." Again, the rightness or wrongness is governed in the thinking of some as depending on how much money is wagered. Unfortunately, many young people who come out of strong Christian homes get the feeling that they cannot "belong" in social group unless they conform to certain practices that the group has fallen into, even though those practices are not pleasing in the sight of God.

After all, this is not a new condition, though. The little Christian community in Rome had the same temptations to face. Social life in Rome about 55 A.D. was anything but Christian. Drinking and gambling flourished. Prostitution was actually practiced by the "best people" . . . Let us pray that we shall not go that far. . . . Some so-called Christians even wanted to bring over many of the pagan orgies into the practices of Christianity and by conforming to the social pattern of the day, thus make their appeals to the "broad-minded" people of the better social classes. This was the situation which faced the Christians in Rome those days. Paul, the master evangelist, learning of the temptations that many

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

MAN CANNOT LIVE BY TECHNOLOGY ALONE

Newspaper reporters in Germany, looking for a "story," recalled to Pastor Martin Niemoller, free church leader, that when God placed man upon earth, He said: "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living creature that creepeth upon the earth."

"Now," said the reporters, "has not man gone away beyond the limits set for him by God in launching a satellite into outer space, and in his efforts to send still greater satellites out to reach the moon and conquer all the universe? Do you think this is contrary to God's will—is displeasing to Him?"

But Dr. Niemoller was not to be caught by such a question, and gave answer that might have been made by Jesus himself in such a situation: "Your question is more applicable to weapons of mass destruction than to satellites. *Everything* that is contrary to the love of God for man, and contrary to man's love for his neighbor, exceeds the limits set by God. God has imposed definite limits upon man by making love the fulfillment of all the law." . . .

Sputnik I and Sputnik II have certainly thrown America into a dither of fear, confusion, and chagrin. Most of the rest of the world doesn't

Christians were falling into, wrote some strong recommendations in his letter to them. Among other things, he said, "Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can show God's will. . . . It seems that these words are especially fitting these days. . . . 'Don't conform. Be transformed by renewing your minds. . . . Instead of fitting their lives to the pattern of the day, Paul begged them to let their lives be transformed . . . changed . . . guided into better paths . . . so that their everyday lives might be everyday testimonials to God's will. It might be worthwhile for many Methodists to read again the twelfth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans.

seem to feel quite as upset. It is a "step" upon which Russia's scientists have concentrated in recent years, undoubtedly to the exclusion of advance in other fields. It is a spectacular achievement: but who questions that other nations, including the U.S.A., can match it in a matter of months if it is *important enough*. It is a step, a sign of a particular know-how, talking point: but is there not a place for *congratulation* as real as for envy and fear? The Sputniks are only a few miles off earth: they haven't reached the moon or any other planet. They may never. And, if they do, how, when, and why will anyone take "possession" of these areas?

Moscow, of course, boasts that the launching of satellites shows the superiority of communism to the capitalistic system: that her methods produce better scientists than do America's. That is like contending that kingdoms and empires produced the Renaissance, and that imperialism was responsible for Victorian literature. Rather, scientific advance and literary splendor come from concentration upon them, often to the exclusion of other fields of endeavor.

More dangerous than Sputniks to America and the world at this moment is the panic which will drive us into training our sons, and using our energy and time and resources for out-doing the Russians in this narrow technological field. Is this "bombardment of outer space" to be our major in the next generation or two? If so, it can warp the shape and direction of our whole civilization. If so, Russia will have won a "cold war" by bringing America and perhaps all the West down to a level where we will have forgotten that "love is the fulfillment of all the law." Hate and strife will have mastered our souls. We will have forsaken the quest of higher values. We will have copied and surrendered to what we abhor.

We can train all our sons (and they'll want our daughters, too) to be scientists. But we will have put the humanities, literature, art, history, and Christianity into the discard. Technology will be our new god. Brotherhood, cooperation, sharing, love: all the virtues that make life worthwhile, but cannot be proven in the test tube and in the laboratory, will be lost . . . There is a place—a very great place—for science in the future of the world. It must be taught in the schools; but it must be subjected to all the disciplines that make for balanced living, the studies and controls that make technology minister to the highest social needs of men—and under the definite limits God has imposed upon man.

If man cannot live by bread alone, it is even more certain that he cannot live by unlimited and uncontrolled technology.

A Comprehensive Look At Itself

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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH at Eighth and Center Streets, Little Rock, has been vitally affected by the character of the city in which it is located. First Church has grown along with Little Rock, and has become a much more prominent church than might have been anticipated from the size and character of the population of the metropolitan area (Pulaski County).

It ranks as one of the great congregations of the entire nation. Many larger cities have no Methodist church to compare with the budget, membership, church school program, and leadership, all contributing to its preeminence.

Church Asks For Survey

During First Methodist's 1955 school of missions, special emphasis was placed on the city church, bringing about a resolution to be submitted to the church's official board, who adopted it unanimously. The resolution called for an extensive analytical survey of First Church, with relation to its past growth and future opportunity in the light of the population of Arkansas and the growth of the Little Rock Metropolitan Area.

Pastor Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, who was authorized to arrange for the study, attended a workshop under the auspices of the Methodist General Board of Mission's department of city work, held in Chicago in October 1956. Fifty Methodist ministers of downtown city churches from throughout the United States met to exchange their problems, ideas and experiences. It was there Dr. Walton engaged Dr. Douglas Jackson with Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, to conduct the survey of First Methodist Church in Little Rock.

In February of this year a 30-member steering committee, headed by Fred J. Venner, president of Southwest Manufacturing Company and member of First Methodist, was organized. Dr. Jackson met with the committee, and out of the meeting developed five subcommittees—to gather financial, membership, historical, and church school statistics, and to take a census on the territory adjacent to the church. An added incentive to conduct the survey was the fact that one of the Methodist Church's quadrennial (1956-60) emphases is the local church.

In exactly one month, the committees had completed their reports of the tabulations, which were forwarded to Dr. Jackson. At Perkins, the statistics were evaluated and compiled into a brochure.

Report On Population Changes

The report revealed that although the state of Arkansas has been losing population, there has been a steady growth in the population of Little Rock and Pulaski County. During the decade 1940-50, the rural population of the state declined from 1,517,477 to 1,312,358, for a percentage decrease of 13.5%. During the same period, the urban population of the state increased from 431,910 to 617,153, for a percentage increase of 42.9%.

Each census from 1880 to the present has shown a substantial increase in the population of Little Rock. The metropolitan area has also shown substantial growth, rising from 86,751 in 1910 to 196,685 in 1950.

The population of Little Rock and of the metropolitan area differ in some respects from the accepted norms of urban population in the U. S. The census showed that in 1950 only 48.0% of the metropolitan population was male, while the urban areas of the nation were 53.9% male. Of the white population, Little Rock in 1950 only 45.9% were male.

The residents of Little Rock tend to be younger than the average U. S. city, the report further revealed. The largest age groups in both Little Rock and the Metropolitan Area are the 25-34 age group and the 5-14 age group. Relatively few aged persons live in the area.

The same census showed that 24.1% of the Metropolitan Area are non-white. In the city of Little Rock 22.9% are non-white. In the urban areas of the entire nation only 10.1% are non-white.

Report On Church Membership

A downtown church usually finds that the increasing size of the city tends to make growth more difficult. Also, as a large membership is obtained, growth tends to slacken off in pace.

Any church reporting a membership of more than 2,500 (and First Church's membership numbers 3,083) finds it difficult to keep data that are exactly accurate. The year-to-year fluctuations of the membership figures may only indicate the difficulties involved in keeping such large membership rolls current. It is to be expected that the membership roll of First Church includes many who are non-resident and/or inactive.

During the period of 1941-52 the Methodist Church reported on non-resident and inactive members. During that time the inactive and non-resident members of First Church ranged from a low figure of 470 in 1950 to a high report of 654 in 1945. The present figure is estimated to be about 800. As these persons leave the roll of the church, the membership data fluctuate without any real change in the active strength of the church.

The highest membership figure reported for First Methodist was 3,351 in 1953. The next year the rolls were cleaned and membership declined to 3,080. The greatest church school enrollment occurred in 1925 when 2,071 persons were listed as scholars. The average attendance of 741, however, was below the average attendance record for the last four years.

Frequent pastoral changes often affect the membership of a downtown church. Only P. C. Fletcher (1917-1926) and Aubrey G. Walton, currently serving his fourteenth year, have held long term pastorates.

The study of the church noted that many of the members of First Methodist live some distance from the church. The median distance of residences from the church was calculated at three miles.

The report advised, "As the church seeks members from a distant community, it must never forget the residents who live near the downtown section. Frequent censuses should be taken to determine the number and identity of the unchurched. Although First Church is achieving great results in the suburban communities, its achievements within its own immediate area are not so noteworthy."

Dr. Walton pointed out that a census was

taken of the area adjacent to the church property, and that special attention would be focused on serving people of the downtown area in the future.

Report On Church Membership Changes

The annual reports of the church show that the number of additions to the membership remains large. From 1950 to the present, an average of 218 members joined the church each year. The membership is not, however, well balanced with respect to age. Far too few members, said the report, are found in the age range under 35. The median age of the church membership is 48. This aged membership is in contrast to the relatively young age of the population in Little Rock.

One of the most surprising items noted during the study of membership data was the low rate of loss by deaths. For the seven-year period, 1950-56, the annual death rate of the members of First Methodist Church has been 9.9 per 1,000. The comparable figure for the Little Rock Metropolitan Area for the same period was 8.9 per 1,000.

Of the present active membership of First Church, 1,667 have joined this congregation by transfer. Only 128 of these came from ten other denominations. Fifty-four former Baptists and 35 former Presbyterians account for the largest number of these transfers across denominational lines.

The other 1,539 current members who transferred into First Church came from other Methodist congregations. One-hundred fifty-three came from Pulaski County churches, 1,088 from other portions of the state, and 298 from 31 states and the District of Columbia. Texas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Missouri and Mississippi led the states in providing members for First Church.

The members who transfer from First Church to other Methodist congregations follow a different pattern. Of the 646 most recent such transfers (5-year period), 210 moved within Pulaski County, 152 to other portions of the state, and 284 to 28 other states and the District of Columbia. The same five states received the greatest number of transfers.

First Church is gaining the most of its members from Methodist churches in Arkansas outside Pulaski County. It is losing more members to Methodist churches outside Arkansas than otherwise. In the midst of a very transient situation, First Church stays busy recruiting and dismissing Methodists on the move.

These figures concerning transiency largely compare with the trends of movement within Little Rock and the Metropolitan Area. Of the Little Rock residents over one year of age in 1950, 8.9% had lived in a different county or state in 1949. An additional 16.2% had lived in Pulaski County in both years, but had changed houses within the year. In other words, between 1949 and 1950, one out of every four residents (25.1%) of Little Rock moved.

Membership Turnover A Problem

One of the great problems of First Church is the rapid turnover in membership. Within the membership of First Church, however, there is a stable core of members; approximately half of the present membership joined this congregation prior to the pastorate of Dr. Walton. Without this stabilizing group, the membership turnover would be so rapid as to render the church's program almost impossible.

It is probable that many of these long-term members are now reaching an advanced age. More than one-third of the active members are now 55 years of age or older. In this age range, women members outnumber men on a ratio of nearly 2 to 1.

In all age groups other than those over 55, the women and men are of approximately equal numbers. First Church is far better balanced with regard to distribution between the sexes than is true for the average church.

Tables in the report indicated that there are 1,801 more young ladies than men in the age range 15-24 in the city of Little Rock. First Church, however, is not getting its proportionate share of these young ladies.

Survey Indicates Strong Church School

One of the brightest feature of First Methodist Church is the church school. The enrollment

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

ROBERT P. LAY, Louisiana Conference Lay Leader, will be guest speaker at the Gretna Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 8, when special recognition will be given to the men of the church. Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh is pastor of the church.

GEORGE M. KREAMER was the guest artist illustrating the subject, "Music in Strange Places," at the meeting of the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 20. Dr. Carl F. Lueg is pastor of the church.

REV. ROBERT H. JAMIESON, pastor of the DeRidder Methodist Church, was the speaker at Union Thanksgiving Services held on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, at the DeRidder Church of the Nazarene. The service was under the auspices of the Ministerial Alliance.

RECENT IMPROVEMENTS at the Haynesville Methodist Church include a new cement walk in front of the church and bronz lettering "Haynesville Methodist Church" over the front entrance. Rev. Jack H. Midyett is pastor of the church.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN, who has recently returned from a tour of Africa, will share his experiences with the people of the Ruston District at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Sun. Dec. 1, at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Jolly B. Harper is pastor of the church.

REV. SAM NADER, superintendent of the Lake Charles District, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club of the Mansfield Methodist Church, Mon., Nov. 18. The Rev. Mr. Nader told of a trip through ancient Lebanon and Palestine. Rev. Merlin W. Merrill is pastor of the church.

P. B. MANGUM, principal of the West Monroe High School, was the guest speaker at the Fairbanks Methodist Church on Sunday, Oct. 20 in observance of Layman's Day. Others participating in the service were Dock Worley, charge lay leader, Ray Booth and Harry Sloan. Rev. David Corley is pastor of the church.

REV. CLARENCE SNELLING, JR., director of the Tulane-Newcomb Wesley Foundation, New Orleans, was the speaker at the Thanksgiving Service of the Second Methodist Church, New Orleans. The service was held at 6:30 a.m. and was planned and directed by the Senior Young people of the church. Rev. S. P. Emanuel is the pastor.

GEORGE A. FREEMAN has been appointed Church School Secretary at the Elysian Fields Methodist Church in New Orleans. Both Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have been active in Sunday School work and according to a report received, "Mr. Freeman is a welcome addition to the Elysian Fields Church School staff." Rev. Glenden R. Messer is pastor of the church.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the Slidell Methodist Church observed "Ladies Night" at a meeting held on Thurs. night, Nov. 21. A covered dish supper was served and a Thanksgiving program was directed by the ladies. Sam Green is president of the club. Rev. W. H. Giles, pastor of the church, also reports that the children visited in the homes on Halloween night and raised \$95.00 for UNICEF.

METHODISM: IT'S MUSIC THROUGH THE YEARS was the title given to the Organ Recital which was presented by Rev. Clyde Shaw, pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church, Alexandria, at the Southside Methodist Church in Monroe, on Wed. evening, Nov. 20. The Rev. Mr. Shaw also gave a story of some of the hymns of Charles Wesley. Rev. Lea Joyner is pastor of the church.

MISS HATTIE SEXTON and Raymond Nichols directed the UNICEF program on Halloween night, with the children, youth, Christian Social Relations Committee, and teachers in the Church School of the Rodessa Methodist Church taking part. A nice sum was collected during the "Trick or Treat" visitation which closed with a party

at the church. Miss Sexton is secretary of the C.S.R. Committee. Rev. William A. Blakely is pastor of the church.

REV. W. R. WENDT, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Bossier City when the new sanctuary was used for the first time eight years ago, returned to the church on Sunday, Nov. 3 to speak at the anniversary service. The Rev. Mr. Wendt is now serving the Springhill Methodist Church. A number of former members also attended the service which was observed as Homecoming and Memorial Day. Rev. Alfred M. Brown is the present pastor.

JESSE O. MORGAN, JR., was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Kulture Korner sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement of Centenary College. The meeting was held in the Religious Center at Centenary, and was open to the public. Mr. Morgan is a Shreveport architect with the firm of William B. Wiener and Associates. His topic was "Architecture As a Fine Art." Jerry Woods, of Tyler, Texas, chairman, presided at the meeting. Rev. James A. McLean, director of religious activities, is the faculty sponsor.

BISHOP DANA DAWSON preached at the morning worship service of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sun. Nov. 17 on the subject, "The Challenge of the Iron Curtain," giving a firsthand report from present conditions among the people of Russia. Bishop Dawson, former pastor of the Shreveport Church, and now bishop of the Kansas Area, has recently returned from an extensive tour and study of Russia and the people "behind the Iron Curtain." Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr. is the present pastor of the church.

REV. WILLIAM J. REID assumed the pastorate of First Methodist Church in Plaquemine on Sunday, Nov. 17. The Rev. Mr. Reid, who has served as chaplain in the U. S. Army since 1950, succeeds Rev. William P. Fraser who had served the Plaquemine congregation since June, 1956. The Rev. Mr. Fraser was appointed on October 16 as the pastor of the First Methodist Church at Homer, in a series of conference changes which became effective Nov. 1. The Rev. Mr. Reid has been a member of the Louisiana Conference since 1931 and has had tours of duty in the army chaplaincy.

DR. J. H. BOWDON, SR., pastor of the Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, was guest preacher at the University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Sunday morning, Nov. 17, when the new sanctuary of the church was opened. Dr. Bowdon was pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, at the time the University church was organized under his leadership. Rev. E. B. Emmerich is the present pastor of the University church. Dr. Bowdon preached again that evening at the Live Oak Methodist Church, Watson, where his son, Rev. J. H. Bowdon, Jr. is pastor.

REV. DONALD KUHN, director of organizational activities and communications for the Methodist Board of Temperance in Washington, D. C., will join the staff of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., Dec. 1. At Garrett Mr. Kuhn will become director of school-church relations. He will also continue his graduate studies at the seminary, where he received the Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1953. The Rev. J. Robert Regan, Jr., of the board staff will assume responsibility for organizational activities, and Roger Burgess, associate secretary of the board, will take over staff leadership in the area of audio-visual communications.

WALTER R. JENKINS, an outstanding leader of songs, was the featured guest artist at the Church Night of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Wednesday evening, Nov. 20. Mr. Jenkins, former soloist and song leader with the famed Billy Sunday (1922-1923) also served as song leader for Rotary International for 27 years in its international conventions all

WORLD SERVICE GIVING SHOWS GAIN

October receipts for Methodist World Service totaled more than a million dollars, and June-through-October receipts registered a 10.3 gain over the same five months last year.

These and other encouraging facts were revealed in a report issued Nov. 6 by the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Chicago, treasurer of The Methodist Church's Council on World Service and Finance.

October World Service receipts of \$1,087,602.07 brought the five-month total for the current fiscal year up to \$3,259,270.33. If receipts for each of the 12 months in the current year were to equal the October income, Dr. Lugg pointed out, the annual apportionment of \$12,200, pointed out, the annual apportionment of \$12,200 would be met.

Only one of the six benevolence funds—World Service Specials—showed a loss when compared with the same five-month period last year. Receipts for this fund were \$18,577.42 this year, and \$31,395.06 for the same months a year ago.

over the world. He served as Regional Director of Military and Naval Singing in World War I. Mr. Jenkins has served as Director of Music for the First Methodist Church of Houston for the past 27 years. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr. is pastor of the Shreveport church.

DR. HARRY C. SPENCER was elected president of the Council of Secretaries of The Methodist Church at the close of its semiannual two-day session held here Nov. 11-12, at the Andrew Johnson Hotel. He is general secretary of the denomination's Television, Radio and Film Commission which has its headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Spencer succeeds the Rev. Dr. Ralph Stoodly of New York. Other officers elected were the Rev. Dr. Jesse A. Engle, New York, first vice-president; Robert G. Mayfield, Chicago, second vice-president; the Rev. Horace W. Williams, Nashville, Secretary-treasurer. The executive committee is composed of the officers, the past president and one member at large, the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Nashville, Tenn. The Council of Secretaries comprises the heads of administrative boards, divisions and other agencies of The Methodist Church.

EDWIN L. JONES of Charlotte, North Carolina, and the Rev. Dr. Elmer T. Clarke of Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, represented the Methodist Church in the United States at a meeting of "World Confessional Bodies" Nov. 14-15 in Geneva, Switzerland. They attended the international meeting of major Protestant bodies as delegates of the American section of the World Methodist Council. Jones is treasurer of the council, and Dr. Clark is secretary. While abroad, Jones and Dr. Clark met Nov. 20 in London with British leaders to discuss plans for the 1961 World Methodist Conference. It is expected to be held in England. The conference, sponsored every five years by the council, met last in Sept. 1956, at Lake Junaluska. Definite plans for the world-wide conference are to be formulated at the annual meeting of the council's executive committee next July 30-August 4 in Leipzig, East Germany.

MEMBERS OF THE W.S.C.S. of the Elysian Fields Methodist Church, New Orleans, sponsored an old-fashioned turkey supper at the church on Friday evening, Nov. 15. The menu consisted of roast turkey with dressing, sweet potatoes, hot biscuits, coffee and apple pie. Some two hundred were served during the evening, and more than one hundred dollars realized from the supper will be used to buy kitchen equipment for the church. The supper was part of a project to completely equip the kitchen. They are also selling spices, and purchasing flat ware with the profits. According to a report from John F. Reeks, publicity chairman for the church, "Many women of the church work in and are a part of the W.S.C.S. at Elysian Fields and they recently participated in a district study of 'Christ, Church, and Race.' With its members working in the Church School, singing in the choir, and preparing meals for church meetings, the W.S.C.S. at this church is a most active group." Rev. Glenden R. Messer is pastor of the church.

Rodessa Reports Special Services

The Rodessa Methodist Church held services daily through the week of November 10-17, with the Rev. William C. Blakely, pastor, preaching, and he was assisted three week-day mornings by his father, Rev. Eldred Blakely of Morningside Church, Shreveport.

Mrs. T. D. Wallace of Shreveport was guest choir director each evening. M. F. Smith, local layman, led morning song services, with Mrs. Robert H. Sexton, pianist. Mrs. Wallace, her youth choir quartet, and a Men's Bible Class quartet rendered special music. The choir was composed of the Methodist and Baptist church choirs of the community, and Mrs. Tom Lay of Gilliam, who helped two evenings.

The prayer room was available each evening at 6:30 p.m. for those who gathered for spiritual guidance.

The First Baptist Church, the Rev. Jim Thompson, pastor, and Fred Harris, minister of music, dismissed Sunday and Wednesday evening services, and cooperated in promoting attendance throughout the week. The services were well attended by the local congregation, according to the report, and fine fellowship was carried on in visitation in homes.

The Rev. J. C. Whitaker, Vivian pastor, also attended, as did the Rev. Nook Typson, Church of God minister. Rev. and Mrs. Eldred Blakely spent several days in the parsonage with their son, and added much to the services both by the sermons and their visits.

"The church was greatly uplifted and showed it in their response given to every effort. The services closed with a Holy Communion Service on Sunday, and reception of new members," the report concluded.

CENTENARY NEWS

Alvarado Pio Hernandez of Barranquilla, Colombia, has been elected president of the newly-organized Cosmopolitan Club for foreign students at Centenary College. Other new officers are the following: vice president, Majeed Assaf, Lebanon; secretary, Marleen Bonilla, Nicaragua, and treasurer, Theo Klemann, Holland. Sin-Ming Chiu of the history department and Dr. W. F. Pledger, professor of Bible and sociology, are faculty sponsors of the group.

Ten Centenary College coeds have been pledged by the campus chapter of Phi Beta, honorary music and speech fraternity. They are Linda Walters, Pat Tucker, Iris Lorch, all of Shreveport; Joy Lambert, Minden; Ann DeShazo, Dallas, Tex.; Abbie Terry, Kay Kinard and Barbara Hyde, all of El Dorado, Ark.; Martha Ann Dickens, Magnolia, Ark.; and Nita Faye Payne, Ft. Worth, Tex. James Hull Miller, associate professor of speech and drama, is faculty sponsor.

The Centenary College chapter of Gamma Beta Gamma, honorary biology organization, has initiated six new members. They are Jackie Gribble, Jim Owen, Suzanne McCallum and Paul Snow, all of Shreveport; Frances Dalme of Austin, Tex., and Charlotte Speer, Vivian. Dr. Orin P. Wilkins is fac-



Pollock First Church Opens New Sanctuary

On November 24 at 11 a.m. opening services were conducted in the new sanctuary of the First Methodist Church of Pollock. The foundation was poured in late July and construction work on the building began the first week in August. The building is brick-veneer and will be furnished throughout with oak furniture. The comfort of the congregation has been provided for by the installation of a year-round air conditioning system. The sanctuary will have a normal seating capacity of 160 people, and space has been provided for the pastor's study, cry-room, choir room, and library. With completion of the new sanctuary, long-range plans have been finished and the church now has adequate facilities, including ample space in the Educational Building. The church kitchen is fully equipped; there is a large fellowship hall; and the parsonage has been almost completely redecorated.

The building planning committee, the board of trustees, and the entire congregation have given sacrificially of their time, physical energy, and finances in the cooperative enterprise of erecting a church, the report said. The construction work was contracted to the H. K. Maxwell Lumber Company of Colfax, and the air-conditioning work was contracted to the Turrentine Company of Alexandria.

In addition to the opening service there was a service of dedication of memorials, at which time many memorials and gifts were given and accepted. The chairman of the official board, M. D. Regions, presented the memorials, and Charles Cook, chairman of the board of trustees, accepted on behalf of the trustees. The Rev. Marvin H. Hockenhull, pastor, led the services and delivered the opening message.

On December 1 the Rev. A. W.

COUNCIL OF BISHOPS MEETS IN TENN.

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the two official quadrennial emphases. Bishop Roy H. Short presented the schedule for local church development. Bishop Paul N. Garber brought his colleagues up to date on the emphasis on higher education.

A called meeting of the Council of Bishops will be held in Hotel Flanders, Ocean City, N. J., January 7-9. The annual meeting is scheduled for April 8-11, 1958 in Havana, Cuba.

ulty sponsor, and Jerry Martin of Shreveport is president.

F. H. "Buss" Delaney, director of the Centenary Development Fund, spent last week in New Orleans working on behalf of the Louisiana Foundation of Privately Supported Colleges and Universities. Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary, also is president of the Foundation.

Centenary Professor Presents Lectures To Haughton Students

Dr. W. F. Pledger, professor of sociology and Bible at Centenary College, is presenting a series of lectures on courtship and marriage before students of Haughton High School.

Dr. Pledger, a former missionary to India, opened the series on Nov. 19 with an address on the topic, "Dating, Courtship And Going Steady." His topic for the second lecture on Dec. 12 will be "On Selecting a Mate." On Jan. 24, Dr. Pledger will speak on the subject, "Early Marriages," and on Feb. 24 on the subject, "Selecting a Vocation."

The closing address will be on April 23, when Dr. Pledger's topic will be, "Morality Makes Sense."

H. J. Moreland is principal of the Haughton High School, and arrangements for Dr. Pledger's lecture series were made by Mrs. Sue Boydston, Centenary College enrollment counsellor, in answer to many requests from students for such discussions.

Townsend, superintendent of the Alexandria District, will bring the message at the 11:00 o'clock worship hour and will conduct the cornerstone laying ceremony immediately following the worship service. There will be open house in the new sanctuary from 2 o'clock until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Employer Honors Epps Board Member

Shown below is A. F. Sealy, overseer on Epps Plantation, Epps, receiving a Gold Pocket Watch from C. H. Murphy, Jr., of El Dorado, Arkansas, for 25 crops produced on the same plantation.

Sealy came to Epps Plantation in

May, 1933, and has resided and worked on the plantation ever since. He is a member of the Epps Methodist Church where he has served a number of years on the Official Board and been otherwise very active in the work of his church.

This presentation was made at a meeting of all Farm Division employees held at the Murphy Lodge, located on Epps Plantation, Thursday night, November 7.

Murphy, in presenting the award to Sealy, stated that this was only a small token of appreciation and high esteem held for him by the company, as well as his fellow employees. Murphy is President of Murphy Corporation and also Deltic farm and Timber Co., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Murphy Corporation.



Plans Developing For 1958 Christian Youth Exchange

"Wanted: 20 Methodist high school youth to spend a year abroad."

This "want ad" is from the Youth Department of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

The department is co-operating with a number of other Protestant denominations through the International Christian Youth Exchange, to develop a worldwide exchange of youth in the belief that world community and world peace will be thus advanced.

ICYE expects to bring 125 young people to America for a year, beginning September 1958. It also hopes to get 50 Protestant youth to go abroad for the same period, of which at least 20 should be Methodists.

The sponsorship for either the one-way (receiving a youth from abroad) or the two-way exchange (sending a youth as well as receiving one) is by a local church, or some group or combination of groups in a local church. In a few cases a sub-district, or conference Methodist Youth Fellowship or other group has been the sponsor.

"We believe the two-way exchange, especially when it can be a direct family-to-family exchange, has great value," says the Rev. Joseph W. Bell of the Youth Department staff. "Applications are wanted now! The earlier we receive them the earlier we can process and approve them, and help the church, family and young people to prepare for the exchange."

Application blanks and other materials are available from the Youth Department, General Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

MYF BRIEFS

MYFers from Hughes attending the St. Francis-Lee Sub-district meeting at Wesley Chapel recently were: Mickey Babb, Bess Beasley, Jobelle Beasley, Jack Burch, Bessie Lynn Chamblee, Peggy Crawford, Margie Davidson, Brenda Griffin, Linda Hughey, Barbara Lunsford, Fairy Ann Meurrier, Ronnie McDermott, Mary Elizabeth Stoddard, Barbara Sykes, and Brenda Sykes. Mrs. W. M. Stoddard, the Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Brown also attended.

The Council of the St. Francis-Lee Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10, at Forrest City.

The Grace Curtis Sub-district meeting was held at Marmaduke Monday night, Nov. 11.

On Saturday, Nov. 30, the youth from the Paragould District plan to bring a food-car caravan to the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock. Plans are to have about 15 cars loaded with food and young people. The Rev. Jim Beal, Imboden, is the director of youth work in the Paragould District.

Chidester MYF Names New Officers

The Chidester MYF elected officers for the coming year and they were installed recently at an evening service by the pastor, the Rev. Howard B. Childs. The officers are: president, Jimmy Bussell; vice president, David Beaver; secretary, Polly Beaver; treasurer, Bob Atkins; and reporter, Betty Stinnett.

The group sponsored a Halloween carnival to raise money for furnishing the youth chapel in the church. Also, money was collected for UNICEF. Plans were made to present a Thanksgiving program at the Old Folks Home in Camden, and some gifts were presented to women from Chidester.

Another project underway is the collection of canned goods for the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Jonesboro

The Council of the Jonesboro area Methodist Youth Fellowship Sub-district met in the Chapel of Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Sunday afternoon, November 10, to make plans for future Sub-district programs and projects.

Miss Annette Tompson, president of the Sub-district, presided over the meeting.

It was decided to recommend to each local church MYF that "Keep Christ In Christmas" window and auto-bumper stickers be distributed as a Christmas project as one means of combatting the efforts of the liquor industry to promote the sale of alcoholic beverages during the season. It was also decided to publicize this project as widely as possible in an effort to have MYF groups in other sub-districts undertake the same program. The type of sticker to be used is that supplied at minimum cost by "Tidings."

Announcement was made that the next Sub-district meeting would be a Christmas party given by the MYF of First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, in Fellowship Hall.

Sadie Mecom

Monday, Nov. 4, the Sadie Mecom Sub-district meeting was held at Crowville Methodist Church with all four churches represented. Also present was the Rev. Brady Foreman, pastor of the Bastrop Memorial Church, who is district counsellor of the Monroe District MYF. The district MYF president and treasurer were also present. The Rev. Edwin H. House, Jr. is pastor of the Crowville church.

W. F. Cooley

The W. F. Cooley Sub-district met Monday, November 4, at the Methodist Church in Atkins. Atkins presented the program, served refreshments, and directed the group in games.

Southeast

The November meeting of the Southeast Sub-district MYF was held at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, Tuesday, Nov. 12. "Thanksgiving for our Talents," was the topic presented, and several "talented" youth gave performances.

Camden Scout Receives Eagle Badge



STEWART WATSON

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

HOW LONG IS A LIFETIME?

Every now and then some fellow comes up with an item which he backs with a "lifetime guarantee." As one who in his brief span of years has worn out many such items designed for a lifetime, I get concerned about how long is a lifetime!

Do you recall the fairy story of the genie who gave a child a ball of string and told him something like this: "This is the thread of your life; take it. When you want time to pass quickly for you, unwind the thread; your days will pass fast or slowly as you have unwound the ball quickly or not. So long as you do not touch the thread, you will remain at the same hour of your existence."

The child took the thread; first he unwound it to become a man, then to marry the betrothed he loved, then to see his children growing up, then to get offices, to gain honors, to overcome troubles, to avoid the griefs and diseases that come with age, and finally to put an end to burdensome age. The lifetime string had run out, but the fairy story relates he had lived just four months and six days after the visit of the genie!

Well, it's a fairy story, but can we really say that it isn't true to what we would do if such a ball of string were given us? Our anxiety to grow up, to get to the grass on the other side of the fence, to enjoy in prodigal fashion in a short time the blessings which normally come in due time to all of us, to live life up to the hilt with no concern to extend the time of preparation—is this not the picture of many young persons whose lives are far from fairy stories, but the real thing?

To be sure some of us on the sunny side of middle age would give a lot at times to have the chance to live over again a particular period in our days of youth. We would stay clear out of reach of that ball of string fearing that to touch it would be to move time along. But we didn't do it when we

Stewart Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watson, 2416 Dover Ave., SW, Camden, Ark., received his Eagle Badge, Sunday night, November 10, during the evening church services at the Fairview Methodist Church, which sponsors Boy Scout Troop 12, as well as Cub Pack 12.

Stewart began his scouting career as a member of Cub Pack 12. Troop 12 welcomed him into their ranks when he passed his Tenderfoot Requirements in December, 1955. Stewart is a good and steady worker, meeting his Second Class requirements in February, 1956, his First Class requirements in July, 1956, Star in October, 1956, Life in February, 1957, and completing his Eagle requirements in October, 1957. He has passed a total of 23 Merit Badges.

Stewart is the eighth Scout of his contemporary troop to reach this award, the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn. His scoutmaster, Floyd Bullock, said that this makes the tenth boy scout to make Eagle in the 10 years he has been a scoutmaster, and that he is very proud.

Stewart is a member of the Fairview Methodist Church, and attends Sunday School regularly. His Sunday School teacher and scoutmaster this year is one and the same.

He is in the eighth grade at Fairview High School. He received his letter in Junior Football this year.

As is true in each case when a boy reaches this highest rank scouting has to offer, Stewart's parents have worked with him in every way, the scoutmaster said. His dad is the chairman of the building committee for the Fairview Youth Center Building being erected on Jenkins Street.

had the chance years ago! We ran the string out as fast as we could pull it loose from the ball—and so do many of today's teenagers. And we at their age, as teenagers do now, had difficulty in seeing that one can "grow up too fast." None of us wants to put a ceiling on growth in the normal, natural curve of growth which God designs for humankind. But isn't it a fact that the industrial age in providing rapid communication and transportation has moved the aging process up to top speed. This is good in some instances, but there are times when the Chinese proverb about resting during a journey so our souls can catch up with our bodies, is certainly to the point.

Charge me up with being an oldster, if you will, but believe me young friend, the experiences which you may be missing in fully enjoying your present place in life's time machine, will probably never again be yours for the taking. But they give their fullest satisfaction only when they are experienced in the context of Christian faith and practice. The spiritual values that enhance personality are to be found in any worthwhile pursuit, and Christian growth can take place wherever you are in the age cycle, if you make each day count for Christ.



North Arkansas Executive Committee Meets In Conway

The Fall meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service opened at 3:30 p.m. October 31, in the parlor of First Methodist Church, Conway. The president, Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, called the meeting to order. Miss Mary Chaffin, deaconess, led the opening prayer.

Twenty-two members attended the meeting, with sickness of members or their families responsible for the absence of others.

Mrs. T. L. Hunt, Secretary of Supply Work, and Mrs. A. M. McKennan, Secretary of Status of Women, who were appointed to fill unexpired terms, were introduced. Announcement was made that Mrs. W. F. Bates, Jurisdiction Secretary of Children's Work, has moved her membership to the Rose City Church in North Little Rock, making her a member of the North Arkansas Conference and of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Elmus Brown, chairman of the Summer School committee, announced the date of the Wesleyan Service Guild Educational Seminar as August 16-17, and the School of Missions as August 18-22. Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, acting chairman of the Annual Meeting Program committee, announced that speakers will be Mrs. John Pearson, Mrs. Milton Randolph, and Miss Ada Duhigg.

Mrs. James Upton, Secretary of Promotion, stressed the workshops to follow the Executive meeting. Mrs. Elmus Brown, Secretary of Missionary Education, reported that she had attended all seminars in the eight districts reaching more than 900 women.

The president read excerpts from material sent by Mrs. E. H. Hook, Secretary of Missionary Projects. These pertained to the release of Emma Nell Wayland from the Division, and a Conference for Rural Workers and chairmen of Advisory Boards to be held in Nashville, February 3-6. Miss Mary Chaffin gave a report of her work in Madison County. An encouraging phase of her work is four vacation church schools that reached 250 people.

Mrs. M. L. Kaylor, secretary of Children's Work, mentioned good reports from the districts. The name of the Conway District secretary listed in the Annual Report was corrected to Miss Ila Richmond, Atkins. Mrs. Fulbright, Secretary of Spiritual Life, reported attending the pilot prayer re-

treat, and an invitation to attend the National Conference on Spiritual Life.

Mrs. S. B. Wilford read the report of the Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Vogel. She said there is an increase in supply giving and pledge to missions. Mrs. Cooley, Jurisdiction Secretary of Literature and Publications, spoke of the merits of the Procedural File, and expressed appreciation from her family for the book in memory of her mother. Mrs. Wilford, Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications, stated that there is an increase in the amount of literature being used.

The meeting closed at 5 p.m. with prayer by the president. Dinner was served in the dining room by the Conway ladies. Following the meal, Rev. Joel Cooper, host pastor, led the devotions using a picture of Salmann's Head of Christ as the center.

The group returned to the parlor where officers' reports were continued.

Mrs. Hunt gave a splendid report of Supply Work. Mrs. McKennan feels the need of better understanding of the work of Status of Women Secretaries.

Miss Iris Bell, deaconess in the Imboden Area, reported that a new Methodist Church had been organized with a building program under way.

Mrs. L. T. Zarub, president of Batesville District, reported work progressing through cooperation of the District Superintendent and pastors. Mrs. C. A. Hughes, president of Conway District, told of gains in her district. Mrs. Schneider told of the two fine Seminars in the Fayetteville District. Mrs. John Sikes, president of Forrest City District, announced plans for a laywoman's day throughout the district in cooperation with the District Superintendent. Mrs. James Blankenship gave the high point of Jonesboro District as the tour of missions. Plans are under way for five workshops in various sections of her district. Mrs. C. W. Nickles spoke of the cooperation in Paragould District with Iris Bell. Mrs. Walter Jimerson, president of Searcy District, spoke of growth in the district.

Mrs. Jeff Brown, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, told of the migrant work over the Conference, and recommended the reading and presenting of the Charter

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LITERATURE SECRETARIES GO TO CINCINNATI



Mrs. Murray B. McLeod, Little Rock Conference secretary and Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Russellville, South Central Jurisdiction secretary of Literature and Publications, are pictured just before they boarded the plane to Cincinnati November 20 to attend a meeting at the Literature Headquarters of the Woman's Division.

Mrs. C. C. Long, Division secre-

tary of Literature, and Mrs. C. A. Meeker, Editor of THE METHODIST WOMAN, were to speak at the banquet November 21. This publication has the largest subscription list of any Methodist periodical.

A tour of the Literature Headquarters at 7820 Reading Road would show the growth of the circulation of the publications to such an extent that an addition to the building has been necessary.

Pine Bluff District Has Workshop

Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, was hostess church to the Pine Bluff District Woman's Society of Christian Service Workshop on Thursday, Nov. 14th in an all-day meeting.

Fifty women from over the district attended. Mrs. M. E. Scott, Conference President, presided during the day with Mrs. Ross Helvie, Mrs. J. R. Verhoeff and Mrs. Alvin Stone assisting. Mrs. Scott presented a new technique in Bible Study, called, "Depth Study," and gave suggestions for this method in local groups. Mrs. Helvie showed by use of chart, the inter-relatedness of the work of the Woman's Society and the Church program. Dr. E. C. Rule, District Superintendent, spoke also on this subject and led the group in a discussion of inter-relationships between the local society and the pastor in the total church program.

Mrs. Verhoeff displayed a chart showing how the financial pro-

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John Wesley Sub-District Meets

The John Wesley Sub-district of the Arkadelphia District met with Manchester November 12, with Mrs. Guy Shirron presiding. Mrs. R. E. Harris played for the singing of the opening hymn.

Mrs. Clarence Daniell gave the invocation. Mrs. T. T. McNeal, Mrs. James Patterson, and Mrs. Harris of Arkadelphia, conducted a workshop.

Lunch was served at the church. At the business session in the afternoon the group voted to accept the invitation to hold its next meeting at Sparkman. There were 22 present.

Zone Named For Miss Ella K. Hooper

Zone I of the Lafayette District Woman's Society of Christian Service held its fall meeting in Lockport October 17, with Mrs. I. J. Marcel of Houma presiding.

During the business session the Zone was named the Ella K. Hooper Zone. Miss Hooper pioneered Methodist Mission work in this section of the state, working in Houma and the surrounding bayou country for over thirty years.

It was the unanimous decision of the group that no more fitting name could be given the Zone than that of Ella K. Hooper.

Societies Observe Quiet Day

Rodessa

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Rodessa, Mrs. M. F. Smith, president, observed the Week of Prayer and Self Denial with a "Quiet Day" on October 30 followed by a program meeting with various services and prayer

times, closing with an offering for the projects.

A Jurisdiction Recognition Class has just been completed on "The Social Witness of the Local Church in the Ecumenical Church." Eleven were enrolled with an attendance of 90.9% in five sessions. Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, Vivian, was guest speaker on "Evanston Speaks—The Unity We Seek."

Marked Tree

The Marked Tree Woman's Society held a Quiet Day program on November 8 in observance of Week of Prayer with Mrs. E. M. Calvert, secretary of Spiritual Life, leading the program.

The observance began with a period of quiet followed by a sacrificial meal. After the meal the program was held in the sanctuary.



North Arkansas Conference Notes—

Paragould District Plans MYF Workshop

By Ira A. Brumley

The Paragould District is planning for a weekend workshop December 27-28, on "The Methodist Youth Fellowship Beyond the Local Church." This program is to be held in the Methodist Church at Walnut Ridge. It will be under the leadership of the district director of youth work through the cooperation of the two sub-districts of the Paragould District.

This program will be for young people, ages 15-23, and all adults who work with youth. It will have value not only for sub-district officers, but for youth of the local church.

Rev. James Beal of Imboden, district director of youth work in the Paragould District, is giving splendid leadership in the preparation for this program.

Such a district-wide program was carried out last August for the Batesville District, the workshop being held in the Methodist Church at Mountain Home.

This plan of training has been offered to any district in the conference that will plan for such a meeting.

This workshop program gives young people and their adult workers an opportunity to share together concerning the work of the sub-district and other Methodist Youth Fellowship programs beyond the local church.

Many of our leaders have recognized for some time that something definite needs to be done toward developing a better sub-district program for the Methodist Youth Fellowship. We do not think of one workshop as solving all the problems, but it will provide opportunity for a larger vision of this program.

Membership Goals

A number of church schools have responded to our request for a report on their goals for membership increase. Some time ago letters went out to church school superintendents suggesting that each local church study carefully its responsibility in relationship to reaching more people with the church school program. We suggested that each local church indicate to our office the number of prospects listed for church school membership and the membership goal for increase set by the commission on education.

We have not suggested to any church a quota or goal. We believe that each local church should set its own goal in the light of its own responsibility.

We believe that there are literally thousands of persons in the church membership of our conference, not enrolled in any church school, that could be reached by the church school. We know that there are many other thousands not related to any church, for whom our church schools have a responsibility.

This year is an evangelistic year with emphasis on "Tell Arkansas about Christ." We believe that the church school can be a powerful agency for telling Arkansas about Christ. We believe that every church school teacher and officer should be an evangelist. Seventy-one per cent of all additions on

profession of faith in the churches of the North Arkansas Conference during the past five years were members of the church school when they united with the church. This is as it should be. The church school should be a powerful force for bringing people to a commitment to Christ and membership in the church. The work of the church school does not stop there, but should be the means by which all church membership will continue to grow in the Christian life. Let us do a better evangelistic job through our church schools.

New Certifications

We continue to receive in our office week after week certification cards for new certifications in the program of Christian education.

Mrs. J. F. Adams, Fayetteville, has been certified as a Dean.

Rev. Archie N. Boyd, North Little Rock, has been certified for "Life of Jesus" (first and second series), "The Gospel According to St. Mark," and "Youth and Christian Witness."

The following persons have been certified for the course on "Christian Worship": Rev. H. L. Robison, Paragould; Rev. E. J. Holifield, Jonesboro; Rev. A. C. Brannon, Trumann; Rev. Ben F. Jordan, Jonesboro; Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Paragould; and Rev. William A. Stewart, Jr., Walnut Ridge. This makes a total of fourteen persons who have been certified on "Christian Worship" since our coaching conference last September.

A large amount of sickness across our conference has handicapped our training work this fall, but we are running ahead of this time last year and of any previous year in the total amount of training work carried on during the summer and fall months. The report at the first of December will be the best report we have ever had for the six-month period from June 1 to December 1.

Says Use Certified Instructors In Home Conference

The Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the Leadership Education Department, General Board of Education, suggests that those responsible for setting up Christian Workers' Schools use the certified training school instructors in

Religious Education For Adults Is Growing Concern

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—Several countries are showing an increased concern for religious education of adults, it was reported at the annual meeting of the Methodist Joint Committee on Christian Education in Foreign Fields October 24-25 in Nashville.

The announcement was made by Mrs. Floyd Shacklock, New York City, educational counselor of the joint committee, which promotes Christian education outside the United States.

"Japan and Africa have traditionally not had classes for adults in the Sunday schools, but they are planning to include lessons for adults in the new curricula," said Mrs. Shacklock.

"Korea has held an exploratory conference on adult work and studied the needs of young, middle-aged, and older adults and has mapped out a suggested program based on these needs," she said.

The educational counselor also reported that there is increased concern for Christian education of adults in India and the Philippines.

She reviewed progress and problems in Christian education in 24 countries or areas of the world.

The Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Harvey, field consultant of the committee, reported on his year's work in Southern Asia.

In discussing Christian educational institutions in India, Dr. Harvey said, "In the light of the uncertainty in the future of the relations of missions to Indian na-

their conferences.

Many certified instructors go year after year without being invited to teach in a single school, he says. These instructors usually are glad to be of service in helping some local church have a better trained leadership.

Most of the conference executive secretaries have lists of the certified instructors in their conferences. They will be glad to furnish the names of certified instructors for Christian Workers' Schools.

Methods Proposed To Increase Sunday School Attendance

Grand Rapids, Mich. (RNS) — Painting footprints on the sidewalk leading to church schools was proposed here as one way to improve attendance at Sunday schools.

The suggestion was one of 138 made in 12 minutes by a panel of ten experts at a "brainstorming" session during the annual convention of the National Sunday School Association.

Attending the convention were more than 3,500 persons, the largest gathering in NSSA history. The meeting was one of twin association conventions held this year. The other took place in Los Angeles, Oct. 9-11.

Mayor Paul Goebel of Grand Rapids proclaimed the period during which the association met here as "Sunday School Week." A feature of the convention was a Sunday school parade in which various churches in the area entered floats.

The "brainstorming" session was one of 77 workshops held by the delegates. In addition to ways of improving attendance they discussed new Sunday school teaching methods and how to apply them in local churches.

Dr. Edward D. Simpson, association president, delivered the keynote address.

The NSSA is an affiliate of the National Association of Evangelicals.

tionalism, it is my judgment that great caution should be used at the point of further expansion of present schools, and in establishment of new schools."

Next annual meeting of the committee was set for October 23-24, 1958, the place to be selected later.

Methodist Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, presided. He is chairman of the committee, which is a coordinating agency of the Methodist boards of missions and education in promoting Christian education in other countries.

Dr. Harvey was re-elected field consultant and Mrs. Shacklock, educational counselor.

Kansas Church To Observe Bible Sunday With All-Day Reading of New Testament

White City, Kans. (RNS)—Universal Bible Sunday, Dec. 8, will be observed at the Methodist church here with a day-long reading of the New Testament.

The program is scheduled to begin at 3 a.m. Church leaders expect the reading to be completed about 9 p.m. Seventy-two persons will participate.

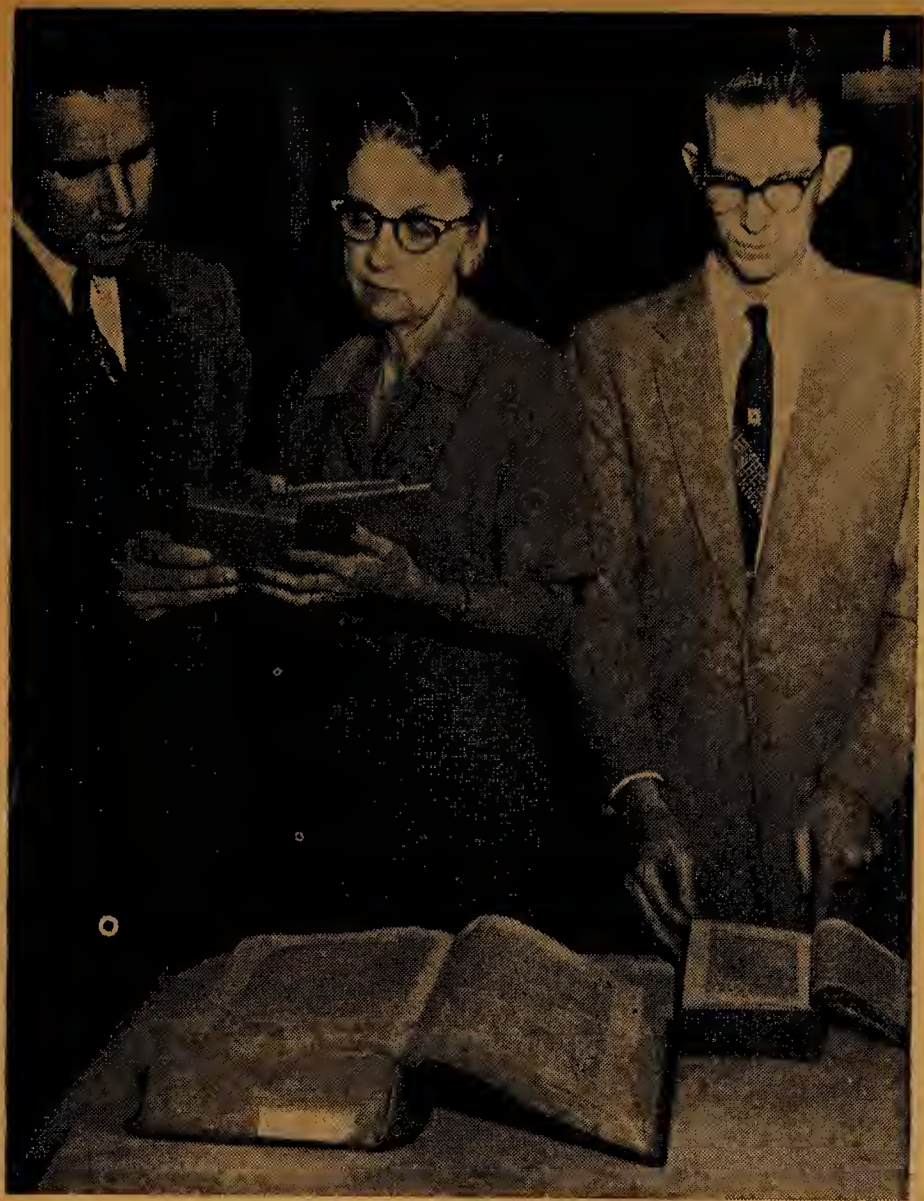
A choir of fifty voices will sing Nativity numbers as residents of the community gather for the observ-

ance.

Breakfast will be served in the church at 1 a.m. to an expected 400 early risers. Coffee will be served throughout the day.

When the reading ends the choir will sing the Hallelujah chorus from Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah."

Universal Bible Sunday is part of the Worldwide Bible Reading observance from Thanksgiving to Christmas sponsored by the American Bible Society.



Displays Bible Collection At LR 1st Church

More than 130 persons examined a collection of Bibles at First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Nov. 20, marking the close of a study course on the history of the Bible conducted by Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor. Judge Ed F. McFaddin, Little Rock, presented a collection of more than 50 Bibles for the display, and spoke concerning the chronology of the English Bible. Inspecting Greek translations of the Bible are (from left) Rev. George Wayne Martin, associate minister at First Methodist; Miss Elizabeth Thompson, the church's director of Christian education; and Rev. George Stewart, associate minister at First Church. Miss Thompson arranged the display.

A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT ITSELF

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ment has been maintained at a high figure and the ratio of church school enrollment to church membership has been maintained at a high level.

The average attendance has not, however, been as large as it should be in view of the enrollment. The brochure stated that the average attendance at church school should comprise 50% of the enrollment. Therefore, a goal of 1,000 average attendance in church school was prescribed.

The long distances traveled by church school members to attend probably accounts in part for the lower attendance. Church school members live farther from the church than do church members. Only 8.9% of the church school members as contrasted with 13.4% of the church members live within one mile of the church. Within two miles of the church reside 21.7% of the church school members and 35.5% of the church members. It is apparent that the church school is not reaching its immediate community—not even to pull in many of the members of First Church.

During the past five years, it was noted, seven of the church school classes have shown substantial steady growth. Some of the other classes grew spasmodically, but not steadily. All classes for children (except the nursery) and lower youth tended to fluctuate from year to year.

The church school is weakest in reaching persons in the age range 15-34, the survey pointed out. At all ages above 14 there are numerous church members who do not belong to the church school. The report predicted that the large number of church school members in the age range under 15 should bring many new members into the church as they complete preparatory membership training.

Building Facilities Analyzed

Although First Church launched a half-million-dollar building program in 1950, providing a new educational building and modern facilities, it already needs more space. Dr. Walton pointed out that as soon as the goal of 1,000 in church school attendance is reached, First Church will have to expand again. "More class-

es of smaller size might well increase attendance," the report suggested.

Church Surveys Downtown Area

A house-to-house census of the downtown area adjacent to First Church was undertaken by one of the subcommittees in March of this year. This census covered approximately 95% of the residential units in the area bounded on the north by Second Street, on the east by Rector Street, on the south by Fourteenth Street, and on the west by the State Capitol. Of the 2,169 persons covered in the census, 1,365 were females—or 63% of the total. There were very few children or youth in the area. Young adults were more numerous, but the bulk of the population came from persons 35 years of age or older.

Additionally, it was found that there were relatively few unchurched persons in the surveyed area. First Methodist had approximately 3% of the residents of the area in its membership. There were 361 Methodists with memberships in other Methodist churches in the city. Prospects in the area included 118 Methodists with non-resident memberships, 66 non-members who preferred the Methodist Church, and 121 who were neither members nor expressed a preference.

"According to all criteria ordinarily used in judging lay leadership, First Church is outstanding," the survey noted. "It has diversified leadership drawn from all ages and both sexes in fair proportion. Its leaders are not encumbered with too many offices. Neither do the leaders hold office for extended periods. Also, leaders are drawn from all geographical areas, except the first mile from the church."

The Financial Program

With regard to the financial program, the report said that although it is always difficult to become too concerned over a church budget which exceeds \$100,000 (and First Church's budget is \$143,000), there are some criticisms which are justified.

Using the 3,083 members reported to the annual conference in 1956 as a base, the per capita pledge for that year stands at \$35.70. This is substantially below the per capita giving of comparable churches. If the per capita giving is computed on a base of 2,284 members regarded in this report as active, a figure of \$48.18 is ob-

Magazine Methodists To Hold Dedication Service Dec. 1

The Magazine Methodist Church announces a dedication service for both the parsonage and church improvements, December 1, with open house, 2 to 5 p.m.

The parsonage was built in 1955-56, when the Rev. J. W. Sandage was pastor. In 1957, with Rev. I. M. Scott, pastor, a car port and store room were added and the lawn improved.

The church sanctuary has been re-decorated; new pews, altar, choir chairs and an inside door were installed. Running water has been piped in to the church kitchen and a badly needed outside door put in.

Recently, the Methodist Men's Brotherhood has been organized, with a membership of 24. Officers elected are: Lee Jones, president; Oren Surict, vice-president; Buddy Docus, secretary; and J. W. Balkman, treasurer.

tained as the annual per capita pledge.

The relatively low per capita pledge is almost entirely due to the large number of non-pledging members. More than one-half (56%) of the 3,083 members made no pledge to the church during 1956-57. An every-member canvass conducted in May, however, increased pledges of the church from \$109,000 in 1956 to \$133,622.60 for this year. This brought about a budget increase of \$16,500 over last year. Forty per cent of the "active" members of the church made no pledge during 1956-57.

For the fiscal year 1956-57, the ladies of the church pledged to a greater extent than did the men. Of the total, 1,261 ladies who were "active" members, 814 pledged and 447 did not pledge. Of the total of 1,023 men, 545 pledged and 478 did not pledge. Of the 2,284 members, 1,359 made pledges, but 925 did not pledge.

The report indicated that financial participation was good for those above 55 years of age. The ladies in the age range 45-54 also scored well in the degree of participation.

The proportional amounts raised from pledges of various amounts and from the various age groups were commendable, the report said. "The financial program is excellent—with the exception that too many members are not pledging."

Especially deserving recognition is the pledging activity of most of the youth of the church. Although these pledges are not productive of much money, they are important in building good stewardship habits.

Church Follows Surveying Recommendations

Dr. Walton pointed out that "the church is following all recommendations set forth in the report, step by step." One of the recommendations brought about by the analysis was that the church employ a full-time minister of evangelism. In compliance with this, an additional associate minister, the Rev. George Wayne Martin, was appointed to the church in June of this year. The Rev. Mr. Martin devotes most of his time to prospective members, evening services which Dr. Walton stressed were "evangelistic in nature," and working under the church's commission on membership and evangelism.

Another member of the church's remarkable staff is the Rev. George Stewart, who was appointed associate pastor in June 1956. The Rev. Mr. Stewart is minister of the junior church and works with the church's commission on membership and evangelism in the program of assimilating new members. He also makes pastoral visitations to new members and shut-ins.

A full-time superintendent of the youth division, Winston Faulkner, was employed in 1955. Mr. Faulkner devotes full time to activities of all age groups, and directs programs of fellowship and recreation.

Directing the church's musical program is John Summers, organist and choir master.

Dr. Walton, who has been pastor of the church since 1944, came from First Methodist Church at Texarkana, where he served for five years.

In summary, Dr. Walton said, "The main value of this survey is that it takes us out of the realm of guess work. It lets us know precisely where we stand, what our problems are, and locates our weaknesses."

PREACHERS CAN STILL SAVE TAX MONEY

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were permitted to include the cost of fuel and utilities in the tax-exempt portion of their income. For pastors who have a free parsonage provided, the regulations added the words "including utilities" to the phrase "the rental value of a home." This placed the pastor with a parsonage on an equal footing with ministers in general work who have rental allowances.

The same provision applies in both cases: the tax exemption must be based on a specific item in the budget of the employing church or agency. If the budget item is not there, the pastor is not eligible for the tax exemption.

Meanwhile, an advisory opinion issued by the Social Security Administration in Washington threatens to restrict the benefits of retired ministers and missionaries who are provided with homes by the churches or denominations which they serve. The agency held that if the rental value of a parsonage is designated as income for social security purposes in computing base earnings for benefits, it also must be counted toward the maximum of \$1,200 a year that a retired recipient of benefits is permitted to earn while receiving such benefits.

The rental value of almost any house or apartment uses up most of the \$1,200 allowance; therefore retired clergymen who live in homes furnished by their religious groups will be severely restricted as to the amount of cash income they can have and still receive social security payments. Several members of Congress are expected to press a proposal that the \$1,200 limitation on earnings of retired persons be eliminated from the Social Security Act.

If this ceiling is retained, church representatives are expected to ask for some change in the law to remove the handicap that it places on retired clergymen.

Dean Named At Soochow College

A Chinese educator, who is a graduate of an American Methodist college, has been appointed dean of studies of the Methodist-affiliated Soochow University College, Taipei, Taiwan.

Professor Chun-gi Kwei will direct the academic program of the 1,400-student college, which has been reopened by alumni after the school was forced to leave mainland China. Mr. Kwei is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and holds a master of arts degree in political science from Columbia University. He was formerly a professor of political science at the Government University of Kwantung, the National University of Canton, the Fu Tan University of Shanghai and the National Central University of Nanking. While on Taiwan, he has been professor and dean of the National Chengchi (Political) University in Taipei.

NORTH ARKANSAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS IN CONWAY

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of Racial Policies and the check list.

The meeting opened Friday morning with a devotional by Mrs. Fulbright on "Adoration of God." The treasurer, Mrs. William Hall, reported that not all districts are paying the 10c per member Narcotic Education fund. A discussion followed pertaining to the effectiveness of the program. The group asked that a report on the activities of the worker be presented at the Spring meeting.

Mrs. L. W. Blakely, in her Missionary Personnel report, gave the location and work of the girls who have volunteered for full time service in the last several years.

Mrs. Upton introduced Kay McSpadden, Jackie Wright, and Amedia Babb, students at Hendrix who have volunteered for full time service. Jackie Wright was selected the Youth Delegate to the Assembly.

An evaluation period followed

'We've Been Waiting For The Church!'

By Charles Parkin

Advance Director, Division of National Missions

Ninilchik is a tiny fishing village on the Kenai peninsula in south central Alaska. If you go to Ninilchik by road it means two hours rough traveling from Kanai, a central town. If you go by plane, you land on the beach when the tide is low, because the beach is smoother than the landing strip. If the tide is in, you just hold your breath and hope that no boulders have rolled down onto the strip from the plateau.

A short, narrow arm of the sea cuts the spit of land which forms the airstrip and provides good, safe anchorage for the fishing boats belonging to the few families that make up Ninilchik.

On the height of land overlooking the beach is the Russian Orthodox Church, open once a year when the priest comes. But once a year for church services is not enough for these families, isolated as they are from other places.

Two representatives of the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions went to Ninilchik to meet a group of people who had asked for a preacher and the establishment of a church.

One young woman said, "We've been waiting three years to get our children into a Sunday school!" When she was asked where she lived, she replied that she and her husband lived in a fishing camp 30 miles "up the beach" and that they had driven that 30 miles to be at the meeting "because we want a church."

A fisherman who had left his nets unattended in order to come said, "This community has been without any religious service too long. We need a preacher to bring us God's Word. If he cannot get here on Sunday, send him on Tuesday, or Wednesday, or any other day—but send him! We will make the day the preacher can come our Sunday!"

Appeals like this cannot be denied. The Division of National Missions has provided a preacher. Ninilchik is a part of the ministry of the Methodist Church on the Kenai Peninsula. With other places we serve,

with many expressions as to the fine spirit of the meeting, the helpful suggestions and enthusiastic plans for the on-going of the work. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. with prayer by Mary Chaffin. The Conway ladies served a luncheon in the dining room.

the pastor could not reach Ninilchik for Sunday services. The people chose Wednesday as their "Sabbath" and now have a Sunday school and a preaching service each Wednesday.

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OBITUARY

BASSETT—On November 5, one of God's "true noblemen," after a life that spanned 90 years, passed to his reward. John Wiley Bassett was born and reared in the state of Arkansas. He attended Hendrix College in its early days at Altus, and at the time of his death was perhaps its oldest living student. He was married to Miss Susie Alice Patton nearly 64 years ago. They celebrated the 63rd anniversary of this happy event, December 20th, 1956.

Brother Bassett was a loyal and

devoted member of the Methodist Church, and though, because of ill health, he was denied the privilege of attendance on the public services, he never lost interest in what was taking place, and out of his meager means, made regular contributions to its work.

The real test of any man's success is not in the size of the estate he builds, or in the wide sphere that he is known for his achievements, but in the life that he lives, the kind of home he makes, and the character of the offspring he rears. By this test this good man achieved real success. In the community where he lived, he had the "good name rather to be chosen than great riches," and the "loving favor which is greater than gold." His children "rise up and call him blessed."

Besides his wife, he is survived by five children, J. Bascom Bassett of Pine Bluff; J. Cline Bassett of Benton; Mrs. Herman Eason of Fayetteville; Mrs. Ed McCuiston of Little Rock; and Mrs. E. D. Booker of Lexington, Ky. He is survived also by three sisters and one brother.

The funeral was conducted at the First Methodist Church in Conway, November 7, and his body was laid to rest in the Oak Grove Cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. Joel Cooper and Rev. C. N. Guice.—C. Norman Guice

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT HAS WORKSHOP

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gram of the church and Woman's Society in the local church is achieved and the part each group has in it. Mrs. Stone gave suggestions for improved techniques, methods, (tried and untried) for meeting the various problems that had been presented by the women from local societies.

Mrs. Joe Henlee, president of the Lakeside Society, and Mrs. A. R. Merritt, Sherrill, president of the District Society were hostesses for the day.

TRAVELING RELIGIOUS ART EXHIBIT PLANNED

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tian tradition" produced during the last ten years by American artists, architects and craftsmen.

He said its purpose "is to reveal the high quality of recent art and architecture in this vein and to stimulate interest on the part of the public in general, and religious organizations in particular, in the possible uses of these vital works."

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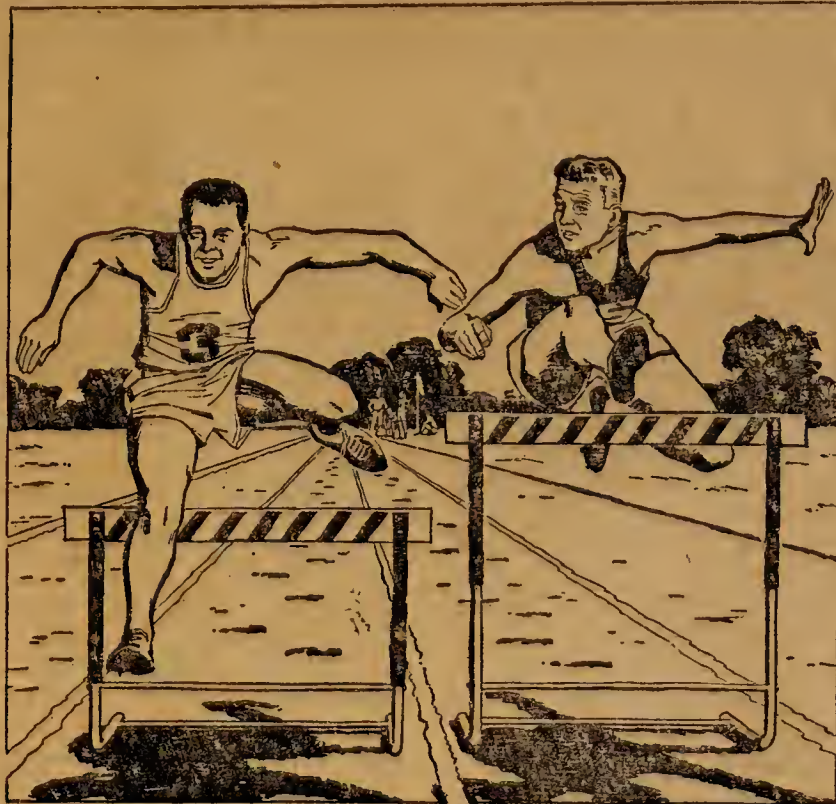
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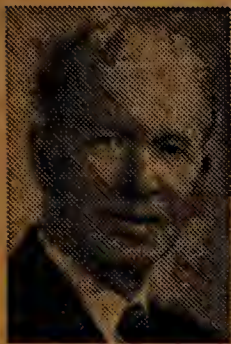
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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 8, 1957

WHAT CHRIST MEANS TO THE CHRISTIAN

READ PHILIPPIANS, CHAPTER 3.

MEMORY SELECTION: *I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.* —Philippians 3:8 (RSV)

The subject for our lessons in Unit X, as we will remember, is "The Gospel Applied To Persons." The subject for our second lesson, under this general theme, is, "What Christ Means To The Christian."

In writing this letter to the Philippians, Paul is continuing, on a much higher level, the religious struggle and controversy that had existed in the Jewish church for centuries. Across the many centuries, there had been a struggle between the prophets of God and the Jewish leaders of the Temple. The prophets had given emphasis to an inner transformation of heart and moral sincerity in religion in contrast with the teachings of Temple leaders who, as legalists, taught and seemed to think that religion consisted of a literal obedience to a system of legal requirements.

Paul Warns Against The Dangers of Judaism

Our lesson text begins with verse four of the 3rd chapter of Philippians. In the two verses of that chapter, just preceding our lesson text, Paul says to the Philippian church: "Look out for the dogs, look out for the evil-workers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. For we are the true circumcision, who worship God in spirit, and glory in Christ Jesus, and put no confidence in the flesh."

It is quite probable that Paul was troubled over the fact that some Jews, who had joined the Philippian church, were still holding on to some of the legal requirements of the Jewish church. Circumcision was one of these requirements, of long standing in Judaism, which Christian Jews seemed reluctant to give up. Paul calls this practice among Christians, "mutilating the flesh." He declares that true circumcision among Christians is to "worship God in spirit."

Paul is advising a practical, sensible course as compared to the two extremes which seemed to exist in this new, struggling church. There were those who, while professing to be Christians, still depended for their salvation on the strict observance of many of the old Jewish customs and laws. There was the other extreme that consisted of people who, under grace as Christians, seemed to feel that they were relieved of moral obligations and were free to follow almost any course of conduct they desired. Paul advocated a course between these two extremes. While he felt that Christians were no longer under obligations to observe Jewish customs which had no moral content, he very definitely taught that good

morals and Christian motives were always essential to Christian living.

Routine Observance of Law Not Enough

Paul, as we know, had been a strict Jew. He had observed, so far as he was able, all requirements of the Jewish law. Through personal experience, he knew that keeping the Jewish law did not bring that peace of heart and fellowship with God which he had found in the Christian religion.

For the benefit of those who were inclined to trust Judaism as a way of religious living, Paul relates his own experience, as a Jew, which he felt would have brought religious satisfaction if Judaism could satisfy religious longings. He contrasts the barren, dead level of Judaism with the joyous service found in Christian living. Paul gives the following reasons for thinking that he was entitled to all of the benefits which Judaism could bring: (1) He was born of the tribe of Benjamin which established his Hebrew ancestry. (2) He was a Hebrew of the Hebrews, a Pharisee whose fundamentalism as a strict Jew was unquestioned. (3) He was circumcised on the eighth day. (4) Legally, he had kept the law blamelessly. (5) As practical proof of his good standing in the Jewish church, he had persecuted the Christian church far and wide.

Like the Rich Young Ruler, Paul had kept the Jewish law "from his youth up," and, like the Rich Young Ruler again, he had felt a great, unsatisfied vacancy in his life until he met Christ on the way to Damascus. He felt, regarding all of these legalistic requirements he had met, like Isaiah the prophet, that "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Isaiah 64:6. When we practice self-righteousness, and believe it has value, it is the equivalent to practicing self-deceit.

What It Cost Paul To Be A Christian

Paul tells us in our lesson text, regarding any credits he may have had religiously, as a Jew, that "Whatever gain I had; I counted as loss for the sake of Christ." To that statement he adds, "Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Paul is saying that anything he may have given up to be Christian was as "garbage" compared to the "surpassing worth" of knowing Christ.

When we think of what Paul gave up to be a Christian, we are aware that it cost him many things that some hold very dear. It is almost certain that Paul lost a friendly relation with his family when he became Christian. The only mention

in the Bible, by Paul or any other writer, of any of Paul's family is the fact that the son of Paul's sister did him a favor when he was about to be mobbed in Jerusalem. It is quite probable that all family ties were broken, when he became Christian. No one would question that he was an active, zealous supporter of his church until his conversion experience. He gave up his closer relation to his nation. Paul became a world citizen who ministered to Greek, Barbarian, Jew, Gentile, or Roman all with the same Christian spirit. Paul had no settled home life after he became Christian. He was a restless messenger of God who was never happier than when he was moving from place to place preaching the gospel and organizing Christian churches. His faithfulness to Christ finally cost Paul his physical life.

No one ever sacrificed more for the Christian Church than did the Apostle Paul. With it all, as is usually true of those who make real sacrifices for Christ, Paul was not conscious of giving up anything of any great value, when he compared his losses with what he gained through Christ.

What Paul Declares He Is Seeking

After reciting something of the losses he had experienced in becoming Christian, Paul gives eloquent testimony, somewhat in detail, of the larger blessings that had come to him and that he expected would come as he continued to serve Christ. They are as follows:

(1) That he might win Christ and the "surpassing worth" such an experience would bring.

(2) That he might "be found in him." On another occasion Paul spoke of being "hid with Christ in God."

(3) That he might have a "righteousness which is of God by faith." Paul was not concerned about a righteousness that was based on obedience to the Jewish laws. Such a righteousness he felt was valueless.

(4) "That I may know him." Paul was not talking about knowing Christ. Multitudes in Palestine and elsewhere knew about Christ. However, the light they had about Christ condemned them because they did not accept the Christ it revealed as their Savior. Paul wanted to know Christ Himself. The statement he made here is similar to one he made on another occasion when he said, "We preach Christ." Paul did not just preach ABOUT Christ. He preached Christ as a divine Personality, Who would change and redeem any life committed to His care. It is not necessary even to be a Christian to preach ABOUT Christ. Infidels and Atheists do a lot of talking or preaching about Christ. Paul's burning desire was to KNOW Christ in order that he might preach Him.

(5) Paul wanted to know something about the power by which Christ arose from the dead.

(6) Paul wanted to share in something of the sufferings of Christ in order that he might "become like Him in his death." Paul attained that goal when, outside Rome he was beheaded for Christ's sake.

(7) Paul desired all of these things in order, as he says, "That if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead."

Paul An Humble Christian To The End

Considering the amazing, marve-

lous work he had done, in establishing the Christian religion in so many places in the Roman Empire, it might have been pardonable if Paul had been just a little boastful. Instead Paul was always very humble in his relation to Christ. He does not claim to have attained some of the ideals he preached about and desired. He in no sense claimed perfection, even though he was not so long removed from the supreme sacrifice of his life.

Paul felt that his righteousness was not something that he had gained but rather something given him by Christ. It was not something he had achieved but something he had received. In view of the humble attitude of the Apostle Paul, at the peak of his Christian development, we may properly be somewhat suspicious of anyone who claims perfection in this present life. Paul desired perfection, but he never professed to attain it. A friend of ours heard a man say in his testimony, "I am just as good as Christ, and getting better every day." That, of course is zeal without either knowledge or understanding. A man once said to the writer, "I just don't think there is an 'honest' man in this whole county than I am." It always sounds so much better for others to extol our virtues than it does for us to brag on ourselves.

This One Thing I Do

After acknowledging that he had not yet attained some Christian virtues for which he was striving, Paul makes one of his characteristic statements, "This one thing I do."

There is possibly no other human life of former days about which it is possible for us to know so much as we feel we know about the Apostle Paul. That is true because Paul made so many striking, illuminating statements about himself that seem to serve as windows through which we may look into the inner soul and character of the man.

A few of those revealing statements will illustrate what we mean. Paul said: "I am debtor," this reveals his attitude toward the world about him: "I am ready," which tells us something of his state of mind regarding his work; "We preach Christ" tells us of his estimate of the heart of the gospel; "this one thing I do" expresses a concentration of purpose few people have attained; "for me to live is Christ" expresses his feeling of responsibility as a representative of Christ among men.

In the closing verses of our lesson we find Paul saying, "I press toward the mark." Paul's direction, religiously, was always forward. So should it be with all of us. In one place Paul talks of "babes in Christ." So we all are in the beginning of our Christian lives. However, we should never be content to remain "babes." We too should "press toward the mark" of Christian growth and ultimate perfection. In our lives, like Paul, there should also be a concentration of purpose which would make Christian living the primary, major purpose of our lives.

Our Citizenship Is In Heaven

We are told that the word "Conversation," in our lesson text, should be translated citizenship or commonwealth. That is to say, the Christian is a citizen of two worlds even while he is living here. We should be "good citizens" of both worlds.

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LC Oak Park Church Breaks Ground For Educational Wing

Oak Park Methodist has begun the construction of the first building in a long term planning program. The first, a children's building, presently to see general use, will parallel to 3rd Ave., and will include about 4,800 square feet, featuring a wide covered walkway running along the east side. It may be entered from 3rd Ave. or from 17th Street and will connect with the west end of the present building. P. D. Gallagher of Dunn & Quinn is the architect. Maxine Fontenot is the contractor.

The contract cost of the building is \$61,239.00 and will include the unit system for heating. The ducts will take care of the air conditioning as funds are available with which to install them.

The hope is to add a small Primary Building in the near future, to be followed as quickly as possible with the sanctuary.

Oak Park is six years old and has a membership of 340. It is well organized and has the following groups: Official Board, Wm. Wenner, chairman; the four commissions are: Membership and Evangelism, Mrs. Wm. A. Haskell, chairman; Stewardship & Finance, J. P. Harrison, chairman; Education, R. C. Glenn, chairman; Missions, James Hebert, chairman. Church School superintendent is R. C. Glenn, assisted by Joe Morgan whose duty it is to promote enrollment and to serve as Adult Superintendent. Youth Superintendent is Tom Doland; Children's Superintendent, Mrs. Ann Harrison; Youth Fellowship, Johnny Harrison, president.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service is headed by Mrs. Evelyn Cloutman. There are three circles: The Elizabeth Johannaber Circle, Mrs. J. C. Nutter, leader; the Mabel P. Gibbs Circle, Mrs. Sue St. Clair, leader; the Margaret Campbell Circle, Mrs. Shirley Childress, leader.

The Board of Trustees includes: Rufus Marshall, James Leithead and Wm. Wenner. Leithead is secretary of the Board of Trustees and has done the voluminous legal work involved. The Methodist Men's president is C. O. Childress. Charge Lay Leader is Ed B. Cloutman.

There are three choirs, the juniors who make up the choir for the 8:30 a.m. service are under the leadership of Mr. Robt. Copper with Mrs. Cooper at the organ; the adults who make up the choir at the 11:00

Methodists Plan Nat'l Evangelism Lenten Program

The Methodist Church will conduct a nationwide campaign of visitation evangelism March 2-9 as a special Lenten project, it was announced recently in Minneapolis at the annual meeting of the denomination's Council of Evangelism.

"Tell America About Christ" is to be the theme of the evangelistic effort, sparked by district and annual conference secretaries of evangelism and their committees. The Rev. Wayne A. Lamb, Memphis, Tenn., is chairman of the council's planning committee.

Two other organizations, the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service and Methodist Men clubs, have pledged their support, said the Rev. George A. Fallon of Lakewood, Ohio, council president.

No numerical goal will be set, but Dr. Fallon said the council is hopeful that at least 500,000 "new Methodists" will be obtained. This is the council's first churchwide project since it was formed three years ago.

"Let us unite in making this week-long effort the greatest evangelistic undertaking in the history of Methodism," Dr. Fallon told some 500 ministers and laymen who attended the council meeting.

He said the house-to-house visitation will be preceded by a religious census in every parish, a 10-day prayer vigil beginning February 21 on World Day of Prayer, and an exchange of pulpits throughout the church's 570 districts on February 16.

A 34-page guide-book for the "Tell America About Christ" campaign has been prepared by the Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

o'clock hour, led by Mr. Don Morrison, with Mrs. Barbara Ferris at the organ; and the young people make up the evening choir under the direction of Mrs. Tolice Steward, with Miss Avery Ann Cordill at the piano.

The ground breaking ceremony for the new building was held at 2:00 Sunday afternoon of November 24th, with the following ministers of Lake Charles participating: Dr. Carl Lueg, Rev. Cleburn Quaid, Rev. Ray Branton, Rev. Garland Dean, (Continued on page 9)

Six-Year Plan To Recruit Christian Youth Undertaken By World Student Federation

A worldwide teaching and study program designed to call Christian students to new understanding and commitment to the life and mission of the church is to be launched in 1958 and continue through 1963.

Initial plans for the ecumenical Protestant program, estimated to cost at least \$275,000, were outlined to 60 executives of the Methodist Board of Missions November 21 in New York by the Rev. Philippe Maury, Geneva, Switzerland. He is general secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation (WSCF).

Radio Program To Commemorate Birth Of Charles Wesley

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—Methodist Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y., will be the guest speaker on the Columbia Broadcasting System's radio program, "Church of the Air," Sunday, December 15, at 10:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The program will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley, who wrote more than 6,500 hymns. Bishop Ledden is chairman of a central committee for the world-wide celebration during 1957.

Music for the broadcast will be provided by the Boston University Seminary Singers, under the direction of Dr. James R. Houghton.

The 30-minute network program will be broadcast by approximately 100 CBS stations across the country, but some will record it for broadcast at a different hour.

Bishop Ledden is head of the Syracuse Area of The Methodist Church. He is the immediate past president of the Methodist Council of Bishops.

Charles Wesley was born December 18, 1707, and lived in England. He was the brother of John Wesley, founder of Methodism.

Arkansas To Have Wesley Television Program, Dec. 15

A 30 minute television program commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley, beloved Methodist hymn writer, will be televised on Sunday evening, December 15, at 8:00 p.m. by television station KATV of Pine Bluff and Little Rock, channel 7.

Sponsored by the Boards of Evangelism of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences and produced by the Television, Radio and Film

The Federation will undertake the teaching-study project on behalf of its members—about 60 national, interdenominational Student Christian Movements in 57 countries. Denominational student groups in the United States, such as the 443,000-member Methodist Student Movement, will participate through the U. S. unit of the Federation, the United Student Christian Council. The program is to be financed by churches (including the Methodist Church), missionary societies and ecumenical agencies.

Mr. Maury explained the project at a luncheon sponsored by the Department of Student Work of the Board of Missions for the combined staffs of the board and its four divisions. Several Methodist missionaries also attended.

"It is the intent of this program to effect a real change in the present student generation," Mr. Maury declared, "to bring it to a vital, renewed dedication to the church, its life and mission in a revolutionary age. It is also intended to lead more students to volunteer as full-time workers in the church's worldwide mission — as home missionaries, overseas missionaries, evangelists."

Though preparation of study materials will begin in 1958, the key event will be a major world teaching conference in Britain in 1960, Mr. Maury said. The conference will draw 350 carefully chosen students from the Federation's member units and 100 other students, he added.

"A teaching staff of 50 will include leading theologians in the field of the church's life and mission" (Continued on page 9)

Commissions of the two conferences, the program will feature hymns by Charles Wesley and sung by the Hendrix College choir, children from the Methodist Children's Home, and choirs of the First Methodist Church of Pine Bluff. Bishop Paul E. Martin will deliver an address, "The Singer Makes The Song," commemorating Charles Wesley.

A film will be made of the television program and will be available to local churches in Arkansas and Louisiana shortly after Sunday evening, December 15. Churches wishing to use the film for services commemorating the Wesley observants should communicate at an early date with the Arkansas-Louisiana Area office of Methodist Information, Box 1066, Little Rock.

Proposed Oak Park Church Building Program



National Council Meeting This Week In St. Louis

Two Attending, Representing Arkansas State Council

(NY) St. Louis, Mo. (NC)—Twenty-two major speakers are addressing the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches and related meetings, as upwards of 2,000 church leaders convene here this week for the nation's most representative religious gathering, Dec. 1-6.

Among those attending from Arkansas are Rev. James Robert Scott, executive secretary of the Arkansas State Council of Churches and pastor of the Primrose Methodist Church of Little Rock, and Dr. T. B. Hay, newly elected president of the Arkansas State Council of Churches and pastor of the Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church in Little Rock.

The complete program lists a total of 84 sessions related to the Assembly, during its week here. Many of the speakers will address public sessions of the Assembly, which are being held in the Kiel Auditorium.

The General Assembly, highest governing body of the National Council, is composed of officially appointed representatives of the 30 Protestant and Orthodox church bodies with 37,400,000 members that constitute the Council. Prime business of the Assembly, which meets every three years, is to review the Council's 75 year-round programs carried out in behalf of the member churches and to blueprint the federated work of the churches for the next three years. In addition the Assembly elects a new slate of Council officers, including its president, for the triennium.

The roster of speakers and their topics indicate the wide-ranging interests of this "representative town meeting" of the nation's church bodies.

Believes July 4 Date Should Be Emphasized By All Churches

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—It seems strange to be thinking of the Fourth of July at this time of year, but on November 30 the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville, intends to submit a resolution concerning it to the General Board of the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A.

Dr. Bullock, editor of church school publications for The Methodist Church, has done a lot of thinking about Independence Day for the last three years. And this is one of the conclusions he has reached: The churches of America should make a vigorous and concerted effort to bring about genuine and appropriate observances of Independence Day.

"As it stands now, the Fourth of July is simply another day for a family trip," said Dr. Bullock, "but it should be a day when Americans would have a great festival of faith—faith in liberty and democracy and the spiritual foundations of our nation."

Dr. Bullock is trying to interest the National Council in promoting a more appropriate observance of the Fourth. He is a member of the National Council's General Board.



SUSANNA WESLEY

Portrait By Frank O. Salisbury

Does Portrait Of Susanna Wesley

The mother of John and Charles Wesley and wife of Samuel Wesley is presented in a new portrait by Britain's renowned painter of royalty, Frank O. Salisbury.

Commissioned by Dr. Elmer T. Clark, co-secretary of the World Methodist Council, the painting now hangs in the Council's American headquarters and Methodist archives building at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Mrs. Wesley, one of 24 children and herself mother of 19, is best known for the genius with which she carried out her maternal duties in the rectory of St. Andrews Church, Epworth, England. Here her husband served as vicar for 39 years. Following his death she became an influential counselor and participant in the movement that her sons were building into the foundations of a world-wide church.

Salisbury, copying Susanna Wesley's features from contemporary paintings, reminds this generation of a quality less well-known. She was, according to Dr. Adam Clarke, "both graceful and beautiful." Sir Peter Lely painted a portrait of her elder sister, Judith Annesley. One who saw it said, "Beautiful as Miss Annesley appears, she is far from being as beautiful as Mrs. Wesley."

The artist, Mr. Salisbury, in his long career, has painted not only several generations of the British royal family and statesmen, but four U. S. presidents as well. Deeply interested in Methodism he has done portraits of both the Wesleys, Bishop Francis Asbury. Dr. Thomas Coke (new) as well as several current leaders of the World Methodist Council. As guest of honor, he addressed a dinner meeting of the Council's executive committee in the House of Commons last July.

MAF Pilot Describes Latest Auca Attack

A graphic report of the hostile spirit of the savage Auca Indians of Ecuador, who killed five missionaries last year and more recently destroyed a new mission building erected in a second attempt to reach them, has been reported by Hoby Lowrence, Missionary Aviation Fellowship pilot.

Lowrence's report:

"Dr. Wilfred Tidmarsh has built a little house down on the Curaray River, just below the River Ogland. He stays there most of the week and returns to his mission base at Arajuno each week-end. While tramping the ugly trail leading to the outpost near the Auca territory he fell and dislocated his shoulder and so returned home to Arajuno. No doubt this was the Lord's doings. For a few days later while he was recovering word came that a group of Aucas had attacked his house on the Curaray. Dr. Tidmarsh went in to check the story. Here it is: A group of Aucas, estimated to be about 20 in number attacked the house, storming it with all ferocity

Evangelism Teams Visit And Work In South America

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The people of Argentina and Uruguay are cool to U. S. ministers who go there to "ram Christianity down their throats," but they respond warmly to U. S. ministers who demonstrate that they sincerely want to "share" the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This is the observation of the Rev. Dr. George H. Jones, Nashville, who led a recent Methodist mission to Argentina and Uruguay. A staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism here, Dr. Jones and 19 other Methodists left this country by plane October 17 and returned November 16.

The 20 missionaries, divided into ten two-man teams, visited churches and schools in Uruguay and Argentina in communities assigned by Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri, resident bishop of the Buenos Aires Area of The Methodist Church. A team usually stayed a week in a place.

"The idea of sharing was uppermost in the minds of the U. S. missionaries," said Dr. Jones, "and after they had been in a place for two or three days with their message of Christian brotherhood and good will, the people became enthusiastic in their reception, their attendance, and their response."

Indications that the Methodist missionaries were successful in their efforts are contained in the following statements:

The missionaries went at the invitation of the Committee on Evangelism of the Latin American Central Conference of The Methodist Church. The mission was sponsored by the Methodist Board of Missions, New York City, and the Methodist Board of Evangelism.

During the mission in the two countries, the missionaries preached, did evangelistic visitation, gave instruction in evangelism, counseled students, and visited Methodist projects. On their trip, they also made brief visits to some Methodist projects in Panama, Brazil, Chile, and Peru.

'Christmas Conference' Scheduled Again For Young Ministers

Nashville, Tenn. — A "Christmas Conference" for young Methodist ministers and their wives will be held December 30 through January 2 at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

Theme of the meeting will be "Plumbing the Depths." There will be lectures and discussions on faith, love, and forgiveness. Much of the

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from every direction. They broke the doors, smashing everything in sight except what they stole, and scattered stuff all over the place. They took machetes, axes, clothing, bedding, pots, pans and all food-stuffs. They left two lances in a crossed position before the doorway and one sticking in each window. The lances they left were very old ones—wrapped around them were pages from an English Bible. No doubt these were from a Bible they got from the five fellows when they were killed."



Galen Drake (standing left) and his choral group which will sing Charles Wesley hymns on **GALEN DRAKE SHOWS** (CBS, Radio) on the Saturdays of December.

GALEN DRAKE SHOW, CBS radio network program, will feature Charles Wesley's hymns every Saturday during December. (11:05 A.M. CST)

The network program is a variety and music show which traditionally closes each program with a hymn. The Charles Wesley hymns have been selected for December as a part of the 250th Anniversary celebration of the birth of the most prolific hymn writer of all times.

Of the more than 6500 hymns which Charles Wesley wrote, many are in current use by all denom-

inations.

It was the popular appeal of Charles Wesley's hymns, together with his brother, John's organizational genius and inspired preaching to the masses, which caused the Methodist movement to spread over England and America.

Hymns featured will be: December 7—"O For Tongues to Sing," December 14—"Love Divine, All Love Excelling," December 21—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and December 28—"A Charge to Keep I Have."

Warns Protestants Must Support Schools

New York (RNS)—Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Philadelphia, president of the National Council of Churches, warned here that "unless Protestants as Protestants support the public school system in the United States, no one else will."

He addressed a meeting of the Protestant Teachers Association, called to honor Dr. William Jansen, retiring superintendent of New York schools, and to mark the educator's 70th birthday.

Dr. Blake, who is stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the USA, also warned the teachers that the present concern over improving scientific education in America must not influence them to try to make every student a scientist.

Urging them to "discover and foster the best potential of every pupil," he said:

"Nothing will be more futile than to try to make scientists out of artists or physicists out of our preachers, but there is a reservoir of children of America which our school system ought to discover and train."

In clarifying for the teachers Protestant convictions concerning good scientific potential among the education, Dr. Blake stressed that parents should have freedom in choosing the kind of education their children shall receive. In this connection he said that anyone has the right to establish a private school in addition to the public schools. But, he said, "patrons of non-public schools must pay for these schools themselves."

He added that this support of the private school "does not in the slightest decrease their responsibility to support public schools with adequate taxation."

Turning to religion in the schools, Dr. Blake said each community must decide "on philosophic and

religious assumptions the pattern of its education." But, he emphasized, religion must not be eliminated from the curriculum, although the public schools should not give sectarian teaching.

He called teaching, "especially public school teaching," a Christian vocation.

"The dollar cannot buy the devotion that makes a good school system," he said, "but teachers must be adequately paid."

Scientists Endorse Peace Satellite Proposal

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — A rocket scientist has endorsed a North Carolina newspaper publisher's proposal that the United States launch a "highly reflective" satellite at Christmas time as a "star of hope" and peace for the world.

Dr. S. Fred Singer of Maryland University gave his backing to the proposal made by John McConnell, co-publisher of the weekly *Bakersville*, N. C., *Toe Valley View*. Mr. McConnell said scientists could make the "peace satellite" so reflective that it would "outshine Venus."

Disciples Conduct Pilot Ministerial Recruitment Project

Indianapolis, Ind. (RNS)—A pilot project in recruiting ministers among high school students has been initiated in California by Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) agencies here.

It is being directed by the United Christian Missionary Society and the Disciples' Board of Higher Education.

Some 155 high school students in California who had expressed interest in church careers were invited by their ministers to attend a guidance conference. At this conference they were tested to determine their psychological fitness for the ministry and their ability successfully to complete the required education.

One such conference was held at Chapman College, Orange, Calif., a Disciples school. Another was held at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, an interdenominational

Dr. Singer recently directed the Air Force "Far Side" program which fired a rocket 4,000 miles into space from a balloon.

The scientist said the money for the "peace satellite" should be raised by public subscription. He said the satellite would cost about \$2,000 and the rocket to launch it—if bought from the government would cost about \$1,000,000.

Dr. Singer discussed the idea at a Rotary Club luncheon here. Mr. McConnell was present at the luncheon.

Hindu Praises Work Of Missionaries

Madras, India (RNS)—A Hindu leader here praised the humanitarian and educational work of Christian Missionaries in India and branded as "unproved" and "exaggerated" charges that they use improper pressure to win converts.

Dr. A. Krishnaswamy, member of the Indian parliament, took exception to the findings published last year by an official commission of the Madhya Pradesh state government, which recommended that foreign missionaries engaged primarily in proselytizing be withdrawn from the country.

The commission, headed by Dr. Bhamwami Shanker Niyogi, former chief justice of the Nagpur high court, charged that missionary work was not prompted by strictly spiritual motives. It said attempts were being made to create "Christian pockets" with a view to disrupting the solidarity of the Hindu society.

Dr. Krishnaswamy said that "even if the instances mentioned in the commission's report had been substantiated they would not have justified the commission in arriving at the conclusion that foreign missionaries pursued activities of an undesirable character."

The Indian legislator said the Niyogi commission's findings "provoked outspoken criticism not only from members of the Christian faith but of other faiths as well."

"The consensus of opinion in India has been, and is," he said, "opposed to drawing up a bill of indictment against missionaries. It was, therefore, not surprising to find responsible men belonging to different political schools of thought criticizing the Niyogi report, not only for erring in its presentation of facts but also for overstepping the bounds of propriety and national interests."

Dr. Krishnaswamy described the Niyogi report as "attempting to reverse the general trend of a broad-minded freedom" for all missionaries.

He stressed that the humanitarian help of the missions has frequently been misunderstood.

Dr. Krishnaswamy strongly urged that the freedom to propagate religion apply to all missionaries in their work, although the term "may acquire a special meaning when missionaries come from abroad."

"A missionary," he explained, may be motivated by the best of intentions, but nonetheless he can be a victim of past grievances accumulated during the colonial period when missionaries were often the forerunners of the colonizers."

seminary. Disciples clergymen in both areas cooperated with the college staffs in the testing.

A similar program is planned later for Ohio where the testing will be conducted at Hiram (O.) College, another Disciples institution.

Students who made high scores on the California tests will be helped in planning their scholastic careers and will be followed closely through their schooling. A definite commitment to the ministry or other church career will not be sought before the student's junior year in college.

Those students shown by the tests to be ill-suited to the ministry will be guided toward other "Christian vocations."

The Advent Season

THE first Sunday of December marks the beginning of the Advent Season, the first Sunday in the Christian year, and the period leading immediately to Christmas, the birthday of Jesus Christ. There is perhaps no season of the year which is more joyous, full of hope and expectation. Even for those who take their religion casually or hardly at all, something of the real meaning of the season reaches into their lives. One needs no reminder these days that Christmas is a few short days away, since commercial interests have long since assumed that responsibility.

As one remembers the recorded events that led up to the birth of the Christ child, one must conclude that there were comparatively few who were blessed by these events which later came to have such a profound influence on the world. There were the Wise Men who began their long journey weeks ahead to the Bethlehem site. In addition there were the shepherds in the fields close by who hastened to the scene after the song of the Angels. Other than a few relatives and spiritual sages of the temple, the scriptures speak of no others who were aware of this significant event. And only those were blessed who knew about it, and made the effort to go to the Christ child personally.

As one contemplates the approaching season of Christmas with all of its profound spiritual meaning, it is still true that the season will have spiritual significance only to those who willingly make the effort to pay homage personally to the Christ. The Christmas season has become so surrounded with a multitude of meanings, many of them utterly foreign to the Christian concept, that it is often difficult to find that which will bless the life of the seeker. But just as the Wise Men of old followed the heavenly light until it brought them to the Babe's manger, we too can find Christ anew in our lives this season if we make the effort to really seek Him out.

Only those who seek will find, but those who sincerely seek Him will have their reward.

A Cross, Not Convenience

WE would suggest that hereafter you be rather careful in your predictions about what the world's inventors will never come up with. It was announced last week that a William A. Patzer has devised a money-changer that will accept a dollar bill, scrutinizes it for its authenticity, passes on it, and spews out two quarters, three dimes and four nickels in return. The mechanism will reject paper, foreign notes and bills of more than \$1.00. Said to be of more practical value to persons than Sputniks.

Then there is the enterprising pastor of a Massachusetts congregation who, disturbed by the amount of coughing in church services lately, inserted an announcement in a church bulletin recently, saying "In accordance with our policy of trying to anticipate your needs, our ushers are prepared to give you relief for that irritated throat which may come on you suddenly in church and make you cough. Just indicate your need to an usher and he'll give you individually-packaged cough drops."

The day may come when each church foyer will be adorned with a mechanical money changer and each worshipper supplied with cough drops on request, but even these improvements should serve to remind Christians that there are no short cuts to the Kingdom of righteousness, and that Christ offered His followers not convenience but a cross.

The Power Of The Word

ONE of the first and continuing moves of a political power that wants to control the thinking and actions of those to be controlled is some move to control the printed word. This means the discouragement or elimination of printed materials which advance ideas contrary to the political power's point of view, and the production of printed materials which advance ideas which are in keeping with the point of view of existing powers.

This was brought into sharp focus a few weeks ago by the announcement that in West Germany there are several dozen religious publications, while in East Germany there were only a few and these are under sharp scrutiny by the Communists.

No more powerful document has ever been produced than the Holy Bible. The tides of Christianity's influence have risen or fallen with the circulation and use of Scriptures among the world's peoples. It has been the handbook of the Christian movement.

But more significantly, the rise and fall of the individual believer's spiritual level is somewhat determined by the extent to which the Holy Scriptures become the Living Word in one's life. It is likewise the individual believer's handbook for personal spiritual growth.

Why should the Scriptures more than any other writing continue to exercise such a powerful influence on social and individual life? No answer would be complete without reference to the extent to which the Scriptures meet individual spiritual needs. The precepts recorded and advanced in the Scriptures seem to have a relatedness to the moral order of the Universe. Man searches for God, and in the Scriptures is not only the account of that search in earlier days, but of God's search for man. No wonder that mankind has come to speak of the Scriptures as the Word of God, for indeed God has spoken through the writers of the Scriptures to reveal Himself. No other place do we have the account of Him who came to reveal God to us.

These are some of the thoughts that very well may be ours as Universal Bible Sunday, December 8, comes again. The power of the Holy Word is such that dictators fear its circulation among their people and seek to banish its use. May we never take such power for granted, or fail to use it.

A New Star Of Bethlehem

AS reported in the secular and religious press, effort has been made now for several weeks to interest our government in the idea of launching before Christmas Day an American "Sputnik" having a highly reflective surface which could be easily seen by all people of the world. Advocates of this idea are suggesting that such a satellite as a Star of Hope would be suggestive of the Star of Bethlehem which 20 centuries ago guided the Wise Men to Bethlehem.

Apparently, the idea has found numerous supporters and there is reason to believe that if the project can be supported financially, it may be done.

Lack of financial support has been one of the reasons why organized religion has not been able to spread the light of Christianity in the dark, needy places of the earth. Indeed, a good case can be made for this being one reason why more has not been done religiously in some of the more enlightened areas of the world.

Even if the money was available, a highly reflective satellite spanning the skies every hour or so could hardly be expected to bring real hope to the world, or the world's people to the feet of Christ. It takes more than money to win the world for Christ, although we seem to get confused at this point every once in a while. Unless we have given ourselves with our gifts, our gifts avail little.

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Plans Day-Long New Testament Reading On Bible Sunday

Universal Bible Sunday, December 8, will be observed at the Methodist Church in White City, Kansas, with a day-long reading of the New Testament. The program is scheduled to begin at 3 a.m. and to continue without a break until the entire Testament has been read aloud, which is expected to be at about 9 p.m. During the 18 hours 72 persons will take turns reading. A choir of 50 voices will sing Nativity numbers as residents of the community gather for the observance.

The day will get off to an early start with the serving of breakfast in the church at 1 a.m.

New Model Morrilton School Honors Former Hendrix President

By Dr. C. M. Reves, Vice-President, Hendrix College

The Methodists of Arkansas have a right to feel that high and well deserved honor has been done to Dr. John Hugh Reynold, former president of Hendrix College, by Morrilton Special School District No. 32, in naming for him, in a service of dedication on Nov. 18, the new elementary school, which was completed this year and put into use in September as a gift from Mr. Winthrop Rockefeller through the Rockwin Fund. As the first unit in a proposed four unit model school system and in many respects the most modern and outstanding elementary school building in Arkansas, here is a very fitting memorial to the man who is commonly recognized as the leading educa-

tional statesman in Arkansas for more than half a century. The building will bear the name John Hugh Reynolds Elementary School.

The people of this great state have watched with deep interest the experiment in public school education which has been going on for more than three years at Morrilton and which began with the announcement of Mr. Rockefeller that he would be willing to give substantial financial help to an educational program looking toward providing for Morrilton community a school system worthy of being a model for the whole of Arkansas in the present day. This first unit has been built at a cost of \$750,000 by the Rockwin Fund, but the Morrilton School District will take over now and complete the project with three additional units in keeping with the elementary unit.

Of course, the Methodists in the state have a keen interest in the Morrilton adventure because of the tremendous educational significance, but we have the added interest of having the name of Dr. J. H. Reynolds so prominently connected with it, for the name of this great Methodist layman is worthy to be a symbol of progressive education. It is a matter of no small interest and not without its significance that he began his teaching, on graduation from Hendrix College in 1893, in a little school house less than 40 miles from Morrilton, and that his greatest work as an educator was done in Faulkner County, which is adjoining to Conway County and is the county in which the distinguished educator was born.

Indeed, one can stand on the lawn of the Reynolds cottage, atop Petit Jean Mountain, and almost scan with the naked eye the area in which he was born, received his elementary and college education, began his career as a teacher, and finally settled down to the college presidency in which he spent the most productive years of his great life. And yet he was a prophet recognized for his educational statesmanship throughout the nation, but not without high honor in his own country.

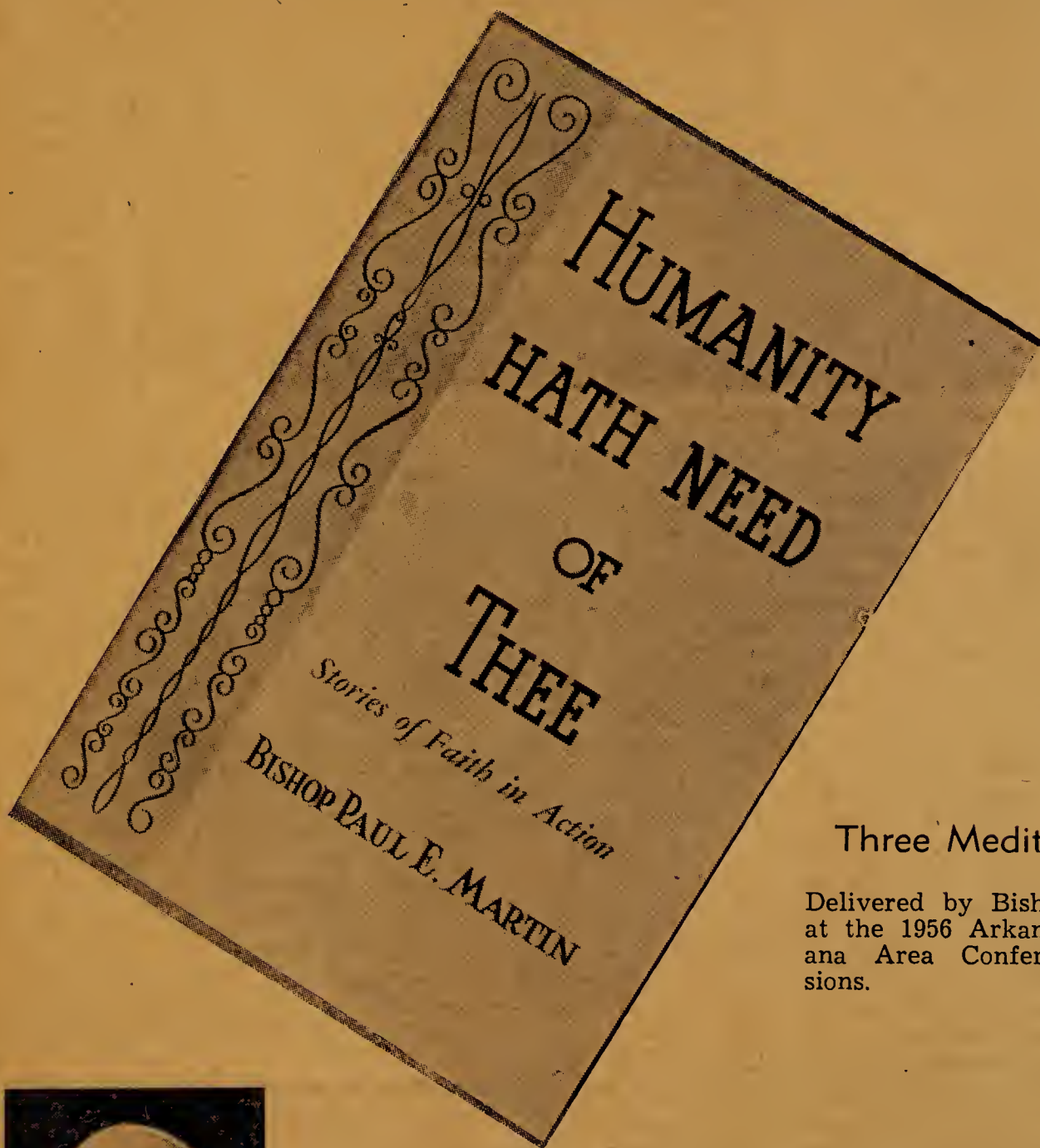
Interesting, too, is the fact that the house in which Dr. Reynolds did his first teaching, cost, in all probability, not more than one fifteen hundredths of the amount invested in the building which is to bear his name.

The magnificent school building at Morrilton is not the only educational structure in Arkansas that bears the Reynolds name and stands as a tribute to the educational statesmanship of Dr. Reynolds. Through his influence with the General Education Board of New York, large sums of money were secured for buildings on Hendrix campus, most conspicuous among these being the substantial and well equipped science building, now bearing the name Reynolds Hall. This recognition is peculiarly fitting because Dr. Reynolds made his powerful leadership so effective on the side of Christian education at a time when the relationship between science and religion was not altogether friendly.

Members of Dr. Reynolds' immediate family who survive him are three daughters and one son, as follows: Mrs. Ruth Driver of Arkadelphia, Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson of Shreveport, Mrs. Margaret Hower of Little Rock, and Mr. George M. Reynolds of Petit Jean Mountain. All of these attended the dedicatory service at Morrilton on Nov. 18, and the son participated in the service by unveiling the name plaque of his distinguished father.

Among those having part on the program were: Dr. Harvie Branscomb, noted Methodist layman and chancellor of Vanderbilt University, Senator J. William Fullbright of Arkansas, Rev. Floyd G. Villines, pastor of First Methodist Church in Morrilton, and Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of Hendrix College.

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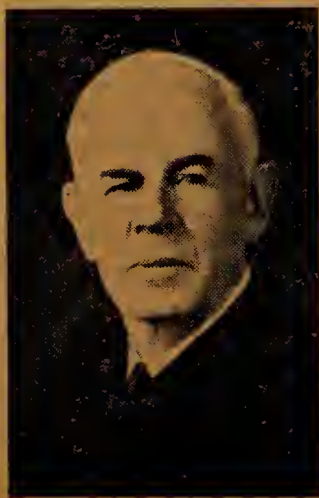
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Bishop Paul E. Martin

HOW CAN WE LOVE OUR ENEMIES?

As we enter the month of December we begin to think of Christmas, the season of goodwill. We shall give greetings and gifts to those who love us. But what will we do about Christ's command, "Love your enemies"?

Some would say at once such a command should not be obeyed, because it would be the height of folly and weakness to give goodwill for treachery and kindness for cruelty. They would ask, how can you call a person manly if he does not try to crush those who would crush him?



When we speak of our enemies, we think of those hostile to us. But let us begin by thinking of those who believe we are hostile to them. I venture to say each of you has one or more persons who consider you unfriendly.

And I also venture the assertion you do not know who some of these persons are because you have no awareness of being hostile to them. Was it not this tendency to misinformed judgments Jesus must have had in mind when He said, "Judge not that ye be not judged"?

Yonder is a little boy, tear stained of face and bitter in heart, who thinks his father is his enemy because the parent has denied him a cherished desire. And yet how that father yearns to reach out and remove the misunderstanding and convince the little fellow of his love.

Or think of the man who has endured afflictions, as Job did, until he is convinced God is against him, while all the time the Heavenly Father's love is suffering with him.

Similarly, perhaps some of those we think of as our enemies do not feel so at all. When I think of this, I realize maybe my enemies are not as numerous as I thought they were. And that is some help in this business of loving one's enemies.

Note a second thing: The word "love" which Christ used means "goodwill" and not the warm, intimate love we feel toward members of our own families. What He commands is that we should seek the highest good of our enemies.

In saying this, however, let us not jump to the false conclusion that such love is easy. It is not easy to seek the highest good of the person who has hurt a member of your family, or tried to ruin your reputation by spreading rumors.

It is not easy to desire the well-being of the overseer who refuses to recognize your ability, or of the Kremlin dictators who seek to disrupt the world's peace. No, to love your enemies in the sense Jesus used the word does not take away all the tensions of life.

In fact, intimate family affection does not take away all tension. We can love heart to heart without always seeing eye to eye. And would we want it otherwise? It would be rather dull, wouldn't it, to live with a husband or wife who always agreed with you? Well, I say it would, although I have never had that experience personally!

Loving one's enemies, as Christ commanded, would not mean agreeing with their point of view or approving what they do. The Christian must stand resolutely for what he thinks is right, and that means resisting what he believes wrong.

But in resisting he would hate the sin without hating the sinner. Whatever he did in opposing those whom he thought to be in the wrong, he would do with a sincere and intelligent desire to promote their highest good.

But Our Lord points to another step. When He said, "Love your enemies," He did not leave it standing alone. He follows it with this injunction, "Bless them that curse you."

The effect of meeting curses with blessing is hard to measure. There is an old Hebrew proverb, "A soft answer turneth away wrath." It often does work that way. When a man is cursed and refuses to curse back, he surprises his attacker and may set the latter to wondering about the secret of his serenity.

Yes, and Christ added still another step in learning to love our enemies. He said, "Pray for them that despitefully use you." When we pray for our enemies, we get a better view of what is for the highest good of them and also of ourselves. We see them as a part of God's family.

We may still have to oppose what they do, for even in families members may have to be restrained sometimes, even forcibly. But force used in a judicial family spirit is something far different from the revenge of war. And unless we lift the use of force up into some legal, united control we are headed for suicide in this age of Sputniks.

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU

Many Methodists have talked with me since my return from the Mission to The Philippines. Some say they would like to make a trip like that, if it did not take them too far from home, or if conditions would not be too difficult to accept. Recently I received information from the Jurisdictional Secretary, Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, telling about a very interesting trip which the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church is arranging for those who would be interested. It is the Hawaii Methodist Mission Tour, and has been arranged for next summer. The trip can be made either by air or by steamer from San Francisco.

Hawaii is a mission work attached to the Los Angeles area of the Western Jurisdiction. The Superintendent of the Hawaiian mission is Dr. Harry Komuro. The work is spread over a number of the islands, so that one who visits the Methodist Church there would have the opportunity also of seeing a large part of this beautiful group of islands. There is another and much larger value in such a trip. You would have an opportunity to see how our church is reaching out to our brothers in other parts of the world, and telling them about Jesus Christ. Of course you would have the thrill also of seeing how the local people are meeting their own needs in the fields of workers, church buildings, fitting the Methodist program to their peculiar needs, etc.

The trip is scheduled for the latter part of next July and a few days in August. This would be a beautiful time to see that part of our country. And since Hawaii is a territory of the United States, you will require no passport. You will not be required to pass through any customs formalities either going or returning. A well-arranged itinerary has been prepared by our Hawaiian Methodists and you would be in their hands throughout the tour, except for the day of leisure that you have in Honolulu. If you like to swim, you should take your swim suit along. . . Cost of the tour is about \$700 roundtrip from San

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

THIS AMERICA CAN SAY AND DO

Forty-eight leaders of American thought—twelve of them clergymen—published a full-page "statement" in the *New York Times* the other day, asking readers to write to President Eisenhower urging: that nuclear test explosions, missiles, and outer-space satellites be considered apart from other disarmament problems; that all test explosions by all countries be stopped immediately and under U. N. monitoring; that missiles and satellites be under U. N. control, and that world science for space exploration be pooled under the U. N.

Urging that everyone talk to friends and neighbors about the importance to nations and the human race of the issues involved, the signers said in part:

"A deep uneasiness exists inside Americans as we look out on the world. . . The uneasiness has to do with the fact that we are not living up to our moral capacity in the world. We have been living half a life. We have been developing our appetites, but we have been starving our purposes.

"We are facing a danger unlike any danger that has ever existed. In our possession and in the possession of the Russians are more than enough nuclear expositions to put an end to the life of man on earth. Our uneasiness is the result of the fact that our approach to the danger is unequal to the danger. The slogans and argu-

ments that belong to the world of competitive national sovereignties, a world of plot and counter-plot, no longer fit the world of today or tomorrow. . .

"We can earn the right to explore other planets only as we make this one safe and fit for human habitation. The sovereignty of the human community comes before all others—before the sovereignty of groups, tribes, or nations. In that community, man has natural rights.

America has been saying many things to the world recently, say the signers of this statement; but the world is still waiting for this people to say and do at least four things that will "represent our greatest strength." These are:

"First, as it concerns the peace, America can say: That we pledge ourselves to the cause of peace with justice on earth, and that there is no sacrifice we are not prepared to make, nothing we will not do to create such a just peace for all peoples; that we are prepared to support the concept of a United Nations with adequate authority under law to prevent aggression, adequate authority to compel and enforce disarmament, adequate authority to settle disputes among nations according to principles of justice.

"Next, as it concerns nuclear weapons, America can say: That the earth is too small for intercontinental ballistic missiles and nuclear bombs, and that the first order of business for the world is to bring both under control; that the development of satellite or rocket stations and the exploration of outer space must be carried for the entire human community through pooling world science.

"As it concerns nuclear testing, America can say: That because of the grave unanswered questions with respect to nuclear test explosions—especially as it concerns the contamination of air and water and food, and the injury to man himself—we are calling upon all nations to suspend such explosions at once . . . that the abolition of testing gives us a place to begin on the larger question of armaments control. . .

"As it concerns our connections to the rest of mankind, America can say: That none of the differences separating the governments of the world are as important as the membership of all peoples in the human family; that the big challenge of the age is to develop the concept of loyalty by man to the human community; that the greatest era of human history on earth is within the reach of mankind . . . that all that is required for this is to re-direct our energies, re-discover our moral strength, re-define our purposes."

Francisco. Roundtrip from most points in this area to San Francisco by train or air would be between \$150 and \$200. . . Here is a wonderful opportunity to lift your mental and spiritual horizons and to see a beautiful land at the same time. If you are interested, please write to me or to Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, 809 Colcord Building, Oklahoma City. Reservations should be made as soon as possible. It is a trip which I think you will always remember because of the many different and interesting experiences that you would have. At the same time, it would be taken under conditions very little different from those which you would find in the United States.

A Look At The Old Testament

By Rupert D. Coles*

THE story is told of a small boy who, when asked to comment upon the Old Testament, replied: "It tells about God before He became Christian."

This anecdote typifies the attitude which too many of us have toward the Old Testament. And such an attitude is not confined simply to individuals. Some Christian denominations reject that portion of the Bible as having any bearing upon the gospel.

At least two things can be said to make the Old Testament more meaningful to the average Bible reader. First, the book represents the literature of a race of people. History, philosophy, poetry, famous orations, short stories . . . all these elements of literature are included. Every culture has its explanation for the phenomena which it observes; the Old Testament serves this purpose for the Hebrew people.

For example, to the question of the earth's origin and all life upon it, the Hebrew culture replied, "In the beginning God" (Gen. 1:1). To explain the fallibility and time-limitation of man, the Old Testament submits the Adam and Eve story (Gen. 3). Craftsmanship is accounted for in Genesis 4, and the existence of various languages is explained in the tower of Babel incident (Genesis 11:1-9).

Our best scholars tell us that the genuine core of recorded Hebrew history begins in Genesis 12. The Abraham story has to do with a migration of Semitic people from the Babylonian territory to Canaan. The remainder of the Hexateuch, together with Judges, Kings, Chronicles, Samuel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and portions of the prophets comprise the bulk of history of the Hebrews.

Every culture has its poetry and music; the Hebrew was no exception. Psalms and Proverbs represent an intermixing of poetry and wisdom literature. Proverbs can be described as a kind of "homey philosophy." Psalms originated as part of the experiences of men as they worshiped God in various ways. Many Psalms were used as music in the temple worship.

Another writing which is actually poetic in structure but which also serves another purpose is the book of Job. This book, along with Jonah and Ruth, came from a period of Hebrew history in which great strides were being made socially and intellectually. Job lashes out at the traditional view that all suffering is the result of sin in the life of the afflicted. Jonah and Ruth make a plea for greater tolerance toward Gentiles.

Perhaps the most powerful part of the Old Testament consists of the writings of the prophets. These books recount the work of that gallant group of men who felt an individual call from God to guide the destiny of the Hebrew people. They defied the selfishness of rulers and braved the provincialism of the masses to present the will of God to the people. Their work may be thought of as beginning with Amos about 760 BC and concluding with Malachi about 400 BC.

But the Old Testament is more than literature. It is a special kind of literature, for it also serves as a record of God's progressive revelation to man and the manner in which that revelation was received.

To see how this works, let us examine the Hebrew's awareness of the true meaning of love. Initially the Hebrew understood God's revelation to be simply "You must love your neighbor as yourself." (Lev. 19:18). By the time of Solomon this inadequate concept had grown to include loving one's enemies, but for the purpose of shaming them (Proverbs 25:21-22). Hosea, writing two hundred years later, tells of love for the sake of the weakness of the one loved, the nearest to Christian love to be found in the Old Testament. Clearly this is a growth in the concept of love.

Another example is afforded by the problem of evil. The Hebrew explanation of suffering held it to be the punishment for sin in the life of the afflicted. Israel's and Judea's misfortunes came because they "did evil in the sight of the Lord" (II Kings 17:2). This was an effortless way to explain what happened. Several hundred years later a philosopher, in protest to this idea, devised the story of a man who was "blameless and upright," yet who suffered a great deal of personal misfortune. Certainly we must understand the book of Job as a great landmark in man's growing awareness of the revelation of God.

Consider the growth of Hebrew understanding of his true relationship to other people. Initially the Hebrew felt others were inferior, even unworthy of being spared (Joshua 6:17). Later the Hebrew understood God's revelation more accurately, to the effect that other people were of value if they accepted the Hebrew religion. Finally, another philosopher, working in much the same way as the writer of the book of Job, shocked Judaism with the idea that even one's hated enemy was worth saving. The book of Jonah is indicative of a great step forward in the Hebrew's ability to understand God's revelation.

This does not exhaust the matter of Old Testament significance by any means. But it does offer a word of comfort, perhaps, to the person who thinks of the subject as being a lost cause.

What is the value of the Old Testament to the Bible reader? First, it offers a wealth of devotional material. The New Testament necessarily addresses itself to the immediate problems facing the infant church. Therefore, it did not attempt to produce general meditative writings and depended itself for such upon the Old Testament.

Second, the Christian views of God, man, sin, salvation, etc. are firmly rooted in Old Testament thinking. The comprehensive literature of the Old Testament affords a thorough study of God's activity in the lives of men, more thorough than the New Testament can offer.

So often our understanding of God's will is like that of the Hebrew, only in part. The Old Testament can be helpful in making us aware of this fact.

Third, we must treasure the Old Testament, if for no other reason, because the early church included it in its canon. When an early Christian scholar, Marcion, attempted to exclude it from the canon, he was reprimanded severely by the Church.

The Old Testament is worthy of our time and study. It is possible, however, to become bogged down and bored by its genealogies and minute details of worship and ethics observed by the Hebrew in his world. A very helpful study aid will be to use a Bible commentary with your reading. Your pastor will be glad to suggest one for your use.



I Saw

A Sack
Of Bread



By
Rev. R. A. Tester

that was wasted by a careless housewife. It amounted to about three loaves that had been allowed to spoil over a week, piece by piece. However, she was thoughtful enough to give it to me for my dog. But food for humans should not be thrown to dogs any more than pearls to hogs. Not many of us have pearls to save, so we had better concentrate on bread."

Why be concerned over a piece of bread? Well, for one reason, Jesus was. After feeding the five thousand he told his disciples to "gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost." A scrap of bread was worth saving even though it came by miracle. A resource of life coming from God either by natural or supernatural means was not to be treated lightly, even in small amounts. For a second reason, every businessman knows that a small leak soon runs into a big loss. None of us would destroy a carload of wheat at one stroke. (Or would we? Remember the plow-under program of the thirties?) But we do it a handful at a time and never think of it. We are about one hundred and sixty million people. Each one of us wastes an ounce of bread each day—or its equivalent in some other value. That amounts, in a year's time, to nearly three and three-quarter billions of pounds of bread.

But who wants to be a penny pincher? No one of course, for none loves him. And a penny waster is no more lovable. Remember what happened to the prodigal son of the parable? No one even respected him after he had "wasted his substance in riotous living." Now, that expression "riotous living" comes from a combination of Greek words that mean "I do not save," or "not saving." So when we are wasteful we are riotous livers, though not throwing our money at the birds as he did—blonds, brunettes and redheads.

A Christian economist, Allen W. Rucker, says, "This time calls for everyone's attention to thrift" and "we need more savings individually and more savers to meet the production needs of tomorrow."

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN preached at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, on Sunday, Dec. 1, where Rev. Jolly B. Harper is pastor.

REV. OAKLEY LEE, pastor of the Leesville Methodist Church, was guest preacher at the University Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Sunday evening, Nov. 10, where the Rev. E. B. Emmerich is pastor.

REV. ROBERT H. JAMIESON, pastor of First Methodist Church, DeRidder, preached at the Union Thanksgiving Service, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, at the Church of the Nazarene, DeRidder. The service was under the auspices of the Ministerial Alliance of DeRidder.

REV. BRADY FORMAN, pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, Bastrop, preached at the morning worship service of the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church, Sunday, Dec. 1. The Rev. Mr. Forman, a native of Baton Rouge, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Forman, Deerford. Rev. James L. Stovall is pastor of the church.

REV. JAMES POOLE, pastor of the Newellton Methodist Church, was the guest evangelist in revival services held at the Wisner Methodist Church, Nov. 17-24. Services were held twice daily. Special events, such as family and youth nights, were held during the services. Rev. A. W. Coody is pastor of the Wisner church.

CHARLES N. CADWALLADER of New Orleans, addressed the Lecompte Rotary Club recently. Mr. Cadwallader, an active Rotarian for 40 years, has attended 26 International Rotary Conventions. Mr. and Mrs. Cadwallader were guests in Lecompte for the Lecompte Methodist Church Harvest Festival.

REV. JAMES ARMSTRONG, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Vero Beach, Florida, was the visiting minister for revival services held at the Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, during the week of Dec. 1-6. The Rev. Mr. Armstrong is a graduate of Florida Southern College and Candler School of Theology. Rev. Don W. Alverson is pastor of the church.

THE EVENING worship service, Sunday, Dec. 24, at the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church was observed as a Charles Wesley Hymn Festival, according to the pastor, Rev. James L. Stovall. Wesley hymns were sung by the choir in addition to the congregational singing. The Rev. Mr. Stovall gave a talk about the life and work of Charles Wesley. The Festival was held in recognition of the 250th birthday of Charles Wesley.

REV. J. MARTIN ALFORD, retired member of the Louisiana Conference, was guest preacher at the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, in the celebration of its sixth anniversary on Nov. 10. Rev. John Lee is pastor of the Wesley church. The Rev. Mr. Alford also preached at the evening worship service of the Trinity Methodist Church, Shreveport, recently, where Rev. Tracy R. Arnold is pastor.

DR. RODNEY CLINE, member of the faculty of the School of Education of Louisiana State University and former dean of McNeese State College, was guest speaker at both the morning worship services of the Henning Memorial Methodist Church, Sulphur, Nov. 10. The services marked the annual observance of Layman's Day in the church, and was conducted by the charge lay leader, O. W. Davis. Rev. E. R. Haug is pastor of the church.

ONE BY ONE, a playlet, featuring Mesdames Ilene Young, Dottie Graves, Betty Joe Knight, Stella Dale and Dane Knight, brought to a climax the study of the Gospel of Mark taught by the pastor, Rev. Robert B. Crichlow, at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa. The study was held at the Sunday night services during the month of November. Mrs. A. H. Paddock is secretary of Missionary Education of the W.S.C.S. of the church.

REV. JAMES T. HARRIS, superintendent of the Monroe District, preached in a series of revival services held at the Melville Methodist Church, Nov. 20-29. Rev. Brady B. Forman, pastor of the Memorial Methodist Church, Bastrop, was in charge of the song service during the revival. Both Rev. Mr. Forman and the pastor, Rev. Ollie L. Golson, Jr., entered the ministry while the Rev. Mr. Harris was their pastor at the Istrouma Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

REV. ROY GRANT, pastor of the Ringgold Methodist Church, was the guest evangelist in a series of revival services held at the McGuire Methodist Church, West Monroe, Nov. 10-16. Eugene Smith, director of music at the church, lead the congregational singing for the revival and was in charge of all music for the service. Miss Biddy Dupree, church organist, played. Rev. Don Wineinger is pastor of the church.

MRS. INDUK PAHK, Korean educator and author of "September Monkey," was presented by the Citywide Prayer Groups at the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, on Thursday, Nov. 14. Mrs. Pahn is head of the Berea in Korea Foundation and has been instrumental in bringing many Korean young people to the United States to study, in order that they might more effectively aid their country in its rehabilitation. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., is pastor of the host church.

J. N. FOMBY, lay leader of First Methodist Church, Alexandria, was guest speaker at the Urania Methodist Church, Sunday, Nov. 10, when Layman's Day was observed. Following the morning service lunch was served to the men of the church during which time there was discussion on forming a Methodist Men's organization at the church. A. A. Adair, who is an active layman in the Gloster, Miss., Methodist Church was the guest speaker at the evening service. Rev. W. T. Hall is pastor of the church.

ERNEST DUPUIS, president of the Men's Club of the Fairbanks Methodist Church, proved he could really barbecue chickens when the club sponsored a Chicken Bar-B-Cue Nov. 9, at the school cafeteria. He was assisted by the women of the church and a Baptist friend, Jim Haley of Bastrop. The reporter, Dock Worley, feels that the affair was very successful. The Club cleared \$92.17, which was above their expectations, inasmuch as there is a membership of ten in the Club. Rev. David Corley is pastor of the church.

THE NEW DISTRICT PARSONAGE for the Shreveport area of The Methodist Church, was formerly opened Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10. Dr. B. C. Taylor, superintendent of the Shreveport District, and Mrs. Taylor invited friends to call between the hours of 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. The new residence is the official home of the district superintendent of the Shreveport District. Members of the building committee were Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Toombs, Haller Jackson, Sr., and Joe Lacey.

REV. JOHN REDMON, pastor of the Algiers Methodist Church, New Orleans, was guest evangelist in revival services held at the Luling Methodist Church, Nov. 3-10. Earl Von Hoven was music director and soloist. The choirs from Algiers Methodist and Jefferson Methodist rendered special music on the evening of Nov. 8 and 10. At the evening worship service of the Luling church on Nov. 17, David Bubar of Mitchell Studios, presented an organ recital of Wesley Hymns. Rev. Tom O. Crosby, Jr., is pastor of the church.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH at Leesville has organized a Men's Club. The first meeting was held Oct. 21. Brigadier General Miller D. Perry was the guest speaker for this meeting. Officers elected to serve the Club are: Col. George W. Weego, president; Dennis Cook, vice-president; Orval Britt, secretary-treasurer; and Robert Schaefer, program chairman. The second meeting of the club was held Nov. 11, with Henry

REV. ASHLEY T. LAW RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Rev. Ashley T. Law, pastor of the Greenwood Methodist Church, won second prize at the Fall Regional Exhibition of the Shreveport Art Club held at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, Shreveport. His oil portrait, called "American Boy," is a portrait of the Rev. Mr. Law's son, who is now in college at Ruston studying to be a Civil Engineer. The portrait won first place among the portraits exhibited by artists of the three state area of Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Cain of DeRidder, as the guest speaker. The title of Mr. Cain's talk was "Around the World in 40 Days." Rev. Oakley Lee is pastor of the church.

THE CHOIR of the First Methodist Church of Alexandria presented an hour concert of religious music at the Lecompte Methodist Church on Sunday evening, Nov. 17. Following the concert, open house was held in the basement of the church for all members, visitors, and guests at the musical service. Mrs. A. W. Townsend, Jr., is the organist for the choir. Paul White is the director. A report from the host pastor, Rev. Charles H. Giessen, states "The entire membership of Lecompte Methodist Church and community appreciate this second annual concert by the Choir of the Alexandria church."

MRS. BEN (SARAH) ATCHLEY of Hammond died Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the Oschner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans. Mrs. Atchley was active for a number of years in church activities in New Orleans, particularly the Carrollton and Munholland Methodist Churches. She also served on the Board of the St. Mark's Methodist Mission in New Orleans. She was active in the First Methodist Church of Hammond at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband, her mother, Mrs. Alma Hay of Hammond, a brother Franklyn Hay of New Orleans and a sister Miss Lillian Hay of Hammond.

GILBERT H. SAWYER was speaker in a recent Layman's Day service at the Elysian Fields Methodist Church, New Orleans. The service was led by the charge lay leader, David H. Duke. Mr. Sawyer is a member of the church and an insurance executive. His subject was "Christ's Insurance Policy," and he emphasized the importance of Christian living as assurance to salvation. Larry E. Davidson has been appointed as the official church photographer for the church. In its program of continuous activity, Elysian Fields will have a pictorial record to go along with its written one. Rev. Glenden R. Messer is pastor of the church.

TRACY S. SPEAKE assumed his new duties as Youth Director of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, on Dec. 1. After graduating from Longview High School in Texas where he was a member of the National Honor Society, Mr. Speake attended Southern Methodist. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Education from Louisiana State University, and returned to Texas to teach at the Sinton High School. Mr. Speake has a local preacher's license in The Methodist Church and has been a leader in the Boy Scouts of America for a number of years. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., is pastor of the church.

RECENT ACTIVITIES at the Lecompte-Cheneyville Charge include—Observance of Layman's Day with Dr. A. Q. Hyde as speaker at the Lecompte church, and Dr. D. M. Carlton speaking at the Cheneyville church. On Oct. 15 a church-wide Harvest Festival was held at the Lecompte church with more than seventy-five members, friends and guests attending. Mrs. Chas. N. Cadwallader of New Orleans, was guest speaker and showed pictures of her travels in Japan. The banquet tables and room in which the Festival was held were very colorful in Japanese accent. More than seventy-five children and youth of the community joined in a program of Trick or Treat for UNICEF, which was followed by a supper party at the church. More than \$63.00 was collected for UNICEF by the group, and no tricks or damage of any kind were noted in the community. Rev. Charles H. Giessen is pastor of the charge.



Above is a picture of the first official diploma ever awarded to a woman by Centenary College. Mrs. Emory C. Cameron of Peoria, Ill., who received the Bachelor of Science degree on June 8, 1904, has presented the faded, but legible diploma to Dr. Joe J. Mickle, president of Centenary.

Mrs. Cameron is the former Miss Jennie Lane May, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. May of Franklinton. Her father was serving as a Methodist

minister in the Franklinton church at the time she attended Centenary, then located in Jackson. Although four women had completed degree requirements prior to the day on which Miss May received her degree, all were denied degrees and were given merely certificates testifying to their successful completion of prescribed courses of study. To confer a baccalaureate degree on a woman was considered unthinkable until several years after the turn of the century.

St. Tammany Parish Council Meets At Covington Church

The St. Tammany Parish Group Ministry Council of Methodist Churches met in Covington recently for the installation of officers and to observe the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley.

As Rev. Carter said in his opening remarks, "Charles Wesley's hymns covered almost every area of life that we can think of." The Choirs from Pearl River, Covington, Fitzgerald, and combinations of all three, sang nine hymns; and the feature note of the program was a song entitled "And Are We Yet Alive" sung by the five pastors present—the Revs. Giles, Hollingsworth, Carter, Carrithers, and Mrs. Carrithers.

Officers installed were Bailey Hodges, chairman; Rev. K. K. Carrithers, vice-chairman; Miss Norma Fussell, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. James Levy, Sr., publicity chairman.

The next meeting of the group will be Jan. 26, in Lacombe, and Rev. Karl Tooke will be the guest speaker.

LC OAK PARK CHURCH BREAKS GROUND FOR EDUCATIONAL WING

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Rev. Alvin Smith, Rev. Martin Hebert and Rev. Sam Nader, district superintendent, who brought the message. Rev. Hubert A. Gibbs, pastor, was in charge of the program, most of which was held inside the sanctuary because of inclement weather. The ceremony involving the turning of dirt was held outside and laymen of the church held the leading parts.

Open House Held At Recently Completed Franklin Parsonage

Open house for the new Methodist parsonage at Franklin was held Nov. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m., according to the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Hurley, the pastor of the Franklin church and his wife.

The new dwelling completed about two weeks ago, contains three bedrooms, two baths, a study, living room with dining area, and a kitchen. Constructed of brick, it has central heating and air conditioning.

Cost of the structure was approximately \$25,000, exclusive of furnishings, and was financed partially by pledges of church members and partially by insurance paid for the former parsonage which burned last year.

The parsonage was built by J. B. Talley of St. Martinville. The Woman's Society joined Mrs. Hurley in adding the drapes and other finishing touches.

SIX-YEAR PLAN TO RECRUIT CHRISTIAN STUDENTS

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sion," he said, "and missionaries on the field, especially those engaged in creative and pioneer projects."

Following the international conference, in 1961, '62 and '63, a series of regional teaching-study conferences will be held, Mr. Maury said.

The purpose of the program is fourfold, Mr. Maury said, to:

1. Re-think the responsibility of the church in the present world situation on the basis of the Biblical revelation and the lessons of church history.

2. Recover and communicate to

Metairie Methodists Break Ground For New Building

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the first of four units to be constructed for the Metairie Methodist Church were held November 24, at the church site on Pontiac St., New Orleans.

The Tra-Mont Construction Company and Lawrence and Saunders architectural firm engaged for the design and construction of the first unit was represented by Stephen Benton and George Saunders, respectively, at the service. Trustees who participated were Jim Kellis, L. H. Crawford and T. M. Compton. The Rev. John Winn, pastor, conducted the services.

this student generation a new and more adequate understanding of the basic motivation for the mission of the church and commitment to it; to analyze and understand new methods and new structures of the church required by radical changes in the world.

3. Train students and young leaders for the new tasks in the mission of the church today.

4. Help them to find their place of service within the total life and mission of the church.

The national Methodist student magazine, *Motive*, plans to devote one of its issues in the 1957-58 school year to the theme, "The Life and Mission of the Church." *Motive's* editor, Dr. Roger Ortmyer, Nashville, Tenn., was present at the luncheon.

Quoting a recent official endorsement of the program by the Methodist Student Movement, it was said:

"The Methodist Student Movement shares a great responsibility

Ruston District Conference Meets

Local Preacher's License Granted Two Ruston Men

The Ruston District Conference, met at the First Methodist Church of Minden, Nov. 20, with Rev. Luman Douglas, district superintendent, presiding, and the Rev. Dan R. Robinson, pastor-host. Rev. J. R. Strozier opened the meeting with prayer, after which the group was welcomed by R. O. Machen, representing the Official Board of Minden. Rev. Henry Blount was elected secretary and Rev. Jack Shaw, assistant secretary.

High-lights of the morning session included the presentation of local preacher licenses to two men, Paul McLean, Grace Methodist Church, Ruston; and Vernon Fairley, Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston.

Rev. Rupert Coles, Farmerville Methodist Church pastor, preached the Conference sermon.

All of the local, district and Conference interests and causes were presented to the group. Those appearing on the program were: Dr. E. T. Wayland, Rev. Jack Midyett, Floyd B. James, Dr. Bentley Sloane, Mrs. J. A. McDaniel, Rev. L. J. Futch, Rev. Jolly Harper, Rev. Rupert Coles, J. C. Love, Rev. Leonard Cooke, Mrs. J. B. Williams, J. Davidson Brown, J. R. Russell, Rev. James Grambling, Jayson Smith, Rev. Karl Tooke, Rev. C. B. White, Miss Ann Fox, L. D. Haughton, Rev. William Stokes, Rev. Jack Shaw, Rev. George York, Rev. Charles Flurry, Rev. Porter Caraway, Rev. Terral Lowe and Rev. George Dameron.

The delegates were served a barbecued chicken dinner in the basement of the church by the ladies of the Minden Church.

The District Conference, upon invitation from Frank Kaylor, Church Lay Leader of Grace Methodist Church, Ruston, will meet at the Grace Church in 1958.

Ringgold Methodists To Dedicate New Parsonage Sunday

The Ringgold Methodist parsonage will be dedicated at a special service, Sunday, Dec. 8, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Luman Douglas, superintendent of the Ruston District, will preach. The Rev. Roy Grant is the pastor.

The parsonage was built in 1951, and paid for in full in 1957. The parsonage building committee included G. R. Weaver, C. R. Wilkie, Mrs. Tavie Gillon, Mrs. Vadna Culpepper, and Mrs. Audry Orr. The Rev. W. C. Baram was pastor of the church at the time the parsonage was built. He was followed by the Rev. W. H. Carroll and the Rev. Mr. Grant.

The report said a new committee is working now with plans for a new church and educational building.

and feels a real sense of participation in the especially significant emphasis on the life and mission of the church. We pledge our full support to this plan."

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Polk County

The Polk County Sub-district MYF, met Monday, November 4, at the Hatfield, Ark., Methodist Church.

The program entitled "The New Testament and Its Relation to Life Today" was presented by the youth of the Wickes Church. The showing of the picture "Great Personalities" completed the program.

The business meeting was conducted by the president, Jerry Rodgers, and the minutes read and the roll called by the secretary. In spite of the rainy weather there were 52 present.

The Mountain View adults for the month of November are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hanks.

The Hope District Mid-winter Institute will be held in Nashville, Arkansas, December 30 and 31. The registration for this institute is only \$1.50 and this sub-district will be in charge of a skit on the MYF fund entitled "The Windows of the World."

The Shady Grove MYF was presented \$5.00 for having 100 per cent at the October meeting.

The committees for the January attendance banquet met after the business meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be December 2 at the Wickes Methodist Church. Mt. View will have the program, Hatfield the recreation, and Wickes the refreshments.

—Flora Lee, Reporter

Tangi-Helena

The Tangi-Helena Sub-district met Monday night, November 18, at the Pine Grove, Ark. Methodist Church. Due to bad weather conditions, only 51 persons were able to attend.

The members of the Pine Grove MYF presented an inspirational program using Thanksgiving as a theme.

President J. Hugh Young of Pine Ridge, presided over the business session that followed. Reports were made from the UNICEF drive on Halloween. Pine Grove reported a collection of \$50.00, Tangipahoa reported \$32.00, and Pine Ridge reported \$20.00.

The ladies of the church served refreshments.

Blytheville Youth Attend Dinner, Hear About Hendrix College

First Methodist Church Blytheville had a dinner recently for Methodist junior and senior high school students interested in attending Hendrix College. A team from the College presented an informative program about the college and its high ideals. Dr. Matt Ellis, Rev. James Clemens, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wilbourn, Pat Couch, Sue Barker, Billy Ray Daniels and Ed Wimberly represented at the dinner.

A period of informal discussion following the dinner helped several young people reach a positive decision concerning their college careers.

Also Aid UNICEF

The senior MYF of Blytheville with the cooperation of other local church groups organized their Halloween activities around the national theme "Trick or Treat for UNICEF." By canvassing the city with 25 teams, they were able to collect \$365 for the needy children of the world. "It has been rewarding to them to know that with this amount of money they have supplied enough penicillin for 3,000 cases of yaws or enough milk for 34,000 children for a week or enough vaccine to protect 35,000 children from TB. Their worthwhile effort reflects in their expression of satisfaction when UNICEF is mentioned," the report said.

'Concern' To Change Format In January

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—Concern, national news magazine published here by the National conference of Methodist Youth, has announced a change in format, "editorial focus," and price, effective January, 1958.

Concern has been a 16-page, two-color, pocket-size publication since October, 1951. In its new format, its eight pages will be 8½ by 11 inches in size, and it will be printed in one color. It will continue to be published twice a month.

As for "editorial focus," the new Concern will concentrate on "critical" coverage of significant news and will eliminate features. The coverage will be in three areas—national and international affairs, social issues, and significant church events. Also, it will seek to have a strong editorial voice and provide a channel for expressions by youth and student leaders.

The price will be increased from
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Planning Committees For LR Conf. MYF Christian Witness Mission To Meet Dec. 8

Committees planning the Little Rock Conference MYF Pilot Christian Witness Mission February 21-23, will meet at 3 p.m., December 8, at the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock. The event is being sponsored by the Little Rock Sub-district MYF, and local director is the Rev. Woodrow Smith, associate minister of the Pulaski Heights church.

Ann Hansen is serving as chairman of the executive committee which will include the local MYF presidents of the Little Rock Sub-District, plus the presidents of the Grand Prairie, Austin, and South West Sub-districts.

Adults on the executive committee include the Rev. Mr. Smith; Dr. Arthur Terry, Little Rock District superintendent; the Rev. John Hassler, conference director of youth work; the Rev. H. O. Bolin, pastor of Highland Methodist Church; E. F. Price, Little Rock Sub-district counselor; and J. R. Henderson, district MYF director.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE

If you were to inquire of the small fry in our household (ages 6 and 11) what were the high-points of a New England-Nova Scotia vacation, both of them would likely include their visit to the "Land of Make Believe," one of a number of Disneyland-like places in and around Lake Placid, New York. In the Adirondack Mountains one finds an incredible village which has been transformed from the drawing board of Arto Monaco into colorful reality. With a passion for detail and authenticity, he has fashioned the answer to a touring child's prayer for release from the day-in-day-out-auto-occupancy which vacation trips often involve. From the tiny suit of armor in the Fairy Tale Castle to the hand-carved pews in the Village Church, one finds beauty and enchantment throughout the child-size community built in a stream-passed pasture near Upper Jay, New York. The whole community is built to children's scale and the entire lay-out is an invitation readily accepted to "Let's pretend."

And that's what the youngsters do as they wander through the home of the Three Bears, of Peter Pumpkin Eater, the clock maker, Mary Quite Contrary and others. They ride the real live perfectly scaled steam train which circles through Cactus Flats past the Little Red School House and the world's smallest covered bridge. There's a real miniature "side-wheeler" which carries the youngsters on a "river journey." They ride in the Stage Coach, the Fire Truck, and a Cinderella carriage.

For a few hours they are in another world all together. There are so many things that help them pretend. Kind of good for adult folks too, I-guess, to get away from the busy world for awhile and live with the characters out of dream world, nursery rhyme, and the romanticized West of a century ago.

There was real trouble when the allotted time and more had gone by and friend parents suggested departure back out into the world of reality. "Just one more visit to this or that" was the almost tearful response. In the words of the travelogue narrator, "And so we reluctantly had to say farewell to the Land of Make Believe and get back to the reality of travel on Route 9N in the direction of home."

The point's pretty clear by now, isn't it? Youngsters are not the only ones who like to live in the

Prospect Committee

The prospect committee is headed by chairman Kenneth Shamblyn, Jr., and vice chairman Bobby Franklin. Local citizenship program area chairmen in the Little Rock Sub-district are serving on the committee with Citizenship Area chairmen of the three sub-districts (Grand Prairie, Austin, and South West). Winston Faulkner, director of activities at the Little Rock First Methodist Church, is also serving on this committee.

Publicity Committee

Johnny Lamb is heading the publicity committee; and Mary Lou Hosack is vice president of the named above) plus chairmen of the four sub-districts involved (all named above) plus chairmen of publicity in each local church in the Little Rock Sub-district, are serving this committee. (Outreach chairmen or vice presidents are serving if there is no publicity chairman.) Adults include Bill Thrasher, and Bryce Albright, Jr.

Committee On Assignment, Preparation

The committee on assignment and preparation has Dianne Carter as chairman, and Mary Brannon, vice chairman. Fellowship area chairmen of local churches in the Little Rock Sub-district, and the fellowship area chairmen of the Austin, Grand Prairie, and South West Sub-districts are serving on this committee. Mrs. W. A. Rice of St. Paul Church, and the Rev. George E. Sewart, associate minister at First Church, are also members.

Registration, Finance Committee

The registration and finance committee will include: Edith Garland, chairman; Sue Pettyjohn, vice chairman; Patty Casey, vice chairman; the secretaries and treasurers in each local church MYF in the Little Rock Sub-district; and the secretary and treasurer of the Grand Prairie, Austin, and South West MYF Sub-districts. The Rev. Maurice Webb, associate minister at Asbury Church. Mr. Price, and the Rev. Mr. Bolin are also on this committee.

The four-point program of the Christian Witness Mission includes finding unchurched youth, enrolling them in the MYF, leading them to commitment of Christ and helping them to witness as Christians.

land of make believe. Who has not pictured himself as the football hero who is the center of feminine interest? Who has not seen herself as the belle of the ball, or the star of the show, or the Miss So and So of what for why!

Yes, there is value in getting away from it all for awhile, but you cannot stay in the world of
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Prayer Book For Youth Now Available

"Youth at Prayer" is a new book compiled by Harold and Dorothy Ewing and is now available from The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville, Tenn. It has blue imitation leather binding, gold stamping, and 128 pages. It is vest pocket size (three by five inches), and sells for 75 cents per copy, or \$6 per dozen.

The Upper Room, whose pocket prayer books have sold more than two million copies, has just come out with this prayer book especially for youth which offers help for the young person who wants to know about prayer and the practice of prayer.

The compilers (parents of teenagers as well as professional workers in the youth field) point out that prayer is a quality of life that grows and becomes richer as one actively participates. A special section of the book shows how to find help through prayer. Rev. Mr. Ewing discusses some of the problems and questions of youth concerning this important aspect of Christian living.

A special presentation page inside the front cover adds to the usefulness of the book as a gift. In size and color the prayer book matches the New Testament carried by many youth.



Societies Conduct Interesting Studies

DENHAM SPRINGS

A three-part action report was adopted at the final session of a study course on Japan held by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Denham Springs, Louisiana, First Methodist Church, Mrs. Ray Riley, president, has announced. The course was held in the new educational building November 6, 8, 13 and 15.

The Society members voted to make an offering to the Hiroshima Girls' School, to purchase "In the Gray Rain" by Hazel McCarthy for the church library and to sponsor a youth study course in January.

Serving on the action committee were Mrs. Boyd Hood, chairman, Mrs. L. W. Rainey and Mrs. Jim Shiflet.

Fourteen other members participated in the study course, which featured two guest speakers, a review of "The Full Circle" by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Ned Lee Stout, a Japanese tea and curio display, and a showing of a film, "From the Church at Nishio."

The guest speakers were Mrs. B. B. Jones of Denham Springs, and her daughter, Mrs. Charles Culpepper of Taipei, Formosa. Mrs. Jones, who had visited Japan last spring while on a world tour, told her impressions of and experiences in that country. Mrs. Culpepper, a missionary, is spending her furlough in Denham Springs with Dr. Culpepper, professor theology at the Tai-

wan Baptist Theological Seminary, and their four children. She described Christian work in Japan.

Mrs. J. O. Burnett, chairman of the Japanese tea, was assisted by other members of the Vista Ward Cain circle. Mrs. L. H. Rogers arranged the display of Japanese clothing, art objects and other curios. Mrs. Danny Cameron arranged displays of news clippings about Japan each day.

The course was closed with a worship service directed by Mrs. Claud Evans. Mrs. Rainey and the Rev. Mr. Stout spoke.

Mrs. D. M. Benton, Jr., was chairman of the course.

PULLMAN HEIGHTS, HOT SPRINGS

The Woman's Society of the Pullman Heights Methodist Church, Hot Springs, has recently completed a study of Japan under the direction of Mrs. Lonnie Norris. A total of 34 women attended at least one of the four sessions with an average of 15 attending each session.

Outstanding features included the following: a talk given by Mrs. J. F. Edwards who had been a Japanese war prisoner for three years; a dialogue based on a portion of the text "The Cross and Crisis in Japan" given by two men and one woman dressed in Japanese costume; an adventure in Japanese music which included a study of the music and an attempt to sing some songs in the

WITH THE DISTRICTS

ZONE III, MONROE DIST.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Columbia, Louisiana, was hostess to Zone III of the Monroe District October 31 for a morning session and luncheon, with Miss Adele Redditt, local president, and Mrs. Lilla Gilbert greeting the guests. Mrs. E. L. Carroll and Mrs. Russell Cummings poured at the coffee table.

The program was held in the sanctuary with Mrs. E. C. Ellzey, Winnsboro, Zone leader, presiding, and giving the opening devotional. Mrs. A. J. Ensminger, new District president, gave a resume of the retreat held at Caney Lake.

Other officers presenting their work were Mrs. O. W. Welsh, Ferriday, secretary of literature and pub-

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE DECEMBER

Christian Social Relations: Co-operate in church-wide observance of Commitment Sunday and Human Rights Day.

Student Work: Co-operate in plans for Student Recognition Day. Welcome students home with a fellowship tea.

Children's Work: Assist in plans for missionary units in church school and additional sessions.

Spiritual Life: Keep Christ in Christmas plans and encourage this throughout church-wide Christmas activities.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The home of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred S. Flurry of Lafayette, was the scene of a membership tea given by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild Thursday, Nov. 21. It was also the 17th birthday of the Woman's Society which was known as the Woman's Missionary Society before the unification of Methodist Churches in 1940.

Mrs. C. C. Johnson had charge of decorating the living room and den and Mrs. Robert Stephan had charge of the table arrangement.

Receiving the guests, besides Mrs. Flurry were the Mesdames Eloi Girard, Holmes Thurmand, E. W. Brown and Ralph Lee, officers. Taking turns at greeting the guests at the door were Mesdames W. E. Taylor, W. K. Rainbolt, J. W. Faulk, Tony Houston, Terry Grove, Paul Van Horn, W. J. Richard and Vincent Prejean.

Registering the guests were Mrs. E. F. Fuller and Miss Hermine Tate.

Alternating at the punch service were Mesdames Al Thompson, C. C. Johnson, Clara Harper Wookfolk, O. L. Basshum and Miss Hellen Hullivan. Mrs. Clyde Eddiemann, chairman of local church activities and fellowship, was in charge of all arrangements; assisting as circulating hostesses were other members of the fellowship committee Mesdames Ted Polk, David Martin, Paul Foreman, Fred Moore, and Miss Cora Beadle.

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Van Buren First Church met at the church November 19 for a coffee served by Circle Three. A short prayer session was held in the prayer room preceding the coffee. Rev. Jesse Johnson, pastor, gave the blessing.

The program was presented by Mrs. Fay Peer with a travelogue to Hawaii illustrated by color slides.

A short business session was conducted by Mrs. R. S. Wilson, president.

than two hundred dollars. Mrs. Benton Burnett was general chairman of the bazaar and her special assistants were representatives of each Circle and Guild. Mrs. Arthur Weeden is president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Financial Statement

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE
SECOND QUARTER 1957-58

RECEIPTS:	
Undirected Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$15,272.07
W.S.G.	2,588.00
Study Projects:	
W.S.C.S.	272.31
W.S.G.	39.50
McKimney Fund,	
W.S.C.S.	518.88
Robken Fund, W.S.G.	485.61
Rural Work	281.75
Special and Memorial	
Memberships,	
W.S.C.S.	260.00
Special Memberships,	
W.S.G.	30.00
In Remembrance	114.50
Credit on Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$16,719.51
W.S.G.	3,143.11
Total Credit on Pledge	\$19,862.62
Cash for Supply Work:	
W.S.C.S.	\$ 1,818.97
W.S.G.	300.40
Week of Prayer:	
W.S.C.S.	2,060.09
W.S.G.	90.60
Narcotic Education:	
W.S.C.S.	188.65
W.S.G.	38.55
Elizabeth T. Workman	
Fund	325.75
Other Funds	10.50
Total Receipts, W.S.C.S.	\$21,123.47
Total Receipts, W.S.G.	3,572.66
Total received from Districts	\$24,272.36
OTHER RECEIPTS:	
Methodist Youth Fund \$ 576.23	
Total on Appropriations	\$25,272.36
W.S.G. weekend registration fees	37.98
District officers' workshop	48.00
Sale of books	5.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$25,363.34
Balance August 15, 1957	10,470.20
Total to account for	\$35,833.54
Local church and community work reported \$12,786.58	
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Pledge to Missions:	
W.S.C.S.	\$14,500.29
W.S.G.	2,660.21
Special memberships and memorials:	
W.S.C.S.	250.00

W.S.G.	30.00
In Remembrance	114.50
Cred't on Pledge:	
W.S.C.S.	\$14,864.79
W.S.G.	2,690.21
Total Credit on Pledge	\$17,555.00
Methodist Youth Funds	576.20
Total Appropriations	\$18,131.20
Cash for Supplies:	
Home	188.80
Foreign	1,390.65
Week of Prayer,	
W.S.C.S. and W.S.G.	2,150.68
Total sent to Division	
Narcotic Education	
Fund	\$ 227.20
Elizabeth T. Workman	
Fund	30.00
W.S.G. Weekend	7.15
W.S.G. Annual meeting	
Christian Social	
Relations	200.00
Administration:	
W.S.C.S.	405.02
W.S.G.	200.38
Promotion and	
Cultivation:	
W.S.C.S.	1,052.47
W.S.G.	51.42
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$24,037.97
Balance November 15, 1957	11,795.57
Total accounted for	\$35,833.54
MRS. J. L. VERHOEFF,	
Treas. Little Rock Conf.	

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT: Mrs. U. G. Heath—Honorary Adult.

CAMDEN DISTRICT: Michael Neal Beard—Honorary Baby; Mrs. Mary Jane Stegall—Honorary Adult; Susan A. Watson—Memorial.

HOPE DISTRICT: Cynthia Lou Bishop (W.S.G.)—Honorary Baby; Mrs. Mary Burke Shelton—Honorary Adult; Mrs. W. F. Meissner—Memorial.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT: Mrs. E. A. Turner—Honorary Adult; Mrs. Annie Balentine (W.S.G.)—Honorary Adult; Janise Faye Shipman—Honorary Baby.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT: Virginia Claire Henry—Honorary Junior.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT: Mrs. A. R. Merritt—Honorary Adult.

WYNNE

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Wynne Methodist Church has completed five outstanding activities since October 2. Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro was the guest instructor for the study on Christ, the Church and Race, which was attended by members of four Wynne Churches, Sept. 29-October 2.

The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial was observed with programs held daily, Oct. 28-Nov. 1, in ten homes. The offering reported on November 4 at the general meeting was \$161.51, and was incomplete as many absentees were to send their offerings later.

The secretaries of C.S.R., Children's Work and Youth Work, assisted in the leadership of directing the UNICEF drive on Halloween by children of the town. The contributions totaled \$117.78, and nearly 200 children were entertained in the Methodist Church dining room after the canvass was made.

The mission study on Japan, directed by Mrs. David Block, Mrs. Mark McAfee and Mrs. Wallace Eldridge, Jr., for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the two Wesleyan Service Guild units in November was highlighted by discussions of Japan directed by Miss Anna Lee Farris who has lived in Japan for several months. Miss Farris is the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Farris who lived in Wynne following their retirement.

The fifth activity for the eight week's period was the fall bazaar held Nov. 22, which netted more

Resolutions of Appreciation To Dr. Matt L. Ellis

RESOLUTION

To the Little Rock District Conference, Lonoke, Arkansas, November 27, 1957:

WHEREAS, Dr. Matt L. Ellis has served as President of Hendrix College with distinction to himself and with credit both to the college and to the church of which the college is a part.

AND WHEREAS, the institution has moved forward with larger endowment; additional buildings and increased enrollment during his administration;

AND WHEREAS, he has resigned to accept a position as head of the Department of Philosophy in the school of which he has been president, both because he feels that "it is providential" that the school has secured Dr. Marshall T. Steel as her president, and because he has a desire to return to teaching;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that this Little Rock District Conference in session at Lonoke, Arkansas, November 27, 1957, express to Dr. Matt L. Ellis:

1. Our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for his leadership as president of Hendrix College for these 12 years,

2. Our profound respect and admiration for this magnanimous act on his part which is to us a manifestation of true greatness,

3. Our conviction that "it is providential" that Hendrix College can have as head of her Department of Philosophy a man of such magnitude;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that we assure Dr. Ellis that the college which he has so capably administered and which he so deeply loves, will have our continued loyalty and increased support.

Presented by Rev. Joe Phillips
Benton, Arkansas

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Matt L. Ellis has resigned as President of Hendrix College to become the Head of the Philosophy Department of the College, effective with the beginning of the second semester 1957-1958; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marshall T. Steel has accepted the Presidency of Hendrix College, effective at the same time;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the District Superintendent, pastors, and members of the Monticello District of the Methodist Church, meeting in their 88th session at Hamburg, Arkansas, this 21st day of November 1957;

First, that we congratulate Dr. Ellis for the achievements of his significant services in the 12½ years of his Presidency of our great Arkansas Methodist institution of higher learning, the college under his leadership having shown signal progress in its physical plant, educational standing, and services to the church and state;

Second, that we congratulate Hendrix College in securing the continuation of the services of Dr. Ellis as a Professor in his chosen field, that of Philosophy and Prophecy for the College, through him, a great contribution to Arkansas Methodism through his labors in the classroom;

Third, that we assure the College and Dr. Steel, our wholehearted support of the work of the College in the years to come.

Kenneth Spore
Robert O. Beck
John B. Hefley
D. Mouzon Mann



Above is shown a view of the altar of the First Methodist Church, Benton, Ark. Left to right, following services on Sunday morning, November 24, are Dr. Arthur Terry, Little Rock District Superintendent; Bishop Paul E. Martin; Rev. J. Ralph Clayton, Benton First Church pastor, and Henry Finkbeiner, chairman of Building Committee.

Benton, Arkansas, First Church Now Using New Sanctuary

Below: View of the interior of the First Church, Benton, sanctuary. The \$260,000 modified colonial style sanctuary was opened for worship the first time on Sunday, November 17. The sanctuary seats 650 worshippers, including the balcony area. In

addition, the building has a large foyer entrance, choir room, sacristy, powder room, nursery rooms, scout room which is also used by young adult Bible class, rest rooms, and the equipment room.



Blytheville Church Hears Missionary

Sunday, November 17, the Rev. George W. Workman, a native Arkansan, who is a Methodist missionary to India and now home on furlough, was guest of the First Methodist Church, Blytheville.

The Rev. Mr. Workman made a presentation of the work in the mission field, speaking to the Intermediates and Seniors during the Sunday School hour, to the entire congregation during the morning worship service, and later to a group at a luncheon at Hotel Noble in his honor.

The Rev. Harold O. Eggensperger is pastor of the Blytheville First Methodist Church.

Good Conduct Week Held In Memphis

Memphis, Tenn. (RNS)—A Good Conduct Week was held here under the auspices of the Salvation Army and with the endorsement of President Eisenhower, Gov. Frank Clement and city and county officials.

The first Good Conduct Week was observed here last year.

Hope Dist. Reports Building Progress For Past Year

The District Committee on Church Building and Location of the Hope District makes the following report of building activity in the district last year.

The College Hill Methodist Church has spent about \$400.00 for repairs on their parsonage and \$325 for blackboards and chairs for their church. They have also paid \$3,977.25 on their indebtedness, which leaves a balance of only \$200.00 indebtedness on their educational building. They will have this amount paid off by Feb. 1, 1958. They have already voted to completely air-condition their educational building and will spend about \$6,000.00 for this project. They will place a new organ in the sanctuary immediately at a cost of \$3,000.00.

The Wade's Chapel Church has redecorated the interior of their church and with their new Sunday School rooms, painting and a new carpet, they have spent about \$500.00. The Foreman Church is planning to do some repair on their church in the near future and also some repair and the addition of a carport on their parsonage.

The Mena Circuit has spent about \$75.00 for repairs on their churches and are planning to repair two churches on the charge and do some other repairs.

The DeQueen Church has placed a new refrigerator in the parsonage at a cost of \$270.00. They have paid \$4,440.00 on debt retirement.

The Emmet Charge has put new celetex on the walls of the living room, dining room and kitchen, and also some painting of the parsonage. They have also bought some new furniture for the parsonage and plan to do some other repairs in the future. The church at Midway plans to build a 20x30 foot educational building on the rear of the church.

On the Springhill Circuit \$100.00 has been spent on improving the parsonage. The Oak Grove Church has spent \$1,000.00 on additional Sunday School rooms.

First Church, Nashville, has spent about \$50,000.00 on a new educational building and will re-finish their basement. They are to be commended on the splendid new educational building.

Mt. View, in Mena, has done some repairs to the parsonage in the amount of \$100.00. They are also continuing the work on their educational building and have spent about \$250.00 on this work. The Shady Grove church has spent about \$300.00 building a class room in their educational building.

The Church at Fouke has installed a fan, bought 24 chairs, venetian blinds, three heaters, has finished their floors and paid the balance on their pews, all of which cost about \$574.00. A class room was added to the Boyd church on this charge which cost \$600.00.

The Horatio Church has put a new roof on their parsonage and added a bathroom at a cost of \$428.00. They have also paid \$2000.00 on debt retirement, and have repaired their church in the amount of \$300.00. The Williamson Church, on this charge, has spent \$40.00 on improvements.

For their parsonage and furnishings the Ozan Charge has spent

Seeks Memorial To John Henry, Pioneer Methodist Preacher

By Rev. W. C. Lewis, Sec'y-Treas.
John Henry Memorial Committee

In checking the pioneers of Southwest Arkansas who settled here and formed a colony in that fertile section about five miles northwest of Washington, in Hempstead County, and later settled in most every section of this part of Arkansas, we find the Graves, the Henrys, the Hughes, the Propps, the Hills, the Stephensons, the Beanes, the Shannons, and many other families we cannot mention here.

Among those settling here was one John Henry, a local preacher who migrated here from Missouri about 1817. He and his group crossed the Arkansas River on Saturday and camped there through Sunday on the spot where Little Rock now stands. There were only a few huts there but Henry assembled his group together with the few settlers and preached to them on Sunday. Thus, his was the first sermon ever preached in Little Rock.

John Henry preached to and labored much with the people in this part of our state and organized the first Methodist Church in Arkansas, known as Mound Prairie. In about a year another church was built about a mile from Mound Prairie and it was named Henry's Chapel. Thus, John Henry was a chief factor in establishing Methodism in all this section. He died September 17, 1872, at the age of ninety-three, and was buried at Center Point.

We are much indebted to the life and ministry of this man of God. As there is no monument marking his grave, we have set ourselves to the glorious task of erecting a memorial to his memory. We are calling upon you to help in this by sending a donation to this fund which is already started. Send your contribution to Rev. W. C. Lewis, 628 West Hempstead Street, Nashville, Arkansas, as he has been selected Secretary-Treasurer of the Memorial Committee. You will be receipted and given full credit for your donation.

The church at Henry's Chapel was built of hewed pine logs. The building was 28 by 30 feet with a chimney at one end. We hope to have a replica of this old church made in granite to place as a marker and memorial. We owe this to the memory of this man.

\$383.50. This was spent on furniture for the parsonage.

The Rondo church has spent \$196.00 on improvements on the parsonage.

First Church, Prescott, has paid the debt on their parsonage and it has been dedicated. They have also spent \$425.00 refinishing the floors of the sanctuary, \$800.00 for carpet for the sanctuary floors, painting, \$75.00, air-conditioner for the pastor's study, \$155.00; repair on roof of educational building, \$225.00; folding tables for the church \$190.00; for a total of \$2,060.00 spent on the church. They have done repair work on the parsonage in the amount of \$185.00. They also plan additional repairs on their church for the immediate future to cost about \$360.00.

The Hatfield Circuit has spent

Monticello District

The 88th session of the Monticello District Conference convened Thursday, November 21, at the Hamburg Methodist Church. Rev. Kenneth L. Spore, district superintendent, presided, and Rev. Edward B. Hollenbeck, Portland, was elected secretary.

After the morning devotional led by Rev. George Bailey of Watson, the Report of the Pastors was distributed. The remainder of the business of the morning consisted of reports from the representatives of Conference agencies. Dr. Connor Morehead spoke on behalf of the Methodist Home and Dr. Roy E. Fawcett spoke on behalf of the program of Christian Education with the assistance of Mrs. John Tucker, the Conference director of children's work. Rev. Ewing T. Wayland represented the Arkansas Methodist. Rev. James Major represented the Town and Country Commission.

Rev. D. Mouzon Mann, pastor of the McGehee Methodist Church, was the conference preacher.

The noon meal was served by the WSCS of the Hamburg Church. Rev. E. Guy Wilson of Hermitage, lead the afternoon devotional. A resolution was presented to the Conference by the Revs. John B. Hefley, D. Mouzon Mann, R. O. Beck, Louis W. Edrington, and K. L. Spore commending Dr. Matt L. Ellis for the achievements of his significant service as president of Hendrix College and congratulating Hendrix in securing the continuation of the service of Dr. Ellis as a professor and assuring the College, Dr. Marshall Steel, and Dr. Ellis of their wholehearted support of the College. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous standing vote. Dr. Matt L. Ellis then spoke concerning the change in the presidency of Hendrix, and presented the cause of higher education, specifically at Hendrix.

The remainder of the afternoon session was devoted to Methodist emphasis on a district basis. Among the speakers were Mrs. Adcock of

about \$280.00 repairing their parsonage. The Hatfield church has added a cabinet for the church kitchen which cost \$12.50. The Wickes church purchased a 20 foot lot adjoining their church. They are planning an addition to their church building, and have approximately \$800.00 on hand for the work, which is to cost about \$1,500.00.

The Fairview Church, in Texarkana, has spent \$752.96 on their parsonage since last District Conference for painting, rewiring, and building a new carport. They have also paid \$8,459.84 for debt retirement. They have spent \$2,323.50 on improvements and new equipment for the church.

The Lockesburg church has spent \$651.56 for repairs on their church.

First Church, Texarkana, has spent \$21,561.42 on debt retirement and improvements.

First Church, Hope, has spent \$1,500.00 for new furniture for their church, and they are now in a fund-raising campaign to raise \$165,000.00 for a new Educational Building.

The Doddridge Circuit has spent \$50.00 for furniture for their parsonage. The Silverina Church has

Hope District

The Fairview Methodist Church of Texarkana was host to the Hope District Conference when it met Tuesday, November 19, for its annual meeting. The Rev. H. O. Bolin, chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of Evangelism, was the principal speaker for the occasion.

Using as his theme, "Tell Arkansas About Christ," the Rev. Mr. Bolin stressed love and concern throughout his talk, and he said that evangelism is a challenge of the Son of God, the Kingdom of God, a power and a passion.

Dr. Robert B. Moore, Hope District superintendent, conducted the all-day meeting, and the Rev. Harry Weed of Ashdown, gave the devotional. Other guest speakers included: Dr. Roy E. Fawcett, executive secretary of the Little Rock Conference Board of Education; Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of Hendrix College; Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, editor of the Arkansas Methodist; Dr. Connor Morehead of the Methodist Children's Home; Rev. Charles Baughman, chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of Christian Social Relations; and Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, chairman of the Town and Country Commission. Speaking for the Woman's Society of Christian Service was Mrs. W. M. Reinhardt, district president; for the MYF, Jerry Rodgers, district president; for the laymen, Gordon Carlton, district lay leader.

The Conference voted to hold the 1958 meeting at the Methodist Church in Mena, Ark.

Dumas, the district W.S.C.S. president; Rev. Harould Scott, director of evangelism; and Rev. Guy Ames, missionary secretary. Reports were heard from the District and Camp Keener Trustees and from the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications.

The District Conference voted to accept the invitation of Tillar Methodist Church for its 1958 meeting.

put a new roof on the church, new ceiling, and a new butane system all of which cost \$1,515.00.

The District Parsonage at Hope has been improved and new furniture bought at a cost of \$2,918.00. The old debt has been retired in the amount of \$2,000.00 and \$22.00 for interest.

About \$250.00 has been spent on improving the parsonage at Ashdown. They are planning to have it repainted soon. They have also spent \$8,200.00 on debt retirement, and when the sanctuary is paid for they plan to build a new educational building.

First Church, Mena, has spent \$1,954.85 for repairs on the church and parsonage. They have started a new church building fund and have about \$7,000.00 in this since the first of October.

This report shows that \$50,658.51 has been paid on debt retirement, and \$20,694.00 has been spent for improvement of parsonages and churches. The people of the District are to be commended for their splendid interest in the church's property.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren D. Golden, Chairman

Writes From Baring Union Christian College, India

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a letter from the Rev. and Mrs. Carlos Welch, Baring Union Christian College, Batala, Punjab, India. The letter is addressed to Mrs. J. S. Mitchell, chairman of the committee on Christian Vocations, First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, La. Carlos is from the Natchitoches church, and his family is active in that church. He is partially supported in his overseas work by the David Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie, La., where the Rev. Jimmie Caraway is pastor. This letter was sent to the "Methodist" by the Rev. George Pearce, Jr., pastor of Natchitoches First Church.

Dear Mrs. Mitchell:

We were so glad to receive your letter and we do hope the enclosed letter to the congregation and the young people may serve the purpose for which you wrote to us. The picture is for the Church in case you may want to use it at some time. We have been wanting to send it to Rev. Pearce and have had a most difficult six months in the life of our college.

In case someone is interested in our work, more specifically, this is what we are in the college. Saroj is Dean of Women for our 105 women students. Also, she teaches English in the first year class. Also, she is the advisor to the Music Society, teaches a voluntary class on grooming and home science to the girls, and teaches all the physical education and handles the games and competitive sports program for the girls. With me, she is co-advisor for the Student Christian Movement Union on the campus.

As for myself, I teach English in the first year (Saroj and I together have the whole first year), English Speech and Dramatics in the third and fourth year, and all the Social Science survey courses in the General Knowledge Course which each student takes for four years in the college. Thus, I have a survey course for four months in Anthropology for the second year, Psychology for the third year, and Sociology for the fourth year. This is a combination of Philosophy and Ethics. On the extra-curricular side, I am advisor to the Dramatics Society, the English Speech Association, the Economic Planning Forum, etc. Also, I am the Staff Editor for the College magazine, published three times a year. In addition, I am secretary of the Staff Study Circle and serve on the Staff Council which advises the Principal on all matters in the College. Recently, I have been helping to organize and get started a Students' Union, the equivalent to student government in the States.

Also Active In Church

In addition to our work in the College, we are both active in the work of the Church. Saroj is Conference Youth Director, Vice-president of the W. S. C. S. (Conference, that is), and on the Literature Commission. I am on the Field and Finance Committees of the Annual Conference which coordinates all the relationships and work between the Methodist Church here and the Boards of Missions in the States. Also, I am Chairman of the Northwest India Christian Council Committee on Christian Higher Education.

We have 508 students in our College. We have just had a most successful production of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar." With our own hands, we have built a beautiful outdoor theatre in the college. We are now launching a huge building program because we have no adequate classrooms, nor library to speak of, no homes that are decent for our staff. The house in which we live is built of mud bricks and was so damaged in a big flood in 1955 that it is condemned and we must move out on Wednesday of this week for it is not expected to stand in the heavy monsoon rains which are coming next week. A new house will be started next week.

Books Needed

We have 32 Christian students this year. Each year, this number jumps by five and next year, ten. If some of your Sunday School classes would like a project, they might want to assist some student of promise who has absolutely no money with which to continue his education. A student can live in the dormitory and pay his board bill on \$6.00 per month! The library is badly in need of text books in all subjects. If some class could have a drive for books and old magazines such as Post, Life, Geographic, and Science magazines, and send them to us, the students would greatly appreciate them. Books we can receive without paying customs. Do not send clothing or anything else without first clearing with us, for it is very costly to receive anything but books. The cost of a student's entire year of study, including room and board, tuition, books, clothing and incidentals is \$75.00 per year! So there are endless opportunities for help here. Please inquire from Rev. Pearce how to send any money. It can be sent directly to the Board of Missions, New York, with specific instructions that it go into the Work Project Fund for Carlos and Saroj Welch, Delhi Annual Conference, India. Please tell any class to not feel bad because they raise only a small amount. Because the standard of living is so low here, a little amount of U. S.



Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Welch and son, Ashim Kumar

money becomes a big amount of Indian money!

We have a lovely one year, two months old son, as you will see in the picture. He, too, shares in our greetings to you all.

We wish we could share personally in your Conference on Christian Careers. There is so much exciting and dull, strengthening and weakening, peaceful and tense, miraculous and ordinary in our lives, but we can do this in 1960!

I forgot to put in earlier that the best part of our lives is our home. We have four bachelor staff members boarding with us and Saroj's brother. Also, in every day, at least 100 students come through, to sit, to rest, to inquire, to seek counsel, to share joys and problems. This is truly our finest ministry.

Thanks again for writing to us.

Sincerely,
Carlos A. Welch

Christmas Conference Scheduled Again For Young Ministers

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time will be spent in informal "sharing periods" and prayer groups.

Leaders will be the Rev. Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. M. Lafayette Harris, president of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.; the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Lacour and the Rev. Dr. Harry L. Williams, director of the conference. Both Dr. Lacour and Dr. Williams are staff members of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

The conference, sponsored by the General Board of Evangelism, is for ministers and their wives in the first five years of their full-time ministry.

Dr. Williams said an attendance of about 100, mostly from the Midwest, is expected.

Similar conferences have been held the last four years. They commemorate the historic Baltimore "Christmas Conference" of 1784, when the Methodist Church in

Clinic In Nepal Provides Medical Care For 40,000

The first modern medical care for an area of about 40,000 persons in the Himalaya mountains of Nepal is being furnished through the services of the United Christian Medical Mission.

A report from Drs. Elizabeth and Edgar Miller, Wilmington, Del., two of four Methodists working with the international interdenominational medical mission, tells of work being done in a clinic in the village of Bungamati. The clinic serves not only the village but an area with a population of 40,000. It is the hope of the mission also to provide the first school in the Bungamati vicinity.

(Nepal is the newest of Methodism's approximately 50 overseas mission fields. Methodist missionaries Dr. and Mrs. Robert Fleming, Albion, Mich., opened work there in 1954 with the medical mission. The Drs. Miller joined the mission in 1956, giving up 28 years of medical practice in Wilmington.)

"Each Thursday," the Drs. Miller write, "we go to the Bungamati clinic, which although only six miles from Kathmandu (Nepal's capital) is out of this world. It is reached only by jeep. There have been no schools, no doctors and no medical help of any kind.

Have Nice House For Clinic

"The Mukyia, or headman of the village, has given us a nice, clean house free of charge for the clinic. We are negotiating with an Indian worker in our Kathmandu hospital and his Christian wife and three children to go to Bungamati to live. They can look after the health of the people during the week. We will continue to go once a week.

"It has distressed us severely when little children come with diseased eyes to realize we cannot see them for another week, or when a patient who needs injections for tuberculosis twice a week is not able to get them.

To Start A School

"The wife of the Indian worker is a teacher and we are now getting permission from the government to start a school in Bungamati. The people are anxious for this, as they are for medical care. We trust the prayers of our American friends will be with us in bringing, for the first time in history, Christian medical help to this little village."

People Anxious For New Day

In a comment about the reception of the medical mission and their Christian message, the Drs. Miller report:

"We believe the Nepali people are anxious for a new day; they want to be developed socially, politically and economically. Many seem to be hungry for Christianity. The religious literature in our hospital and in the clinics is being read.

"From every source we get good reports (except for an occasional backfire). We continue to be greatly concerned in helping to build the Kingdom of God here in Nepal. We are confident that healing, medicine and relations with the people through our work are among our greatest assets."

America was formally organized by 63 young preachers.

With The Districts

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lications, and Mrs. M. A. Dailer, Extension, secretary of supply. All local presidents attending gave reports which showed much improvement throughout the zone.

Mrs. W. C. McKay of Little Creek invited the zone to hold its spring meeting at Little Creek, and it was accepted.

The meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. S. A. Seegers, former pastor.

Miss Flossie Carroll was assisted in serving the turkey dinner by Mrs. Guy Alford and a fine committee.

Societies represented were: Gilbert, Grayson, Columbia, Extension, Winnsboro, Wisner, Sicily Island, Ferriday, Little Creek, Alto, and Union Church.

JONESBORO DISTRICT HOLDS PRAYER RETREAT

The Jonesboro District held its prayer retreat at Wayland Springs October 16, 17, with Mrs. Robert Holt of Bay as leader. At the opening Assembly Mildred Osment led Get Acquainted time with Iris Bell leading the singing. Mrs. James

Blankenship gave the opening devotional.

Pot luck supper was served by the women of Huntington Avenue, Jonesboro, Church.

The Evening session began with group singing and scripture reading. Mrs. Ray Worthington presented to the group the Charter on racial policy.

Mrs. H. H. Fullbright gave the evening devotional with a sharing period on the "power of prayer" being helpful. Following the singing "Now the Day is Over" was an over-night silence.

Mildred Osment led the group in the morning devotional after private devotions on the prayer walk.

A workshop on prayer groups was led by Mrs. Fullbright.

The closing devotional on "The Lord's Prayer" was given by Mrs. Ben Jordan with Mrs. Roy Dawson singing "The Lord's Prayer" for the benediction.

There were 36 present.

Obituary

MITCHELL — Funeral services for Mrs. Cuba Eskew Mitchell were held at Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, El Dorado, Oct. 18, with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. E. Scott, and Rev. J. D. Tolleson. Mrs. Mitchell was the widow of the late Dr. H. H. Mitchell.

She was a charter member of Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, and one of the six ladies that organized the Missionary Society when the Church was being organized. She was a tireless worker in the Woman's Society, and faithfully attended all the church meetings and her Sunday School Class, the Ladies' Bible Class.

She was a true Christian and "to know her was to love her." The church and the society are tributes to her untiring work and prayers, and she will be truly missed.

Mrs. Mitchell is survived by one daughter, Mrs. C. E. Jackson, of El Dorado, and one son, Claude Mitchell, Gardena, Calif.; two grandchildren, David Jackson and Judy Ann Mitchell; and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary E. Overton, of El Dorado.

'Concern' To Change Format In January

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Christian insights into the events of the church and world today," said John Corson, president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth and a student at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif.

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The Youthful Accent

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 15, 1957

LIVING WITH CHRISTIAN JOY

READ PHILIPPIANS, CHAPTER 4.

MEMORY SELECTION: *My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.* —Philippians 4:19 (RSV)

Unit II has five lessons under the general subject, "The Gospel Applied To Persons." Today we study the third of these lessons, taken from Philippians, as were the first two. In the first of these lessons we studied something of our responsibilities as "Christian Witnesses." Last Sunday we had for our lesson subject, "What Christ Means To The Christian." Today we continue this general study of applied Christianity under the subject, "Living With Christian Joy."

Paul's letter to the Philippians is primarily an exhortation to "re-joyce" and be joyful in Christian living. This exhortation to cheerfulness and joy in Christian living should be read repeatedly by a number of the "saints" in our churches today who measure Christianity more by its "burdens" than by its blessings; people who think of Christianity in terms of "hardships" rather than happiness; people who think of the additional responsibilities of Christian living as "weights" and fail to feel the lift of the wings religion brings for testing times of life.

For one who is not familiar with the amazing character of the Apostle Paul, it may appear to be a strange procedure for him, under the circumstances, to be writing a letter to the Christians at Philippi to cheer and inspire them to joyous and happy Christian living. Let us remember that Paul, at the time of this writing, was a prisoner in Rome, constantly chained to a Roman soldier as his guard. He had been a prisoner in Rome and elsewhere continuously for almost five years. Under normal conditions, it would appear that his friends in Philippi would have been sending message after message to Paul to cheer him and encourage him in this time of stress and strain. Paul is exhorting them to be happy and cheerful.

Paul's Concern For The "Brethren"

Our lesson text opens with the word, "Therefore." Because of some conditions Paul had just cited in chapter three, he begins chapter four with "Therefore" or, because of these facts, "My brethren, dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord." He is exhorting, not only to joyous living but to steadfastness in faith and conduct.

Not only was Paul concerned about the church as a body, he was concerned about the individuals of the church, two of whom he calls by name, Euodia and Syntyche. In some way Paul has heard that

some differences had arisen between these two women who had formerly been of great assistance to him in his ministry there. It is sometimes a rather "touchy" matter to try to heal differences that have arisen between women of the church. Nevertheless, Paul made a direct appeal to these former co-workers to come to an agreement. He also appealed to someone whom he calls "yolkfellow" to "help those women." Paul was happy over the general condition of the church, but he wanted harmony to exist to the last individual of the Philippian church.

Rejoice In The Lord Always

When Paul exhorts the members of the church in Philippi to "Re-joyce in the Lord always," they knew that Paul "practiced what he preached," and was here "preaching what he practiced." They remembered that it was in the city of Philippi that Paul, with his co-worker Silas, had been whipped like common criminals and locked in the inner prison of the Philippian jail, with their feet in stocks. They remembered also that, "At midnight, Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God." Paul had given them a vivid demonstration, in their own city, of the fact that, "Stone walls do not a prison make, Nor iron bars a cage."

He had demonstrated that conditions could hardly become so desperate, but that one could rejoice and sing praises to God if there was, deep within his heart, that peace which the world could not give and could not take away.

Christian joy is not something superficial. It is not a momentary ecstasy that lifts us to great heights and then lets us drop to a low level of humdrum living. It is a deep inner consciousness that we are children of God and that "All things work together for good to them that love God."

The Christian should rejoice because: (1) He has the consciousness of sin forgiven and is at peace with God. (2) As a Christian he may live daily in the companionship with Christ who has promised to be with us always to protect and guide. (3) He knows that the Christian life well lived here will continue unbroken in life beyond the grave.

The professed Christian, whose life lacks the experience of an abiding joy, does not demonstrate the character of life Paul here describes. The most wholesome influence for good that flows from a Christian life is an example of deep inner joy that is born of an abiding faith in the love and goodness of God.

Do Not Worry—Pray

The most common advice we get and the hardest to use is the short statement, "Don't worry." Paul here, in the Revised Standard Version, says, "Have no anxiety about anything."

The Christian may well ask himself the question, "why worry?" The measureless reaches of eternity are on his side. That being true, why be over-anxious about temporary adversities or short-lived difficulties. The things about which we usually worry most are generally of small moment, when we remember that we have an endless life in which to bring matters around right.

Paul does not stop with the exhortation, "Don't worry." He gives a cure for any tendency to worry that has proved effective in every life that has sincerely tried it. Paul says, "Have no anxiety . . . but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." Paul here makes joy or thanksgiving a vital part of prayer. Only thankful people can sincerely pray. How could an ingrate plead God's mercy? If we are so selfish that we lack the spirit of thanksgiving, how can we pray? How can a man pray who is so lacking in faith in God that he sees nothing in God's goodness for which to be thankful?

There can be no better substitute for anxiety than prayer. Paul tells us, as a result of turning to God in prayer when anxiety overshadows us, that somehow "The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." To be able to exchange anxiety for such a peace truly "passes all understanding."

Think On These Things

Before there was a recognized science of psychology, Paul, the saintly theologian, was practicing this science in a very effective manner. A recent article in *Reader's Digest*, under the caption, "How To Deal With Your Tensions," has been extensively advertised and widely read. The article purports to tell us how to control our tensions in this age of stress and strain. Paul was dealing with much the same general idea twenty centuries ago when he advised the Philippians to dismiss from their minds so many of the confusing, disrupting things about them and center their thoughts on qualities of life that must be a part of every Christian character.

We talk about some people having "single track minds." The fact is, to a large degree, we all have single track minds, in that we can really think about only one thing at a time. We cannot concentrate, in our thinking, on love and hatred at the same time. We cannot concentrate on immorality and moral cleanliness at the same time. The same may be said of all opposite courses of action or thought. Hence it was, two thousand years ago, that Paul was urging thought control in order that the minds of the Christians in Philippi might be clean and wholesome.

If, as Paul urges, our minds are filled with thoughts about truthfulness, honesty, justice, purity, loveliness and matters of good report, we will have left little room for attacks by evil. We become, in character, about what we allow ourselves to think, whether it be good or bad. Proverbs states that truth very impressively when it says of a man, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Paul, himself states this

truth a little differently when he said in Romans, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." As we remember, it was Drummond who had that wonderful sermon on "The Expulsive Power of a Great Affection." It is possible for our minds to be so filled with the good that evil will be crowded out for lack of room.

Paul could have wrecked his life if he had allowed his mind to dwell long on the many injustices that had been done him, as he tried to do good. Rather he would say "none of these things move me." Like Paul we should say, "Forgetting those things which are behind . . . I press toward the mark."

Paul Modestly Offers Himself As An Example

In our lesson text today, Paul seems to set himself up as an example when he writes, "Those things which you have both learned, and received, and heard and seen in me, do." No one of us would dare to set ourselves up as an example and pattern for living for any group of people. Paul did just that. However, in doing this, Paul is not posing as the PERFECT example. He specifically says that he has not attained perfection. He merely points to himself as one who has sincerely tried to follow Christ. It is that quality in his life which he wants the Philippians to imitate.

If we try to impress people with the perfection of our lives they know that we are either playing the hypocrite or that we are self-deceived. However, if we can impress them with the fact that we are sincerely trying to follow Christ and urge them also to try sincerely to be Christian then we have done our friends a Christian service.

Learning The Secret Of Contentment

Paul was not naturally the contented soul. It was this restless lack of contentment that caused him to become the arch persecutor of Christians, ready to destroy them by force, if necessary. Nevertheless, Paul LEARNED the secret of contentment which enabled him to meet every situation with poise and balance. He could meet all circumstances with a spirit of contentment, not because he was self-reliant, but because he was Christ-reliant. Paul was not a growler, griper or knocker. He was never a pessimist either in his writings, his personal thinking or his attitudes. He was a Christ-born optimist who could keep hope and faith alive under conditions indescribably discouraging.

Joy and contentment are experiences continuously sought after by the world. Any attainment of either, by a person of the world, is only temporary and, for that short period of contentment, conditions must be very favorable. Paul tells us that he learned the secret of contentment under all circumstances.

What Was Paul's Secret?

The secret Paul learned was too good to keep and he readily gives to the world his secret formula for contentment. It was this: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Paul did not claim any unusual powers in his own right, nor should we. If we have only our own limited strength and resources with which to face the powers of evil that threaten us on every side, we face certain failure. We can face the worst the world can do to us, certain of success, if the strength of Christ undergirds us.

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Open House Set For New Ruston District Parsonage

Rev. and Mrs. Luman E. Douglas and the District Trustees will hold open house at the new Ruston District parsonage, 319 Glendale Drive, Ruston, on Sunday, December 15, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

A Home Dedication service will be held at 2:45 p.m. led by Rev. Mr. Douglas. The prayer of dedication will be offered by Dr. Robert W. Vaughan. Mrs. J. L. Dodds will sing "Bless This House." She will be accompanied by Mrs. L. K. Wells.

District Trustees are Floyd B. James, Ruston, chairman; Mrs. Helen Barksdale, Ruston; Fred Greer, Minden; J. V. Hinton, Ruston; Mrs. George Lindsey, Bernice; H. C. McCalmon, Jr., Homer; B. H. Rainwater, Sr., Ruston; Glenn Shadow, Ruston; and Lamar Taylor, Arcadia.

Mr. Gordon Wells, Ruston, was the architect. Builders were Telford Brothers, Ruston.

The recently completed structure is a modified colonial type house of stone faced brick exterior. The recessed front entrance is ornamented with iron lace panels. Aluminum windows are used throughout. The house has an entrance hall, living and dining rooms, a large den, with wood-burning fireplace, opening through glass doors onto a rear patio; a large modern kitchen with all modern appliances and breakfast area.

There are also four large bedrooms with three ceramic tile baths. There is also a book-shelf-lined study for the district superintendent. The building has a double carport and utility and storage rooms plus very ample closet space which go to complete the livableness of the house.

Cost of the house is \$35,961; the lot \$1,300; and furnishings are evaluated at some \$4,017.

White Hall Church Dedication Held

Dedication services for White Hall Methodist Church were led Sunday morning, Dec. 1, by Bishop Paul E. Martin who also delivered the message.

The pastor, the Rev. W. P. Cassels, said friends and former members were invited to join the congregation for the services and for a noon meal which followed.

The White Hall Church is located in the Dykesville community, about seven miles southwest of Haynesville. It is one of the oldest churches in the area, organized some 85 years ago. The new building is of red brick with natural wood finish interior and a sanctuary with year-around central air conditioning.

Student Recognition Day Is December 29

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The Methodist Church's annual Student Recognition Day, when thousands of churches are expected to have special services, will be Sunday, December 29.

On that day, attention will be focused on college and university students home for the holidays and also upon high school seniors who are looking forward to attending college.

In general, the importance of Christian higher education in the church's life will be emphasized, said the Rev. Jameson Jones, Nashville, a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Education.

A printed service, suitable for use in the local church's morning worship hour, has been prepared for the 1957 Student Recognition Day. Theme of the service is "For All Our Years."

"Copies of the printed service are available to members of committees

La. Methodists To Participate In Methodist Home Hospital Observance

Offerings will be received in Methodist churches in Louisiana and Mississippi on next Sunday, December 15 and the following Sunday, December 22, for the support of the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans.

The institution is owned and operated by the Louisiana, Mississippi and North Mississippi annual conferences. Rev. L. D. Haughton is the institution's superintendent. Dr. N. H. Melbert, pastor of the First Methodist Church of New Orleans, is chairman of the Home Hospital's Board of Directors which has representatives from the three annual conferences.

Organized in 1886, this institution has been operated by The Methodist Church for 50 years. It serves as a maternity home for unwed mothers, a child-caring agency for babies up to one year, and a child-placement agency. According to the institution's leaders, it has a capacity of 40 girls and 30 babies.

Within recent years, financial support by Methodist churches in Louisiana and Mississippi has made possible the erection of a complete new building on Annunciation Street in New Orleans, replacing an older structure which had served for many years.

According to Rev. Mr. Haughton and Dr. Melbert, the operation of the program of the Home Hospital is dependent almost exclusively on the offerings received during the Christmas season for the operation of the Home Hospital's program. By conference action, a suggested goal for local churches toward the maintenance of the institution is an amount equal to 4% of the pastor's salary. Many churches have been contributing this amount for a number of years.

Further details concerning the observance will be found on pages 8 and 9 of this issue.

Religious Educators Ask Recognition of Spiritual Values

Chicago (RNS)—Government and private agencies were urged here by the Religious Education Association to give "full recognition" to the importance of studies concerned with spiritual values as they re-examine educational patterns with a view to stepping up scientific training to serve the national welfare.

The appeal was made in a resolution adopted by more than 500 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders in education and religion attending the association's national convention here.

The resolution warned that the present "necessary" concern over the need for well-trained scientists "may tend to narrow educational patterns to the development of technologists without wisdom and without concern for human issues."

It stressed that our country's welfare calls for men and women with qualities of mind and spirit "that are flexible and resilient, based on a profound sense of values in addition to scientific competence."

Fairview, Sweetlake Consecrate New Parsonage

The Rev. and Mrs. Garland C. Dean, Jr., assisted by women of the Fairview and Sweetlake Churches of Lake Charles, held open house at the new parsonage Sunday afternoon, November 24, between the hours of three and five o'clock.

At the past Annual Conference, the Rev. Mr. Dean was assigned to the Fairview and Sweetlake Churches. On June 4, two days before he and Mrs. Dean moved from Kentwood in the Baton Rouge District, members of the two churches came together and bought a house at 724 Morningside Drive in Lake Charles furnishing it with new appliances and furniture. It is a three-bedroom, brick veneer house with kitchen, living-dining room, tile bath and carport.

As the members and friends of both churches arrived, they were

shown through the house and served delicious fruit punch and home made party cookies from a table covered with a linen cutwork cloth. The center piece was a fall arrangement placed in a cornucopia surrounded by red berries. Other arrangements of fall flowers were used throughout the house.

Assisting in the planning and in the courtesies of serving and hosting were: Miss Fern Hebert, Mrs. J. C. Chelette, Mrs. Joe Hebert, Mrs. Douglas McFillen, Mrs. Gene Wittler, Mrs. Ted Rosfeld, Mrs. Martin Hebert, Miss Judy Hebert, Miss Nelda Hebert, and Miss Jane Hebert of the Fairview church. Mrs. Charles Hebert, Mrs. Charles Precht, Mrs. Robert Todd, Mrs. Ed Wynn, Mrs. Clem Demarest, Mrs. Walter Helms, Mrs. Herman Precht

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The Fairview, Sweetlake Parsonage



Committee Seeks Ideas For Program Next Quadrennium

If you have any ideas about what The Methodist Church's program for 1960-64 should be, you are urged to share them with a 22-member committee which will be working hard on that matter between now and the 1960 General Conference in Denver, Colo.

Membership of the special committee on quadrennial program was announced in Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 26 following a meeting of the church's Coordinating Council.

In announcing the committee, the Coordinating Council acted in keeping with a Disciplinary provision (Par. 1115, 3) which says:

"In consultation with the Council of Bishops and the Council of Secretaries it (the Coordinating Council) shall formulate and present to the General Conference, for its action and determination, plans for a unified, ongoing program for the church, including long-range objectives."

While Methodists throughout the world will have opportunity, through their elected delegates to the 1960 General Conference, to act on whatever quadrennial program may be proposed, the council urges that church members, congregations or general agencies not wait until then to express their viewpoints.

Speaking for the council, Bishop Charles W. Brashares of Chicago, its chairman, invited suggestions on quadrennial emphases for 1960-64 from interested church members and groups or agencies of the denomination.

These suggestions, Bishop Brashares said, should be directed to:

The Rev. Dr. Henry L. Weiss
923 Tenth Avenue
Greeley, Colorado

Dr. Weiss heads the Coordinating Council's program committee.

Or you may want to convey your ideas about the 1960-64 quadrennial program to some member of the 22-member committee whom you personally know. The list includes Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, Ft. Smith, Ark.

The 22-member committee will meet in Washington, D. C., Feb. 17-18, 1958, to begin exploring possible program emphases. They will be glad to hear from you.

of this material be incorporated in **The Methodist Story**.

The council's committee on structure, headed by Dr. J. P. Stafford of Cary, Miss., conducted a hearing on the possible merger of the Board of Temperance, the Board of World Peace, and the Board of Social and Economic Relations. No action on the matter will be taken until the council presents its report to the 1960 General Conference. Reports indicated that the three boards are already working in close cooperation in several phases of their work nationally and in annual conferences.

While the three boards differed somewhat in their presentations, all agreed in calling for further study of the possible merger and assured the council of their willingness to cooperate fully in making such a study.



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ALLAN BURRY

Lawrence, Kan. (MI)—The University of Kansas here will be the scene of the Sixth Quadrennial Methodist Student Conference, December 27 to January 1. About 3,000 college students and counselors are expected to attend the conference. Speakers include Dr. Harold A. Bosley, pastor of First Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill.; Norman Cousins, New York City, editor of the *Saturday Review*; Methodist Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia; and Methodist Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., St. Louis. Dr. H. D. Bollinger, Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., is the conference director, and Allan Burry, Belle Glade, Fla., chairman of the National Methodist Student Commission.

Peace Board Speaks On World Issues

Cleveland, Ohio—A statement on world problems ranging all the way from the Middle East to outer space was adopted by The Methodist Church's Board of World Peace at its annual meeting here Nov. 25-26.

The board also elected two new members to fill vacancies, sent a "get well" message to President Eisenhower, heard reports of an action-packed year by staff members, and made plans for effective service in tense times.

By a close vote, the board turned down a resolution which favored the representation of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations. The resolution had stipulated, however, that "such representation should be accomplished by a just provision for the safety of refugees on Formosa and the self-determination of Formosans."

On the Middle East crisis, the board declared: "The United States can accomplish more for peace and democracy in the Middle East by sponsoring bold solutions to its economic and social problems under the United Nations than by sending arms to unstable or feudalistic governments." It favored establishment of a Middle East Development Agency and an International Straits Commission and called a permanent UN police force "eminently desirable."

On the question of rights to outer space, the board urged the UN General Assembly "to declare the title of the international community and to establish appropriate administrative arrangements." It favored the same title and arrangements by the UN with respect to Antarctica and the bed of the high seas beyond the continental shelf.

TRAFCO Expands Its Facilities

Nashville, Tenn. (MI)—The Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission now has enlarged facilities at its national headquarters in Nashville, Tenn.

A second studio and more office space have been added, and, as a result, TRAFCO now leases the entire building at 1525 McGavock St.

With its enlarged facilities, TRAFCO has been able to produce a motion picture using 21 different studio sets. The most it had used previously in a production in its own studio was five.

The film produced was for the Methodist Board of Temperance. It is to be entitled "How Long The Night?" and released in the spring of 1958. Its purpose is to help people

Coordinating Cou'l Discusses Possible Gen'l Board Merger

Cleveland, Ohio (MI)—The Methodist Church's Coordinating Council held its semi-annual meeting here Nov. 25-26.

During its two-day session, the council discussed coordination of the church's promotional mailings, the possible merger of the denomination's three social action boards, and considered certain property matters.

Dr. Ethan Dodgen of Ft. Smith, Arkansas is a member of the coordinating council, and attended the sessions.

The Rev. Dr. Walter C. Gum of Norfolk, Va., chairman of the council's review committee, presented samples of promotional literature from the various boards and agencies and urged that more

understand and rehabilitate the alcoholic.

Though TRAFCO now has enlarged facilities, more space still is needed for various phases of the commission's operations, said the Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer, Nashville, TRAFCO general secretary.

Reports Successful Seminary Campaign



Exchanging congratulations before a chart which reveals victory in the 14-month-long four-million dollar financial campaign within the state of Ohio for the building of a new theological school are Dr. John W. Dickhaut, left, of Columbus, O., director of the Provisional Organization for the Establishment of the New Theological School, and Bishop Hazen G. Werner, right, Resident Bishop of the Ohio Area, who has served as general chairman of the organization. Bishop Werner made the announcement that the goal had been reached when he spoke over a 14-station radio network on Thanksgiving Day. This is one of two new seminaries that The Methodist Church is organizing, the other to be located in Kansas City.

Retiring Council Head Warns of Distrust Within Fellowship of Church, Christians

St. Louis, Mo. (RNS) — The fourth triennial general assembly of the National Council of Churches opened here with a warning by its retiring president that "lack of faith in one another" is the most costly of all the failures and weaknesses of the Christian Church.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Philadelphia noted that no one is much shocked by the "duplicities" and "hypocrisies" in politics. But, he added, skepticism and hypocrisy also appear with "blighting and crippling effects" in our churches and in the National Council of Churches.

"There is distrust between ministers and laity—the distrust goes both ways," he said. "There is distrust between ecclesiastical officials and ordinary pastors — the grass roots and the 'hierarchies.'

"There is distrust of our conservative constituency by the liberals, theological and political and the opposite. There is distrust between North and South, Eastern seaboard and Middle West, between white and black, between thinkers and doers, activists and mystics, catholic and evangelical, liturgists and free worshippers, rich and not so rich, managers and laborers, owners and wage earners, old and young, men and women."

Dr. Blake emphasized that he was not speaking of mere differences of opinion or of convictions but of mistrust of the integrity and Christianity of those persons who hold to the differences.

"So long as a church is a church and not a sect," he said, "there will

be room in it for a wide variety of conviction and practice, and its life should be enriched by the dialogue that continually goes on among its members."

The answer is contained, he said, in his text from I Corinthians: "Love believes all things."

Bids Laymen Stop Being Tonguetied About Their Religion And Tell Others

CHICAGO (RNS)—A Southern Baptist leader told a laymen's convention of the Reformed Church in America here that Christian men tend to be tongue-tied about their religion.

George W. Schroeder of Memphis, executive secretary of the SBC's Brotherhood Commission, warned the 1,000 delegates to the convention that "it's not enough to pay the bills and let somebody else do the missionary work."

DAR Head Makes Plea For 'Christ In Christmas'

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — A plea to keep "Christ in Christmas" was voiced here by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Frederic A. Groves, DAR president, urged American women to use religious Christmas cards and to acknowledge the "religious significance" of the birth of Christ in all Christmas observances.

"The Satanic forces of anti-Christ as represented by the Communist conspiracy have been busy for many years seeking to destroy the religious significance of Christmas," she said. "We know that they will ultimately fail."

"Christ will stay in Christmas as He will in Eternity. Common-sense would dictate that the whole Christmas observance should center about the Birth of our Lord."

Mrs. Groves said it was "shocking" that, according to a recent survey made by a metropolitan newspaper, only 25 per cent of all Christmas cards today have religious motifs.

She urged American women to recognize the "Sovereignty of our Lord at the celebration of His birth by using appropriate cards and decorations." Joy comes to those "who make the Lord the center of their hearts and homes," Mrs. Groves added.

"We let opportunities slip by when we could say a word for Christ because we don't know how to present our faith to others," he said.

Mr. Schroeder urged the men to "speak up to the man who works beside us who is not a Christian." A New Testament lying on the office desk of every believer, he said, would serve as a "silent invitation" to the interested to inquire about Christianity.

He suggested that Christian laymen mark passages in their New Testaments "that would guide them in sitting down to lead another to Christ."

Mr. Schroeder also urged the men to work with boys in the church "to assure strong laymen tomorrow."

Dept. Store Holds Annual 'Tithe' Sale

Nashville, Tenn. (RNS)—A leading department store here has inaugurated a yearly one-day event during which ten per cent of all sales will go to the church or synagogue designated by the buyer.

The idea was conceived by Fred Harvey, president of Harveys, after he had received three letters and a phone call recently from officials of small denominations asking him for a donation.

"In listening to those people from little churches," he said, "it dawned on me that it takes a lot of courage on their part to ask me for such donations. Harveys has always given as much as possible in the past, but we realized we were missing many deserving churches."

"I saw a chance in which we could help all churches through individual members of the congregations."

Mr. Harvey chose the Monday preceding Thanksgiving Day of each year as the day when the "tithe all sales" will be held.

He said ministers, priests and rabbis of 950 churches and synagogues in the Middle Tennessee trading area have been notified of the plan by a personal letter from him. Some 600 of the churches are in Davidson county of which Nashville is the seat.

Mr. Harvey said the plan will work this way:

Each person making a purchase on the designated day will be asked to indicate on the back of his or her sales ticket the name and address of the specific church or synagogue to which the buyer wishes Harveys to contribute ten per cent of the sale.

"As soon as feasible these sales tickets will be sorted and checks for the full amount mailed out accordingly," Mr. Harvey said.

He said he feels the plan will give "all churches and synagogues an equal opportunity to share in Harveys' religious donations."



Is This Our Greatest Expectation?

THE failure last week by U. S. Naval forces to place a small satellite in space was a disappointment to Americans and their friends, and no doubt served to cause leaders behind the Iron Curtain to look down their noses with great glee. We would not minimize this failure, but it could be the means of reminding all the world that oftentimes great expectations have a way of rewarding little, while other matters of seemingly inconsequential significance sometimes prove earthshaking in their influence.

Almost 20 centuries ago in a little out of the way community of Bethlehem an event transpired about which only a comparatively few persons knew. The people involved were not particularly newsworthy. The scene was in a corner area of a livery stable. A little baby was born of humble parents away from home, numbering among thousands of others being enrolled in the government's census. Who would have ever thought that out of that single event a life was begun that became the most powerful influence for good that the world has ever known?

Other babies were being born that night and in far more pretentious and substantial surroundings. One might speculate that the other parents were in a position to do far more for their children than the parents of the Bethlehem child. One might even suggest that environment, materialistic and cultural advantages, and social position which surrounded other children could very well determine that great things would come of them when they grew to maturity.

As far as the records indicate, there was only one, Herod, who really feared what was happening in Bethlehem. This fear sprang from his suspicion that if what the Wise Men related to him was correct, his own future was in peril. He took care of that matter by ordering a slaughter of male Jewish children. Nothing further could be expected to come of any significance out of the Bethlehem fable.

But where a thousand and one incidents of greater expectation failed to measure up to advance hopes, there came out of this humble, unheralded, and all but overlooked incident the One Person, Whom to know is Life itself. More than once God has chosen the smaller, almost insignificant incidents and things of life to confound the wise. In this incident, He chose humility, love, sacrifice, worship, and song to begin what was to be a Perfect Revelation of Himself to mankind.

Sputniks, Russian and American, will come and go, rise and fall, whirl for a month and maybe for years. Progress in these fields will continue, and the public's pressure will hurry along this nation's satellite and missile program. Our concern just now is that this Christmas season will remind all of us that the nature of our expectations could very well determine our future. What we want the most can be our salvation or our very undoing.

The Jews and the Gentiles, the Greeks and the Romans, weren't expecting the Messiah to be born in a manger in Bethlehem. Most of them weren't looking for a Deliverer. We need not remind our readers where the expectations of these people eventually led them.

Give To The Methodist Home Hospital

THE Louisiana Conference shares with the two Mississippi annual conferences in a unique type of Christian service and ministry in the operation of the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans. Though unique, the service it renders is Christian in every sense of the word.

Methodist churches in these two states consecrate the offerings which they receive at Christmas time to the support of this institution. These offerings make possible its threefold ministry: a home and hospital for unwed mothers; a child-caring institution; and a child-placing agency. Aside from the offerings made at this season of the year, the Home Hospital has little other support.

Through efficient and business-like operation, the administrators of this institution have brought its operation to its greatest effectiveness. The institution has a substantial building, good furnishings and equipment, and a capable staff. Offerings of Methodists at this Christmas season will continue this service which each year makes possible the redemption of life for many.

Circulation Campaign Materials Ready

BY the date of this issue, practically all of the materials for use by local church leaders in the conducting of the annual circulation campaign for subscriptions to this publication will have been prepared and many of them sent to local churches. The rest of the materials will be forwarded shortly after Christmas. Several pastors have already written for materials and at least one entire district has received materials at the request of the district director.

The date of the Area-wide circulation campaign by conference action is set for January 12-19. The publication's staff has endeavored from year to year to have all materials prepared and in the hands of local church leaders shortly after Christmas Day so that local church plans for the circulation campaign may be completed. These materials include lists of subscribers from every pastoral charge in Arkansas and Louisiana, the preparation of which is no small task.

Staff members are grateful for the splendid way in which pastors and local church leaders respond each year in the campaign endeavor. We are confident that this year's circulation campaign will be equally successful in every way.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—The Internal Revenue Service said here that a minister who receives his parsonage rent-free but pays for his utilities can deduct the cost of these utilities for income tax purposes if a part of his salary is set aside as a "housing allowance."

Such allowance will be deductible from gross income for tax purposes to the extent actually used to pay utility bills.

The provision is retroactive to Jan. 1, 1955. A minister can be eligible for a refund on 1955 and 1956 taxes if his church adopts a resolution retroactively designating that part of his income is a housing allowance.

Tax officials said that such retroactive resolutions should be adopted by Dec. 31, 1957.

The housing allowance does not have to be paid the clergyman by separate check. It merely needs to be set up on the books of the church or religious agency so that it is separately identifiable.

The Internal Revenue Service made its statement to clarify a utility provision in new regulations for clergymen which it issued in June. Those regulations enable many clergymen to claim refund for taxes paid on housing allowances in the years 1954-56.

They also exempt from taxes any expense incurred by a clergyman in obtaining housing, including amounts paid for purchase of a house or for maintenance and utilities in a house already owned by him.

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North Arkansas Conference Notes—

Music Institute Held In Jonesboro

By Ira A. Brumley

The North Arkansas Conference held its first weekend institute on music at Jonesboro First Methodist Church, November 22-24, under the leadership of Dr. Bliss Wiant of the General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee, assisted by Miss Sarah Moore Robinson, Dr. Ashley Coffman, Mr. Jo Lee Fleming, Mr. Harold Thompson of the Hendrix College music faculty, and Mrs. Fred Trout, organist for First Methodist Church, Jonesboro.

Rev. E. J. Holifield, district superintendent of Jonesboro District, Rev. J. William Watson of First Methodist Church and his associate, Rev. Fletcher Dodson, together with the other pastors of Jonesboro and of the district gave able assistance in helping get a good group into the institute.

Some representatives of churches outside the district shared in the program.

The program was completed on Saturday night as far as the institute itself was concerned, but a choir from a number of churches conducted a Sunday afternoon musical program in commemoration of the birth of Charles Wesley. This was under the leadership of Dr. Bliss Wiant with Mrs. Fred Trout at the organ and Dr. Coffman leading the choir. The following ministers participated in the program: E. J. Holifield, J. William Watson, Ben F. Jordan, and Ira A. Brumley.

We hope that this institute is but the beginning of this type of program in the North Arkansas Conference.

The program began on Friday evening with an introductory session under the leadership of Dr. Wiant, the dinner being provided by the host church. The tables were beautifully decorated and a delicious meal was served.

We are indebted to Dr. Wiant, the members of the Hendrix staff, and the local church together with many of the other churches for their cooperation under the leadership of the district superintendent of the Jonesboro District.

New Training Record

The North Arkansas Conference has set a new training record for the fall program. The report on training work for 1956-57 up to January 1 showed a total of 1,642 course cards issued. The report for this conference year to December 4 is 1,736, the following being the report by districts:

Batesville District	122
Conway District	314
Fayetteville District	234
Forrest City District	174
Fort Smith District	221
Jonesboro District	311
Paragould District	203
Searcy District	157

A large number of training schools have already been planned for January, February and March. Every indication is that this year will prove to be the best yet in our conference in the field of training work.

Materials On Evangelism

Our conference office has been getting out a packet of materials on church school evangelism for pastors and church school superintendents. Many of these packages have been given out at district conferences or mailed to pastors and church school superintendents.

The church school offers perhaps the largest opportunity in the field of evangelism of any agency in the church.

Our effort this year to "Tell Arkansas About Christ" should challenge our church school workers to make the largest possible use of the church school in this program.

Any pastor or church school superintendent who fails to receive this packet of material before Christmas should write the Board of Education office asking for these materials.

Every church school officer and teacher should consider himself or herself an evangelist, and seek to win at least one person as a member of the church on profession of faith by Easter Sunday. If the more than 5,000 officers and teachers of our church schools in the North Arkansas Conference would become real evangelists, we would show the greatest gains in evangelism we have had in a number of years.

During the past five years seventy-one per cent of all of the additions to the church on profession of faith were members of some church school at the time they united with the church.

Membership Increase

Many church schools are reporting to us plans for increasing their church school membership. Some of these church schools are already reporting larger church school membership than reported to annual conference last June.

Has your church school leadership made an adequate prospect list?

Have your church school leaders set a definite goal for church school membership increase?

Have your church school leaders made adequate plans for reaching all persons for whom your church school should be responsible?

How many members of your local church, living in the community, are not members of your church school?

How many persons now members of your church school of junior age and above are not members of your church?

Baton Rouge Dist. Leadership Training School Announced

The Baton Rouge District leadership training school for adult and youth workers and laboratory-observation school for children's workers will be held January 26-30, at the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

Courses and instructors for the leadership session are: Teaching Youth, Miss Louise Sharp, Shreveport; Adult Work in the Church School, the Rev. George Pearce, Natchitoches; Christian Education in the Church, Earl Turner, Baton Rouge; Commission on Missions Workshop, Dr. Walter Leppert, Nashville, Tenn.; and Christian Beliefs, Dr. W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge.

The schedule calls for assembly at 2 p.m., and classes from 2:30-4:30, Sunday; and Monday through Thursdays, class sessions from 7-9.

For the laboratory-observation school, courses and instructors are: Nursery Group—Winter Quarter, Mrs. R. R. Branton, Lafayette; Kindergarten Group—Stories About Jesus, Mrs. W. F. Bates, No. Little Rock, Ark.; Primary Group—Finding Out About the Bible, Mrs. V. H. Akin, Memphis, Tenn.; and Junior Group—Psalms of Praise, Mrs. Warren Spitze, Baton Rouge. The emphasis of the school is on The Use of the Bible in Teaching and Methods.

There will be an assembly at 2 p.m., Sunday, and the first classes will be held from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Nursery and Kindergarten groups will meet Monday through Thursday mornings from 9 until 12. Primary and Junior groups will be in session Monday through Thursday evenings, 6:30-9:30.

General officers for the school include: the Rev. James Ailor, dean; Marshall Payne, chairman of the board of managers; the Rev. William Irving, treasurer; the Rev. Philip Woodland, secretary; Mrs. Charles Learner, director of laboratory school; and Mrs. Warren

Little Rock Asbury Intermediate Dept. Features Display

The Intermediate Department of Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, observed Universal Bible Sunday, December 8, with a display of work done by the department during the fall quarter and a program on Christian Symbols at the evening worship service.

The ninth grade group displayed a Biblical Museum, containing articles made in miniature. Some of the items were a Palestinian lamp, a Ziggurat, a Bedouin Tenant, Ark of the Covenant, Tablets of Clay, an ancient Altar and a Hebrew pitcher.

The eighth grade group displayed an illustrated book of Bible Stories and an illustrated time chart.

The seventh grade group displayed symbols and their meanings and various translations of the Bible.

The program was built around different crosses and their meaning, beginning with a cross based on the Old Testament, then a cross based on the life of Jesus, a cross based on the followers of Jesus, a cross of the catacombs, a cross based on missionary work, and an emblem of modern times, the MYF emblem. The final part of the program was an installation service for intermediates and they were presented with Methodist Youth Fellowship Pins.

Ross Honea is president of Asbury Intermediate MYF. Other officers are: Kermit Brannon, vice-president; Linda Sparks, secretary; Larry Williams, Methodist Youth Fund treasurer; Ricky Smith and Glen Douglas, Youth Council representatives; Mrs. Bill Hood, adult counselor.

Spitze, assistant director of laboratory school.

Pre-registration cards are to be sent to the Rev. Jim Ailor, Box 1349, Baton Rouge, La., by December 15.

Ideas Given For Perfecting Church School Program

Consider your opportunities in the Quadrennial Emphasis. The bishops have asked that this year attention be given to perfecting the organization and program of the church school. Here are ideas:

—Have you made the self-study of your church school called for in the Quadrennial Emphasis?

—Do you have a live commission on education that meets monthly and really works?

—Do you have adequate division and department organization appropriate for the size of your school?

—Are new classes organized as there is need?

—Do you have a complete church school including (1) Sunday school, (2) Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship, (3) weekday activities, and (4) home and extension service?

—Does your workers' conference function well, meeting at least quarterly?

Secure from your conference board of education or from the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee, a free copy of A Brief Explanation of the Quadrennial Emphasis (8406-B).—From Newsletter, a bulletin for church school superintendents and chairmen of commissions on education, published bi-monthly by the Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education.

LIVING AT RANDOM

Wandering stars in the heavens are a very rare sight. Only very occasionally do we see a shooting star. And comets are so rare they are recorded by name and remembered for years.

Yet, as I write these lines, two man-made objects, Sputnik I and Sputnik II, are revolving around the world. Their names will long be remembered. Someday they will falter and fall to the earth from which they were catapulted.



But the heavenly bodies are so marvelously steady. It is no wonder the Psalmist exclaimed, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

It is strange how any motorist who has tried to thread his way through the traffic of our large cities can disbelieve in a Divine Mind that directs the traffic of the Milky Way. Surely, it has been truly said, "The undevout astronomer is mad."

And we can understand why such brilliant students of the heavens as Millikan in our own country and the late Sir James Jeans in England should be profound believers in a Divine Creator.

But when we turn our gaze from heavenly bodies to human beings, we do not find such regularity and coordination of movement. Suppose the mythical man from Mars were to observe the motions of our human race.

Suppose he were to see us scurrying swiftly at the intersections of our streets or scrambling over one another to board our buses and trains. Suppose he were to note the way we jump from one interest to another. Suppose he were to observe our wayward and unsteady moral conduct.

And then suppose he were to watch long enough to see us who are so humane in our care for our children and neighbors become so inhuman and cruel that every few years we turn to killing our fellow men as our main business.

Suppose the man from Mars were to see all this, would he see anything

comparable to the steadiness and orderliness of the heavens. Would he be able to figure out any central sun around which we human beings revolve? Might he not conclude that we were all "wandering stars"?

Well, that has been the conclusion of some observers of the human scene. Shortly after World War I Hamilton Gibbs wrote a novel entitled "Soundings." In it he has one of his characters take a trip down across Europe, especially the southeastern part. And he sees the people of the various nations trying to outdo and outboast the others, like small boys shouting in a dark wood to show they are not afraid.

As he sees each national group pursuing its own petty self-interest while eloquently proclaiming universal brotherhood, they seem to him like blindfolded camels turning endlessly around an Egyptian water wheel, believing in their blindness they are going to endless lengths while in reality they tread and retread their rutted path.

But such pessimistic moods do not persist in the world's best minds. The great minds of the ages after looking at man in all his wayward wanderings have said what the Psalmist said, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." The same God who controls the rolling spheres has also given laws by which human beings can be converted and coordinated from chaos to order.

The finding and following of God's spiritual laws for man has been a long and painful process. Orderly society is harder to organize than the physical order of the heavens, for man is greater than the stars.

Men are strange beings of dust and dreams. They grope and grovel in the mud, but they also climb the ladders of hope. They have in them something of the beast which loves the jungle and something of the angel which loves the Lord. The Creator can control stars and stones and trees without their consent. But He has made man with a free mind and spirit.

Man is more than a sputnik held in circuit by the laws of gravitation. Man is more than a dog which can be placed in a sputnik or led around by a chain. Man is designed to grow up as a child of God. Hence he must be given freedom to develop.

He may misuse his liberty and become what the Scriptures calls a "wandering star," living at random and lapsing into darkness. Or he can choose to "seek first the Kingdom of God," set his purposes to revolve around God and thus "shine more and more unto the perfect day."

The Layman's Column

By
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North Arkansas Conference



GROWING IN STATURE

My little grandson, Michael, has a normal small boy's imagination. One hour he says with sincerity, "I'm a fireman," and the next hour, as earnestly he announces that he is a jet pilot. Before the day is over he has become half a dozen thrilling heroes; at least in his imagination. But by bedtime he has returned to the role of a tired little boy, anxious to be put to bed by loving parents. All his active imaginations have faded into nothing more than easily forgotten memories. They have not changed his size or added to his bravery.

Imagination is a wonderful thing. Dreams are the stuff of great achievements; but the truly great dreamer knows that he cannot imagine or dream himself into a position or role of great importance. Regardless of the so-called power of certain types of thinking, none of us can "think" ourselves into joy or virtue. Certainly by thinking alone we cannot bring ourselves into God's favor. We can't "think" ourselves a fraction of an inch higher than we are. Nor can we "think" ourselves one whit better than we are. Jesus made this very clear by asking his hearers one day, "Which one of you can make yourself one cubit higher by thinking?" It seems to me that Jesus may have been talking then about spiritual stature as well as physical stature. If that is so, then how can we grow, either physically or spiritually?

We can be thankful that there is a power constantly surrounding us, which can help us to grow, both physically and spiritually. The grace of God; that undeserved outpouring of God's power; flows around us continually. It cannot help us, though, until we reach for it, because as powerful as God is, He cannot force us to accept His blessings, even though they are the most wonderful and most powerful blessings known to mankind. Growing in stature, then, is not a matter of thinking or wishing what we want to be. It is a matter of asking God to come into our lives and to make us great Christians, capable of being large enough in spirit to grow into the kind of persons that God would have us to be, in order to meet our daily needs.

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Held

"THERE'S A STAR IN THE SKY"

There is evidence that more people in America—yes, and around the world—have been watching the sky, and "the heavens," and "the stars" these past few weeks than during any previous similar period in history. And what men saw, and thought, and conjectured has greatly troubled them.

There has been a "new star" in the heavens. It has been a man-made star, a miniature star—but a threatening and ominous "star" up among the stars that proclaim the majesty and might of God, the Creator. It has been almost a challenge to that Creator himself. It is a star that has made man fear and tremble; it has brought to men's hearts a strange foreboding of evil, a sharpening of the feeling that all is not right upon the earth and among men, a dread of a morrow with whole galaxies of unfriendly and evil-showering "stars."

Men were "sore afraid" when they saw that strange star and heard that unfamiliar music in the heavens of almost 2,000 years ago. But the angel of the Lord quieted their fears: "I bring you good tidings of great joy." . . . But there is no quieting of the fears that have seized men this year in which a synthetic "star" makes its revolutions around the earth. No angel visitant says, "Fear not!" The deeper Spirit that is in man knows that it is an awesome moment in which mankind has gained a new secret of God's creation—has eaten greedily from the Tree of Knowledge, if you will—yet does not yet know how to use that secret for the happiness and good of the whole race. Scientists join statesmen, and philosophers join publicists, in aggravating the fear with which we view the new appearance in the heavens.

And now we come to another season when we customarily sing praises and give vent to joy at the meaning, and hope, and promise, and message of the "Star in the East." Our song is somewhat less spontaneous, the light from the Star of Peace seems somewhat less bright, because of the hiss of that other star, and the fear-evoking song of hate that goes with it—or that

we, in our perplexity, believe goes with it. To many it would seem that the Star of Peace and the star of threat are headed toward collision—with the human race a pawn in the struggle.

The contrast between these "stars"—these divergent purposes of God and man, these philosophies of human living—stands with new clarity and sharpness this Christmas season. We seem at a point in history where we must choose between the ideals presented by these two stars. And we must know what our choice entails, and where it leads us. The Star that announced the coming of the Prince of Peace is still the symbol of goodwill and brotherhood, still carries God's message to man: but if the message is unheeded, if the Prince is unaccepted, there is little hope and the future is indeed bleak. The "star" that man's new understanding of God's secrets and mysteries has sent whirling into the heavens—puny and short-lived though it may be—does reveal something more of God's greatness, and something more of God's faith that man will use this new power wisely. It can, indeed, give new promise to mankind. But if man boasts of his own might—not acknowledging God's part, grasping it for selfish purposes—that boasting engenders fear and hate in others; and the new gift, the "star," can become an instrument for man's destruction. The hour of "choosing a star" seems fast approaching.

If, in the centuries since the Star of Peace appeared, the angels and wisemen welcomed the Messenger from God, men had lived true to what was then declared and taught, we would have little to fear from a man-made "star" or from the boastings and possible designs of its makers. The fact that we have been so slow in marching into that envisioned era of peace, goodwill, and brotherhood is the reason man now fears the work of other men's hands—even the works of his own. The fear in men's hearts, like the "star" itself, is of man's own making: it is not inherent in the revealed secret. We should, by this day, be happy and rejoice that a group in the human family has been entrusted with new secrets of the universe. We should know that the secrets are ours, too, to use and enjoy. . .

The Christmas Star, the Light, and Song are still in today's sky. May they be our choice. May they direct our thoughts and our actions in these momentous days. May they lead us into that fellowship we have too long neglected.

When Shall We Stop Giving?

By Benjamin S. Burkett

PRAISE THE LORD! I've been a Christian for sixty years and it hasn't cost me a cent!" In a small country church in Virginia, an elderly woman, who still believes in shouting and praising the Lord in revivals, seems to have expressed the sentiment of too many church-goers. Of course she probably didn't really mean that she'd never given to the church, but in her religious zeal she had revealed more of the truth than she had intended.

Religion, to her, was free but she failed to realize that it costs a great deal to maintain churches and carry on the good works in all their ramifications. There are so many demands made for money one sometimes wonders just how the budget can be expanded to meet all the necessary needs.

The Demands Are Many

When we are confronted with all the demands we may sometimes wonder if we are not expected to give more than we can afford. But do we remember the source of our income and give thanks? If God didn't give us the income, we certainly would not have the wherewithal to make our numberless donations. "So neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." (1st Cor. 3:7.)

There may be some who feel that a dime or a quarter or perhaps a dollar dropped into the contribution box gives them ample grace for the day and that they have done their share of giving. If you feel that the church owes you your religion without a regular contribution, than you should realize that giving is living. In this connection, we should think not as giving our own wealth, but returning to God a part of what God has given to us. For God has given the increase and expects us to give back a part of what profit we have received from His gifts to us.

The Working Out Of God's Will

A widow who supported herself and her son of fifteen by taking in washing and performing various chores in her community in a village of about half a hundred souls, was called upon to contribute to the local charity organization. "Haven't enough meal for two days, and my son can't get enough work to support him in school," she said to the man who called on her. "But I am able to work and I know the Lord will provide for me." She rose, walked to the dresser in the corner and took the last dollar bill she had and handed it to the man, saying: "There must be some one who has less to eat and wear than I do."

Three days later, as miraculous as Christ feeding the multitude with a few loaves and a couple small fishes, the mailman left a letter for her in her mailbox. The letter contained ten dollars which she had never expected to receive from her husband's partner in a small store before he died. In checking over his books, the grocer discovered that he had shortchanged the widow's husband ten dollars and had mailed her the money.

Miracles! No, just the mysterious working of God's will. Give and it will be given to you many times over. It was the widow's mite which elicited the kind words from the Master, when He said she had given more than all the rest—she had given all she had. A small token given from the heart is better than a large gift grudgingly contributed.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." For those who tithe have learned that giving does not impoverish them, but adds to their storehouse of wealth. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (James 1:5)

"Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year." (Deut. 14:22.) God did not demand only Gold and Silver, but of the increase of whatever came to the possessor. A successful business, prosperous farm crop and other enterprises, are the gift of God.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." (Malachi 3:8.)

Wondering How Gifts Are Used

We are prone to say occasionally that we'd give freely if we knew it would be wisely spent after it reaches the contribution box. This same sentiment is often uttered in connection with taxes paid to the state or national government. And that is not apparently an unreasonable attitude to assume for our government does seem to spend money quite recklessly at times. So it would seem that our donations should be wisely spent and doubtless they are generally so used.

But are we to limit our giving because we may not agree with the use to which our money is utilized? Again, we should remember that the only real gift is a portion of thyself. The reward of a thing well done, is to have done it.

*"The gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feed three—
Himself, his hungry neighbor and me."*

God Never Stops Giving

Let us remember that God never stops giving to us. "And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." (Gen. 28:22.) Of the many famines in Biblical history, God gave relief when the people rightly called on their God with a contrite heart. In Job 5:20, we find this comforting statement, "In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword."

After all, when we give to God, aren't we really giving to ourselves? We're really paying a small price for God's love and care and making the down payment on our heavenly home.

Abraham gave his son Isaac, or at least was willing to obey God's command, and God was so pleased that he did not permit Abraham to consummate the sacrifice. God gave his only begotten son—the greatest gift ever made. We must always meet our part of the obligation. The widow who gave all she had first gave herself to God. She wholly relied upon the promise that God had made that she would not be forsaken. Her small amount of supply was to her as a famine, "They shall not be ashamed in evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied." (Psalms 37:19.) She was persuaded that her God would take care of her and she had the urge to do her mite to prove her faith. "But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches

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A Business
Collision

By
Rev. R. A. Teeter



and this is how it happened. Mr. Moss ran a country store that sold everything from food to funeral supplies—from corn to coffins. The Bland brothers were customers of his, on credit. In a holiday celebration they bought gas for their jalopy—on credit. At the same time they were drinking whisky which they had bought elsewhere for cash. Mr. Moss protested. They said; "Now look here, this is our business." "Yes," he said, "it is, but sooner or later it is going to run into my business." A few hours later one brother came back to buy—on credit—a coffin for the other, killed in a "drunk driver crash." Mr. Moss remarked to me: "I told them that their business would some day run into my business and it has."

This is not primarily a discussion of sobriety. It goes farther than that. Many things other than gasoline and whisky do not mix successfully. In fact the idea of "my business, none of yours" can be carried too far. It frequently is. And often it takes a tragedy to make us see clearly that "we are bound together in the bundle of life." Of course we believe in individual freedom of thought and action. But this freedom must operate under law and not license. This is what self-denial means—modifying our desires and actions for the larger good. At least that is part of its deep and wide meaning. And it always turns out that the larger good is for us as well as for our neighbor. St. Paul put it this way: "No man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself."

in glory by Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:19.)

God's Requirements Of Us

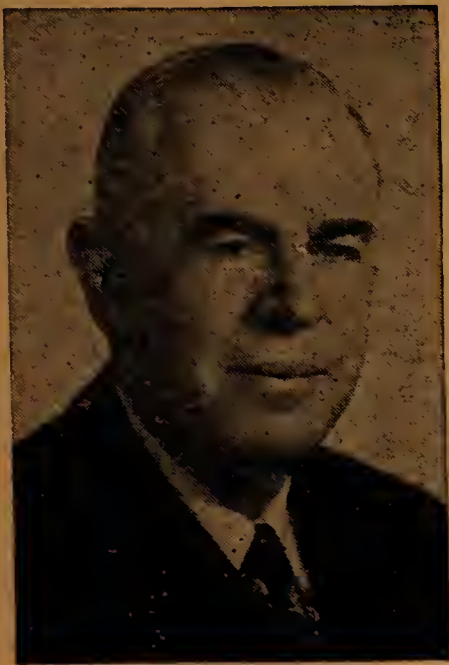
God always requires something of us before He grants our need or request. He requires a stronger faith than the lady who prayed that the mountain which she could see from her window be removed and carried elsewhere. The next morning she got up and looked out the window to see the mountain was still there. "Just as I had expected," she said. That's not the kind of faith God requires of us.

So when we grow critical and in doubt about how much to give and when to stop giving, let us recall Edwin Markham's poem, and stop giving only when God stops giving us.

*"Go break to the hungry sweet
charity bread,
For giving is living," the angel
said.
"Must I give again and again?"
"No," said the angel, piercing me
through.
"Just stop—when the Lord stops
giving you."*

And it is well to remember always that our finest gift can not equal God's gift; He gave his only begotten son. That was true giving. We should go and do likewise—by giving all we can.

SUNDAY,



From Bishop Martin

Our gifts in this season of goodwill to and among men will make possible the continuation of the "Good Samaritan" service rendered by our Church through this institution.

CHAPEL IMPROVEMENTS

One of our former patients has given a Gorham silver baptismal bowl. All of us here are grateful for these gifts from our many friends.

From Bishop Franklin

During this Christmas season, I call on the Methodists of Mississippi to open their hearts with redemptive love to these girls of ours, and then open their purses generously to make them know that somebody cares for them. Let this Christmas offering be the expression of our Christian concern and our basic belief that one who has lost the way can find the path of redemption again.

A black and white portrait of a middle-aged man with short, dark hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a light-colored shirt, and a dark tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a plain, light color.

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A girl comes to us despondent, doubting, uncertain because of the lack of understanding of the people back for the better. She responds to counsel and messages of Heavenly Father's forgiveness. All bitterness toward to find a fine Christian, Protestant home for its future leaves the baby and the Home Hospital to take her, another evidence of the power of God to redeem life.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We thank you for the wonderful support you
past and we feel sure that you will continue your
Hospital Day comes to your church, feel it a joy and
Christ-like cause.

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abused. Her parents share her feelings. She is resentful. In a few days her spirit experiences a notable change. She kneels at our beautiful altar and knows the pain is gone. Her baby arrives and she gives it to the Church. After a month she is completely recovered and active in the church, community, family, and society, as

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From The Superintendent

To Our Friends at Christmas Time:

Let me thank you for your many generous contributions which have been made during the year. Our attention needs to be called to the constantly rising costs of hospitalization in every field. Therefore our support for the Methodist Home Hospital cannot lag. We must at least keep it at the present level and raise it some if possible.

The time before Christmas is the period when our friends remember us in a special way. The appropriation by the local churches for the maintenance of the Methodist Home Hospital is an amount equal to 4 per cent of the pastor's salary. The Louisiana Conference has set aside Sunday, December 22, as the time to receive a special offering for the Home Hospital maintenance fund. This can be a great day in the support of this wonderful work of the Lord and His church. We know we can depend upon the earnest and enthusiastic presentation of this cause by the pastor and his faithful laymen.

A number of churches, classes and Woman's Societies are planning showers in addition to the special offering. If you are planning such a shower the following articles are needed: diapers, infant baby shirts (without strings), diaper shirts for small babies, maternity clothes (all sizes).

I would like to thank the ministers of the Louisiana Conference for their continued courtesies during the year. I appreciate the privilege of preaching in many of your fine churches. Please continue to call on me.

Let me assure you that your Home Hospital is in full, successful operation.

All who see the building and meet the staff are delighted. Come see us soon.

Best wishes to you and yours for the very best Christmas you have ever had.

Sincerely
L. D. Haughton
Superintendent



REV. L. D. HAUGHTON

The Girl's Rehabilitation Fund

Patients who are leaving our Home Hospital are given final counselling by members of our fine staff. Together they make plans for the baby and for the immediate future of the girl. In these talks many times it is indicated that the girl needs a few dollars at least until she gets a salary check. Up until a few months ago there was no provision made in our budget to provide such funds. Here our plan broke down. To send her out with no funds might subject her to temptation again. To meet this need our Board has set aside a fund each year. It is carefully administered. If possible we ask that it be a loan. It is proving to be a great help in completing our services to our girls.

Hope Dist. Reports On Youth Work

By Jerry Rodgers

Hope District MYF President

The Hope District Youth Council held its first meeting of the new year, June 8 and 9 at Nashville, Ark. First on the agenda was the budget for the coming year. Money was set aside for the transportation of guest speakers to district meetings and council members to and from council meetings. The remaining funds were to be used miscellaneous. A pledge was to be given by each Sub-district. The next item of business was the summer Youth Rally. It was planned for July 8, with Ashdown as host. Probable sites for other district meetings were also chosen. The fall meeting was at DeQueen, Mid-Winter Institute will be at Nashville, and the spring meeting at Mineral Springs.

Summer Youth Rally

A new event in the Hope District, the Summer Youth Rally, was held at the First Methodist Church, Ashdown, July 8. This rally, the first of the year, was very successful with 200 in attendance. The meeting began at 6 p.m. with recreation led by Miss Marilyn Lee. The evening program began at 7 p.m. with a short worship service followed by the business meeting. After the business meeting was adjourned the youth were divided into discussion groups to discuss the question of "What We Believe." When the discussion ended, everyone took time out for refreshments after which reports were given by the discussion groups and the closing message was given by the guest speaker, the Rev. F. Gladwin Connell.

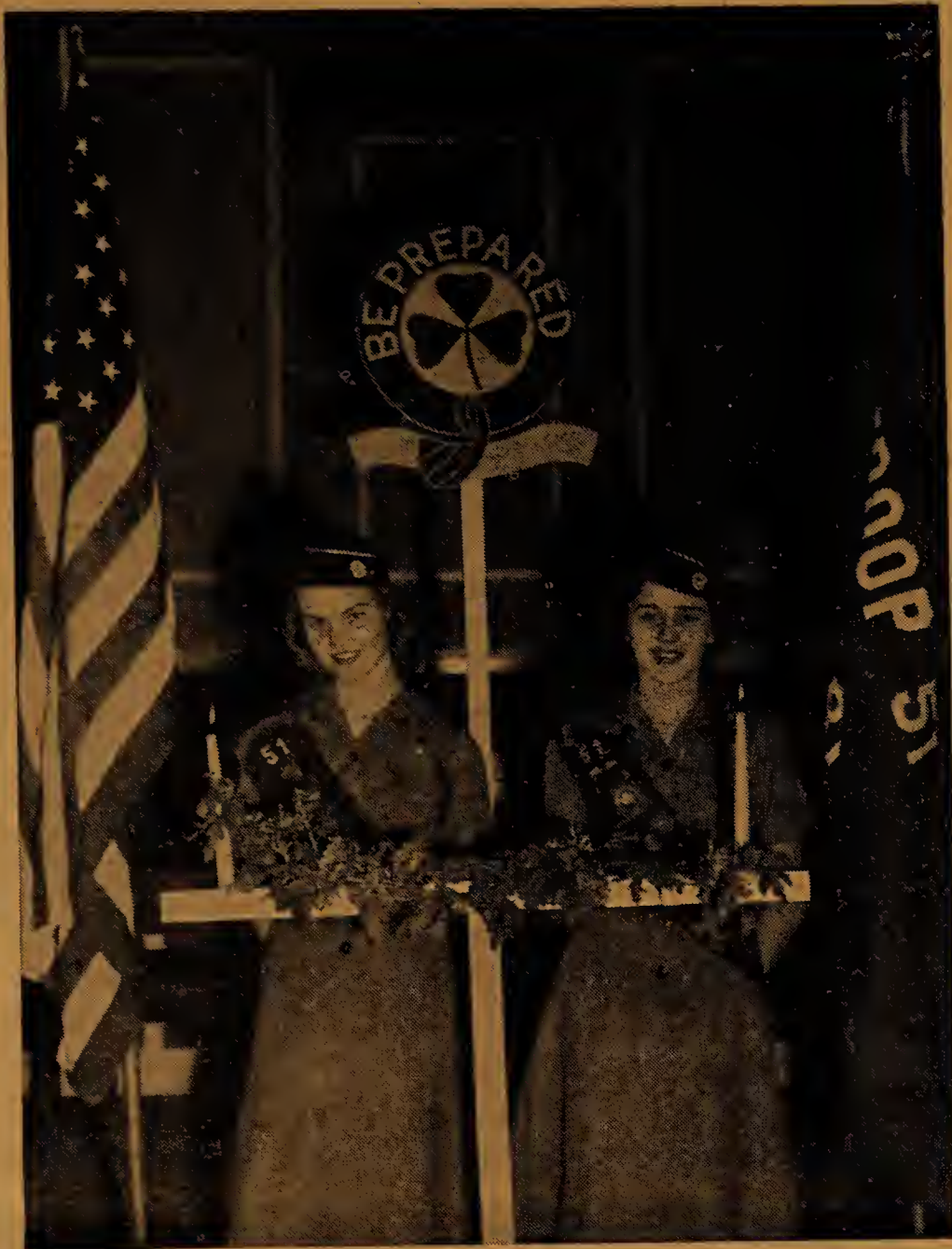
The second council meeting was held August 11 at DeQueen with 8 members and Rev. W. D. Golden, the district youth counselor, present. The first item of business on the agenda was the Sub-district calendar for the coming year. It was planned to the fullest using as the main topics the ones set up by the conference or closely related material. They are: Bible Study, MYFund, Christian Witness Missions. The second item was the Fall Youth Rally. It was decided that it would be held in DeQueen, September 28, beginning at 5 p.m. with a hamburger fry.

Fall Rally At DeQueen

The fall Youth Rally was held at DeQueen, September 28, as planned with another very good attendance of more than 200 compared with 44 the year before. The meeting began at 5:00 p.m. with a hamburger fry on the church lawn. The evening program began at 7 p.m. with a short worship service followed by the business meeting. After the business meeting, the evening message was brought by the Rev. Howard L. Williams, pastor of College Hill Methodist Church, Texarkana. Concluding, there was a skit presented by the Miller-Little River Sub-district.

The third council meeting of the year was held November 3, at DeQueen with six members present. The main item of business was the planning of the Mid-Winter Institute which will be held December 30-31 at Nashville. The two days' activities were planned to the letter. Next, Joe Crain of Hope was appointed to fill the office of

Parkin Girl Scouts Receive Awards



The Curved Bar, highest award obtainable by Girl Scouts, has been earned by Jo Ann Cooper (left) and Carol Sisk of Troop 51, Parkin, Ark. The ceremony was held recently in the Parkin Methodist Church where both girls are members. Carol is president of the MYF. Mrs. E. L. Farris is troop leader.

Christian Witness vacated by Jackie Bennett.

District Officers

Officers for 1957-58 are: president, Jerry Rodgers, Mena; vice-president, Marilyn Clay, Lockesburg; secretary, Tish Tabler, Ben Lomond; treasurer, Alice Henderson, Ashdown; Christian Faith, Zollene Bennett, Texarkana; Witness, Jackie Bennett, Nashville; Citizenship, Joan Davis, Texarkana; Outreach, Robert Norwood, DeQueen; and Fellowship, Anita Erb, Texarkana.

School Of Alcohol Studies Planned

Conferences should plan now to send their chairmen of Christian Citizenship and perhaps one adult to the 1958 Youth School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action, says the Rev. Joseph W. Bell of the Youth Department staff, General Board of Education.

The 1958 school is scheduled for July 28-Aug. 3. The place will be announced later.

The school held last summer at Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan, brought together 75 persons from 40 conferences and 30 states. Lectures were supplemented by excellent work in five workshops which explored the problems in this area.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Grand Prairie

The Grand Prairie Sub-District which is composed of the Lonoke, Carlisle, Hamilton, Hazen, DeValls Bluff and Des Arc Methodist Churches held its regular monthly meeting at Lonoke, Monday evening, November 25, at 7:30 o'clock. One hundred seven members were in attendance with Des Arc having the greatest number present.

The Lonoke MYF presented the program which was on "Christian Faith."

During the business session which was presided over by Miss Nettie Sue Miller of Hazen, it was decided to take a special Christmas offering at the December meeting to be sent to the Children's Home in Little Rock.

The evening's entertainment was under the direction of the Rev. John Hassler, Conference Director of Youth Activities.

Refreshments consisting of hot dogs, cold drinks and cookies were served.

The next meeting will be held at De Valls Bluff.

It is expected that annual conferences will use these people constructively in conference and district enterprises.

Story of Wesley Is Fifth Annual Reading Project

The Burning Thirst by Lydel Sims is the book chosen for use in the fifth annual Reading Project for Methodist youth.

The book is a story of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, whose life was one of "intense inner excitement as well as high drama in its outward circumstances."

The reading project is sponsored jointly by the youth staffs of the Editorial and Local Church divisions of the General Board of education.

"The encouragement in faith which youth will receive from *The Burning Thirst* is seeing some of their own religious doubts and perplexities reflected in John Wesley's experience and in recognizing that the victory comes through continued devotion, struggle, search and service," says the promotion flyer.

The flyers are free and are available in quantity from the Service Department, P.O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

The book itself will be available January 15, 1958, from The Methodist Publishing House serving you. Prices, 35 cents each; 30 cents each for ten or more copies.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

PERSONAL IDENTITY

The way I hear the story the courting couple had engaged in a violent quarrel. Though they had been engaged for several months, they broke up. Each was too proud to make the first move toward reconciliation. One evening the young man had to call on his former fiancée's father on a business matter. He walked up the familiar steps and rang the familiar doorbell, and when the door opened he saw her familiar face. "Miss Jones?" he asked coldly. "Yes," was her equally frigid answer. "May I see your father?" "Unfortunately he isn't in," she answered in icy politeness. "Do you want to see him personally?" The boy said, "Yes, on important business. Thank you."

As he went down the front steps, she called, "Just a moment." Feeling certain she was yielding, he paused and replied, "Yes?"

"When he returns," she said, "whom shall I say called?"

It may not really have happened, but it could, don't you think? It points up one of the really big problems confronting youth today. The problem is one simply of personal identity. Do people know who you are? Do people care who you are? Do people care that you are a person?

Soon after World War I, at a national convention of the American Legion, a man walked to the center of the platform in the convention hall and faced thousands of delegates. As the spotlight played on him, he called out in a voice with tragic overtones that could be heard in the farthest corner of the hall, "Can anyone tell me who I am?" The victim of amnesia as the result of shell-shock, his presence there was dictated by the hope that one of his war-time buddies would

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Mrs. Iona Henry Elected Home Missions Executive



MRS. IONA HENRY

Mrs. Iona Henry, Rutherford, N. J., a former college professor and author of the recent book, "Triumph Over Tragedy," has been elected a home missions executive of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Mrs. Henry was elected September 26 as an assistant secretary of the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division by the executive committee of the mission board.

Born in Richmond, Kan., Mrs. Henry is the daughter

of the late Rev. C. V. Shulenberger, a Methodist minister for many years in eastern Kansas, and Mrs. Shulenberger, now Mrs. Herbert Royer of Topeka, Kan. Mrs. Henry studied four years at Baker University, Baldwin, Kan., and was graduated in 1930 with a bachelor of arts degree in English.

After a brief period as a teacher in Kansas high schools, Mrs. Henry married the late V. B. Henry, son of the Rev. Dr. A. E. Henry, Wichita, Kan., a retired member of the Central Kansas Methodist Conference. For several years the Henrys lived in Chicago and in 1938 moved to New Jersey, living first in Rutherford and later in Chatham.

In 1952 Mrs. Henry suffered two family tragedies. Her daughter died of illness and only two weeks later her husband and son were killed in a train-car collision near St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Henry herself was critically injured.

It was out of her personal and spiritual struggle to regain meaning and purpose for life after the tragedies that Mrs. Henry wrote the book, "Triumph Over Tragedy." It was published last April by the Fleming Revell Company and was written in collaboration with Dr. Frank Mead, religious editor of the publishing firm.

After a year of convalescence, Mrs. Henry enrolled at New York University and in 1953 received a master of arts degree in English and higher education. That fall she was appointed a professor of English at Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C., and taught there three years.

In the fall of 1956, Mrs. Henry received a fellowship for study on a doctor of philosophy degree at Kansas City University in Kansas City, Mo. She studied there until last June, when she transferred to New York University to continue on a doctorate in higher education.

Mrs. Henry is a member of the Methodist Church in Chatham, N. J., and an associate member of the Methodist Church in Rutherford. While in Kansas City, she was an associate member of Central Methodist Church. She has been active in the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for several years and is a member of the Woman's College Club, the Rutherford branch of the American Association of University Women.

Little Rock District Holds Workshop

The Little Rock District Woman's Society of Christian Service held a Workshop on Promotion at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Little Rock, November 12.

Mrs. Don Cameron, president of Little Rock District, introduced the leaders: Mrs. M. E. Scott, president of Little Rock Conference Woman's Society, Mrs. Alvin Stone, vice president, Mrs. James Verhoeff, treasurer, and Mrs. Ross Helvie, secretary of promotion.

Others on the program were Rev. Elbert Jean, host pastor, Mrs. James Rice, district Promotion secretary, and Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw, treasurer. The Workshop convened at 9 a.m. and continued until 3:30 p.m.

Those invited to attend were presidents, vice presidents, treasurers, and promotion secretaries of the local societies. Representatives from the following local societies attended: Austin Circuit, Bethel, Carlisle, Asbury, Capitol View, First Church, Hunter Memorial, Highland, Pulaske Heights, St. Luke's, St. Paul, 28th Street, Winfield, and Mabelvale.

The purpose of the Workshop was to improve techniques of promotion of the purposes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Religious Liberty Stamp Features Bible

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — A three-cent stamp honoring religious liberty which the Post Office will issue Dec. 27 has the Bible as its central design.

The stamp will commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Flushing Remonstrance. This was a protest by citizens of Flushing, N. Y., against an edict by Dutch Governor Peter Stuyvesant banning Quakers. It is believed to be the earliest declaration of religious liberty by ordinary citizens in American history.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield said the Bible in the stamp design "bespeaks the everlasting truth." Next to the Bible is a Pilgrim-style hat which he said is "symbolic of the people of the times." An inkwell and quill pen beside the Bible symbolize "men's determination to speak the truth through the written word," the Postmaster explained.

The stamp will be placed on sale for the first time at Flushing on Dec. 27 in connection with an observance of the tercentenary there. The observance will center around Bowne House, residence of John Bowne who staunchly defended the rights of Quakers.

Some 100 million copies of the stamp will be printed for sale at post offices throughout the country.

This is the second time the Bible has been pictured on a U.S. postage stamp. The first was the 1956 Labor Day commemorative issue which depicted a section of the mural in the new AFL-CIO headquarters building in Washington. The section shows a mother reading to her child from the "Book of Life" — the Bible.

North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service

SECOND QUARTER REPORT—1957-58

Mrs. William Hall, Treasurer

Balance brought forward	\$10,548.52	W.S.C.S.	320.00
RECEIPTS		W.S.G.	50.00
Pledge:		In Remembrance:	
W.S.C.S.	\$12,055.60	W.S.C.S.	54.00
W.S.G.	3,474.59	MYF, W.S.C.S.	299.76
Memberships:		Children, W.S.C.S.	6.03
W.S.C.S.	320.00	Total—W.S.C.S.	\$10,975.41
W.S.G.	50.00	Total—W.S.G.	3,524.59
In Remembrance:		Total on Appropriations ..	\$14,500.00
W.S.C.S.	54.00	Supply—Home	1,638.23
Result of Study:		Supply—Foreign	866.89
W.S.C.S.	145.65	Week of Prayer	3,488.76
Supplies—Home:		Supplementary	50.00
W.S.C.S.	1,433.27		
W.S.G.	204.96		
Supplies—Foreign:		Total to Division	\$20,543.88
W.S.C.S.	690.75	OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	
W.S.G.	176.14	COOPERATIVE	
Week of Prayer:		Booneville Project	\$ 99.99
W.S.C.S.	2,828.37	Sunshine Fund	25.00
W.S.G.	660.39	Car Expense	240.00
Narcotic Education:		Narcotic Education	250.00
W.S.C.S.	774.05	ADMINISTRATIVE	
W.S.G.	139.43	District Cultivation	864.00
Pins, W.S.C.S.	2.25	Conference Cultivation ..	280.55
Exchange, W.S.C.S.	3.00	Miscellaneous	1,446.25
Supplementary:		(Minutes, meals,	
W.S.C.S.	50.00	Insurance, etc.)	\$ 3,205.79
Total—W.S.C.S.	\$18,356.94	Total other disbursements	\$ 3,205.79
Total—W.S.G.	4,705.51	Total Disbursements	23,749.67
Total received from		Balance in Bank	10,170.43
District Treasurers	\$23,062.45	Total accounted for	\$33,920.10
OTHER RECEIPTS			
MYF Fund	299.76	SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS	
Children	6.03	FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT — Adult:	
Refunds	3.34	Mrs. Stokes Ballard, Mrs. Majorie Boyles,	
Total—Other Receipts	309.13	Gravette; Mrs. F. M. Seitz, Green Forest;	
Total to be accounted for	\$33,920.10	Mrs. Louise Murry, Siloam Springs.	
DISBURSEMENTS		SEARCY DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. Otis	
TO DIVISION		Wilson, W.S.G., Harrison.	
Pledge:		CONWAY DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. Ray	
W.S.C.S.	\$10,295.62	Wood, Conway District; Mrs. James D.	
W.S.G.	3,474.59	Gibson, Atkins; Mrs. R. R. Cooper, Rus-	
Memberships:		sellville; Mrs. Nolen M. Minton, W.S.G.,	
		North Little Rock. Baby: Jane Alice Cath-	

News In Brief

Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., president of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, fell several weeks ago and broke an ankle in four places, which will necessitate her wearing a cast for several months. She is now at her home, 3655 Piping Rock Lane, Houston 19, Texas, and all of her friends wish for her a speedy and complete recovery.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Sherrill Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Guy Rowland Monday afternoon, November 25, at 2:00 o'clock. Mrs. Viola Mitchell was co-hostess. Mrs. Harvey Braden was the program leader. The program theme was "Christ on the Campus." Mrs. A. R. Merritt was given a Life Membership Pin by the Society. A dessert plate was served to the fourteen members in attendance.

er, Lakewood.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. B. L. Ware, Fort Smith Goddard Memorial; Mrs. Lorene Stokes, Van Buren St. Johns. Baby: Mary Gail Wilder, Van Buren St. Johns.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Baby: Margaret Ann Walter, Piggott.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. Floy H. Baker, Moorefield.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—Adult: Mrs. Winnie Marr, Hickory Ridge; Mrs. Ben Jordan, Jonesboro Huntington Ave. Baby: James Leon Wilson, Lake View.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. JAMES T. HARRIS, superintendent of the Monroe District, was guest preacher at the morning worship service of the Tallulah Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 8. During the service he performed the service of Infant Baptism for Carlyon Ann Mayo, daughter of the pastor, Rev. William F. Mayo, and Mrs. Mayo.

REV. JAMES W. LAWTON, Minister of Education, of the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, preached at the Thanksgiving service at the church on Nov. 28. Special music was rendered in the form of a duet by Sharon Harris and Betty Jo Blades. Rev. James L. Stovall is pastor of the church.

REV. CLYDE SHAW, pastor of the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, Alexandria, presented an organ recital of Charles Wesley hymns, Nov. 20, at the Southside Methodist Church, Monroe. This program was sponsored by the Commission on Evangelism, Pete Medak, chairman. Rev. Lea Joyner is pastor of the church.

UNION THANKSGIVING Services were held at the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, with Rev. Eugene Brink, pastor of First Christian Church, delivering the message. Churches participating in the service included the Jewish Temple, Air Base Chapel and the Methodist Churches of Alexandria. Dr. Guy M. Hicks, pastor of the host church, presided.

OPEN HOUSE was held recently at the new parsonage of the Vivian Methodist Church. The officials and the building committee members with their wives and husbands formed the receiving line for the occasion. A Home Dedication Service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. James C. Whitaker. As a part of the ceremony, Mrs. H. W. Garrett, Jr., sang "Bless This House."

REV. WILSON WATSON, pastor of First Methodist Church, Eunice, delivered the sermon for the Eunice Union Thanksgiving service held at the First Baptist Church on Thanksgiving Day. All protestant churches in Eunice participated in the service, which was held at 8 a.m. Nov. 28. Royce Sylvest led the choir which was composed of members of all the church choirs.

KENNETH DOOLEY, minister of music at the First Baptist Church, Shreveport, presented a program of sacred music at the Caddo Heights Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24. Also appearing on the program were Jasmine Egan and John Shenaut. Proceeds from the concert will be used in carpeting the Caddo Heights Church, where Rev. George W. Ross is pastor.

MRS. JULIA PAXTON directed the mission study course at the Oak Park Methodist Church, Lake Charles, beginning on Nov. 20 and continuing through Dec. 4. Sessions were held each Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. Countries covered included Bolivia, Sarawak, the Congo and Korea. The course represented the church's general missions study course for the year. Rev. H. A. Gibbs is pastor of the church.

BOSSIER CITY CHURCHES, in keeping with past customs, observed Thanksgiving in joint session at the First Methodist Church, Thursday, Nov. 28 at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Norman Bantz, pastor of the First Christian Church of Bossier City, was the speaker. The joint service is sponsored by the Bossier Parish Ministerial Association. Rev. Alfred M. Brown is pastor of the host church.

MRS. J. N. McDONALD died at the home of her son, A. P. McDonald, Houston, Texas, Nov. 16, and was buried in Leesville, La., the following Monday. The service was held at the Methodist Church, with the pastor, Rev. Oakley Lee, in charge. Her many friends and members of the W.S.C.S. of the Louisiana Conference will remember her as a fellow worker, since she served many years as district secretary of the Lake Charles District.

BEGINNING on Wednesday, Nov. 6, and continuing through the month of December,

services of worship and meditation will be held in the First Methodist Church Sanctuary, Lafayette, each Wednesday and Friday from 12:05 to 12:25 p.m. Organ music will be played one day; the Holy Scripture will be read on the other day; and at each service, time will be allotted for personal meditation and prayer. Rev. Fred S. Flurry is pastor of the church.

JULIEN TILLERY is serving as Lay Minister at the Tangipahoa Methodist Church during the month of December. He will preside at all the worship services during the month. Mr. Tillery has rendered service to the church in the past as a member of the Official Board. This conference year he is chairman of the Commission on Finance and serves on the Official Board in that capacity. Rev. Angus L. Carruth is pastor of the church.

REV. DOUGLAS MCGUIRE, pastor of the Park Avenue Methodist Church, Shreveport, was guest evangelist in a series of revival services, Dec. 1-6, at the Barksdale Methodist Church. The Rev. Mr. Douglas is a former U. S. Navy chaplain. The Barksdale church is only four and one-half years old, and has a present membership of 271. Sixty percent of its membership is personnel of the Barksdale Air Force Base. Rev. Fred Shirley is pastor.

ROBERT P. LAY, of Gilliam, Lay Leader of the Louisiana Conference, was guest speaker at both the morning services of the Gretna Methodist Church on Sunday Dec. 8. Don Aswell, Lay Leader of the church presided over the service, which was held in observance of Layman's Day. The evening service continued the Layman's Day theme with a panel discussion considering the subject, "The Layman and His Church." Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh is pastor of the church.

DR. D. L. DYKES, JR., pastor of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, was the guest speaker at a Workers' Appreciation Banquet at the Vivian Methodist Church on Dec. 3. Dr. Dykes used as his subject, "Who Lord, Me?" This banquet is an annual event, and was under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Burr this year. Seventy-five Church School workers and guests attended. C. L. Mackey, for many years superintendent of the Church School, expressed appreciation to the workers. Rev. James C. Whitaker is pastor of the church.

REV. EMERSON WESLEY SMITH has been elected associate secretary of the Board of Social and Economic Relations of The Methodist Church. He will begin his work in May at the board's national headquarters, 740 Rush Street, Chicago. For the past six years, he has been chaplain of industrial relations for the church's Boston Area. He was the first clergyman in American Protestantism to be appointed to such a post. In his new role, the Rev. Mr. Smith will specialize in the field of industrial relations, working with the board's general secretary, the Rev. A. Dudley Ward.

REV. RAIJI M. RATHOD, Methodist minister from India, brought the morning message at Wynn Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Sunday, Dec. 8. The Rev. Mr. Rathod is a graduate of Leonard Theological Seminary, Jubbulpore, India, and is sponsored in this country by the Crusade Scholarship Fund and the Wynn Memorial church. At present he is doing special study at Asbury Theological Seminary, and will return to India for pastoral assignment upon completion of his work here. Rev. K. G. Rorie is pastor of the Wynn Memorial church.

A PROCESSIONAL out of childhood's storyland opened the Christmas season in Shreveport on Nov. 30, with a giant balloon parade. The pageant was coupled with the Christmas Lights ceremony at the courthouse square, with the season's first mass caroling by the Centenary College Choir as the musical background. The parade and the lighting of

BISHOP MARTIN HONORED

Bishop Paul E. Martin was honored on Saturday evening, December 7, at the Albert Pike Memorial Temple in Little Rock when the 33rd degree in Masonry was conferred on him. He was elected for this honor when the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry held its session in October.

the city's Christmas decorations is sponsored by The Shreveport Times and the Shreveport Journal in cooperation with the Retail Merchant's Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN spoke to more than seven hundred persons at the Trinity Methodist church, Ruston, the evening of Dec. 1. The occasion was a district-wide service for the Ruston District. Others taking part in the service included Rev. Jolly B. Harper, host pastor; Rev. Jack Midyett, Haynesville; Rev. Dan Robinson, First Church, Minden, Rev. Jack Shaw, Cotton Valley, and Rev. Luman E. Douglas, District superintendent. Bishop Martin also dedicated the White Hall Methodist Church on the Shongaloo Charge on the same day. Rev. Paul Cassels is pastor of the Shongaloo Charge.

THE FORMAL OPENING of the Children's Building of the Barksdale Methodist Church was held at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 1. Open house was observed from 3 to 5 p.m. for all members and friends. The new building joins the present building and consists of eight spacious rooms, and a wide hall. It is completely air-conditioned. The members of the building committee were J. D. Swenson, chairman, Mrs. X. L. McDonald, Leonard F. Hall, A. A. Hickerson, Capt. James B. Lipscomb, Capt. Lawrence P. Myers, W. R. LeSuer, Mrs. Paul Taylor, M/Sgt. Donald F. Weiler and the pastor Rev. Fred O. Shirley.

DR. DANA DAWSON, JR., pastor of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, gave the Thanksgiving prayer at the joint service of the downtown churches, held at the First Methodist Church, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28. Rabbi Walter G. Peiser of the B'nai Israel Temple was the speaker. Dr. Norris J. Palmer, First Baptist Church, read the scripture. Dr. John W. Melton, First Presbyterian Church, gave the pastoral prayer, and Rev. Philip P. Werlein, St. James Episcopal Church, gave the response. Music was furnished by the Motet choir of the host church, under the direction of Marvin Genuchi and Mrs. Russell Hudson at the organ.

THE CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR, directed by A. C. Voran, presented a concert of sacred music at the First Methodist Church of El Dorado, Arkansas, Sunday evening, Dec. 1. The concert was one phase of a week-long program marking the rededication of the recently renovated and remodeled church building. Willie Andress, tenor, who comes from El Dorado, was soloist in the selection, "If With All Your Hearts," from Mendelssohn's oratorio, "Elijah." Other student soloists were also featured. The choir's agenda also included singing at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, Tues. Dec. 10, in the Washington-Youree Hotel. On Dec. 19, the choir will present its annual program of Christmas carols before Centenary College students at the weekly assembly in the Brown Memorial Chapel on the campus.

OPENING SERVICES were held Sunday, Nov. 24 in the new sanctuary of the First Methodist Church of Pollock, with the pastor, Rev. Marvin H. Hockenhull, delivering the message. A service of dedication of memorials, with M. D. Regions, chairman of the Official Board, presenting the memorials on behalf of the donors, and Charles Cook, chairman of the Board of Trustees, accepting on behalf of the trustees. On the following Sunday, Dec. 1, Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr., superintendent of the Alexandria District, preached at the morning worship and also conducted the cornerstone laying ceremony, which followed. Open house in the new sanctuary was held from 2-4 o'clock that afternoon. The foundation for the new building was poured in late July and construction started in early August. The structure is of brick veneer, with year-round air-conditioning, and has a normal seating capacity of 160, with space for the pastor's study, cry room, choir room and library.

N.O. 1st Church Men's Club Reports Activities

Installation of officers, delivering gifts to MacDonell Methodist Center, and a visit to Dulac Indian Mission by two members, are among the recent activities of the First Methodist Church Men's Club of New Orleans.

The group held its November meeting, Friday the 15th, and combined the session with that of the new church fund raising teams. Reports were made by the teams, and according to the report, were encouraging to the pastor, Dr. N. H. Melbert, and general chairman, Henry Walther, Jr.

Several visitors, and a new member of the club, John Lindblom, were introduced by the club president, Clyde W. Shaw. Supper was served the group, also.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, two of the men, William J. Michon and John Millard, drove Mrs. Michon and Mrs. L. C. Friedrich to MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma, with a car load of Christmas toys sent by the Woman's Society of First Church. They extended their trip to the Dulac Indian Mission where the above picture was taken. Shown, l to r, are: Mrs. Friedrich, Mrs. Mildred Brunson, Carl Brunson, Mrs. Michon, and Jack Millard. Below them are two little Indian girls.

The group's installation service was held Sunday, Nov. 17.



Elysian Fields, N.O., Holds Service Of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day was observed by a morning church service at Elysian Fields Methodist Church in New Orleans. The pastor, Rev. Glendon R. Messer, spoke on the subject "The Greatest Blessing." The choir, directed by George A. Christenson, Jr., with Judy Elliot at the organ, sang as an anthem, "It Is A Good Thing To Give Thanks," and closed the service with "Praise Ye The Father." The sanctuary was decorated in the season motif by the official church decorators, Mrs. George E. Jones and Mrs. Roger Corbeille and the service was well-attended.

Thanksgiving baskets, made of contributions from all of the Elysian Fields Sunday School classes, the MYF, and WSCS were distributed to needy families in New Orleans. Girl Scouts, under Mrs. Gordon Elliott, helped in the distribution.

The Young Couples Class of the church made a cash contribution to a needy family as a Thanksgiving offering, and is presently working on a class project of supplying needs to another family. Mrs. Dorothy Doss is in charge of the Christmas project and will work out details so all members of the needy

Bogalusa Choir Sings Handel's 'Christmas Messiah'

Handel's "Christmas Messiah," under the direction of John Hammond, was presented Dec. 8, at the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa. Congregations of the Angie and Varnado Methodist Churches were special guests.

Soloists were H. V. Patten, Pat McCarty, Jim Henderson, Mrs. Harold Williams, Miss Nacye Hobgood, and Miss Fannie Ott. Other members of the choir are: L. A. Alexander, Jr., Mrs. A. O. Buckingham, Mrs. Ben Causey, Mrs. Robert B. Crichlow, J. W. Criscoe, James Henderson, Mrs. James Henderson, Mrs. Gary Holcomb, Jr., Dave Hendricks, Miss Christelle Knight, Mrs. Delos Knight, Mrs. O. B. Magee, Miss Eileen Magee, P. J. McCarty, Jr., C. O. Sutherland, Sidney Sharp, Mrs. Ray Wallis, E. M. Welsh, W. J. Willoughby, and Mrs. John Ingram.

The Rev. Robert B. Crichlow is pastor of the church.

family are given gifts. The class will also furnish funds to the decorating committee, under Mrs. George E. Jones, to work up Christmas door decorations at the church.

Alexandria District Holds Annual Conf. At Oakdale

The Alexandria District Conference met in the First Methodist Church of Oakdale, November 21, with more than 200 delegates and guests representing the 70 churches of the district. Rev. A. W. Townsend, Jr., district superintendent, presided over the session and the visitors were welcomed by the Rev. Clark Bell, pastor of the host church. Rev. J. J. Caraway of Bunkie was elected secretary of the conference.

The morning session opened with the devotional period led by Rev. L. L. Booth of Winnfield. Annual Conference interests were presented by the following persons who spoke before the conference during the morning: Rev. J. B. Grambling, Dr. C. B. White, Miss Ann Fox, Rev. L. D. Houghton, Rev. R. L. Cooke, Rev. W. E. Hotalen, Dr. E. T. Wayland, Rev. D. L. McQuire, Rev. C. H. Giessen, Rev. G. F. Pearce, Jr., Miss Ann Adams, Robert Young, R. S. Fly, Rev. J. F. Kellogg, Rev. J. C. Skinner, Rev. K. B. Tooke, and J. N. Fomby.

The morning session closed with a worship service with Dr. W. E. Trice of Baton Rouge bringing the message. Special music was provided by "The Oakettes," a trio of singers from Oakdale High School. The girls are: Judy Boyer, Mary Ellen Kennedy and Mary Nan Stanley.

The Oakdale Church served a turkey dinner during the noon hour. Oakdale church workers who were in charge of arrangements for the dinner were: Mrs. Elman Tonn, Mrs. George Dixon, Mrs. Walter Lyles, Mrs. A. J. Moise, Mrs. W. I. Twiner, Mrs. Frank Reed, Mrs. Millard Wilson, Mrs. E. J. Borman, Mrs. Hayes Stanley, Mrs. Holmes Mouser, Mrs. Charles Evans, Mrs. Roy Butchee, Mrs. B. J. Kennington, and Mrs. H. O. Cain.

The afternoon session included reports of district officers, boards and committees. Reports were made by the following persons: Rev. W. O. Lynch, T. W. Holloman, Dr. Guy Hicks, Rev. O. W. Spinks, Rev. R. L. Garrett, Rev. J. F. Kilpatrick, Mrs. C. C. Dethloff, Rev. C. T. Shaw, and Rev. W. R. Akin. The conference accepted an invitation from the First Methodist Church of Pollock to be host to the conference in 1958. The conference adjourned with the Doxology and Benediction led by Rev. W. T. Hall of Urania.

FAIRVIEW, SWEETLAKE CHURCHES CONSECRATE PARSONAGE

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and the Misses Ellienne Todd, Nancy Precht and Jane Todd represented the Sweetlake church.

A highlight of the open house was the Home Consecration Service

CENTENARY COLLEGE NEWS

LeRoy Anspach, director of the Centenary College school of music and prominent Shreveport Methodist, was presented Tuesday in Connellsville, Pa., as guest artist with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. The concert pianist played Liszt's "Concerto in E Flat" with the orchestra, under the direction of William Steinberg.

Larry McKinstry of Bastrop, a junior pre-medical student at Centenary College, was presented with a \$50 award under the National Leadership Award program of Kappa Sigma fraternity. The award was given for outstanding work in the fraternity and in campus activities during the freshman and sophomore years. McKinstry is a member of the Student Senate, was class favorite during his sophomore year, served as president of the sophomore class and is active in many honorary and social organizations at Centenary.

Day classes at Centenary College were cancelled last Wednesday for the annual observance of Gentleman's Holiday. An open house in the student center Tuesday night, followed by a dance in the gymnasium, launched the festivities, and the Wednesday program included a student-faculty basketball game, a pep rally, a car caravan to the Louisiana Fair Grounds for a double-header game with the Centenary Gents and the teams from Northeast State College and Southern State College and another open house. Miss Carolyn Williams of Shreveport, reigned as basketball queen of the festivities with Patricia Leigh, also of Shreveport, as princess. Maids of the court were Gail Thornton of Little Rock, Ark.; Mary Beth Bomar, Bossier City; Mary Tom Wilkinson, Coushatta, and Ramona Nail, Shreveport.

The Centenary College department of English and the Caddo chapter of the National Council of Teachers of English co-sponsored a conference on Saturday for teachers of expository writing. About 100 junior high and high school and college teachers of English from Caddo and Bossier Parishes attended. Dr. E. M. Clark, head of Centenary's department of English, was general chairman, and speakers in addition to Dr. Clark, were Dr. Jack Teagarden, Dr. John R. Willingham and Dr. Lee Morgan.

led by the Rev. Sam Nader, district superintendent, assisted by Dr. Carl Lueg of First Church, the Rev. Martin Hebert, retired and former pastor of Fairview; the Rev. Ray Branton of St. Luke; and the host pastor, the Rev. Mr. Dean.

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The Work of One Bible

By Carl D. Stewart
Holguin, Oriente, Cuba

Six years ago Vicente Sanfiel moved into Jucaro, a town of sugar mill employees, in Oriente province in eastern Cuba. The community was composed largely of illiterates, submerged in vice and sin. The people engaged freely in gambling, and drunkenness. Many were foul-mouthed and coarse in their living.

Mr. Sanfiel was a workman for the sugar company. His three small boys were growing up, and he felt that he would have to seek employment elsewhere, as he did not want his boys to be brought up in a neighborhood so vile.

Mr. Sanfiel could hardly read and was not a Christian. The villagers were spiritualists and ignorant of religious matters. One day when Mr. Sanfiel was in the city of Holguin, he saw a Bible on display. He bought it, though he could scarcely read well enough to understand it.

That was three years ago. Mr. Sanfiel took the Bible home with him and began to spell out the words as best he could to his family and to the neighbors. He invited the villagers to his home for a Spiritualist meeting during which he read from the Bible. The selection that first night was the Beatitudes.

The spiritualist meetings continued in the evenings in the Sanfiel home for many months, but Mr. Sanfiel was learning more and more about the Bible as his reading ability improved. And he was becoming more and more an expounder of the Word, rather than a spiritualist medium.

Build, Furnish Church

Under Mr. Sanfiel's leadership, the people of Jucaro contributed money, bought materials, and built and furnished a church for themselves. It is a simple wooden chapel, but it is the answer to the needs of such places as Jucaro.

In June, 1956, when Bishop John Brascomb, bishop of Florida and Cuba, and a party of friends from the Methodist Church of Largo, Fla., dedicated a new church in Palmerito, Cuba, Mr. Sanfiel was present as a visitor. He asked Bishop Branscomb to baptize him, though he was not ready for church membership.

Whole Village Taught To Read

Mr. Sanfiel returned to Jucaro fresh from the inspiration of his baptism and told the people of the village that what they needed was to become Christians and to join the Methodist Church. By this time, every family had bought at least one Bible, and Mr. Sanfiel had taught young and old alike to read it. Thus he taught the whole village to read.

Mr. Sanfiel and the people of Jucaro began to prepare themselves for membership in the Methodist Church. The district superintendent, Dr. Carl D. Stewart, sent them a Discipline, and occasionally a student minister came to guide in their study and prepa-



The church in Jucaro made entirely by the villagers. It is made of wood, the floor is of cement and the roof is of palm leaves. It is well made, and painted inside and out.

ration. After months of careful preparation, a group was ready for baptism and church membership.

On August 30 this year, accompanied by the student minister, the Rev. Rafael Santana, the district superintendent, visited Jucaro and preached on "The Parable of the Sower." The chapel was packed and the people took their Bibles to church with them, as their custom is. Twenty-seven children and eleven adults were baptized, and twelve adults were received into full church membership. One was Vincente Sanfiel, who will be licensed to preach by the Oriente District Conference, which meets this month. In the meantime, he has continued to be the pastor at Jucaro.

First Bible Has Borne Rich Fruit

The first Bible that Mr. Sanfiel took to Jucaro three years ago has borne rich fruit. The whole village has been converted. There is no more drinking of alcoholic beverages and no more profanity. Gambling has ceased and spiritualism has disappeared. The life of the village centers around the church. Mr. Sanfiel no longer needs to move in order to provide a good environment for his family, because Jucaro has become one of the cleanest and most Christian villages of Cuba.

Through the study of the Bible and the Discipline, ten couples discovered that they must marry before being received into the church. Immediately they began the complicated legal process of getting married, which they hope will be completed by January, 1958. The district superintendent has promised to return at that time and to marry them all in a mass ceremony in the church and then to baptize and receive them into membership in the church.

All the rest of the villagers are in the candidates class and expect to join the church as soon as their lives can be made to conform to the standards of the Bible.

Missions Opened In Two Towns

Already the young Methodist Church of Jucaro has opened missions in two nearby towns, which promise to develop into flourishing churches within a few months.

In reading the Bible, Mr. Sanfiel and his people read the words of Jesus: "Go ye into all the world; preach the Gospel to every creature." They did not stop to argue or to point out difficulties. They felt the Lord had spoken, and that was enough. They acted, and the spontaneous combustion into the Kingdom continues, as the fruits of the first Bible in Jucaro multiply.

The Girl Scouts of America have adopted a badge that emphasizes duty to God and country and encourages scouts to work for their church service award, it was reported at the organization's 34th national convention at Philadelphia.

Dorothy Stratton, executive director, said there are now more than three million girl scouts in the country.

300 Youth Make Christian Decisions In Japan School

The religious emphasis and evangelistic program at the Methodist Boys High School, To-O-Gijuku, in Hirosaki, Japan, resulted recently in some remarkable "decisions" for Christian discipleship. In the junior high school department, forty-two boys, and in the senior high, eighty-one boys, indicated their purpose "to participate in Christian activities in the school." Indicating willingness "to attend church and learn more about Christianity," were ninety-nine junior high students and 188 from the senior high. Those wishing to be baptized were twenty in the junior high, and twenty-eight senior high students.

Gilbert E. Bascom, Methodist missionary in To-O-Gijuku, says "Forty-eight immediate baptisms from religious emphasis week at this Christian school in northern Japan is something 'to write home about.'"

A significant feature of this program was the participation of twelve pastors of United Church of Christ churches in northern Japan, the talks of a leading layman of the old Hirosaki (Methodist) Church, and the lectures of Professor Toshio Tanaka, of Tokyo Biblical Seminary.

The full-time chaplain of the school, the Rev. Koytsu Kasai, is now following up these boys who have signed decision cards, and is giving instruction both for baptism and for guidance in the Christian way of life. With the enrollment of the school at about 1,200 boys, twenty-five per cent have shown an active interest in Christianity and in service at church nearest their homes. The Christian Organization within the school is known as "The Holy Club," after the Wesley "Holy Club" at Oxford, England.

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OBITUARY

PULLIAM—On November 28, 1957, at her home in Elizabeth, La., Mrs. C. M. Pulliam, nee Cora Truman, passed away after an illness of several months. On January 19, 1958, she would have celebrated her 86th year.

Born and reared in Opelousas, La., Mrs. Pulliam was the daughter of the late W. L. Truman and the late Mrs. Cora Hadden Truman.

On June 1, 1892, she was married to Mr. Cassius M. C. Pulliam. To this union were born five children, two of whom survive her.

Her long and useful life in her family, church, and in the communities in which she lived was exemplary.

She was a charter member of the W.S.C.S. in Gueydan, being Zone Leader from there and also from Elizabeth. She was a Life Member of the W.S.C.S. She was a state officer in the Federated Clubs of Louisiana, an active PTA worker, and was instrumental in establishing the library in Gueydan. Later she served as librarian for many years. Until her illness she was an active participant in all church and community life.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of Ardoin Funeral home in Oakdale, La., with the Rev. John F. Kellogg of Elizabeth Methodist Church in charge. Interment was in the family plot of the Jeanerette Methodist Cemetery.

Pallbearers were W. B. Williams, Jr., Daly Williams, A. P. Wayne, Harold T. Pulliam, Jr., John M. Shannon, and Clyde Stovall.

Surviving Mrs. Pulliam are her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Collins, her son H. T. Pulliam, Sr., five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Lay Missionary To Recruit In Colleges

Edward C. Jager, Chicago, a young Methodist lay missionary who has been a Christian education director, youth worker and news correspondent in Liberia three years, has been named a field worker of the Office of Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions, Methodist Church.

Having returned to the United States in mid-November, Mr. Jager immediately began touring college and university campuses where there is an organization of Methodist students. He is speaking at

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recognize him and thus restore his personal identity. But none did.

The world in which we live has many impersonalizing factors in its makeup which threaten our personal identity as individuals. We are caught up in a day when mass production symbolizes an impersonalism which reduces an individual in personal stature. We read of airplane crashes which kill 44 persons and only cluck our tongues—unless we know one of them, and then it becomes a personal matter.

As I read the New Testament, there seems to be a constant effort on the part of Jesus to restore personal identity to individuals whose world had beaten them down. In the freedom that faith brought, they could develop the potentials of Christian personality with which God had endowed them. In the fellowship with Jesus they came to sense the personal worth of each individual life. In a day when human life was a cheap commodity on the market of the world, Jesus came to reveal the inherent worth of personality.

Let's don't lose sight of this in arguments about its detailed application. A person is a person in God's sight whatever his race or status. To threaten to destroy that identity through discrimination, enforced second-class citizenship, or refusal to look at him in the Christian perspective, is a sin against him and against the God who created him.

chapel services and assembly programs, meeting with Methodist student groups and counseling with individual students interested in home or overseas missionary service. His schedule for early winter will take him to Oklahoma, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1957

THE WONDER OF THE INCARNATION

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11.

MEMORY SELECTION: *When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

—Galatians 4:4-5 (RSV)

Our Christmas lesson is the fourth in the series of five lessons in Unit X. Today's lesson, "The Wonder Of The Incarnation," is taken from Philippians, as the three previous lessons in this series have been.

The lesson text for our Christmas lesson this year is quite different from the Scripture lessons usually chosen as a background for the Christmas season. The story of the birth of Jesus, as told in the gospels of Matthew and Luke are quite commonly used. Sometimes we have a lesson from the first chapter of John which discusses the incarnation in terms of Word becoming flesh.

Today, however, we are to study Paul's conception of the incarnation, as embodied in the letter he wrote to the Philippian church. Let us keep in mind that Paul's description here of what happened, when the Christ of God came to the earth in human form, was written some years before either of the Gospels was written. According to the opinions of most Bible scholars, Philippians was written in the early 60's A. D. Mark, the earliest of the Gospels, was written about 70 A. D. Matthew and Luke, which carry the stories of the birth of Jesus, were written about 80 A. D., possibly twenty years after Paul wrote to the Philippians. John's Gospel, which discussed the incarnation in terms of the Word becoming flesh, was written near the end of the first century.

Hence we see that Paul, in Philippians, was not following a pattern in his discussion of Christ's coming to earth. He was, in fact, setting a pattern. Paul did not include, in any of his writings any of the details concerning the birth of Jesus. He contents himself with a profound statement regarding the fact that Christ took on human form and, through humble service and sacrifice, revealed God to man.

We must assume that Paul was familiar with the facts about the birth of Jesus so beautifully told in Matthew and Luke. Nevertheless, he makes no direct reference to the details of these facts, interesting as they are to all of us.

Paul seems to be primarily concerned here with the fact of the incarnation, a fact which we often do not give proper emphasis, even at Christmastime. In the midst of the emphasis on Santa Claus, reindeers, Christmas decorations, commercial displays, Christmas cards, Christmas gifts and Christmas dinners, there is the extreme danger that the real meaning of Christmas, the incarnation of God in human flesh, may take a secondary place in our thinking, or even be overlooked altogether.

Paul Urges Harmony In Philippian Church

In the beginning of our lesson text for today, Paul seems to be much concerned about the spirit and attitude of some members of the Philippian church.

The opening words of our lesson text read: "If there be, therefore." In getting at the meaning of what Paul is saying, it would appear that he might as well have written, "Since there is," or "Because there is." Paul is very anxious that the Philippian church present a united front to the pagan world. Consequently, he is saying, in effect, because you have received encouragement in Christ, because you have incentive to love, because you have fellowship with the Spirit, because you must have affection and sympathy for me, make my joy complete by practicing Christian unity and proper consideration for each other.

The Necessity For Humility

In writing to the Philippians, Paul realized the importance of emphasizing the matter of humility. This was quite necessary for a church established where either the Grecian or Roman influence prevailed. This was true because both the Greeks and Romans looked on humility as a vice instead of a virtue. In their sight, humility was proper only in the lives of slaves. They felt that to exalt humility was to exalt weakness as a virtue.

In order that the Philippian Christians might realize the exalted place humility has in Christian living, Paul calls attention to Christ Himself as the supreme example of humility. He tells of how Jesus gave up His place as Lord of all creation "emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Despite the teachings of the Greeks and Romans, Paul would have all Christian people to know that humility is a virtue of the highest order. Consequently he tells the Philippian church that each member should look with favor on others and prefer others to self when special privileges come. No one should seek his own good but seek to be helpful to others.

Let This Mind Be In You

We all believe that Jesus had a striking, magnetic personality. Nevertheless, the big difference in Jesus and others of earth was on the inside. It might not have been possible always to distinguish Him from

others of His day if we had to judge altogether from outside looks. However, when Jesus spoke or went about His work, it was easy to determine that He was more than a man.

It might not be at all easy to distinguish between an atheist and a Christian today by just seeing them seated together on a platform. The difference is on the inside. When they begin to speak or work one soon knows which is Christian and which is atheist.

This "something" inside us that marks us as Christian, as we go about our daily lives, is the thing Paul was concerned about for the Christians of Philippi. He knew, if the mind of Christ possessed them that the difficulties they were experiencing would disappear.

Possibly there is no time of the year when "the mind of Christ" more nearly possesses people than at Christmas time. There is a spirit of cheerfulness, friendliness, unselfishness and liberality that gets hold of us during the Christmas season that is not always evident even in the lives of Christian people at other times of the year.

The Wonders Of The Incarnation

There are some thoughts that stagger the imagination, some thoughts that the human mind cannot comprehend. The incarnation, God in human form, very God and very man at the same time is such a thought. It is easier for us to get hold of the idea that such a thing happened as we read the stories of the birth of Jesus as recorded in Matthew and Luke. There is enough of the miraculous and enough of the human in both of these stories to cause us to feel like we have caught a small vision of what the incarnation means. Nevertheless, when we come to a discussion of the incarnation such as Paul has in our lesson, which begins back in the eternities, we realize that the incarnation is a mystery far beyond the finite mind of man to understand. We should keep in mind, also, that this discussion of the incarnation by the Apostle Paul give us the first, preserved, authentic discussion of this amazing event, since Paul wrote the Book of Philippians in the early 60's A. D. Matthew and Luke were written in the 80's A. D., and the Gospel of John was written near the end of the first century, A. D.

Although the first, preserved discussion of the incarnation is found in the writings of Paul, it seems to be evident from his writings that he thought the idea of Christ being God in human form needed no detailed discussion. Paul states it as if all Christians should know what he is writing about. This likely accounts for the fact that Paul would make such a profound statement about the incarnation simply to emphasize the necessity of humility in Christian living.

The Wonder Of The Reincarnation Of Christ

The word "reincarnation" commonly refers to the belief that the souls of the dead return to life in new forms or bodies. The "reincarnation of Christ," as we are thinking about it here, refers to the fact that Christ, in the Person of the Holy Spirit, will come into any human life, that really opens the way, and dwell there.

The experience of the reincarna-

tion of the Spirit of Christ in our own personal lives is the only basis for the hope that we can face and conquer the evil about us. Our hope is in the fact that we can "do all things through Christ who strengthens us."

The fact that God appeared on earth in the form of the Infant Jesus, on that first Christmas day, with all that it meant for the human race, is the most stupendous fact in world history.

The fact that the human body, according to Paul, may be the Temple of God is the most hopeful revelation man has ever received for Christian living. Faith in the incarnation, without the experience of the reincarnation of Christ in our lives, is without real meaning for human life.

Christ Exalted Through Humility And Sacrifice

While Paul used the incarnation of Christ to teach the values of humility for the Christian, he was not content to stop there. In our lesson text, Paul goes from the incarnation of Christ to the exaltation of Christ.

After discussing the humility of Christ which led Him "unto death, even the death on the cross," Paul uses the word, "Wherefore" to introduce his statement regarding the exaltation of Jesus. The definition Webster gives for this usage of the word "wherefore" is, "for which reason." In other words, because of Christ's willingness to be humbled by taking on human form and dying on a cross, "God also hath highly exalted him."

Paul tells us that, in this exaltation, God gave Him a name that is above every name. Paul declares that "at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven and earth and under the earth." There are multitudes on earth who refuse to bow the knee in recognition of the fact "that Jesus Christ is Lord." However stubborn or indifferent people may be today, Paul tells us that the time will come in every human life when the knee will bow before Christ in recognition of His divinity. It would appear the part of wisdom to voluntarily bow before Christ and recognize Him as our Lord and Saviour here and now rather than to wait until we are forced by circumstances to realize and recognize His divinity, without that recognition bringing us the benefits that come from accepting Him as both Lord and Saviour now.

We are told that somewhere "every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." And it will be done "To the glory of God the Father." Better to make that confession now when it will bring the blessings of salvation rather than wait until it is so late that such a confession will have lost its power to redeem.

The Pivot On Which History Turns

Before the coming of Christ the world had moved on century after century, with little change in its manner of life. The center of world power changed but that was about all. With the coming of Jesus, the world began an upward march which has continued until today. Christ "brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

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Methodists Figure Prominently In Nat'l Council Meeting

St. Louis (MI)—For the first time in the seven-year history of the National Council of Churches, a layman has been elected vice-chairman of the council's General Board. He is Charles C. Parlin, Englewood, N. J., a Wall Street lawyer and one of the leading laymen of The Methodist Church.

Mr. Parlin was elected at the triennial General Assembly of the National Council, which met December 1-6 in St. Louis. He also was elected one of eight vice-presidents-at-large of the National Council.

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C., also was elected a vice-president, with special responsibility for the council's Division of Christian Life and Work.

All officers were elected for three-year terms.

The General Board, of which Mr. Parlin is vice-chairman, is the National Council's interim supervisory body of 254 members, including both clergy and laymen. It meets several times a year.

The Division of Christian Life and Work, with which Bishop Oxnam will be especially concerned, is one of four major divisions of the National Council. It deals with such matters as international affairs, economic life, racial and cultural relations liberty, social welfare, stewardship and benevolence, and others.

Methodists were much in evidence at the General Assembly, held in mammoth Kiel Auditorium, where 10,000 Methodist women are expected to gather next May.

Being the largest of the denominations in the National Council, The Methodist Church had the largest number of voting delegates, well over a hundred in a total of about 675.

In addition, there were hundreds of Methodist consultants, accredited visitors, general visitors, and others in the total attendance of about 2,000 at the assembly's many functions.

The general chairman of the State Local Committee on Program and Arrangements for the General Assembly was the Rev. Dr. Wesley H. Hager, pastor of Grace Metho-

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—YU HWANG-AN (China)

"No Lesser Gift"

O holy Child, O Gift of Love
From heav'n to longing earth:
Like men of old, I treasure bring
To celebrate thy birth;
Not the crude toys my fingers shape,
Not words, not songs that die—
Take, Lord, my hands, my heart, my life
To ease a brother's cry.

Where men now stumble through the night,
And yield to dark despair,
Where sabres inharmonious clang,
And fear builds strong its lair,
Where hunger grows, and justice wanes,
Burn me in service, Lord:
No lesser gift can give the world
Thy Light, thy Life, thy Word.

—Benjamin Caulfield

100 Youth Needed For Special-Term Missionary Service

For the twelfth successive year, the Methodist Church is seeking 100 young men and women who will give two or three years of their lives to the home and overseas mission program of the denomination.

In 1958 the Board of Missions, Methodist Church, through the Office of Missionary Personnel (150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.), is seeking 25 young men and 25 young women to serve three years in 26 countries of Asia, Africa, North and South America, and Europe. These special-term missionaries will form the 1958 "Fellowship of Christian Service."

For service in the United States, Puerto Rico and Alaska, the Board needs 50 young men and women for two years' service (three in Alaska and Puerto Rico). These special-term home missionaries are known as "U.S.-2's."

Overseas Openings

The overseas openings are for workers in a wide variety of vocations. Among those listed for 1958 are: youth work among refugees in Austria, adult education among miners in the Union of South Africa, boy's work in hostels and churches in Algeria, office work in Korea, laboratory technology in Pakistan, dietetics in Mexico, and home economics teaching in Brazil.

The countries where special-termers are needed include Pakistan, Japan, Korea, Malaya, Indonesia, Burma, the Philippines, Brazil, Cuba, Peru, Panama, Chile, Liberia, Algeria, the Belgian Congo, Southern Rhodesia, Union of South Africa, Austria, Angola, Sarawak (Borneo), Argentina and Mexico.

In the home field, the vocational openings are as wide as those overseas. There are needs for teachers at mission schools in Florida, New Mexico and Puerto Rico; social workers in community centers in Illinois, Florida and California; nurses in Alaska, Florida and Texas; rural workers in New Hampshire, Arizona and Tennessee; and counselors in children's homes in Georgia and Alaska.

Requirements

The requirements for special-term service at home and overseas are the same.

The candidate:

- must be an active church member, between 21-28, a graduate of an accredited college;
- must have a vital Christian experience and faith he is eager and able to communicate;
- must have sensitivity to human need that calls forth the willingness to serve courageously and

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It All Began In Galilee

ALTHOUGH Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, His home was in Nazareth of Galilee. Here He spent at least nine-tenths of His life. Here, in the words of Luke, "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." He must have been deeply influenced by His experiences over the years in Galilee. They were the formative years of His life. His broad knowledge of nature, and of human nature, of the ways of man, and the will of God, indicate that He did not miss much that went on around Him each day of His life.

Galilee was the northern province of Palestine, with Judea the southern province. Galilee had a separate administration under Rome, and was much more exposed to the commerce in goods and ideas of that day. Caravans of trade as well as armies from the East and from Africa streamed across the plains of Galilee. In his Historical Geography of the Holy Land, George Adam Smith draws this interesting and informative contrast between Judea and Galilee: "Judea was on the road to nowhere; Galilee is covered with roads to everywhere."

As a growing boy, Jesus saw the world as it focused on Nazareth of Galilee. Here He lived and worked through all but the last three years of His life when He stepped quietly and decisively onto the stage of history. It was in Galilee that He found His way in the will of God. It was in Galilee that He gathered round Him fellow-Galileans as disciples, through whom and whose disciples, His influence moved far beyond Galilee, Jerusalem, and even Rome herself. Beginning in Galilee, the movement centering in His life and teachings has spread to the ends of the earth.

The Miracle Of History

Looking back on all this, do you wonder that He has been hailed one of the authentic miracles of history? We do well to celebrate it with great joy and thanksgiving not only during this glad Christmas season but every other day of our life. For who would attempt to measure the difference the Christian faith has made in human affairs? When the always-bellittling man is through with his disparagement, when the easily-irritated person is through with his criticisms, when the cynic is through with his cynicism about the church and the behavior of church people, the glory of the Christian tradition remains to be acknowledged and celebrated. What a tragedy—at least, what a pity—it is when men miss the glory of it all!

The Common People Have Heard Him

Long before the Magi had found their way to Jesus, the common people had brought their tribute of silent awe and quiet adoration. First of all from the outside world, according to gospel tradition, came the shepherds to the manger. They and their successors—His companions in His daily activities in Galilee—were the ones He knew best, from whom He learned the most, and to whom He turned for followers when He launched His public ministry. Their tributes are no less moving than those of the wise men. One of His humble followers said, "Lord, we have left all and followed thee." A fisherman fresh from his boat refused to leave Him, saying "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Even an official spy brought this amazing report to his superiors, "Never man spake like this man." The common people heard Him gladly—then as now.

That is the best reason why what began in Galilee has gone to the ends of the earth and will not rest until it has gone to the depths of every human heart.

So Much To Many. So Little To More

There are times when I find myself simply enjoying this cascade of superlatives which rain down on Jesus Christ. Yet not for long. For how can He mean so much to so many, yet so little to so many more? If He deserves even a tenth of the praise heaped upon Him, how is it that anyone can treat Him as lightly or casually as so many of us do? If within the brief compass of His life He made so profound an impression on history that we gladly pivot our calendar on His birth, ought not loyalty to Him make some equally tremendous difference in the lives of those who profess it? Questions like these are so disturbing, that I am in full agreement with C. S. Lewis that Jesus Christ is "a frightening alternative" to anyone who glimpses even from afar the one great reason why He made and will continue to make an all-important difference in human life.

Love, The Unequaled Power In Human Life

This is the reason that transcends all others. He discovered the power of love. Jesus believed love to be an unequalled power in human life, the only proper approach to a person whose life was all tangled up in sin, frustration, and despair. Far from being simply an emotion, love was the simplest form of direct action. When the good people of Jerusalem brought the harlot to Him, they demanded action; they wanted to do something about it. They were all for stoning her at once—and they had the law on their side. Agreeing that something must be done, Jesus suggested two other kinds of immediate action, both born of love. First, He said, assuming she is to be stoned, "He that is without sin, let him cast the first stone at her." That took care of all of the sinners who had been masquerading as saints, but it left the one confessed sinner awaiting judgment. And when it came, it was action incandescent with love. "Go and sin no more."

This is no isolated instance of Jesus' understanding of and reliance on the power of love. He believed it to be the only proper approach to injury, injustice and indignity. His faith in it shines through every line of the Sermon on the Mount. His parables are radiant with the human meaning of the love of God. It is not too much to say that all that He did and said was one long effort to interpret the meaning of love in life.

The Ruling Power In His Life

It is beyond dispute that He let love be the only decisive power in His own life. And, let us never forget, it was a life of incessant action. The love in which He believed did not detach Him from the world and consign Him to monastic isolation. It sent Him abroad in the world "to seek and to save that which was lost." His faith in love was so complete that He could face man at his worst and still love him for God's sake. Whenever you are tempted to doubt the sheer power of love, read again the record of His last days on earth.

Expected Love In Followers' Lives

It is equally clear that Jesus expected His followers to let love be the distinctive characteristic of their fellowship. Those who called Him "Lord" were to be no ordinary company. They were to be dedicated to and consecrated by the power of love in their common life. This, more than anything else, set them apart from

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Layman's Column

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MY CHRISTMAS WISH FOR YOU

Before last summer, when I went on my round-the-world trip, there were those kind persons who took the trouble to tell me that they read this column with a fair degree of regularity. Since my return a larger number have said the same thing. Of course, it is always an honor to have one's writing valued enough to be read, and it is a much higher honor to hear persons express themselves kindly about it. Therefore it is out of a deep and sincere feeling of gratitude that I use this means of greeting those of you who have joined my "fan club." It is your loyalty that makes the writing of this column a constantly challenging experience. Because as I wrestle with my uncooperative typewriter to write, correct and rewrite the words that you finally see, it occurs to me many times that I'm writing directly to Rev. So-and-so, a Methodist pastor friend, or Mrs. Such-and-Such, a kindly lady who has said a good word about these efforts. Thus, what would otherwise become a chore, is nearly always a short and stimulating visit with a number of friends whom I visualize as the typewriter complains over my do-it-yourself style of typing.

It is to you . . . everyone of you who takes time to read it . . . that I direct my kindest thoughts and sincerest Christmas wishes, both now and during the New Year. Some of you have had joys . . . some sorrows . . . some victories . . . some even bitter defeats and disappointments. Our life here seems to be like that. But there is no human experience of life into which we cannot pour the love of Christ and find a new and greater meaning in that experience. Maybe one reason why God sent His beloved Son into the world as a normal human baby was to impress us with the fact that He was willing for Jesus to have all the experiences that we have, both good and bad. Christmas, then, comes to have a richer and sweeter meaning for us when we remember the great and continuing love of God.

My Christmas wish for every one of you is that this love "that passeth understanding" will be a constant companion of yours for these holy days and through the new year that knocks at the doors of our lives. May you all know great and satisfying joy for Christmas. May you and your loved ones feel a special pleasure in family companionship these days. May you also spread your Christian affections to include someone who is unlovely; a person whom you dislike, or someone who wanders outside of a desire to love others as you do. May the simple words, "Merry Christmas," take on a greater and holier meaning this Christmas than they have had before. God bless you all!

the rest of the world even as it sent them into the world. The love which sought expression in their life was more powerful than loyalty to family, property, tradition, and country. It sat in judgment on all these and subordinated them to the will of God. Paul was merely reporting what he had seen and experienced when he cried, "Love never faileth." That was the experience of the early Christian community.

Is This Love Fulfilled In Us?

This faith in and devotion to love as the only ultimate power in the world is indeed "a frightening alternative" to this or any other generation. It points up and out a way of life and a course of action startlingly different from the way we usually do things. Judged solely by our actions, we believe in many things, but love is seldom one of them, and when it is, it is only one of them and not the one that is fundamental to all else. Sensing the enormous difference between life as we live it and life as

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Meth. Deaconesses Facing Major Recruiting Problem

Milwaukee, Wis. (RNS)—Failure to attract young recruits was described here as the major problem facing the Methodist deaconess movement.

Among 482 active deaconesses in the United States, only 24 are under 30 years of age, said Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, New York, executive secretary of the commission on deaconess work of The Methodist Church.

She told the annual meeting of the commission that 76 deaconesses are from 30 to 39 years old; 103 from 40 to 49; 131 from 50 to 59; 136 from 60 to 69; 11 from 70 to 79; and one is over 80 years old.

Methodist deaconesses serve as nurses, education directors, youth and settlement workers and conduct other types of social and community activities.

A requirement that deaconesses resign when they marry was suspended several years ago in an effort to reduce the loss of personnel.

Dr. Allen C. Claxton, pastor of Broadway Methodist Temple, New York, said that most deaconesses who responded to a questionnaire favored permanent relaxation of the regulation.

The commission authorized committees to study other Protestant deaconess organizations in an effort to improve cooperation and exchange information across denominational lines.

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott of Madison, Wis., presided as chairman of the commission. The meeting was held at Grant Hall, largest residential type development operated by the Methodist deaconesses in the United States. It provides facilities for 150 single girls.

Air Force Chapel Attendance Exceeds 10 Million

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Attendance by personnel of the United States Air Force and their dependents at chapel services conducted by chaplains totalled 10,517,300 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1957.

In addition, there was an attendance of 1,638,800 at services held by civilian clergymen at Air Force chapels. Civilian clergymen serve as auxiliary chaplains where there are no chaplains of a major faith serving at an Air Force base.

The figures were given by Chaplain (Major General) Charles I. Carpenter, chief of Air Force chaplains, in his annual report.

He said this was the fourth consecutive year that chapel attendance has exceeded ten million.

Sunday school and religious education classes had an attendance of 4,408,000, a gain of more than 1,000,000 over the previous year, Chaplain Carpenter said.

He also reported that Catholic preaching missions attracted 228,021 at 2,559 services, while Protestant preaching missions conducted by guest civilian clergymen had an attendance of 110,951 at 1,384 services. The Air Force also sponsored 81 Jewish Torah Convocations with 2,201 present.

Air Force chaplains performed 6,993 marriages, conducted 2,401 funerals, and administered 17,700 baptisms.

Hits Reaction Of Many To Sputniks

St. Louis, Mo. (RNS)—Americans, in their reactions to the Russian launching of Sputniks, "seem to be acting like spiritual adolescents at a time of scientific maturity," a church expert on international affairs told the National Council of Churches' triennial assembly here.

Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, also criticized the Russian reaction, saying it was "partly symbolized by the boastful offer of a rocket shooting match."

"The stupidity of corporate humanity," he observed, "gives shuddering reality to the Psalmist's words: 'Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain. He who sits in the heavens laughs.'"

Dr. Nolde said "the threats which Communist dictatorship poses in Russia and throughout the world dare not be ignored and must be met."

"But every measure which is taken to oppose tyranny," he said, "must be tempered by the sincere desire to bridge the dividing chasm to the extent that fundamental principle is not betrayed. That objective may be attainable under present conditions. However, the United States has the responsibility to shape its course in a way that will give most speedy reality to an interdependent world."

In this connection, Dr. Nolde said, the forthcoming NATO summit conference takes on vital importance. It may have a determining effect for good or ill upon the course of history for years to come, he added. Therefore, he said its potential benefits should be realized and its potential dangers avoided.

Minister Says Laity Is Protestantism's Greatest Unemployment Problem

Chicago (RNS)—Dr. Truman B. Douglass of New York told lay leaders here that the "only serious unemployment problem in Protestantism today is the unemployed state of its laymen."

The executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions, Congregational Christian Churches, said "the greatest undeveloped resource of Protestant churches is the unused power of the laity."

He addressed a joint meeting of directors of the Congregational Laymen's Fellowship and the Churchmen's Brotherhood of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The two denominations merged last June to form the United Church of Christ but their agencies are in process of becoming integrated.

Dr. Douglass said the recruiting, training and effective use of responsible Christian laymen is a "far more urgent task" today than the recruiting and training of ministers.

"The unrealized power of Protestantism," he said, "is the power of the vast millions of church members." This power, he added, could be harnessed to "release a tremendous spiritual force" capable of producing "the most far-reaching revolution in the history of the Christian movement."

The Congregational leader said "it must be maddening to able laymen" when ministers give facile answers to difficult and intractable issues faced by the laity. He said too often these ministers seem to imply that the complicated problems "can be solved by more prayer, more reading of the Bible, or by a general revival of religion."

Although these activities are beneficial, he said, they are no substitute for the precise knowledge and technical proficiency required for effective work in business, professions and politics. These are the areas, he warned, where Christianity must be applied to be effective in the world today.

Church Construction Record For Nov. Set Last Month

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Church construction in November totalled \$78,000,000, a new record for the month, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported. It was \$4,000,000 higher than November, 1956.

November construction by private schools and colleges amounted to \$46,000,000. This was \$1,000,000 below the figure for November of last year.

Private hospitals and other institutions undertook \$49,000,000 worth of new buildings last month—\$16,000,000 more than the same month last year. For the first 11 months of 1957 construction by these institutions, most of which are church-related, was 64 per cent above the same period in 1956.

Teenagers Found Advanced In Dating Patterns

St. Louis, Mo. (RNS) — Young people from 14 to 16 years of age are two years advanced over their counterparts of ten years ago in their dating patterns and vocation-

al choices, the executive director of the National Council of Churches' youth department reported here.

This fact, the Rev. Donald Newby told religious educators attending the National Council's general assembly here, should be taken into consideration by the Church in its Christian education program.

Mr. Newby also presented some other facts for Christian educators as they seek to serve youth more effectively. He reported:

1. Youth today are confronted by an economy which offers 42,000 job titles from which to choose an occupation. In 1940 there were 20,000.

2. The moving of 20 per cent of the nation's families annually causes great difficulties in teenage group relationships and acceptance.

3. There are 16 million teenagers today but there will be 24 million in 1965. And this 50 per cent increase will come at a time when the 20-to-40-year-old age group, from which most volunteer youth workers have been drawn, will be relatively small.

4. Today's 16 million teenagers have spending money, earnings and allowances in the amount of nine billion dollars.

5. In the age group, 12 to 24, there are more than 100,000 women who have been married and divorced. A total of 6,000 of these are girls between 14 and 17 years of age.



The Greatest Gift Of All

LOVE and hope are two of the dominant themes of Christmas-time. Because they meet a need deep in the lives of people, this season of the year is perhaps as meaningful to people as any season of the year. Both of these themes find their origin in the beautiful story of the first Christmas which we never tire of hearing.

Love permeates the Bethlehem story. There was Mary and Joseph, the adoration of the shepherds and the Wise Men who came bearing gifts for the Christ child. The angels sang of God's gift of Himself through his Son. Love is seen in a bold relief as its opposite, rejection and hatred, are expressed in the innkeeper's refusal and the suspicion of Herod.

The Hope of all the years is rekindled in the Babe of Bethlehem. For generations a Redeemer of Israel had been expected. For the Wise Men the event at Bethlehem signaled the beginning of the fulfillment of that hope.

But God's gift, the song of the angels, the visits of the shepherds and the Wise Men would have only been acts in another beautiful story were it not for the life, teachings, death and resurrection that followed swiftly in the next 33 years. The love and hope so fully expressed in Jesus' birth found their fullest expression in these later events.

At this Christmas season of 1957, we will be exchanging greetings and giving gifts to our dear ones, our friends, and perhaps a few who are in special need. Are these gifts to be merely a passing expression of love which will fade with the going of the season, or will our gifts find their ultimate fulfillment in the giving of ourselves with our gifts throughout the years to come?

God's gift in His Son, Jesus, was full and complete. There was never a word spoken, an act or relationship expressed, or an attitude manifested by Jesus that did not serve to make more complete the love and hope that was so beautifully revealed in Bethlehem. God's giving of Himself at the first Christmas was only the beginning of His giving. Indeed, His giving did not end with His Son's ascension into Heaven, for throughout these 20 centuries He has continued to manifest that love in a thousand and one ways.

Our exchange of greetings and gifts should likewise be only the beginning of the giving of ourselves in devotion and service to those about us whom we are privileged to know and love. Our very lives should keep alive the love and hope which each Christmas season raises afresh in mankind.

Without the complete giving of ourselves to God and Christ, it is next to impossible to find this continual expression of love and hope in our everyday relationships. Only as His Spirit dwells within us as we yield ourselves to Him, do we have the lasting incentive and reason for loving and hoping. As God's Greatest Gift was Himself to mankind, so our greatest gift is our own lives to Him. Through this means, we truly can fulfill in the highest, the giving of ourselves to those about us.

The Charles Wesley Commemoration

FEW men have exercised as much influence on the spiritual nature and growth of so many Christians as Charles Wesley. Although a forceful preacher in the Wesleyan revival in England in the 18th century, he is far better known for the thousands of hymns which came out of his spiritual experience and from his gifted pen. For generations, many have called him blessed for his unusual gift to the forward march of Christendom. It is no wonder that in 1957, millions of Christians are moved to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of this brother of



John Wesley. Interestingly enough, this commemoration has crossed denominational lines, for there is scarcely a Protestant hymnbook that does not have within it several hymns from this talented man.

The abundant, creative work of Charles Wesley is rich evidence of what God can do with a life that is marked by deep commitment to Him and that has known a transforming spiritual experience. Charles Wesley's conversion actually preceded that of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience. One cannot study the content of his hymns without being convinced of the reality of his spiritual life.

The Wesley commemoration is an honor reserved for few in the Methodist tradition and there has been none which is more richly deserved. Our debt to him is without measure.

Recording Of Charles Wesley Hymns Available

ONE of the finest moves during the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of Charles Wesley's birth is the recording made by the Chancel Choir of the First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, of a number of the Charles Wesley hymns. The record was recorded in the chapel on the campus of the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, and was produced by the Protestant Radio and Television Center of Atlanta, Georgia, a group with which The Methodist Church in the South Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions is related. Those interested in securing the record may obtain it by placing an order with the First Methodist Church of Dallas, or by ordering from the producer at 1805 Clifton Rd., N.E., Atlanta 6, Georgia. The record bears the title of one of Charles Wesley's most loved hymns, "O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing." The cost is \$3.95. The record has a RCA Victor label.

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Getting Ready For A Great Effort

THE Methodists of our nation are launching the greatest effort of evangelism ever put on by our Church. We are attempting to "TELL AMERICA ABOUT CHRIST." This program is being brought down to the various states, annual conferences, districts and finally the local churches. Each church is to do its full part in carrying out the program. In keeping with this effort the two annual conferences of our state will "TELL ARKANSAS ABOUT CHRIST." Each district of the state was given the privilege of choosing its own method of evangelism and setting the date for its special effort. All of them have carried out these two points. All the districts did not set the same date for their evangelistic campaign, but the time was so arranged that the special effort will be put on throughout the state early in the new year.

The Methodists all over the state are now getting ready for this undertaking. They realize that a program of this scope and size requires a lot of preliminary work. One of the main things that is being done now is the organizing of prayer groups in the various local churches over the state. These groups are made up of four people each, one of whom is chairman. Each one pledges himself to pray daily for his own spiritual development, other members of the group, the pastor, the entire program of his church and the unchurched people of the community. The chief object of prayer of these groups just now is the success throughout the state of this evangelistic effort. We realize that if this campaign is to be a success there must be intelligent organization motivated by spiritual power. As was true on that memorable Pentecost in the long ago, this power will come largely through the prayers and consecration of the Christian people.

Another item in the preliminary part of the program is the securing of all necessary materials. Most of the churches have already looked after this matter; others are in the process of doing so. Then, too, there is the matter of setting up committees in keeping with the particular type of evangelism that each district will use. This work is being done. One of the most important matters just now is the securing of individuals who will assist with the religious census that will be taken in the near future all over the state. The Methodists plan to knock on every door in Arkansas and secure, if possible, religious information concerning each home. This is absolutely necessary in making our list of prospects. We can't want them and win them unless we know who they are and where they are.

In keeping with the program

"TELL ARKANSAS ABOUT CHRIST," there will be a state-wide rally at First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on February 28. Our own Bishop Paul E. Martin will be in charge of this rally and other outstanding persons will also take part. We will be making further announcements concerning the rally in the near future.

As we go into this campaign may we do so in a spirit of prayer and consecration.

State Evangelism Goal To Be Released

It is expected that the two Conference Secretaries of Evangelism will release the State Goal on Evangelism for the current Conference Year within another week. This goal has been set by each local church at its First Quarterly Conference. District Goals were then compiled and are being forwarded to the Conference Secretaries.

The goals will include the number expected to be won on Profession of Faith and the number to be received other-wise into the church. Some of the goals now in reveal a very great challenge that the individual churches have placed before themselves. The Searcy District expects to win 668 and the Conway District 1557. Jonesboro District has set 621 on Profession of Faith and a total number of additions at 1126.

Superintendents are asked to be sure that their quotas are sent to Rev. Mouzon Mann or Rev. Alvin Murray right away so that the total goal for the State can be set.

Bible Reading Schedule, First Quarter

The Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences both adopted as a part of the "Tell Arkansas About Christ" program a suggestion that Methodists in the state engage in a program of systematic Bible reading throughout 1958. The following schedule for January, February and March is the first quarter of that schedule. This year-long program of Bible-reading has been worked out by Dr. Elton Trueblood, noted Christian churchman. According to Dr. Trueblood, "Many want to read the Bible regularly, but do not know how or where to begin. The following division is offered as an experiment for all who are serious in trying to practice the discipline of daily reading. Each section is sufficiently short to be read reverently and carefully, and without hurry. It is even better if the reader will take time to mark, underline and date each passage as he reads it."

"An effort has been made to divide the material according to particular topics. Here are the five basic documents of Christianity, four lives of Christ, and the history of the amazing establishment of the Christian faith."

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Jan. 2-1:18-25
Jan. 3-2:1-12
Jan. 4-2:13-23
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Jan. 10-5:21-32
Jan. 11-5:33-48
Jan. 12-6:1-15
Jan. 13-6:16-24
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Jan. 15-7:1-14
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Jan. 19-8:28-9:8
Jan. 20-9:9-17
Jan. 21-9:18-34
Jan. 22-9:35-10:15

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Feb. 3-1:31-43
Feb. 4-1:44-58
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Feb. 6-14:13-21
Feb. 7-14:22-38
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Mar. 21-27:11-20
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Mar. 23-1:14-28
Mar. 24-1:29-45
Mar. 25-2:1-12
Mar. 26-2:13-22
Mar. 27-2:23-3:6
Mar. 28-3:7-19
Mar. 29-3:20-35
Mar. 30-4:1-20
Mar. 31-4:21-32



Tell Arkansas About Christ

Finding The Prospects

We have all heard many sermons concerning the service which Andrew rendered when he brought his brother Simon to meet Christ. If each person who has heard a sermon on this had been convinced that Andrew found a real joy in his witnessing, our world would be nearer to being evangelized than it is now. The fact remains that we have not all been convinced that Andrew was enthusiastic about bringing his brother to Christ. However, if we are to be honest in the interpretation of the Scripture, we must concede that the passage which makes reference to this (John 1:40, 41) seems to exude joy and exhilaration.

Before we can bring anyone to meet Christ, we must know someone who has not met Him. Andrew immediately thought of his brother. As you read these words, do you think of someone whom you could lead to meet Christ? Our circle of acquaintance is much larger than was Andrew's. This lays upon us a great responsibility. We must ask our-

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

January—County-wide religious surveys
January 1—Begin "Fellowship of Reading the Scriptures"; and Attendance Promotion
January 9—Jonesboro District Prayer Retreat
January 26—Jonesboro District Week of Evangelism
February 9—Forrest City District Week of Evangelism
February 18-19—First day of Lent; Twenty-four Hour Prayer Vigil
February 28—State-wide "Tell Arkansas About Christ" Rally at Little Rock.

selves if all our friends and acquaintances have met Christ. We say this is a responsibility; but if we have the view point possessed by Andrew, it becomes a joyous responsibility. We feel like Andrew knew that he must find his brother and bring him to Christ.

Even though our circle of friends and acquaintances is large, there is a likelihood that there are people in our community whom we do not know. Searching out these people and discovering their status, whether church or unchurched, is basic to the success of the "Tell Arkansas About Christ" campaign.

Demands Organized Effort

The complexities of modern life have produced a mobile population. People are on the move as never before. The Church that would grow in our day must be organized to discover prospective members. This is too great a job to be left to slipshod or haphazard methods. January has been designated as the month for discovering prospects. We hope that every church will organize for this undertaking. Our General Board of Evangelism has an abundance of valuable material to direct your efforts in organizing for your survey.

Some churches maintain a perpetual survey, with neighborhood leaders who have access to community and utility company records. These churches are never without a current survey, therefore they have prospects and grow steadily. After you have organized to find prospects in January, it is an easy step to keep your organization for the continuous survey.

WHY MEET AT THE MANGER?

Out of World War II emerged certain names to become household words—Eisenhower, Churchill, Roosevelt, Montgomery, MacArthur and others. But how many of these will be vividly remembered by our grandsons, though we of this generation honor them? Of all our American Presidents, you know, only two have birthdays which are widely observed.



Yet 19 centuries ago there was born One, the child of a peasant woman, in an obscure village of Bethlehem. He grew up as a carpenter in another unimportant town. He never traveled more than 200 miles from home. He never went to college. He never wrote a book. He never led an army.

When He was about 30, He became a traveling teacher. For a while He drew crowds, but after a short time the tide of popular favor ebbed. Even His friends deserted Him, one denied Him and another betrayed Him. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was crucified and buried in a borrowed tomb.

But a short time after His death, the name of Jesus began to be heard again in the streets of Jerusalem. His followers returned from hiding, no longer hunted refugees but bold heralds of a risen and triumphant Christ. They went everywhere telling of His live and love. Persecution could not stop them. Time could not erase His memory.

Aye, in fact time came to be measured from His birth. Every day our letters and legal documents bear mute testimony to the fact that this Man of Nazareth divides time into B.C. and A.D.

A Christmas card once came to my desk carrying these words: "Nineteen centuries have come and gone. And today He is the center of the human race, and the leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man on earth as powerfully as has this one solitary life."

Why this enduring appeal? Why this expanding power? My answer

is that those who went to the manger at Bethlehem found there the living fulfillment of the longing which sent them there.

Writing after mature reflection on the Man born at Bethlehem, Saint Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians declared: "For all the promises of God in him are yea." The Christ of Bethlehem became the Everlasting Yea. He gives the affirmative answer to life's deepest longings.

Let us look at the longings of those who met at the manger. First of all, the shepherds. As shepherds, they were faithful to their flocks. But what about themselves? Was there any shepherding care to look after them? Perhaps they had sung the psalm, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." But when they sang such songs, all they heard was the echo of their own voices from the adjoining hills.

The shepherds longed to know whether the stars which glittered so cold in the heavens had a friendly hand behind them. The Christ born in Bethlehem says they have.

The simple watchers of the flocks craved to know whether men are of more value than sheep. And Christ says they are.

The shepherds who saw their lambs perish among the hills yearned to know whether man's life flickers out into nothingness. And Christ answers that "God so loved the world that He sent his only Begotten Son that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."

The shepherds found the Everlasting Yea to their deepest yearnings.

At Bethlehem we meet not only humble shepherds but Wise Men. Why do wise men bow to One who was born in a manger and grew up in a carpenter's shop? Because Christ gives the wisdom to safeguard and direct our knowledge.

Knowledge is power, so we say. And it is, but it may prove the power that destroys. Knowledge in the mind of criminals helps to make crime into a huge business, as recent conventions of gangsters have shown.

Knowledge can launch Sputniks and intercontinental missiles. In fact, with nuclear energy and jet planes man could now for the first time in history commit race suicide.

What can save our knowledge from destroying us? Nothing less than the principles of love and service laid down by the One born in Bethlehem.

Why meet at the manger? Not merely because the story of Bethlehem is beautiful and the children love it. But because, like the wise men and the shepherds, we are seeking One who can save life here and hereafter.

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Saw

A Wrong
Signal



By
Rev. R. A. Teeter

on a busy highway. The driver ahead of me signaled for a right turn. I pulled out to pass him on the left. A quick look down the road showed that no right turn was possible for a long distance. But a left turn was close by. I slowed down and pulled in behind him again. Then he made a quick left turn. If I had followed through with my intention to pass we would have collided. Probably most drivers have had similar experiences. Wrong signals are frequently made, any one of us might do it.

The highway of life is the busiest road there is. All of us are on it. And everything we do is a signal for someone. A wrong signal may cause serious trouble for us and the man following. We have to scan the road ahead and check on the fellow up front. And the man behind checks on us too. If he doesn't he is foolish. The traffic of life requires more alertness, care, courtesy, and concern than the traffic jam after a football game.

Jesus never made a wrong signal. No directive of his ever hinders our travel. He said with full assurance; "Follow me." St. Paul tried it and found it safe, so he said: "Be ye followers of me as I am of Christ."

The spiritual life is beset by many false signals. When confused by them, look for the signal of Jesus Christ. He is the "green light" of safe travel.

IT ALL BEGAN IN GALILEE

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it would be lived in love, we draw back. We rationalize, we delay, we dodge and twist this way and that in our effort to avoid personal responsibility for the clear meaning of Love for life.

Love is far less spectacular than its opposite number, hatred. Hatred is tragic spectacle on a grand scale. It is Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and the Big Bombs of today. It is World War III which seems to lie all around us, waiting only the opportunity to spring on us. There is little or no spectacle about love. It is as simple as taking a child on one's knee and seeing therein the Kingdom of God. It is as simple as giving a cup of cold water, as interrupting a journey to help someone in trouble, as meeting curses with prayers, as turning the other cheek.

Christian Love Is Costly

But Christian love, however simply it may be explained, is ad-

mittedly costly when taken seriously. That is why we shrink away from it. It is easier to do almost anything else than take it seriously. It is easier to devise ways and means and systems for increasing the supply of material goods than it is to bring into being a system for distributing them in so equitable a fashion as to promote the spirit of community and fraternity in the human family. The former calls for skill; the latter for love. A nation can possess all of the celebrated "know-how" in the world, but if it has not love, it is nothing.

It is much easier to carry out the dictates of hatred than those of love. It is far, far easier to get a world conflict going than a world community in operation. We are reluctant to continue the cost of a Point-Four program for building a strong economic foundation under the lives of peoples everywhere, but get us properly excited by fear and hatred and we are willing to spend ten times as much

to further wreck the stability of the world through war. And yet it is crystal-clear that we must finally make up our minds as to the direction we propose to take. We cannot go in opposite directions at the same time. That, basically, is why Jesus Christ must always be regarded as a "frightening alternative" at that. Belief in and loyalty to Him makes us choose, and that choice will be inspired by love for God and man.

Destiny Determined By This Love

Whether we are willing and able to carry on what began in Galilee depends upon the personal and collective decision and action of persons who profess to be followers of Christ. The magic of the Christmas season will serve us well if we treat it as an introduction, not a conclusion, to the duty and the privilege of Christian discipleship. We come here to adore him, and that is all to the good if we leave determined to serve him forevermore.

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Do War Toys Hurt Your Children

Leave it to the small fry to keep up with the news. Toy shops, says TOGETHER magazine, report that lead soldiers and plastic tanks are almost passe. Instead, youngsters now clamor for space missiles.

What do parents think about these "toys of violence"? In the Midmonth Powwow section of its December issue (out the 15th of this month), TOGETHER gives the results of a sampling poll of parents across the country and quotes from detailed remarks made on many of the questionnaires.

Parents voted 2 to 1 that they did not believe playing with war toys and guns makes children war minded. In approximately that same ratio they admitted that they permitted their children to have this type of plaything. Better than 90 per cent believe that parents can have a voice in the type of toys

offered for sale, and a similar percentage declared that such other sources of amusement as TV, radio, comic books and the movies which feature war or violence have a greater influence than toys.

Mrs. Harriet Roth, junior high school teacher of Mitchell, S. D., put it this way: "Playing with war toys doesn't make children any more war minded than playing cowboys and Indians makes them hate Indians. The big problem is with older children who read war comic books, see TV and movies. In them they see war glorified. That, to me, is the type of thing that makes them war minded."

W. E. Cannon, professor at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, agrees. "Toys are play. The child does not confuse them with life. But TV, radio, movies are real people in real life.

I believe mass media affect the attitudes and behavior patterns of children much more than play activity, which is recognized by the child strictly as play activity."

Mrs. Graydon Tilbury of Kansas City Mo., wrote that she tried to keep her son from playing with toy guns, but all his friends were playing these games, using sticks for guns. "I would have had to keep my son in the house. I did not think it that important, and had I done so it would have made such an impression on him that it would have made him more war minded. There is an age when boys just want to play such games."

And Mrs. Russell I. Barger of Wakeeney, Kans., summed it up this way: "Maybe it isn't the type toy but the type of growing-up interests offered the boy that makes the difference. I suspect that the child's interest in new activities is guided by the parents' attitude and co-operation with church, youth groups, and other wholesome activities."

Methodists Figure Prominently In Nat'l Council Meeting

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dist Church, St. Louis.

Bishop John Wesley Lord, Boston, was called a "workhorse of the assembly" as he served as chairman of the committee on Reference and Counsel and, in this capacity, presented various resolutions for assembly action.

Mr. Parlin gave one of the principal addresses of the assembly, and several other Methodists spoke at various divisional, departmental, or similar meetings.

Methodist laymen of St. Louis turned out in force at a luncheon of United Church Men, a general unit of the National Council. One reason for the big turnout of Methodists was that they were honoring J. Clinton Hawkins, St. Louis, a Methodist layman who was stepping down after three years as chairman of United Church Men. Several Methodist ministers also were present, including Bishop Eugene M. Frank, St. Louis, head of the Missouri Methodist Area, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, who headed the area before his retirement.

At a luncheon of United Church Women, Mrs. J. W. Sonnenday, a member of Grace Methodist Church, St. Louis, represented city councils of church women. She is president of the United Council of Church Women in St. Louis.

Honored at the women's luncheon was Miss Edith Gromer, New York City, a Methodist who was retiring as associate secretary of the United Church Women.

Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Texas, was the preacher at a vesper service for Methodists attending the General Assembly. It was held on the first day of the meeting and was at Webster Hills Methodist Church. Bishop Martin, second president of the National Council, also was a speaker at a Methodist fellowship breakfast attended by more than 130 later in the meeting.

The Rev. Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, New York City, general secretary of the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, was on the program of a Church World Service luncheon. He is chairman of the executive committee of Church World Service, and, as such, presented awards to four persons for distinguished service to that global relief agency of the National Council.

More than a dozen representatives of the Methodist press were present at the General Assembly, including editors of Methodist periodicals, staff members of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, and others.

Among the groups providing music during the week was the a capella choir of Central College, Fayette, Mo., Missouri Methodism's school of higher learning. The forty-voice group sang at a meeting of the Division of Christian Education.

By action of the General Assembly, four new communions were received into membership of the National Council, bringing the total membership to 34 denominations. Received into membership were the Diocese of the Armenian Church in North America, the Polish National Catholic Church of America, the Free Reformed Church in

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El Dorado First Church In New Educational Bldg.-Chapel

Methodists of First Church, El Dorado, are now using a new \$650,000 educational building and chapel following formal opening services on December 8.

This building program is thought to be the largest building program undertaken by any Methodist Church in Arkansas or Louisiana.

The educational facilities and Chapel was formally opened on Sunday morning, December 8, in services conducted by Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock, Dr. W. Neill Hart, Superintendent of Camden District, Dr. Cecil R. Culver, pastor of El Dorado First Church, and Reverend Virgil Bell, First Church associate.

The above picture shows the Chapel entrance and educational building. The new construction joins the present sanctuary on the south side of the building.

The picture at the right is an interior view of the Chapel.

The over all cost of the building program exceeded \$750,000.



NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

CHARLES WESLEY DAY was observed at the Sterlington Methodist Church, Sun. Dec. 15. The pastor, Rev. W. M. Allen, gave the story of Charles Wesley's Life.

REV. GEORGE HARBUCK, pastor of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the YMCA Luncheon Club on Friday, Dec. 6, at the Central YMCA Shreveport. "What Christ Means to the Christian" was his subject.

JOHAN HAMMOND, minister of music of the Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church, Bogalusa, directed members of a community choir in the singing of portions of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, Dec. 8.

REV. R. R. BRANTON, superintendent of the Lafayette District, preached at the two morning worship services of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, Sunday, Dec. 8, where Dr. Carl F. Lueg is pastor.

NOON-TIDE DEVOTIONS at The Church House, New Orleans, for the week of Dec. 8-13 were conducted by Rev. Clyde C. Frazier, Jr., pastor of the Lake Vista Methodist Church, New Orleans.

A UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE was held at the Southside Methodist Church, Monroe, Thanksgiving Day with Rev. J. S. Jamieson preaching. The chancel choir of the host church, under the direction of R. L. Jones, was in charge of the music for the service.

REV. JAMES McLEAN, Director of Student Life, Centenary College, Shreveport, preached at both worship services of the Springhill Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 8. The pastor, Rev. W. R. Wendt, underwent surgery on Dec. 2, and is recuperating satisfactorily.

MRS. GUY HICKS led the discussion on the subject, "Jesus Teaches Us About Prayer," at the meeting of the combined Prayer Groups of the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Thursday evening, Dec. 19. Mrs. Hicks is the wife of the pastor, Dr. Guy Hicks.

REV. CONRAD EDWARDS, associate pastor of First Methodist Church, Bossier City, was guest speaker on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 28, at the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport. Holy Communion was served to those attending. Rev. John Lee is pastor of the church.

DR. KEITH MASON, a medical doctor from Shreveport, who made a trip into Russia last year was the guest speaker at the Men's Club of the Haynesville Methodist Church dinner meeting Dec. 19. The occasion was also a celebration of "Ladies Night" by the Club. Rev. Jack H. Midyett is pastor of the church.

HAROLD D. MONTGOMERY, Bossier Parish police juror and owner of the Montgomery Feed and Seed Co. of Ruston, has given two large beef cows to the Ruston Methodist Children's Home and the Monroe Baptist Children's Home. The cows were recently purchased by Mr. Montgomery from his son, Hal, and Larry McBridge, both of Doyline.

MISS JOAN LAY, daughter of Robert Lay, Louisiana Conference lay leader, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Minden, at their November meeting held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Miss Lay was introduced by H. L. Bridges, president of the organization. Rev. Dan R. Robinson is pastor of the church.

REV. W. R. WENDT, pastor of the Springhill Methodist Church was guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Springhill Lions Club on Tuesday, Nov. 26. In keeping with the season, his subject was "Thanksgiving." The Rev. Mr. Wendt also spoke before a joint meeting of Masons and ladies of the Eastern Star at the Springhill Masonic Hall Saturday evening, Nov. 30. He used as his subject, "The Builder."

THE SENIOR DEPARTMENT of the Munholland Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, presented a special Panel Discussion entitled "Going Steady," on Sunday, Dec. 8, for the Evening Fellowship. The Moderator was Jerry DeBlois; members of the panel were Sherry Akenhead, Gail Gregory, Diane Smith, and Donald Allen. Rev. Edward W. Harris is pastor of the church.

REV. CHAMP BREEDEN, pastor of the Belah Eden Charge, preached in revival services held at the Belah Methodist Church, Nov. 25-Dec. 1. A portion of each service was given over to congregational singing, with prayer services held for fifteen minutes each evening. Conducting the congregational singing was Paul Strozier and David Strozier, with Mrs. Ruth Strozier at the piano.

DR. AND MRS. H. C. BLOUNT, of Decatur, Miss., parents of Rev. Henry Blount, received lacerations and multiple fractures and bruises in a head-on collision at the crest of a slippery hill seven miles west of West Monroe on U. S. 80 Dec. 9. The Blounts were traveling toward Ruston, and at the last report they were improving satisfactorily. The Rev. Mr. Blount is pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Ruston.

REV. PORTER CARAWAY, Chaplain of Confederate Memorial Hospital, Shreveport, was guest preacher at both the morning and evening worship services of the Springhill Methodist Church, Sunday, Dec. 15. The pastor, Rev. W. R. Wendt, who underwent surgery on Dec. 2, expects to be able to be back in his pulpit on Sunday, Dec. 22. The Rev. Mr. Wendt has recently been elected vice-chairman of the Springhill-Cullen Ministerial Alliance.

DR. DANA DAWSON, JR., pastor of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, was guest speaker at the annual pledge banquet of the Munholland Methodist Church, Metairie, Friday, Dec. 6. R. E. Mittelstaedt was the campaign director. Arrangements chairman was H. E. Hoppmeyer, with Mrs. Hoppmeyer in charge of the dinner committee. Chairman of the speakers' committee was Irving Ton. Rev. Edward W. Harris, pastor, said pledges were solicited on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be held at the Goodwill Methodist Church, on the Kilbourne Circuit on Sat. Dec. 21, under the direction of Mrs. Til Scruggs, and Mrs. Francis Fowler, with Mrs. J. C. Thomas in charge of the music for the occasion. Another Pageant will also be held on the Kilbourne Circuit on Sun. Dec. 22, under the direction of Mrs. Herman Lightsey, with music planned by Mrs. J. P. Littlefield. The public has been invited for both services. Rev. John D. Bell is pastor of the circuit.

REV. J. ROY GIBBS, member of the Texas Conference, died Dec. 9, in The Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas. The Rev. Mr. Gibbs, who was 52 years of age, had been preaching for 22 years, and at the time of his death was pastor of the Fulbright Memorial Church in Houston. He suffered a heart attack in the pulpit on Sunday evening, Dec. 8, and died about 24 hours later. He was buried in Graceland Cemetery, Houston. Survivors include a brother, Rev. Hubert A. Gibbs, pastor of the Oak Park Methodist Church, Lake Charles.

THE COMMISSION OF EDUCATION of the Thibodaux Methodist Church has planned two programs for the observance of Christmas in the church. On Wednesday evening, Dec. 18, a "White Christmas Worship Service" was held in the sanctuary. At this service gifts were received to be given to the Methodist Children's Home, Ruston. On Thursday evening, Dec. 19, at the Educational Building, Santa Claus visited the children of the church from 1 through 11 years of age. Rev. Robert R. Miller is pastor of the church.

THE CHRISTMAS Candle-lighting service of the Mansfield Methodist Church, featuring the Chancel Choir, directed by Mrs. Warren

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

According to custom, there will be no issue of the paper next week. So that our readers will not miss a Sunday School lesson, the lessons for Dec. 29 and Jan. 5 are being carried in this issue.

MRS. J. L. LAY DIES

Mrs. J. L. Lay, wife of the late Rev. J. L. Lay, passed away quietly at War Memorial Hospital Oct. 23, 1957. Funeral services and burial were held at the Prospect Methodist Church, where the Rev. Mr. Lay served as pastor, and where he chose to be buried.

Mrs. Lay was born Jan. 13, 1885 in Bolton, Alabama. She married John L. Lay in April, 1902 in Hattiesburg, Miss. They came to Louisiana in 1903.

The Rev. Mr. Lay, and Mrs. Lay served the following churches: Plain Dealing, Hodge, Winona, Simsboro, Indian Bayou, Calhoun, Eros, Pleasant Hill, Sicily Island, Bernice, Hornbeck, Hall Summit, Glenmora, and Campti.

Her pastor, Rev. Oakley Lee, pastor of the Leesville Methodist Church, paid tribute to Mrs. Lay by saying: "Mrs. Lay was a wonderful Christian, a devoted mother, and a loyal and faithful member of the Methodist Church. We thank God for people like the Lays."

REPORTS ON WORLD SERVICE RECEIPTS AT MID-YEAR

CHICAGO—Half-way through the current fiscal year, Methodists had sent \$4,174,130.22 for their World Service fund to the church's central treasury here.

In a report for the six-month period from June 1 through Nov. 30, the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, treasurer of the church's council on World Service and Finance, indicated that World Service receipts were up 5.72 percent over a similar six-month period a year ago. His report showed, however, that this year's November receipts of \$914,859.89 were considerably less than the World Service income of \$993,539.78 for November, 1956.

World Service Specials for the six-month period just ended were \$23,807.69—a 38.72 percent drop from the amount received during the same months last year.

All other funds showed gains when the first half of the current year was compared with the first half of the previous fiscal year. The amounts received for this six-month period and the percentages of increase over the same period last year follow:

General Advance	
Specials	\$2,290,074.20....15.22%
Week of Dedication	87,791.67....10.31%
Fellowship of Suffering and Service	404,704.70....15.67%
Methodist TV Ministry	73,303.57....44%
Episcopal Fund	609,014.82....10.49%
General Administration	205,838.33.... 8.45%
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	156,689.61.... 7.92%

Harris; the Chapel Choir, directed by Mrs. C. B. Yarbrough; the Carol Choir, directed by Mrs. M. W. Merrill; and the Cherub Choir, directed by Miss Carolyn Bennett, will be presented Sunday evening, Dec. 22, at 5:30. The accompanists for the choirs are Mrs. A. A. Kidd and Mrs. J. W. Caraway for the Chancel Choir, Miss Kay Enloe for the Chapel Choir, Miss Roxy Scott for the Carol Choir, and Miss Carolyn Bennett for the Cherub Choir. Rev. Merlin W. Merrill is pastor of the church.

THE ANNUAL YOUTH DIVISION of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Christmas Party was held on Sunday evening in the Sam Baird Hall, Dec. 8. All Youth from Jr. High age through college and working youth participated. The theme of the party was "What Shall We Give Him?" Decorations were done by the Jr. Highs. The Senior High group was in charge of the table fun. Highlighting the program was a play "No Room at the Inn," presented by the Win One Class, with Miss Bonnie Hendrickson directing the play. Miss Karen Ford, president of the Council, was in charge of the over all plans for the occasion. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., is pastor of the church.

New Orleans District Conference Held

The New Orleans District Conference met Dec. 16, at the St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans, with Dr. Virgil D. Morris, district superintendent, presiding.

Those reporting at the "Connec-tional hour" were: Rev. L. D. Houghton, Methodist Home Hospital; Rev. J. B. Grambling, Retired Ministers' Home Project; Dr. W. E. Hotalen, Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation; Miss Anne Fox, Louisiana Methodist Children's Home; Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh and Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, The Louisiana Methodist.

Stewardship in the New Orleans District was reported on by Irving Ton, Rev. H. G. Williamson, and Rev. Karl B. Tooke. The evangelism report was made by Rev. Don Alverson, and Howard L. Daughenbaugh reported on lay activities.

Missions in the district were discussed by Rev. E. J. Barksdale, Miss Sheila Nuttall, Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, Rev. C. H. Snelling, Jr., Rev. C. E. Munden III, and Dr. Morris.

Representing education were: Dr. Bentley Sloane, Keith Thomas, Jack Baringer, and Rev. R. L. Cooke (Centenary College).

The following committee reports were given: ministerial qualifications, Dr. N. H. Melbert; district trustees, W. P. Harris; public relations, Rev. C. C. Frazier, Jr.; camping, Rev. T. T. Howes; Christian vocations, Mrs. J. E. Manis; and Quarterly Conference records, Rev. R. I. Galatas.

Supper was served in fellowship hall, and The Charles Wesley Hour was observed at 7:30, under the direction of Mrs. R. W. French, and the host pastor, Rev. W. S. Wren.

The treasurer's report followed, given by E. E. Cayard; the statistician's report by Rev. J. M. Winn, Jr.; and the resolutions committee report by Rev. R. L. Clayton.

1960 Census Not To Include Questions On Religious Affiliation

Washington, D. C. (MI) — The 1960 Census will not include questions on religious affiliation, the Bureau of the Census has decided.

The primary reason for the decision, said Robert W. Burgess, director of the bureau, was "recognition that at this time a considerable number of persons would be reluctant to answer such a question in the census where a reply is mandatory."

He expressed doubt that the value of religious statistics collected would be great enough to justify overriding resentment and opposition. Cost factors also were a consideration, he said.

Director Burgess added, however, that the present decision does not rule out the possibility of asking the proposed series of questions on religion in some future census.

He also indicated that results of a sample religious questionnaire, which the bureau tested in 35,000 households last March, are now being prepared for publication.

Numerous church organizations have opposed the inclusion of a religious inquiry in the census, but Dr. Burgess did not cite such opposition in announcing his deci-

Methodists Among Centenary Students Named, Who's Who

The president and treasurer of the Methodist Student Movement at Centenary College were among the ten students selected for listing in the 1957-58 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

Miss Marcella Flynt of Baton Rouge, president of the MSM, was cited for her many activities, including the vice presidency of Kappa Chi, Centenary ministerial group; membership on the Honor Court, membership in the Student Senate and for service as treasurer of the Maroon Jackets.

Charles Wilder of Eros, treasurer of the MSM and president of the ministerial organization, also was cited. He is an alternate on the Honor Court, vice-president of Rotary Hall, member of the college choir and member of the chapel committee.

Virgil Dixon Morris, Jr., whose father is district superintendent of the New Orleans district of the Methodist Church, also was among the honorees. Morris, a married student, is a member of the MSM, former editor of the student newspaper, president of the Debate Club, member of Omicron Delta Kappa honorary leadership and service group, and active in many other groups. Oscar Cloyd of Monroe, also an MSM member, was cited for his services as president of the senior class, president of Kappa Sigma fraternity and member of many other societies.

Others Chosen

Others chosen for the honor are the following: Ralph Lawrence Gibson, Jr., of Shreveport, vice president of Alpha Epsilon Delta honorary pre-medical group and president of the Baptist Student Union; Gail Martin of Shreveport, president of Chi Omega sorority, secretary of the Student Senate and secretary-treasurer of the Maroon Jackets; Jerard Rand Martin of Shreveport, well known concert pianist, member of ODK, president of the pre-medical fraternity and president of the Centenary Biology Club.

Also, Warren Boyd, president of the Maroon Jackets, member of the Honor Court, secretary of Chi Omega sorority and coed vice-president of the college choir, and Cecile Plummer, winner of the outstanding freshman award during her initial year at Centenary, member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, the Maroon Jackets and many other groups. Miss Boyd is from Bogalusa and Miss Plummer from Lake Charles. The tenth honoree was Larry McKinstry of Bastrop, one of the national leadership award winners of Kappa Sigma fraternity this year, treasurer of the Student Senate and former president of the sophomore class.

The ten students were selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

sion.

Opponents claimed that the questions would violate Freedom of Religion. It was also pointed out that it would be impossible to detail questions sufficiently to avoid grouping all Methodists, Baptists, etc., therefore making the results largely meaningless for denominational tabulation.

MSM, Other Campus Religious Groups Present Nativity Pageant At Centenary

Centenary College will close tomorrow for the Christmas holidays following a special round of activities.

Members of the Methodist Student Movement cooperated with other campus religious groups in the presentation of a traditional Nativity pageant for four successive nights last week on the Woodlawn Ave. side of the Brown Memorial chapel on the campus. Music was piped to the scene from the organ in the chapel, and costumes were provided by the First Methodist Church of Bossier City. Hundreds of local residents visited the campus to witness the pageant.

Elysian Fields, N.O., Men's Club Holds Dinner Meeting

The Methodist Men of Elysian Fields Church in New Orleans held their regular dinner meeting in the church recreation hall on Monday night, December 2.

Following a meal prepared by the WSCS, the men were treated to a talk and demonstration of products made from oil and petroleum by two representatives of the oil industry. This was one of a series of scheduled programs that has made the club meetings at Elysian Fields well attended.

Future meetings will feature talks on industry and current events.

Rev. Ted Howes of Jefferson Church was the guest of the pastor, Rev. G. R. Messer, and participated in the business meeting that followed the meal.

The club is currently working on a scholarship fund to help students studying for full-time Christian service and will sponsor a boiled shrimp supper to aid the fund. The group has already made a substantial contribution from the club treasury to start the fund. J. E. Manis is working up the shrimp supper with the help of other members of the Scholarship Committee and the men's group. Gordon Elliot is president.

New Iberia Choir Presents Special Christmas Program

The Chancel Choir of the First Methodist Church, New Iberia, presented a program of sacred Christmas music Sunday, Dec. 15, at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services.

Featured in the program was a Fred Waring arrangement entitled, "The Song of Christmas," by Roy Ringwald. The narration was done by Mr. and Mrs. Sam White. Also included on the program were two selections from Handel's "Messiah."

The 25-voice choir was accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Walker at the organ and directed by Jerry Fuller. The Rev. Jack Cooke is pastor of the church.

Members of the Chancel Choir are: Soprano—Mrs. Joseph Valenti, Jr., Mrs. Howard Lyle, Mrs. David Phillips, Miss Brenda DeBuse, Miss Cynthia Stockstill, Mrs. Arthur Land, Mrs. Wade Gajan, Mrs. Earl Hall, Jr., Mrs. C. G. Fuller, Jr., Mrs. James G. Hester, Mrs. John W. Trotter, Mrs. Lincoln Riley, Mrs. Earl Voelz, Mrs. L. C. Leger;

Tenor—Henry Bernard, Newton Pharr; R. B. Boatright; Bass—Mack Carter, Joseph Valenti, Jr., Jonathan Cooke, Henry Bernard, Jr., Don Fowler; Alto—Mrs. Helen Miller, Mrs. Jim Murff, and Mrs. Charles Zlomke.

Women residents of the T. L. James Memorial Dormitory decorated the outside of that structure and also piped music across the campus from noon to 1 p.m. daily and from 5 to 6:15 p.m. during the past week.

The Centenary College Choir will present its annual program of Christmas carols and hymns in the chapel today with Dr. A. C. Voran, director, in charge. Student soloists will be featured.

At 6:30 p.m. today, the Methodist Student Movement will sponsor a candlelight service and program of carol singing in the outdoor amphitheater on the campus. The event is open to the public.

Dr. and Mrs. Joe J. Mickle will hold their traditional open house for all faculty and administrative personnel tomorrow evening at the president's home, 3000 Centenary Blvd.

The college will close for the holidays following evening classes tomorrow, and classes will not be resumed until Jan. 6.

North Baton Rouge Church Honors CS Workers, Teachers

A banquet honoring Church School teachers and workers at the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church was held on December 9, at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker was Dr. Bentley Sloane, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Christian Education.

Rev. James W. Lawton, Minister of Education, served as Master of Ceremonies and presented plans for the new year. Warren Humphreys, Church School superintendent, commented on the work of the Church School since June and the progress that has been made. Rev. James L. Stovall, pastor, gave some comments on the progress and future plans of our Church School.

100 YOUTH NEEDED FOR SPECIAL-TERM MISSIONARY SERVICE

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selflessly in its midst;

- must be willing to live and work under rapidly changing conditions requiring adaptability and emotional maturity, happy to work with and under those whom he will serve;
- must have good health and a record in scholarship and practical achievement well above the average;
- must be unmarried and agree to remain so during his term of service.

Detailed lists of openings and other information about the special-term programs may be obtained from: Office of Missionary Personnel, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Paragould District MYF Sponsors Food Caravan To LR

On Saturday morning, November 30, 44 young people and adults from the Paragould District gathered at the Methodist Church in Hoxie to check last minute plans before leaving for the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock. Then nine cars loaded with food and people pulled onto the highway and the caravan was underway.

Before this event could take place, much hard work had been done. It all started in July when the Councils of the two Sub-districts came together at the Griffin Memorial Church in Paragould to outline their year's work. It was decided that local MYF groups would be asked to bring gifts of food to the November Sub-district meetings, and that a special Thanksgiving service would be held. It was further agreed that the food would be taken to the Children's Home in Little Rock on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Grace Curtis Sub-district had its program on November 11, and the Iris Bell Sub-district had its program on November 18. The food had been packed and the caravan was on its way.

The group arrived at the Home at 11:45 Saturday morning, and shared the picnic lunches that had been brought. The cartons of food were taken to the storage room, and the group was given a tour of the campus at the Children's Home.

At 1:30 the caravan left the Home and proceeded to the Little Rock Air Force Base where a guided tour had been planned. The tour was under the direction of Chaplain (1st. Lt.) Richard Thomas. At approximately 4:30 the cars from northeast Arkansas headed back in that direction and the young people and adults were back in the Paragould District early in the evening.

"The young people were especially grateful to Rev. Albert Gatlin, district superintendent, who took time from a busy schedule to accompany them on the trip. The Paragould District MYF hopes to make the trip to the Children's Home an annual event," the report said.

THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

By Hoover Rupert

TO UNDERSTAND IS TO BE CONCERNED

Howard Thurman in his book *The Growing Edge* recalls the story which appeared in a Cincinnati newspaper some years ago. It is a marvelous and moving account of how the spirit of love and concern can transform a group of unrelated human individuals with a closely knit fellowship of understanding and sympathy. Here is the story as it appeared:

"In a factory here there is a workman who had one small invalid child at home. He wrought at his trade with exemplary fidelity, being always in the shop at the opening of the day. He managed, however, to bear each evening to the bedside of his 'wee lad' as he

What Christian Fellowship Means

By Miss Mary Brannon,
Little Rock, Chairman of
Christian Fellowship, LR
Conference MYF

What is fellowship? Daniel Webster says fellowship is association, communion, society, or a joint interest or feeling. This is true. However, we are thinking of a specific kind of fellowship—Christian fellowship, then would be a Christian association, communion, or society with our joint interest or feeling—Christ above all.

Why do we need Christian fellowship? If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin—I John 1:7. We find that we cannot live a true Christian life without Christian fellowship. When we attend MYF on Sunday morning and Sunday evening, we find that we are a stronger person because we have had fellowship with the Christians our own age and who have similar ideas. This is why it is important that we have Christian fellowship. It gives us a better understanding of our faith so that we can better meet the problems that we face as youth.

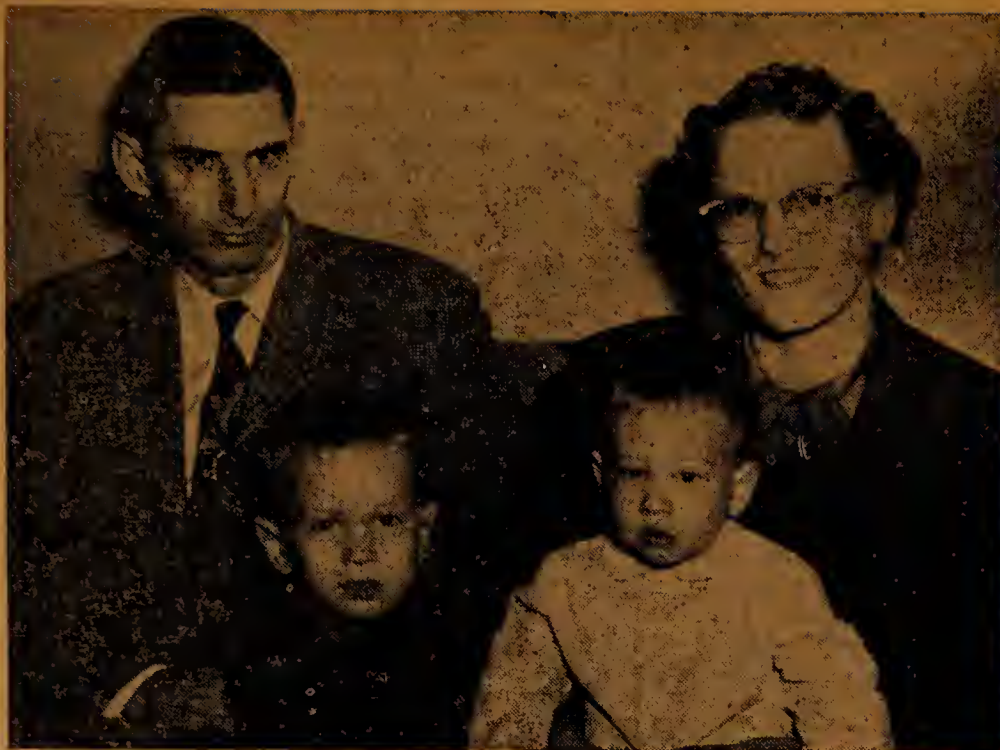
Where do we get this Christian fellowship? Yes, we get it at MYF Sunday morning and night, but is that enough? When we share in the planning of our church's activities, we get more out of them. We have a part on the program on Sunday morning so we think our job is done. No, the Methodist Youth Fellowship is a fellowship of Methodist youth all over the world and not just in our local church. We must work with other Methodist youth in order to make our own MYF stronger.

As we continue our Fall emphasis on the Bible, let us all promise ourselves to do our part in making it a great success. If only a few make this promise, only a few will fully benefit from it, but if we all do our part, this can be a great year.

Let us work hard and see the results!!!

called him, a flower, a bit of ribbon, or a fragment of crimson glass—indeed anything that would lie out on the white counter-pane and give color to the room. He was a quiet, unsentimental man, but never went home at night without something that would make the wan face light up with joy at his return. He never said to a living soul that he loved the boy so much. Still he went on patiently loving him and by and by he moved the whole shop into positively real but unconscious fellowship with him. The workmen made curious little jars and cups upon their pottery wheels, and painted diminutive pictures down their sides before they placed them in the corners of the kiln at burning time. One brought some fruit in the bulge of his apron, and another engravings in a crude scrapbook. Not one of them whispered a word for this solemn thing was not to be

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Pictured are the Rev. and Mrs. Bill Elder, Methodist missionaries in Japan, and sons Mike and Tim. The photo was made when the family was in Little Rock in January 1955 to visit the Rev. Mr. Elder's mother, Mrs. Josie Elder. The Rev. Mr. Elder completed his course of study at SMU the following spring and the family returned to Japan. They had previously spent a five-year period in that country (1949-53), were married there, and both sons were born in Japan. This publication recently received the following letter from the Elder family.

20 Kuritani Cho
Tottori Shi
JAPAN
December 6, 1957

Dear Friends,

What does Christmas mean to a missionary living in a foreign country?

First of all it is a time of remembrances. As Christmas approaches we inevitably remember with longing Christmas worship in our home Churches, the Christmas gaiety (which somehow seems to lose much of its secularism when remembered from this perspective), and the joy of Christmases spent with loved ones.

But such nostalgic memories are soon swept away by the rush and the joy of celebrating the birth of our Lord with those in Japan who call us brothers. Since my work involves travelling around and working with several churches in the prefecture, they all naturally want me to come to their Christmas worship services and parties. Though it is physically impossible to make all of them, I try to attend as many as I can. Last year I attended Christmas services and programs at twelve different places. Each church has its own particular characteristics and much that should be said about it, but space does not allow. However, I would like to share with you some of the experiences of last Christmas and some of the things we look forward to this Christmas.

Undoubtedly my most thrilling experience was at Chizu, a small Preaching Station deep in the mountains. I went there not only to join with them in their Christmas worship but also to conduct the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper since the charge is served by a part-time Supply Pastor. After about a two hour drive through a snowstorm that was literally blinding at times, we arrived (thanks to whomever invented four-wheel drive and to you who contributed this Jeep for our work). The room in which we meet was packed. There was a joyous spirit about the service. After the sermon the five candidates came forward to receive baptism: a housewife-school teacher in her mid-forties whose husband had opposed her being baptized for two years, a girl in her early twenties who will be the only Christian in the town offices where she works, a railroad worker who is soon to retire (his wife and oldest daughter are already enthusiastic Christians), and a young farm wife with her baby asleep on her back. The young farmer, the elderly railroad worker, and the young mother had walked about three miles through the snow, which was already over a foot deep, to attend this service and to be baptized. With them came five other believers who had been baptized the previous year and three "seekers" who often attended services. Tears of joy and gratitude were shed unashamedly. This year I will conduct another baptism service at Chizu. I know you join with me in thanking God that His Spirit does still live and work in our world today.

The early part of Christmas Eve was spent with a group of Christians in a little church just a few miles out of Tottori. Then I rushed back to Tottori Church for the end of the carol service after which we went caroling around town. We divided into groups; the larger group caroled places within walking distance of the church, and twelve of us got into the Jeep station wagon and went to the places farther away. The night was crisp and cold, the snow was crunchy underfoot, and the sky was a spangled canopy declaring the glory of God. We caroled a hospital, the orphanage, the homes of church members, and anyone else who cared to listen. The gleam of joy in the eyes of those who assembled back at the church after midnight was caused by more than the smell of the hot soup that awaited us. This year we plan to hire a truck to carry a portable organ and a group of singers who will carol the middle of town while we visit the outskirts with the Jeepload of carolers.

Though Christmas is a busy time you are never long out of our thoughts. We thank God that He has called us here, we are grateful to you for making it possible for us to stay here, and we pray that we may be faithful to the trust which has been placed in us.

Sincerely,
Bill Elder and Family



Mary McSwain Writes Of Work In Rio

Rua Rivadavia
Correa, 188
Rio de Janeiro,
D. F. Brazil

Dear friends:

A map of Rio de Janeiro hangs near my desk as I write you. It's easy to find the Gamboa area where the People's Central Institute is located: there are the railroad tracks converging at the Central Station; docks extending along the bay; and the Hill of Providence, which we call "our hill" stretched out between. It's harder to see why the north end of the city is at the bottom of the map, but there's a reason. A compass placed in the lefthand corner has an arrow marked "N" which points downward to the right.

To chart the experiences crowding the nine months since I returned to Brazil is my purpose today, even though it's more difficult than drawing a map. On this chart I hope to include the more pertinent and vivid occurrences. Even so, I trust you to apply to it the compass of our Christian Witness in the world, to keep our directions clear.

The "Association Promoting the Betterment of the Hill of Providence, Barao Da Gamboa Street and Surroundings" is the impressive title of an organization founded in May. It is composed of adults concerned about the improvement of sanitation and living conditions for our area—and one of the membership requirements is to live in this neighborhood. It is an independent group, with the backing of the Institute, and many of us who work here belong. Activities in preceding years led up to it, especially the International Work Camps and family nights; yet, it is new, creative and growing. It is also an opportunity for witness. One member visited the president's home to say, "If I continue, I'll have to change my ways for everyone knows it's made up of good people." Another opposed helping build a new pathway up the hillside as he didn't like a certain storekeeper who would benefit by the improvement. At the close of the meeting, he con-

fessed, "I can't think like you folks do: I wish I could."

Since I spent most of January working with crafts for children's camps, Camp John Wesley Clay has had its place in my life from the beginning of the year. We experimented with clay found abundantly on the camp grounds and plans are working out to bring it in for use in our ceramics studio. It has proved to be superior in quality to that which we have been purchasing in the city. Now it is September and plans are in order for next summer's camping program (turn your seasons around to fit Brazil's time chart.) Several church groups have used it for conferences and weekend retreats recently, and the schedule for October and November is filling up rapidly.

A week ago, Carlinhos sat on the stool under the map of Rio, talking over in his ten-year-old fashion just why he had been throwing rocks on the playground. First he told me just his father and mother were his friends—then included Dona Maria Leda (group-work supervisor) and Senior Alvino (boy's worker), in addition to a fellow club member, his cousin Fantildo. By yesterday he had taken quite a step forward in co-operation, and served as goal-keeper during football practice.

Tuesday it was Jan who came: Jan, a refugee from Czechoslovakia whom many of you may remember my speaking of while he studied here in 1953-54; Jan, who after more than two years away from us, felt the friendly spirit of the Institute drawing him back. He asked for help in perfecting his English, in looking for a job, and I think most of all assurance that there is a place of service for him and a feeling of belonging.

As it helps these and many other individuals set a true compass for their lives, our institution most truly fulfills its mission as a leavening influence. We who labor here covet your continued interest and prayers as we face these daily opportunities for witness.

Sincerely,
Mary McSwain

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Earl E. Turner of the Istrouma Church was the guest speaker November 21 at the Ingle-side Wesleyan Service Guild, telling of her visits to Methodist projects in Louisiana. Mrs. R. C. Bethea led the devotional assisted by Mrs. Hazel Byargeon and Mrs. E. H. Davidson. A dialogue conducted by Mrs. Otto Heintz and Mrs. Curtis Temple further explained the projects.

Mrs. B. W. Causey conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Charles D. Smith was presented with a gift and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, a new member, was introduced.

The Gretna Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild cooperated in serving a supper in connection with the Week of Prayer and Self Denial. Rev. A. B. Cavanaugh, pastor, led

the service assisted by Mrs. Cavanaugh, Mrs. E. H. Dorman and Miss Eulah L. Cato.

St. Louis, Mo. (RNS)—Too many American women are "just playing at being church women," Mrs. Theodore O. Wedel of Washington, D. C., charged here.

The president of United Church Women told the quadrennial meeting of the Woman's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church:

"All of us lead many lives—daughters, sisters, wives, mothers, business women, club women. Many of us are seriously torn by the conflicting demands of these lives. Is being a church woman one more role to play, adding confusion and strain?

"American women have so much freedom of choice—more than any

New Guild Formed At St. Paul, Little Rock

The Virginia Richards Guild is the name given to the Wesleyan Service Guild which was recently formed from the Marion Dallas Wesleyan Service Guild. The members of this new guild voted unanimously for this name designation since Mrs. Richards was active in the formation of the original group and also served as its first president. Until recently she was coordinator of the Marion Dallas Guild and is now serving as coordinator for the new Guild bearing her name. The Rev. Charles W. Richards is the minister.

Crossett Finishes Study

On Halloween the children of the Crossett Methodist Church collected \$35.34 for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. After collecting the money, the group came to the church for a Halloween Party. The primary and junior departments participated in the activities. Workers helping with the project included: Mrs. Clay Ross, Mrs. Ben Posey, Mrs. W. W. Humbarger, Mrs. Floyd McAlister, Mrs. H. C. Boolie, Mrs. David Wilburn, Mrs. Charles Nelson, and Mrs. N. J. Gassett.

Thanksgiving, the children brought food which was taken by the Rev. and Mrs. John Hefley, the minister and his wife, to the Methodist Children's Home.

In November, seven sessions were held on the mission study, "On Christ, The Church and Race," by Edith F. Walker. The reading book, "The Apple Tree House," by Anne M. Holladay was used as a continued story for six sessions. A trip was made to two Negro churches, an old Methodist Church, and a new Baptist Church. The children had mounted teaching pictures and took them as gifts to each church visited.

The last session was held Nov. 26, a sharing program with the parents, members of the Commission on Education, and the president of the Woman's Society. The film, "One World of Happy Differences," and a pet parade were included in the program. The display of the pet parade was a creative activity taken from the book, "The Apple Tree House." Cookies made by the children in the session the day before were served. Those working with the children were Mrs. John Hefley, Mrs. David Wilburn, and Mrs. N. J. Gassett.

women in any place or time. Unless being a church woman is the center and focus of your life, giving it order and real freedom, you're not really a church woman. You're only playing at it."

Day's Church Study On Japan

The high light of Day's Church, St. Helena Charge, activities for this season has been its study course on Japan which was completed December 3. Preceding the study hour for that evening the group was served a Japanese dinner, in Japanese style. The color scheme for dining room and table mats carried out the colors in the Japanese puzzle place mats which were white, orange and green. The center piece was a Japanese arrangement with figurines interspaced with tapers and green pine branches centering the entire table. The menu consisted of tetrazzini, Su-nomo (salad), bronzilla and green peas, cake and tea which carried out the color scheme in true Japanese fashion that was very colorful. Other Japanese arrangements and bric-a-brac were observed at vantage points throughout Mrs. Lavern Guy's spacious dining room where the meal was served.

Mrs. W. T. Allen was in charge of arrangements and decorations. She introduced the importance of Art to Japan. Mrs. Morris Guy and Shelby Alford were in charge of menu and preparation of foods. Tea girls were "Pud" Carruth, Linda Guy, Nona Gail Allen and Lyn Kirby. They were dressed as Japanese girls trying to glean a living from the frugal portions they had to do with.

The guest of honor, Mrs. Robert Townsend, Secretary of Missionary education who presented the study, took over immediately following the dinner hour. Through her guidance each member of the group had a job to do. She not only introduced the spiritual needs of Japan and our obligations as Methodists to help them, but we just became acquainted with Japan, feeling almost like we had been over there.

There were nineteen persons who attended the study and application has been made for Jurisdictional Recognition for our study.

Mrs. E. E. Allen is President of Society. Mrs. Joe Yarborough is Vice-president and Chairman of Program Committee and the Reverend Robert A. Townsend is Minister. Besides the above named other members are Mrs. Burke Allen, Paul Ray Allen, Percy Carruth, Percy Kirby, Mrs. Emmett Womack and Frankie Davis.

—Mrs. Joe H. Yarborough
Vice President
Days Church W.S.C.S.
Greensburg, Louisiana

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

"If the world's population were not increasing so fast, the problem of providing enough food, and the right kinds of food, would be easier to solve," Mrs. V. Duckworth-Barker, a technical assistance officer of the United Nations, recently told American church women. "As it is, there are many underdeveloped areas where, because of this increase, the average man or woman actually has less to eat than twenty years ago, even though his country may grow somewhat more food than it did."

Wendell Dawson Garrett

1922-1957

IN MEMORIAM

The following memorial address was delivered by Rev. Jack H. Midyett at the funeral service of W. Dawson Garrett held in the First Methodist Church of Haynesville on October 11. W. Dawson Garrett was the step-son of Rev. W. O. Doss, retired member of the Louisiana Conference, and Mrs. Doss. W. Dawson Garrett, was 35 years of age at the time of his death, a steward in the Haynesville Methodist Church, and a member of the official board. His death on October 10 came after a lengthy illness of leukemia.

WORDS are poor tools with which to fashion the appreciation which our hearts would like to express today. The distance between abstraction and living reality is always great, but never more baffling than when we try to state the meaning conveyed by one who lived intimately with us and one who gave himself so fully to life as did Dawson Garrett.

I wish I were capable of putting into words everything I feel concerning this fine young man and the significance of the kind of manhood he possessed. For his, indeed, was a significant manhood!

For one thing, Dawson Garrett was a man who knew that the main business of life is to be a man. He was every inch a man, in the highest sense of the word. He was taller than the crowd round about him. He was a good example of manhood at its best.

Dawson made us keenly aware that it is the quality of a man's life that is more important than its length. He made us realize something that we so often forget, and that is that the main business of life is to be a man!

And then, Dawson was a man who maintained a wholesome relationship with, and an understanding of, other people. He was the kind of a man whom you liked to be around. People liked Dawson, and Dawson liked people.

In him we saw a playful element sometimes overlooked in our thought about Christian love. The good humor which he had is always the sign of freedom among friends. I appreciated his smile and enjoyed hearing him laugh. He knew how to use the lighter truth to relax people in conversation and endeavor and how to plant a fruitful thought while they smiled.

Dawson demonstrated that Christianity is a way of living with people. He knew how to go the second mile, and how to turn the other cheek. He possessed a certain graciousness and gentleness which is always the mark of a real man.

It was said of the greatest man who ever lived, Jesus Christ, that "He combined strength with tenderness." This man whose life we honor combined these two traits in a fine way.

Dawson always sought to maintain a wholesome relationship with, and an understanding of other people.

This man who knew that the main business of life was to be a man, was also the kind of a man who faced all emergencies bravely, and did not expect any special favors from life.

For three years now, we have seen in Dawson Garrett a demonstration of courageous living at its best! How often people would say: "You know, you wouldn't think in talking with Dawson that he had any trouble."

He hid behind that winsome smile the inner battle he was having to fight. There is no doubt but that he worked when he wasn't able to work. He didn't give up, and he didn't give in. He didn't whimper nor complain. He makes me think of the man who said: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

It takes a real man to live with the shattered fragments of a broken hope and create a thing of beauty out of it, as Dawson Garrett did. He knew how to make a wise submission to the unavoidable, and at

the same time hold a firm trust in the ultimate meaning and purpose of human life.

Dawson teaches us how to absorb the griefs and tribulations of our common lot. Never did he indulge in self-pity. He told us that the doctors are on the verge of finding a cure for the trouble which claimed his life. But, he was not bitter about not finding it in time for himself. In fact, he rejoiced that the day would come when medical science could help others.

It is an humbling experience for us today to know that Dawson was a man who faced all emergencies bravely, and did not expect any special favors from life.

Best of all, we know that Dawson was a man who trusted God, and who sought to live as a son of God. This, I honestly believe, was the real secret of Dawson's splendid manhood!

No man could be the man that Dawson Garrett was without a real faith in God, and an earnest desire to live as God's son.

He was a steward and a member of the Official Board of this church. And, how often he spoke a good word for his church. How often did he invite someone to Sunday School, the Men's Club, and to the worship services of his church. He attended worship services on Sunday when he was in actual discomfort and pain. How this shames the flimsy and shoddy excuses that some of us make.

On a past Sunday, which was World-Wide Communion Sunday, it was my high privilege to serve him the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in his hospital room, along with his beloved wife and mother. It was not necessary to suggest this to him. He asked me to do it.

There in his hospital room we prayed the hallowed prayers of the church. We prayed that prayer ending with the words: "confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life."

And then, we also prayed: "O God of morning light and evening peace, turn us now to look beyond the limits of our confusion and anxiety to that fullness of eternal life in thee, by which we are sustained all of our life long, so that we may know that we are not lost in an endless accident, but are strugglers, however clumsy and perverse, within thy vast and holy purpose."

After we had prayed we partook of the broken bread and drank of the cup in remembrance of One who died that we might live.

And when we finished, he and his wife laid an offering on the communion tray for the "Fellowship of Suffering and Service" of our great church. No more significant offering was made on this day! This couple had linked their hands and their hearts in a wider fellowship of suffering and service. To me, this was a real demonstration of the suffering love of Christ.

I know it's true! Dawson Garrett was a man who trusted God, and who sought to live as a son of God.

And now, he has gone to be with his Father!

And what can we say?

Little children sometimes make the most discerning comments about life's most puzzling moments. One day, a little girl was trying to explain the going of Enoch. Here's what she said: "Enoch and God used to take long walks together. And one day they walked further than usual; and God said, 'Enoch, you must be tired: come into My house and rest.'"

Can we explain Dawson's going any better than that?

Because of the way Enoch lived, his friends believed in a life beyond death. And, because of the way Dawson lived, we too believe in that everlasting home of peace and love.

And, still further, because of Dawson Garrett, some words have a deeper meaning to us today than ever before, those words being:

"O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be."

Grambling College Evaluates Itself

The following editorial appeared in the October 22 issue of THE SHREVEPORT TIMES and at the request of several readers of THE LOUISIANA METHODIST is reprinted here.

From Grambling (Negro) State College for teachers and other professional training at Grambling, Louisiana near Ruston, comes an editorial written in the Bureau of Public Relations of that school and thus bearing approval of the college itself. With this editorial came a note suggesting that the material presented might be suitable as background information for one of The Times' own editorials.

The editorial as produced at Grambling is too sound, too important, to be rewritten by anyone on any newspaper. One of its great values is that it was written within the college and represents the college viewpoint. Here it is exactly as sent in:

"Among the thousands of persons who witnessed the thrills and pageantry of last night's game between Grambling College of Louisiana and Wiley College of Texas (at the Louisiana State Fair in Shreveport) were many who saw something besides a football game—and many who wished that criticizing outsiders could have seen the colorful affair, too.

"For, although on the surface it was a mere football game, behind the usual glitter of such athletic contests it was not difficult to see something far more significant. No one who looked at the thousands of Negroes who converged on State Fair Auditorium would say that the Southern Negro was held in bondage, a mishandled, unkempt, poverty stricken, and ignorant lot.

"In general appearance, in the variety of shiny vehicles in which they came, and generally in the way they deported themselves, they were substantially like any other of the millions of American football fans. It is doubtful if any members of the northern press were on hand to cover this story, which is widely repeated all over the South this time of year and is not an isolated instance.

"One could see ample evidence of substantial employment in most of the crowd.

"Louisianians should have been particularly proud of their own Grambling College. Behind the expert play of the team and the colorful display of the band and cheerleaders, one could discern a story of solid progress, group understanding, and sound leadership all around.

"Grambling is young as far as colleges go, having become a state-supported junior college only in 1928 and a four-year college far later in 1940. A few short years ago, the school had only eight permanent buildings, a faculty of 73 instructors, and an enrollment of less than 800.

"The current session's enrollment is 2,300 students, the faculty consists of 180 well-trained instructors including a dozen or more Ph.D's, and a physical plant of thirty first-class permanent buildings valued at approximately

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Joy In Christmas

MY joy in the coming of Christmas, I'm sure, is far deeper and richer at four-score than it was when I was a child, excited over the coming of Santa Claus bearing gifts and good cheer.

More and more each year I want to tell others how to prepare to get out of our greatest holiday season the joy I find in it. For it does require preparation and a right attitude; also a resolve to do good to others.

First of all, we must find time to ponder the deep meaning of the season celebrating God's greatest gift to men. Be sure to read the wonderful story in the Gospels of the coming of Jesus and the deeds of kindness He did daily as "He went about doing good" (Acts 10:38). As we read, our hearts warm toward this matchless Son of Man and a desire kindles to be good and kind, and to love and to forgive as He did. Our friends become dearer, and we want to tell them so. We are then prepared to send greetings and gifts from the heart and hardly can omit a tiny personal word which says "I love you."

In this spirit I find Christmas my one precious opportunity to reach out through my greetings to cement hundreds of friendships near and far. For more and more with the years I value the friendships of people next to the friendship of God.

I shall give hours and hours of the precious Christmas time and several of my few dollars to bind

closer to me maybe a couple hundred friends, old and new, by means of tiny personal notes. I value them too much to be content with a bit of printed poetry and my cold signature. A greeting card cold like that always leaves me disappointed, and wishing, "If only he had said one word!"

So I plead for greetings which cost at least a tiny personal note. I'm sure it pays, sure I've held many friendships intact for years by tiny notes out of my heart once a year. Many such notes go on mere postal cards, costing me two cents and two minutes, with results which often astonish me.

Simplest Greeting Cards

I plead for simple, cheap greeting cards made rich by a message out of the heart. Let the rich, if they will, wire their greetings, or send cards costing 10 to 25 cents. I'm sure most of us do better to use two-cent postals or cards "3-for-5," enriched by a heart message aimed at holding an old friend or at winning a new one. I try it out all the year through, hundreds writing me gratefully about my articles, I have to reply mainly on postal cards. Many lonely souls, often in their 80's or 90's, write back their gratitude for someone that cares—some year after year, for I cannot resist the appeal of their loneliness and heart-hunger. And who could deny a hungry heart a two-cent postal and two minutes to type a message!

And what a wonderful messenger a postal can be! I wrote one to a woman I never had seen. I knew of her only as a fine person, a school teacher, whose father was a child in Sunday school with me 75 years ago. I learned her husband was a drinker; I wrote her that for her father's sake and for her own I wanted her to know I cared and would pray for her.

Her reply was touching: "Your card gave me a needed boost. It came on a day when the going was hard and it was what I needed. I even took it in my purse to school next day and read it several times. I won't forget that you care."

I read of the death of a man I knew but casually years before. I wrote his widow how pleasantly I remembered them and the promising little boy—now a high-ranking general. The widow replied, "Of the hundreds of letters and telegrams received, none helped me more than your postal card."

My heart goes out to the mother whom I have seen walk three blocks daily to the post office hoping for the letter from her precious boy. But he has written but a tiny note now in two years! His comment, "I work; I can't write." Yet a two-cent postal and two minutes every two weeks would seem heavenly to that heart-hungry mother!

Tiny Heart-Message

Who can look back from the end of a year without wanting to thank

many people for kindness during the year—and the years? My heart always swells with the desire. My address book has some 200 names of friends old and new, many dear, whom I've never seen, known only by mail. I can't get to all, but I'd begin with the dearest—after close relatives. My heart has a message for each: "Thank you for being my friend—it helps me."

Then those that have shown marked kindness to me or mine: several doctors—bless God for their kindness! Then a few of the teachers and ministers remaining who helped much to shape me and my course in life. Notably one marvelous teacher of me as a boy 75 years ago. For she mightily impressed me with the genuineness of religion. Lost to me 50 years, I found her in Oklahoma, and have given her a hearty thank-you note every Christmas, and she thanks me in her scrawling hand at 92 for assuring her she helped me.

Then a few of the great souls—church officials, teachers, saints—who were my joy and crown as a pastor. Some of them the humblest, but their love and loyalty made them eternally dear. Many in this group I long to thank, but they are in heaven, and I'm not clear how to reach them. But I trust God has a way to let them know of my grateful love.

Then a few young people will get thank-you notes, just for dropping in to bring sunshine to two old people, for nothing can be dearer to old people. The pity is, such kindness is so rare from youth to age.

Warm greetings will go to a goodly number of old people across the continent, whom I've never seen, but who have written me of their battle with helpless loneliness and enforced idleness. I owe them much for what they have done to help me write in the interest of the aging. I urge each reader of this appeal to make out a list of such for their greetings or visits.

Victors Over Trial and Suffering

I think my heartiest thank-you notes will go to those I have seen going unharmed through great trial and suffering and so shown me what humans can do through God's grace. "Mamie" is one of them. For 20 years I've watched her do the impossible. In hospitals for years, undergoing surgery 13 times, divorced by the husband she loved, yet never for a moment bitter, but in it all a marvel of patient sweetness and courage. She was the model I held up in an article, "Don't Get Bitter," carried by many of our church papers, then reprinted by the London WAR CRY, and recently reprinted in German by the Berlin WAR CRY. My Christmas note to her will carry hearty thanks for helping me to preach patients, sweetness, and courage to many thousands. Who doesn't know like examples? Such deserve a Christmas greeting of thanks and applause. They are the greatest benefactors of any com-

munity. They make us feel, "If they can, why might not I, if the worst comes!"

And I shall write "Alta" and her parents of my inexpressible gratitude for what I lately saw them doing. Two sisters stricken with polio the same day, the older one dying after a week, Alta to enter college in the fall but instead lingering in hospitals 18 months, then brought home in an army plane, helpless and dead below the waist, and kept alive now for several years by mechanical respiration. Yet through it all, by a miracle of grace in her and her parents, they carry on with a smile. Lately I went 200 miles to see the wonder of it. In all my life I've seen nothing more impressive. And to see her operate her electric typewriter, swung before her, striking the keys with a rod touched by her tongue, and writing, as she does, hundreds of letters to her friends!

I thought I knew sorrow and trial, but I came away feeling, "My sorrow and trial are light in comparison." It gave me a feeling of wonder and awe at what I saw God doing in human beings!

And so I approach Christmas with a new sense of gratitude, which I want to pour in a flood through the press and through notes coming out of my heart. I'm happy if I inspire this spirit in my readers.

'Need Ear For God,' Methodist Evangelist Tells Committee

Washington, D. C. (MI) — "We have a Voice of America, but we need an ear—to hear God," Dr. Harry Denman, Methodist evangelist, told a 150-member committee which met December 10 to plan local phases of the denomination's National Convocation on Local Church Evangelism here next July 3-6.

"It is our hope that the convocation will inspire the Methodist Church to become a church of the masses and develop a truly great evangelistic movement across America," Dr. Denman said. He is general secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

He pointed out that the church should prepare now for a nationwide population boom that is predicted to begin in 1962. More than 1,000 new Methodist churches are needed now, he said, and building plans should call for two new churches a day during the next two years.

"We are a long way from making the church of Christ alive in the world," Dr. Denman said.

Expressing the hope that 8,000 to 10,000 delegates will attend the convocation, Dr. Denman said "it is not a big crowd that we are seeking, but an opportunity to make a Christian impact upon the nation through the evangelistic zeal of Methodism's 40,000 local churches."

The Rev. Dr. Asbury Smith, superintendent of the Washington-West district, is chairman of the local committee, composed of lay and clerical representatives of the Washington, Baltimore and Virginia conferences.

"Tell God's Good News" is to be the convocation theme.

GRAMBLING COLLEGE EVALUATES ITSELF

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\$12,000,000. Three million more dollars in new construction for dormitories, a library, dining hall, and infirmary is scheduled.

"The school has graduated over 3,000 teachers and other professional and technical workers. It is "A" rated by the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

"On the gridiron Grambling has made itself nationally known, having been national Negro champions in 1955. Conference championships in football, basketball, and baseball have become a regular routine.

"As an educational institution, it is a monument to educational progress in Louisiana, to the white tax-paying citizens of Louisiana, and to sound dual leadership and cooperation in Louisiana.

"It is unfortunate that this side of Negro life in Louisiana and in the South generally goes unnoticed by the northern press, agitators, political rabble-rousers, and others who would put the good people, white and Negro, in a bad light. Yet no one can erase the hard facts of progress and understanding lying back of the public display at the Grambling-Wiley affair."

That is what Grambling College thinks of itself under segregation.

OBITUARIES

BARNER—Mr. Frank Lee Barner, postmaster at Princeton, Ark., (Dallas County) since 1926, died Nov. 22, 1957 at his home. He was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Barner was a member of the Princeton Methodist Church where he was superintendent of the church school. He was also a trustee of church property, chairman of the board of stewards, an annual conference delegate, Charge lay leader, district steward, and one of the members of the camp meeting committee at Ben Few Camp Ground where he owned a house.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Henrietta Walsh Barner; a son, William F. Barner of Vicksburg, Miss.; a daughter, Mrs. L. H. Reed, Jr., of England; a brother, A. H. Barner of Carthage; a sister, Mrs. Lois Ross of Little Rock; six granddaughters; and a number of other relatives.

The Rev. H. A. F. Ault preached the funeral service at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Benton Funeral Home in Fordyce. Scripture was read and prayer given by the Rev. C. R. Roy of Holly Springs. Thence to the Princeton Cemetery where the American Legion had charge of the service of burial.—H. A. F. Ault, Carthage, Ark.

In Memory of My Father, Willie Woodard Cannon (1872-1957)

By Chessie Cannon Henderson

By him no troubles were begun,
But when each passing day was done
Always he'd done a kindly deed
Of service to someone in need.

From his heart love crowded hate
As he served his Lord early and late.
And all he dealt with in the land
Found love and mercy at his hand.

Pretense for him held no sway.
Souls he sought for his Lord each day.
When he met people great or small
The golden rule he used on all.

He lived a most unselfish life,
Eschewing evil, sin and strife.
Whatever came by day or by night
Ever he sought to do the right.

Wealth was not his overmuch,
But his was love's all healing touch.
When he passed on my eyes grew dim
For I knew that I'd seen Christ in him.

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THE YOUTHFUL ACCENT

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talked about. They put them in the old man's hat, where he found them; he understood all about it, and believe it or not, cynics, as you will, but it is a fact that the entire pottery, full of men of rather coarse fiber by nature, grew quiet as the mouths drifted, becoming gentle and kind, and some dropped swearing as the weary look on the patient fellow-worker's face told them beyond mistake that the inevitable shadow was drawing nearer. Every day now someone did a piece of work for him and put it in the sanded plank to dry, so that he could come later and go earlier. So, when the bell tolled and the little coffin came out of the lonely door, right around the corner out of sight, there stood a hundred stalwart workingmen from the pottery with their clean clothes on, most of them gave a half day's time for the privilege of taking part in the simple procession and following to the grave that small burden of a child which probably no one had ever seen."

As the new year comes, every youth and adult might well make it a daily prayer that such a spirit of concern might live in his heart every day. As nearly as I can tell, this is a big part of the secret of world peace—concerned under standing and genuine good will toward others.

METHODISTS FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN NAT'L COUNCIL MEETING

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America, and the Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church.

Elected president of the National

Council for the next triennium was the Rev. Dr. T. Dahlberg, pastor of Delmar Avenue Baptist Church, St. Louis. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Philadelphia, stated clerk, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

The presidency of the National Council has, since the council was organized, shifted from one denomination to another and to different sections of the country.

Various resolutions, reports, and other statements were adopted by the General Assembly. To a considerable degree, they dealt with subjects to which many Americans are currently giving attention—for instance, race relations, outer space,

international relations, and economic life.

Main business of the General Assembly was to review the Council's 75 year-round programs carried out in behalf of the member churches and to blueprint the federated work of the churches for the next three years.

The National Council is the largest cooperative church enterprise in the nation. It represents more than 140,000 local churches and 35,000,000 individual Christians.

Methodism, through its interdenominational cooperation fund, is the largest denominational contributor to the support of the National Council.



Can you answer these questions about taxes?

Q: Do you pay taxes in your electric bill?

A: Yes. In fact, about 23¢ out of every dollar on the average family electric bill goes for taxes.

Q: Does everyone pay this much tax in his electric bill?

A: No. Several million American families and businesses pay a far smaller tax—only a fraction of the tax you pay.

Q: Who are these "privileged" people?

A: People who get electricity from federal government electric systems.

Q: Why don't they pay the same taxes you pay?

A: A strange twist in federal law exempts them from paying most of the taxes in electric bills that you pay—because they get their electricity from federal electric systems.

Q: Isn't that unfair? Shouldn't every American pay his fair share of taxes?

A: Yes. American standards of fair play call for each citizen to pay his fair share of taxes.

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 29, 1957

BROTHERS THROUGH CHRIST

READ THE BOOK OF PHILEMON.

MEMORY SELECTION: *Above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.* Colossians 3:14 (RSV)

Today we come to the last Sunday School lesson for 1957. The basic thought for today's lesson is Christian brotherhood. There is no more important matter before the world's life today than proper human relationships which Christian brotherhood alone can bring to the world. Our subject for today's lesson is: "Brotherhood Through Christ." Our subject suggests one way for establishing a world brotherhood; it is "Through Christ." Even if we confine the scope of Christian brotherhood to a much smaller area, our town, our community, or our church, it would still be true that the only way even this restricted group could attain true brotherhood is to become "Brothers Through Christ."

Our Christmas lesson taught the extremes to which God would go to bring about a proper relationship between Himself and His creatures on earth. Today's lesson teaches the urgent necessity for Christian people to practice Christian fellowship and brotherhood with the world's life. Our lesson teaches the principles embodied in the Golden Rule and in the words of Jesus, when He said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Last Sunday we studied the supreme evidence of God's love for man as found in the incarnation; today, in the study of Christian brotherhood, we face the truth found in I John 4:11, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

The letter which Paul wrote to Philemon, which is our lesson text for today, is a very unusual letter. It was written by a prisoner, in behalf of a fugitive slave, and addressed to a very wealthy man. The slave, in returning to his master, carried the letter. It is generally considered that Apphia was the wife of Philemon and that Archippus was likely the son or brother of Philemon.

The Principal Characters Involved

There are three principal characters involved in today's lesson.

(1) There is the Apostle Paul who had been a prisoner for more than four years. Two of these prison years were spent in Caesarea where Paul, a Roman citizen, finally appealed to Caesar at Rome. He had possibly been a prisoner at Rome for two years at the time of this writing.

(2) Onesimus was a fugitive slave who had run away from his master, Philemon, who lived in Colossi, in the southeastern part of Asia Minor. He had taken the tremendous risk involved in running away from his master and in some way had traveled the long distance

of approximately 1,000 miles to Rome.

Far as Onesimus had traveled, it was not far enough to be free from his obligations to his master. In fact there was no place in the world of that day in which a slave could take refuge and be free. The Abingdon Bible Commentary quotes a letter of that early day which gives some idea of the status of a runaway slave. A slave owner, Aurelius Sarapammon, wrote to a friend as follows: "I commission you by this writ to journey to the famous city of Alexandria and search for my slave, by name . . . , about thirty-five years old, known to you. When you have found him you shall place him in custody, with authority to shut him up and whip him, and to lay a complaint before the proper authorities against any persons who have harbored him, with a demand for satisfaction."

In modern phraseology of the criminal, Onesimus was "hot" when he came in touch with Paul in Rome. Whether Paul knew it, in the beginning, we do not know. However, Onesimus was converted to Christianity through his contact with Paul and finally Paul had the whole story. Although Onesimus was very helpful to Paul in his imprisonment, he and Onesimus agreed that the Christian thing to do was for Onesimus to return to his master, Philemon. Under ordinary circumstances, that could mean severe punishment and even death, if his master so decreed.

Paul's letter to Philemon, in Onesimus' behalf, was a well ordered, beautifully worded appeal to Philemon to receive his former slave as more than a slave, even a brother beloved. He adds, "Receive him as myself." That is to say, Paul wanted Philemon to be as considerate of Onesimus as he would be of himself if he were to visit Philemon. However, Paul nowhere suggests that Onesimus should be set free. Many feel, from the trend of Paul's letter, that he was really expecting, if not directly asking Philemon to send Onesimus back to Rome to minister to him, as Paul assumes Philemon would like to minister to him if he had opportunity. That seems to be implied in the verses in which Paul says, "Whom I have retained with me, that in thy stead, he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel: But without thy mind (consent) would I do nothing."

(3) Philemon was a man of wealth in Colossi. He had been converted to Christianity under the ministry of Paul. His house was a

meeting place for the church at Colossi. Paul did not found the church at Colossi or visit it. Whether it was founded by some other of the apostles we do not know. It is more likely the result, indirectly, of the work of the Apostle Paul. Philemon, a Pauline convert, opened his home as a meeting place for the church. It was quite common, throughout the first two hundred and fifty years of the Christian era for Christian people to meet in homes for worship. There were few Christian churches built in the early centuries. Christian people had difficulty worshiping even in private homes and in out-of-the-way places, to say nothing of building churches in which to worship.

Why Did Not Paul Oppose Slavery?

We may think it strange that Paul did not condemn the practice of slavery. It is true that, in this instance, Paul did not oppose slavery. He seemed, in a way, to be approving of it by sending Onesimus back to his master. As indicated above, it is felt by some that Paul really wanted Philemon to send Onesimus back to him as a helper. In that event, the appeal to Philemon was not so much a request for the sake of Onesimus as an appeal for Onesimus himself as a helper for Paul.

Be that as it may, the matter of slavery was so common that the moral side of the situation seemed to apply only to the treatment of slaves. Paul insists on an attitude of brotherhood toward even slaves, but does not condemn the actual ownership of slaves. This may seem strange to us today. However, we must keep in mind that it was hundreds of years before the church spoke out against slavery. We might remember, also, that in America a Civil War was fought less than a hundred years ago over the question of slavery. A little more than a hundred years ago The Methodist Church in America divided over the question of slavery. At the time a Methodist Bishop who owned slaves was a controversial subject. If we keep these matters in mind, we may not be so critical of the Apostle Paul, who lived two thousand years ago, because he was not an outspoken opponent of slavery.

Facts And Principles Proclaimed, Method Details Unannounced

The New Testament method of dealing with the question of slavery is akin to the Biblical approach to many moral and religious matters. Throughout the Bible, it is a common occurrence to have facts and principles announced, while methods and details regarding them are unannounced.

We have the command, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God." The details for forms of worship are left to be supplied by the worshiper. That largely accounts for the numerous forms of worship and methods of worship to be found in our numerous churches. We are taught the necessity for conversion. General principles are announced for conversion but methods or details are left unprescribed. The New Testament definitely teaches that we should be baptized. The mode or method of baptism is nowhere clearly announced. We are told to observe the Lord's Supper as a memorial of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The details of method and

manner of that observance are not given.

So it is with regard to some other important situations in life. Slavery was rampant throughout the Roman world and quite common in Palestine during the ministry of Jesus. However, Jesus made no direct attack on the system of slavery as practiced throughout the Roman world. He did lay down principles for human relationships which, when they had time to work their way out in human life, made it impossible for a Christian to feel that he had a right to own a man as property. It was the teachings of Jesus which finally made slavery unthinkable in the civilized world.

Christ made no frontal attack on the evil of strong drink so prevalent in His day. He did teach the eternal values of human personality and led us to know that anything which hurts human personality is sin. As these principles became more clearly understood, the fight against strong drink grew until now the strongest enemy the drink habit has is the church.

That is one of the difficulties in the present racial problems that stir our land. We have no specific Biblical directives on these problems. We do have Biblical principles announced that will solve the problems when these principles are put into practice. However, these principles are the same as those proclaimed by Christ two thousand years ago. We have been two thousand years growing to our present stature in our march toward proper race relations, throughout the world. Principles are not as readily embodied in life as specific rules. Hence we should not be too discouraged if progress here appears to be slow.

Philemon Evidence Of Growing Power Of Christianity

There are a few circumstances that indicate so clearly the growing power of Christianity as the circumstances which surround the writing of this letter. The power of Christianity here binds together in Christian unity a prisoner, a fugitive slave and a man of wealth. Because of what happened in conversion, a run-away slave can be trusted to return voluntarily to his master. He does so, trusting in the power of Christianity to open the way for his master to receive him in kindness and even brotherhood in Christ.

Because he had led both Onesimus and Philemon to accept Christ as Lord and Saviour, Paul trusts both of them to have an attitude toward each other that would have been unthinkable under the normal way of life in the Roman Empire. Under normal circumstances Onesimus would not have returned to his master and under normal circumstances he might have been killed or severely punished if he had. Since they are both Christians, Paul expects both of them to do the right thing toward each other. In that we have evidence of the growing power of Christianity in personal living.

The Power and Basis Of Christian Brotherhood

The doctrine of human brotherhood, as taught in the Bible, is not a brotherhood depending on family ties; sometimes blood brothers are bitter enemies. It does not depend on racial ties. Quite commonly people of the same race are the

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Sunday School Lesson

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worst of enemies. Christian brotherhood is a brotherhood of twice-born men made brothers by a oneness in Christ. This is the world's best hope for peace.

We Should Neither Attempt Too Little Or Too Much

In Paul's attitude toward slavery, we find a well-balanced Christian who does not attempt too little or too much. He attempts everything possible to accomplish under the circumstances. He does not attempt a fight against slavery which, at the time, would have been a self-defeating, impossible task.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JANUARY 5, 1958

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

READ MATTHEW 16:13-19, Mark 8:27-33, Luke 9:18-22, Ephesians 2:19-22.

MEMORY SELECTION: He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the first born from the dead, that in everything He might be pre-eminent.

—Colossians 1:18

With this first lesson in the new year, we begin a study of the church which will run through the entire first quarter of the year, with thirteen lessons. This should be an interesting, helpful and instructive study.

Unit 1 of this study has five lessons under the general subject, "The Church In The Making." Quite properly, the first lesson in this study of the church is directed to a consideration of the Foundation on which the church has been builded. Our subject for today is, "The Church's One Foundation."

Jesus had been with His disciples almost three years at the time of our lesson, teaching and training them for leadership in the new church He had come to establish. His enemies in Palestine were numerous and dangerous since they were of the ruling class in both church and state. Hence for a period of quiet and fellowship, Jesus had led His disciples north into the "district" (RSV) of Caesarea Philippi. The area He visited was just northeast of Galilee.

Jesus was teacher, as well as leader, of the Apostles. It appears that the time had come when the teacher felt that His pupils should have an examination. The examination was to cover the most important lesson He had been trying to teach them. It was concerning the fact of His divinity.

Public Opinion And Divine Revelation

At this time, Jesus put a very pointed question to His disciples. It was: "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" It appears that the whole group attempted to give an answer to this question. "They said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'" The disciples knew about these various opinions about Jesus because, while the people misunderstood Jesus, they did not

ignore Him. They could not since His ministry had stirred the land of Palestine from "Dan to Beer-sheba."

It is a rather notable fact that every opinion expressed about Jesus, even by His enemies, was very complimentary. For the Jews to classify Jesus with their great prophets, Elijah, Jeremiah, or some other of their great prophets of former days or even John the Baptist, a prophet of their own day, was one of the highest compliments the Jews could give.

Nevertheless, great as were the compliments that even His enemies paid Him, their opinions about Him were very unsatisfactory to Jesus. They had not reached the high level of vision about Him that was necessary to the success of His mission.

Hence it was that He turned to His disciples with a question, not only very pointed but also very personal. That question was, "But who do you say that I am?" Jesus, in effect, was saying, "You have told me what the people think about me, tell now what you think about me. You have given me public opinion, now give me your personal opinion."

The group seemed, for the moment, to be so completely awed by this searching question that the individuals of the group were silent—except one. Peter, who more than once had acted as spokesman for the disciples, spoke out, "You are Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter was not only giving expression to his own feelings about Christ, their Leader, he was giving expression, also, to the opinions of the other disciples as he had likely heard them expressed by his fellow disciples.

You Are The Christ

In speaking for himself and his fellow disciples at this time, Peter was very discriminating in his use of words. He did not say of the Christ that the group looked on Him as Master, Teacher or Leader. He did not even use the word Jesus. The name Jesus is simply the Greek form of the word Joshua, a given name, and quite commonly used in that day.

The thing Peter said, which pleased the Lord so much was, "You are the CHRIST." Christ meant the promised Messiah, the Anointed One, the divine Son of God. It was a declaration of faith in Him as God incarnate, Who had lived before the world was, and the eternal God, Who would live through the eternities.

We have many books which bear the title, "Life of Christ," which deal only with the few years Christ spent here on earth in the form of a man. If one were to really write "The Life of Christ," it would be a volume that would reach from the measureless eternities of the past through the measureless eternities of the future. Such a book no man could write. Possibly one could write "The Life of Jesus," but no man could write a book covering the life of Christ.

This was the declaration of faith the Lord wanted so much to hear. His heart seemed to be stirred as at no other time during His ministry here. This conception of His Messiahship He would have His followers know, did not come from public opinion about them, or even from logical conclusions of their own minds. Jesus said, "Flesh and

blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven."

Thou Art Peter

Since Jesus addressed His reply to this great confession of faith to Peter, who had been spokesman for the group of disciples, the leadership of the Catholic Church teaches that at this time Jesus designated Peter and his successors as popes, as direct representatives of God among men. This is the basis of the power that has been accorded to the Pope of Rome down through the centuries.

When Christ said "Thou art Peter (which means stone) and upon this 'rock' I will build my church," the Catholic theory is that the word "rock" meant Peter, to whom Christ was talking. Hence Christ was saying that He would build His church with Peter as the "rock" or foundation on which He would build.

This is an age-old controversy on which today possibly nothing new could be said. It will be sufficient here to say that Jesus used two different words here in speaking of stones or rocks. When Jesus said "Thou art Peter," He used the word Petros which is translated Peter and meant stone. When He said "on this 'rock,'" He used another Greek word for "rock." That word was Petra. The word Petros is used in the New Testament only as the name of the Apostle Peter. The word Petra is used many times in the New Testament and everywhere else refers to an actual rock, usually of size. If Petros and Petra here mean the same object, it is the only place in the New Testament where that is true.

On This Rock I Will Build

The Protestant church believes that Jesus was here referring to the rock-like confession of faith Peter had just made and that here, as elsewhere, Christ is referred to as the foundation on which His church was to be built.

It will be helpful if we can get well fixed in our minds just what Jesus is actually saying here. Jesus had just drawn from his disciples this great declaration of faith in Him as the Christ. He did not say that now, since you believe this, you can go out and build the Christian church. Jesus said "I will build MY church." The church to be built is Christ's church and He is to do the building. In the process of building the Christian church on earth we are essential helpers but never substitutes for Christ.

The opening clause of the Methodist Discipline for receiving members into The Methodist Church reads, "Dearly beloved, the Church is of God." That has been true from the foundation of the world. God is the institutor, the undergird and sustainer of the church. But for the fact that the church is of God it would have disappeared from the face of the earth long ago, if perchance it had ever appeared in the first place.

There have been times in the past when people feared for the future of the church. There are many today who are uneasy about the future of the church. It is true that in Communism the church of today faces the strongest human power that has ever faced the Christian church with the will to destroy it.

If there are those among us who

are uneasy about the church today and tomorrow, there are two or three things they should remember. (1) They should remember that "The Church is of God," which means that no human hands can destroy it. (2) They should remember the promise of Christ when He said, "On this rock I will build my church AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT." (3) They should remember that the church on earth antedates every existing organization of earth. It has seen man-made organizations innumerable, come and go while the church has moved steadily on. The church antedates every existing organization of earth and we believe, please God, it will survive every human organization of earth and become the church triumphant in the world to come.

The Christian Church Is Founded On A Person

There are many branches of the Christian church on earth. Most of them hold in common the basic truths of the Christian faith. They believe in Christ as the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. In that faith, by various approaches, they carry on the work of the kingdom.

The reason there are so many branches of the Christian church lies largely in the fact that too often we have tried to build a church on some particular doctrine about Christ or the church. The truth about Christ is so big that no one person can grasp the whole of it. However, some person thinks he has grasped some particular truth about Christ and he seems to feel that the thing he sees is the most important thing of all. He so emphasizes that particular truth that a number of people are impressed and he organizes another branch of the Christian church about that particular doctrine and another denomination is born. That has happened so many times that in America alone we have more than two hundred and fifty different denominations.

The Christian church has lost power and prestige, more than once, because it has busied itself with the emphasis of doctrines ABOUT Christ more than it has emphasized the marvelous, matchless, forthright teachings of Jesus and the timeless beauty of His life and character.

All People At Home In The Christian Church

The closing verses of our lesson text are taken from the 2nd chapter of Ephesians. Paul is here trying to help the Gentile converts to feel at home in the Christian church. In the early verses of this chapter, Paul is reminding the Gentile converts that they formerly "were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise."

In our lesson text Paul is emphasizing the fact that they "are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God." We today should remember that every normal individual of earth is a potential saint of God, and as such merits our good will and deserves any help we may give him. Paul tells us that we are all, as Christians, a part of an eternal building which has for its cornerstone the Christ of God.